



Brasstown, North Carolina

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NEXT MEETING

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

Dean Hutchins will be our program presenter. He will be demonstrating Surface Enhancements & Piercing.

He will explore a number of surface enhancement techniques including carving, texturing, burning, and coloring using the natural grain patterns of the wood. He will also demonstrate our piercing techniques and demonstrate the technique used to turn a piece thin enough for piercing (typically less than 1/8"). As part of the demonstration a number of rotary tools, reciprocating carvers, and high-speed pneumatic carvers will be utilized and discussed. Through surface techniques, ordinary works and plain hardwoods can be enhanced and those little mishaps can be covered or converted into interesting features. With just a few simple techniques and a little practice, any turner will be able to add these techniques to their list of options when finishing a turning. A sampling of his work can be found on our site <http://woodturninginnc.com>.

There will be a \$10.00 fee payable at the door.

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## **President's Corner**

Thanks to Joe Waldroup for an excellent demonstration of the winged bowl from a cherry burl.

Please come to our next meeting as it will be an excellent show from Dean and his wife of their talents in woodturning, piercing, and finishing. There will be a \$10.00 charge at the door for the demonstration.

We will see you on August 1st at 9:30AM.

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Meeting

JC called the meeting to order and asked for visitors. One Visitor, Dennis (didn't get last name) from Fort Myers, Florida. Darren Cooke has been hired as the new shop teacher for the next school year and everything looks in order for our continuing meeting in the high school shop. The mini cowboy hat and stand made by Chuck Waldroup will be raffled off at the August meeting, raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Lois Ashley spoke on problems she is having making a straight cut with her Rikon Band saw; she stated that she has already broken four blades trying to fix the problem and wanted to know if anyone could help. George stated that he had a complete woodturning shop setup that consisted of a Delta 1024 lathe with extension for sale, \$1000. Francis Moates is moving and has a list of tools for sale including a Stubby lathe. JC brought up a problem of getting MIN WAX wipe on poly to dry; it took over a day for the poly to cure. Found out it was on Cedar, and the problem is with the wood, oil in Cedar significantly slows the drying process. A day at the lathe is being postponed due to summer maintenance in the school. The class room was cleaned and it looks as if the floors were polished; all of the furniture was moved to the shop area.

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## **Joe Waldroup, Winged Bowl**

Joe harvests his own wood; he looks for Burl. He state the two types of burl, bud burl is where there are a bunch of branches under the bark and creates a bunch of burl eyes, and then there is layered burl which there are multiple irregular layers. He has developed the skill to quickly identify burls on a tree branch in the woods. Joe started with a tree branch about 4" in diameter and about 16" long for the demonstration. Make sure the ends of the branch are square to obtain a pleasing shape. When he cuts the burl, he wants to remove the pith to minimize checking.

Joe does the initial rough shaping with the burl toward the tailstock and the center of the branch toward headstock. He then turns a tenon and reverses the piece to true it up and bring the work piece into balance. A light is a must for visual clarity and initial shaping of the wings. After the wings are shaped, the interior of the bowl is shaped. He speeds up the lathe as the work piece get more in balance. Be careful, as it is easier to deal with tool marks than tearout while sanding.

Joe used a Fordem carving tool as a sander to remove the tool marks and sand the bowl. He uses wipe on Poly as a finish. Recommends pouring a small amount into a container, enough for the project. He saturates the wood for the first coat, as much as the wood will hold, and let it dry overnight. After drying, dry sand with 400 grit paper down to the wood. Repeat for the second coat and dry sand again. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent coats he puts on a lighter coat and sands with a 3200 to 4800 grit mesh.





**Bring Back**



**Show and Tell**



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BWG News

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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## **Items for Sale**

Francis Moate is moving to Louisiana to be closer to family and said he has a basement full of tools and wants to sell them. He also has a Stuby lathe for sale for \$5,000. Francis also reminded us that his friend still has several things left to sell. Attached is a list of the Legacy Bits that Francis has for sale.

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Up-coming Events

AAW's 29th 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/

Turning Southern Style XXI Symposium September 18-20, 2015. Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center, Dalton, GA. Featured demonstrators: Nick Agar, Benoit Averly, Jimmy Clewes, Nick Cook, John Lucas and Harvey Meyer. Vendors, instant Gallery. Information and registration at www.gawoodturner.org/

North Carolina Woodturning Symposium November 6-8, 2015. Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center, Greensboro, NC. Featured demonstrators: Nick Agar, Don Derry, Jimmy Clewes, Ashley Harwood, Mike Jackofsky, Al Stirt and many more. Vendors, instant Gallery. Information and registration at www.northcarolinawoodturning.com/

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**2015 Scheduled Meetings**

| Date     | Demonstrator     | Subject                                    |
|----------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 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   | Mini cowboy hat (\$10.00)                  |
| 27-June  | Joe Waldroup     | Surprise                                   |
| 01-Aug   | Dean Hutchins    | Surface Enhancements & Piercing (\$10.00)  |
| 05-Sep   | Walter Berg      | To be determined                           |
| 10-Oct   | Jack Morse       | Sanding and finishing and something turned |
| 07-Nov   | To be determined |                                            |
| 05-Dec   | Christmas Party  |                                            |

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