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NEXT MEETING

April 4, 2015 – Hayesville High School **9:30 AM** to 1:00 PM

Talmadge Murphey will be our program presenter. At this time, he has not decided what he will do. I am sure it will be something very interesting.

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## **President's Corner**

Thanks to everyone that attended the March meeting! Also a big thanks to Alex Bolden for stepping up to do the demo of the salt shaker and butter mold.

I had a very a very positive and enjoyable meeting with Mr. Mark Leek, Superintendent of Clay County Schools who did confirm that Mr. Danny Jones, shop teacher, is retiring effective April 1, 2015. He will be replaced with substitute teachers for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Leek is planning to continue the technical education program at the school providing that adequate funding is secured from the folks in Raleigh. He was also very pleased with the work of our club.

We are still looking for at least four demonstrators to fill up the remainder of the year so please consider doing this. Two or three of you have indicated that you would participate, but we have had no firmed up dates as of yet.

If you plan to participate in the "afternoon at the lathe" session following our next meeting, bring your own tools as the ones at the school are not in the best of shape.

Will see you in April...bring a guest with you.

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Meeting

The meeting opened with 32 members and 2 guests in attendance.

J.C. welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the guests to stand and introduce themselves. He reminded everyone that the 2015 membership dues are now payable. The variable speed grinder for the raffle to raise money is still available. Tickets will be sold for \$10.00 each until at least 20 tickets are sold. There 4 more remaining. The four tickets were sold among the membership before J. C. could go on to the next item. Drawing will be after the program ends. Marsha announced that we will be putting together an order for denim shirts (both long sleeve and short sleeve) t-shirts and caps. All prices were discussed and would be plus sales tax. There will be a minimum of 10 per each item required to place the order. A sign-up sheet was is in the back for sign-up. Lois Ashley and Theresa Lovallo have volunteered to conduct the raffle for the April meeting. George Dinsmore announced that he still has 1 lathe for sale. Contact George if you are interested. Glen Love also has a shop full of tools he is selling. The July meeting will be held on **JUNE 27, 2015**, due to the July 4 holiday and the Festival on the Square. J. C. then announced that he was to meet with Mark Leek, the superintendent of Hayesville High School. He wants him to be made aware of what the club has done for the school and what items we own. He also wanted to see what was to happen to the club and tools when Danny Jones retires in April. He also wants to foster as much good will as possible with the school and its students. Glen Love remarked that he had already talked with Mr. Leek and that he has found a replacement for him. It was decided that we will have a day of turning right after the next meeting. J.C. then introduced our featured demonstrator, Alex Bolden.

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## Alex Bolden

### **Salt Shaker**

Alex began by explaining that the salt shaker he would make was a little different than a regular shaker in that it did not have holes in the top. He passed around a completed shaker to peak everyone's interest. He then proceeded to cut off a section of wood he had rounded. This was the length of his shaker. He shaped it to make it look like a salt shaker, but NO HOLES in the top. He then drilled a hole for the plug in the bottom with a 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inch Forstner bit. He then hollered out the rest of the shaker with a gouge. He then sanded and finished the shaker outside with a mixture of bee's wax and mineral oil. He made the finish by adding wax

to boiling mineral oil. He then changed chucks and made the insert for bottom. He started by making the aperture for the salt to come out. (This is also where you fill the shaker with salt.) He then turned the piece of poplar down to fit the drilled hole in the shaker. He then drilled a  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch hole in the piece in the aperture for the salt to come out. Then he made a cone shaped extension about 1 inch beyond the entrance. On completion of this he then glued the insert into the opening. The shaker was then ready to use.

## **Butter Mold**

Alex took a piece of Yew wood and rounded it with a roughing gouge. (NOTE: Francis reminded us that Yew is **TOXIC** and should not be used for food use. Alex said he would not be churning soon.) He began by shaping the mold top. He then reversed the mold and drilled a hole through the mold. This would be for the plunger that pushes the butter out of the mold. He then hollowed out the mold. Next, he took a piece of poplar and made a pattern/pusher that would be attached to the plunger and would break the butter loose from the mold. This he turned round and tapered to fit the bottom of the mold.

His demonstrations were very interesting and held our attention throughout the demo.

Salt Shaker



Butter Mold





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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 salt and pepper shaker set made by Phil Balin.

Winner: Francis Moates



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Denim Shirts

Denim shirts and caps will be in for the next meeting.

Caps -- \$7 with correct amount or \$10 w/donation to the Club

Denim shirts -- \$27 with correct amount or \$30 w/donation to the Club

Denim shirt (\$27) and cap (\$7) -- \$34 with correct amount or \$35 w/donation to Club

Special order denim shirt -- \$40 correct amount

BWG BADGES -- Badges have been printed, and are now encased in a 'clip badge', rather than a pin-on. Please remove, and return to box after each meeting. The badges are stored in alphabetical order. If 'lost' there will be a \$2 service charge for a replacement badge. Any new members will receive badge at the next meeting. Please let me know if there are any changes or corrections are needed

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 -- 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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**Helpful Hints**

**TIP: BANDSAW** -- If you happen to need to change the tire on a bandsaw, you always need two extra hands to do so. Solution: loop the top of the new tire over the wheel, secure it with a cable tie, and repeat every few inches as you work your way around the wheel. After installing, just cut away the ties.

**TIP: FIRE EXTINGUISHERS** -- Whether you have one or several or not, you probably hang them somewhere or toss them on a shelf – hoping you won't need to use one. But if you do, you might find that they are no longer viable. So once a year, locate them, 'slowly' turn them upside down, then right side up; repeat. This distributes the contents and makes them last longer.

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Items for Sale

None at this time

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## Up-coming Events

**Totally Turning 2115** March 28-29, 2015 Saratoga Springs, NY. Saratoga Springs City Center. Franklin, NY. Featured demonstrators: David Ellsworth, Nick Cook, Dixie Biggs, Doug Fisher, John Beaver, Kurt Hertzog, Derek Weidman, Dick Gerard and Steve Pritchard. Vendors, instant Gallery. Information and registration at [totallyturning.org](http://totallyturning.org).

**Southern States Woodturning Symposium** May 15-17, 2015. Clarence Brown Conference Center. Cartersville, GA. Featured demonstrators: Soren Berger, Avelino Samuel, Chris Ramsey, Kimberly Winkle, Nick Cook, Steve Cook, and Steve Pritchard. Vendors, instant Gallery. Information and registration at [www.southernstatessymposium.org](http://www.southernstatessymposium.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

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Demonstrator</u> | <u>Subject</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|---|
| 10-Jan | Don Marks | Small Lamp |
| 07-Feb | Jack Mincey | Ornament with a sea urchin (\$5.00) |
| 07-Mar | Alex Bolden | Salt Shaker |
| 04-April | Talmadge Murphey | To be determined |
| 02-May | Gene Gross | Three part candle from a single source |
| 06-June | Chuck Waldroup | To be determined (\$10.00) |
| 27-June | To be determined | To be determined |
| 01-Aug | Dean Hutchins | Surface Enhancements & Piercing (\$10.00) |
| 05-Sep | To be determined | |
| 10-Oct | To be determined | |
| 07-Nov | To be determined | |
| 05-Dec | Christmas Party | |

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