



**Brasstown, North Carolina**

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## **NEXT MEETING**

**February 7, 2015** – Hayesville High School **9:30 AM** to 1:00 PM

Jack Mincey will be our program presenter. He will be demonstrating Ornament with a sea urchin, a scoop, and a surprise if time permits and he can find suitable wood.

There will be a \$5.00 fee payable at the door.

**\*\* BWG membership fees are now due \*\***

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### **President's Corner**

Thanks to everyone that came out for our first meeting of a new year. Also thanks to Don Marks for an excellent demonstration of a Desk Lamp. I guess Don will bring the lamp back for our raffle later!!

Also thank to Will Tilleson, one of the Hayesville High School students for coming to our meeting.

My immediate challenge for each of you is to bring a guest to our next meeting in February if possible. We each need to be involved in stimulating interest in our club and growing our membership. Hope to see you on February 7, 2015 at 9:30AM.

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## Meeting

The meeting opened with 23 members 3 guests in attendance.

J.C. welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the guests to stand and introduce themselves. He talked about volunteering with the high school shop students and conversation with the Principal. They are in need of funds to purchase new tools and other items. If the group donates items for a fund raiser, they would only be sold at the appropriate cost. The principal will be asked to attend a meeting and discuss the needs of the school. J.C, as a member of the Mt. Laurel Club in Clarkesville, suggested that we combine projects and demonstrations to have larger groups participating. They have three RICON mini-lathes for \$150 each for sale. Contact J.C. if anyone is interested. Mike Regner needs someone to volunteer to conduct the raffle for the March meeting. No one present at the meeting volunteered, so please contact Mike or J.C. if you can help. One of our members, Don Foster is recovering from a triple bypass heart surgery. Phil Balin as donated a Delta variable speed grinder for a raffle to raise money. Tickets will be sold for \$10.00 each until the March meeting (minimum of 20 tickets will be sold)

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## Don Marks – Desk Lamp

Don began his presentation by showing the crowd an example of a lamp that he had turned. He then mounted a 4 in. square by 1 ½” holly blank between the tailstock and his chuck, using friction to hold in place. Using a parting tool, he cut a recess in the blank to receive the jaws of the chuck. Using 120 grit sandpaper mounted on a block, he smoothes the surface to make sure it is flat. Using a thin parting tool, he creates a dovetail in the groove. Don then shapes the base with an OG shape down to a previously marked line. Once he sands smooth, he mounts a ¾” forstner bit in the tail stock and drills a 3/8” +/- deep mortise. The main body of the lamp will be turned with the same size tenon to attach the two pieces together.

Don mounts a Cherry blank in the chuck that he had previously rounded and turned a tenon on the end. He mounts a 3/8” bit in the tailstock and drills the hole to the maximum limit of the bit. He drills the hole at a slow speed of 200 rpm taking small cuts and cleaning out the shavings as he goes. He then reverses the piece and continues to drill from the other end, repeating the same process. In the event that the two holes do not meet, Don uses a long 3/8” bit held by a pair of vice grips that he inserts through the tailstock. This method also helps clean out the hole to make sure it is clear of debris. Someone in the group asked where the lamp parts can be purchased. Don gets his supplies form the electrical department at Lowes. They offer a kit that includes the cord and hardware needed to make the lamp. The lamp shade and light bulbs are sold separately. Once the holes are drilled he turns a ¾” tenon on one end to receive the base. Using wood glue, he glues the base to the top and brings the tailstock up to the base to hold in place. He begins to shape the top of the lamp taking care not to touch the base. He

turns a bead and cove to provide an interesting shape. He completes the top to the desired shape and smooths up using a "final cut". Don moves to the base to shape and clean up any tool marks. He then cleans up between the base and top. He then begins to dish out the bottom, similar to making a bowl. This will form feet that will allow the lamp chord to pass under the base when placed on the table. The next step is to make a jam chuck to hold to the top so it can be finished. Using a parting tool he turns a recess along the top to receive the brass lamp part. Using a caliper he measures the brass piece to insure a good fit. He finishes shaping the pieces, cleans up tool marks and sands using 120 grit sandpaper. Don cuts the nub off and chamfers the hole to allow the chord to move without damage. The final step is to assemble the lamp parts.





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## Show and Tell

A several pieces were shared with the group:



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## Bring Back

The “bring back” was a lidded box made by J.C. Berrong.

Winner: Walter Berg



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## BWG News

**Denim Shirts** – A order for new shirts will be taken at the next meeting. The denim shirts will have the guild logo, member name and AAW logo (if member) embroidered on the front. The cost for the shirts will be around \$30.00. Caps and t-shirts could be ordered if there is enough interest. A sign-up sheet will be passed around to compile the list.

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**Folk School** -- Woodturning course (and others) are available to people in the surrounding Counties (see below) at a discounted rate of 'half'. This is for the course only- does not include room/meals. If you are enrolled as a local resident, you will be bumped by paying, scholarship, etc. students. Participating Counties are; Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, and Swain Counties, NC and Fannin, Towns, and Union Counties in GA.

**Folk School Local Scholarships Available** -- Some great local scholarships are available to full-time, local residents. [www.folkschool.org](http://www.folkschool.org) -- check under "For Locals" Tuition is FREE - but each student will be required to pay a \$25 registration fee and any additional materials costs. If there is space available and you choose to stay on campus, regular housing and meals rates apply. "Local" is a **full-time, permanent resident** of the following counties:  
NC: Cherokee, Clay, Macon, Swain, Graham; GA: Union, towns, Fannin; TN: Polk

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**Items for Sale**

Three RICON mini-lathes from Mt. Laurel Woodturners. Contact J.C. Berrong for more information.

Delta 46-250 (LA200) midi lathe with stand, extension and extension support. Turn 36" between centers. Very little (if any) use. Original cost

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| Delta LA200                  | \$300.00       |
| Delta Midi Stand             | 169.99         |
| Delta 25 1/2" extension      | 149.99         |
| Delta midi extension support | 65.52          |
|                              | Total \$685.50 |

Sale price: \$350.



For sale:

Jet JML1014 Very little (if any) use. New \$300 Sale price \$200.



The Jet is the same as at the High School.

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## Up-coming Events

**Tennessee Association of Woodturners 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodturning Symposium** January 30, 2015 – January 31, 2015 Franklin, TN. Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Franklin, TN. Featured demonstrators: Nick Cook, J. Paul Fennel, Todd Hoyer, Ashley Harwood, and Dennis Paullus. Vendors, instant Gallery. Information and registration at [tnwoodturners.org](http://tnwoodturners.org).

**AAW's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual International Symposium** June 25-28, 2015. David L. Lawrence Conference Center. Pittsburgh, PA. Featured demonstrators: Richard Angus, Stuart Batty, Dixie Biggs, Nick Cook, Steve Cook, Cindy Drozda, David Ellsworth, Lyle Jamieson, Joe Ruminski and many others. Vendors, instant Gallery. Information and registration at [www.woodturner.org/events/](http://www.woodturner.org/events/)

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## **2015 Scheduled Meetings**

| <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Demonstrator</u></b> | <b><u>Subject</u></b>                           |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 10-Jan             | Don Marks                  | Small Lamp                                      |
| 07-Feb             | Jack Mincey                | Ornament with a sea urchin (\$5.00 at the door) |
| 07-Mar             | Alex Bolden                | To be determined                                |
| 04-April           | Talmadge Murphey           | To be determined                                |
| 02-May             | Gene Gross                 | Three part candle from a single source          |
| 06-June            | To be determined           |                                                 |
| 04-July            | To be determined           |                                                 |
| 01-Aug             | To be determined           |                                                 |
| 05-Sep             | To be determined           |                                                 |
| 10-Oct             | To be determined           |                                                 |
| 07-Nov             | To be determined           |                                                 |
| 05-Dec             | Christmas Party            |                                                 |

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