

# BRASSTOWN WOODTURNERS GUILD

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**NEXT MEETING –  
November 5, 2005  
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Atlanta**



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**Phil will be demonstrating  
“Spurtles, spatulas, and ornaments”**

**10 am until 4 (?) \$10 fee at door**

**No sandwiches will be available**

**President’s Message:** There were 32 in attendance for our October meeting; six of which were guests. Dave Barriger was our featured demonstrator. Dave presented a slide show, showing his elevated vessels. These are basically open or closed forms on the top, and cut away legs, curves, and bases for the bottom. He then showed his turned vessels - explaining how each was designed and turned/carved. Dave started with a green end grain piece of butternut. Placing the piece of wood between centers, Dave proceeded to turn a natural edge open bowl (at the tail stock end). Having a wide scoop (or flare) to the bowl, this lends itself to dry with less chance of cracking. Dave also pointed out this tip -- leave about a 1 and 1/2 inch nubbin in the center of the open bowl for support while turning/carving/designing the base while it is still between centers. This supports the piece, and it can be removed at the end.

Next step was to turn two balls on the base. This was the

design of where Dave wanted to carve the curves. Using an electric chainsaw, Dave proceeded to eliminate what he did not want for the base. He then demonstrated various tools available for shaping and carving; using die grinders, carbide burrs, different cutters.

After a break for lunch, Dave took a previously turned piece (being held in a chuck). The neck was held securely by a wooden point on the tailstock end, which fit into the opening. He proceeded to show how he would lay out the spiral design (which he marked first w/a pencil). Next Dave took blue masking tape to mark the area he 'did not' want to remove. Then used the electric chain saw to remove most of what needed to be removed. The rest of wood removal was done by using the above various tools. Thanks, Dave, for an excellent demonstration. I believe all of those attending gained knowledge of how these pieces are done. Doug (demo piece by Dave, will be in the raffle - Nov. 5th)

**WARNING:** Dave passed on this information during his demo. For protection when chain sawing, always use chaps - which most of us don't think of using. Dave used an electric chain saw during his demo, and said a representative from a chain saw company remarked that while chaps would prevent injuries using a gas operated chain saw, they "would not" prevent an injury using through the chaps. an electric chain saw. Electric ones have more torque, and will cut.

**Bring Back:** The bring back for the October meeting was from George Cooper. A very nicely-turned birdhouse from ambrosia maple. Winner was John Yeend.

**Audio equipment:** At our August meeting, Roy Grant borrowed a chattervox to see if it would work w/demonstrators. It's a portable voice amplifier machine -- It worked so well, that one was purchased by the Club to be use by demonstrators. It reduces vocal stress and strain for people in a vast range of occupations

(speakers, demonstrators, etc.) as well as for people with temporary or permanent voice impairments. Easy to use and worn as a fanny pack. Battery chargers are included, and the charge lasts for about 14 hrs. Most can be purchased for \$200. With doctor recommendation, may be covered under Medicare or personal insurance. For those perhaps needing one for personal use the website is: [www.chattervox.com](http://www.chattervox.com) Telephone No: 888 430-4327

**COFFEE, CRUMPETS, OR NOTHING** -- Well, members, another month has passed & no volunteers. As of December Christmas dinner - coffee, and crumpets will be no longer - unless we get some volunteers to carry the load. How much involvement is there, in getting two pots of water, pouring it into the coffee pots, adding 3 scoops of coffee, and turning the pots on. Repeat, when empty!! PLEASE!!!! The coffee fund is fully funded by YOU, the members. If you have questions, please contact me at 828-389-0050 or [bwittmer1@verizon.net](mailto:bwittmer1@verizon.net)

**FYI** - Using water-based finishes - anyone who uses water-based finishing products knows that they can adversely rise the grain of the wood when applied. Here's a tip - after sanding the wood to #220 grit, wipe it with a wet sponge that's not damp, but not soppy either. Let the wood dry, and sand again w/#220 grit paper - but this time, sand very lightly *diagonal* to the grain. This will help cleanly cut off fibers that might otherwise simply be pressed down into the pores, only to rise again when the finish is applied. (re-print from Popular Woodworking - Nov. 05)

**Willard Baxter Woodturning Studio – JCCFS-- It's a go!**  
Ground breaking should begin

shortly. For those familiar with the grounds at JCCFS, the new building will be in the woods (north of) where all the logs are; and will face Harshaw Road. Thanks to all who, either individually, or through their Clubs, that have contributed to make this possible. Doug

**From the GAW newsletter --**  
Giant Tool Sale Buddy Booker is handling the sale of the tools belonging to Jack McAlister, a former member of GAW, who died last year. Pictures, prices, and descriptions of the tools can be viewed online at [www.toolsforsale.com](http://www.toolsforsale.com) \_ Buddy is having a giant tool sale at his house on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the McAlister tools, he has added tools belonging to other people and he invites GAW members to bring their own tools to sell. This is a tool sale, not a garage sale. No baby clothes, strollers, or any other normal garage sale junk. Only tools! Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted. Contact Buddy for more information. Buddy Booker, 3680 Hermitage Drive, Duluth, GA 30096 phone # 678 475-1204 Send e-mail to [buddy@buddydigital.com](mailto:buddy@buddydigital.com)

**WD 40** - can't think of what to use it for. Something stuck, can't get an item clean. There are thousands of possibilities. Check out this website:

[www.twbc.org/wd40/htm](http://www.twbc.org/wd40/htm)

**KLINGSPOR** - Klingspor in Hickory, NC, now has a list of our membership. For those ordering sandpaper, and other items (does not incl. powered equipment); please mention your Club affiliation and you'll receive a 10% discount. 800 228-0000  
[www.woodworkingshop.com](http://www.woodworkingshop.com)

**CRAFT SUPPLIES -**

**PROMOTION --** For Internet purchases, please fill out the Promotion Code box stating your Club name. If you forget to do so, Club Support Program discounts will not be applied to your order. Although this special discount will not show on the website order form, the invoice you receive with your order will reflect the appropriate discounts. As always, you may place your order with one of our customer service representatives at 1-800-551-8876 and mention the club discount.

Buy a face shield & get one free; Superflex sanding cloth; Bag of rags; and limited edition - 8 pc tool set.

[http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/catalog/club\\_special.html](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/catalog/club_special.html)

**DID YOU KNOW?** - You can't buy the product yet -- But TS Woods ([tswoods.com](http://tswoods.com)) is adding color to living trees. The trees will accept color from the base of the tree to the tips of the leaves or needles. All parts of the tree can be used & the process is nontoxic, colorfast, and takes only a few weeks to complete on a live tree. The process introduces colored patterns and striations in the wood unlike what you'd get when dying the wood after the tree has been felled. (re-print from Popular Woodworking - Nov. 05)

**Burl From the West Coast** - Big Leaf Maple Burl and Myrtlewood Burl bowl blanks, burl caps, and large chunks. Attractive prices. Bill Johnston, Johnston Enterprises  
Toll Free 1-877-225-5928  
["mailto:lilwillyjohn@yahoo.com"](mailto:lilwillyjohn@yahoo.com)

**FUTURE MEETINGS --**

**Dec. 3 rd-** Annual Christmas dinner & ornament exchange at Brasstown Community Center - noon until ? Baked ham & refreshments will be furnished by the Club. Doors open at 11:30 (note: to make this a fun event, don't forget to bring a tree ornament (one per attendee); and something for the raffle. Even a small turned item, all wrapped up, will be a surprise to the winner! Surely, those that turn, can take a few minutes in the shop & turn out a small item to place in the raffle. We're not going to critique anything - just have fun!

**Jan. 14** - **Please note date change**  
Al Stirt - (confirmed) 10 - 4 pm  
\$10 fee at door (confirmed)

**Feb. 4** - Doug - another meeting  
of "one on one" - using all kinds  
of specialty tools. Meeting 1-4  
Confirmed

**Mar. 4** - Alan Leland, Durham,  
NC, (confirmed) small stool  
demonstration; ornaments,  
spheres, boxes - simple mini lathe  
projects. 10-4 pm \$ 10 fee at door

**Apr. 1** - Open - anyone want to do  
one?????

**May 5** - Frank Penta, Raleigh, NC,  
(confirmed) demonstration  
illustrating the skills, tools &  
techniques needed to produce  
unique, gallery-quality platters.  
Includes multi-axis base, and tools  
for adding texture & detailing. 10-  
4 pm \$ 10 fee at door

**June 3** - Summer picnic -  
(confirmed)  
Brasstown Community  
Center 12 - 4pm

**July 1** - **meeting cancelled**

**Aug. 5th** - Don Duden - 1 - 4 pm

**Sept. 9th** -- Open

**Oct. 7th** -- Open

**Nov. 4th** -- Lane Phillips, Utah -  
(confirmed)

**Dec. 2** - Annual Christmas dinner  
- (confirmed)  
Brasstown Community  
Center 12-4 pm

### **Upcoming Woodturning Symposiums**

*North Carolina Woodturning  
Symposium* November 5-6  
Statesville, NC  
Email:  
["mailto:kbachand@juno.com"](mailto:kbachand@juno.com) Tel:  
1-828-696-8372 Featured  
turners: (too numerous to list)

*Florida Woodturning Symposium*  
January 13-15 Central Florida  
["http://www.floridawoodturningsy  
mposium.com/"](http://www.floridawoodturningsymposium.com/) Featured turners:  
Bob Rosand, Cindy Drozda, Phil  
Brennion, Frank Sudol

*Arizona Woodturners Assn Desert  
Woodturning Roundup* February  
18-19, 2006 Mesa, Arizona  
["http://www.desertwoodturningrou  
ndup.com/"](http://www.desertwoodturningroundup.com/)  
Featured turners: (too numerous to  
list)

*Southern States Symposium* - April  
28-30, 2006 - Gainesville, Ga.  
Featured turners: Keith Gottschall,  
Larry Hasiak, Dave Hout & Ernie  
Newman Brochures going out

Jan/2006. [www.southernstates.org](http://www.southernstates.org)  
or e-mail Registrar at:  
[pineshingle@brmemc.net](mailto:pineshingle@brmemc.net)

**Woodworking Show** - Jan. 27-29,  
2006 -Georgia International  
Convention Center - Halls C&D-  
2000 Convention Center  
Concourse  
College Park, GA 30337 -770-997-  
3566 -- **Friday, January 27** -  
12pm - 7pm; **Saturday, January**  
**28** - 10am - 6pm; **Sunday,**  
**January 29** - 10am - 4pm  
[www.woodworkingshows.com/atlanta](http://www.woodworkingshows.com/atlanta) for details