



**Brasstown, North Carolina**

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## **NEXT MEETING**

**December 5, 2015** – Brasstown Community Center 11:00 to 3:00 PM

Christmas luncheon and ornament exchange (see additional information in the newsletter)

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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

I can hardly believe the year is almost gone!

I want to thank Don, Alex, Terrence and Marsha for stepping up to serve as officers for our club for the year 2016. A special thanks to Tony for serving as our news editor for the past year and his excellent work. Also thanks to Terrence for an excellent demonstration in November. We continue to need help at the Hayesville High School with the young folks turning activities, so please consider volunteering.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to help our club during the year.

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## **Meeting**

The meeting opened with 21 members.

J.C. welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked any guests to stand and introduce themselves. He told the group how great the North Carolina Symposium was last weekend with great demonstrators and events. Terrence Powell won a week's tuition at John C. Campbell Folk School. The nominations for the 2016 officers were listed: Don Marks, President; Alex Bolton, Vice President; Terrence Powell, New Editor; and Marsha Barnes, Treasurer. The members

voted and approved the 2016 officers as presented. Don Marks and JC discussed the need for additional volunteers to help mentor the woodturning class at the High School. The next class schedule is November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact do Marks if anyone can help with the class. The AAW is again offering a scholarship only opportunity for members that desire to attend John C Campbell Folk School or Arrowmont. AAW members were entered into a drawing and Alex Bolton was selected to be submitted to the national drawing. The January meeting will be moved to the second Saturday, January 9, 2016. Don Marks asked if everyone would like to bring back the Club Challenge. By a show of hands the majority agreed to participate in the monthly challenge. Don decided to that the challenge for the January meeting would be the napkin rings that Terrence would demonstrate at the meeting. J.C. then introduced our featured demonstrator.

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**Note from Marsha**

**Christmas Luncheon**

**Dec. 5th – Saturday – 11 am to 3 pm**

**Brasstown Community Center - Settawig Road, Brasstown**

**Social hour 11 to 12:30 – ornament exchange/raffle after lunch**

**BWG annual ornament exchange and Christmas party.**

**Bring one ornament and get one in exchange.**

**BWG will furnish the spiral ham and beverages.**

**Bring a covered dish**

While not mandatory, it is requested that ‘all’ members bring something for the raffle.

**VOLUNTEERS --**

Needing someone to bring the spiral ham (butt end) and someone to bring a cooler of ice, and beverages (cola, diet Pepsi, sprite and water). Let me know. (BWG will reimburse)

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Please notify me if you will be attending. This is for the set-up and how many will be attending. [ml.barnes@brmemc.net](mailto:ml.barnes@brmemc.net)

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**Terrence Powell – Quick and Easy Projects**

Terrence began his presentation by showing the group four quick and easy projects that he had

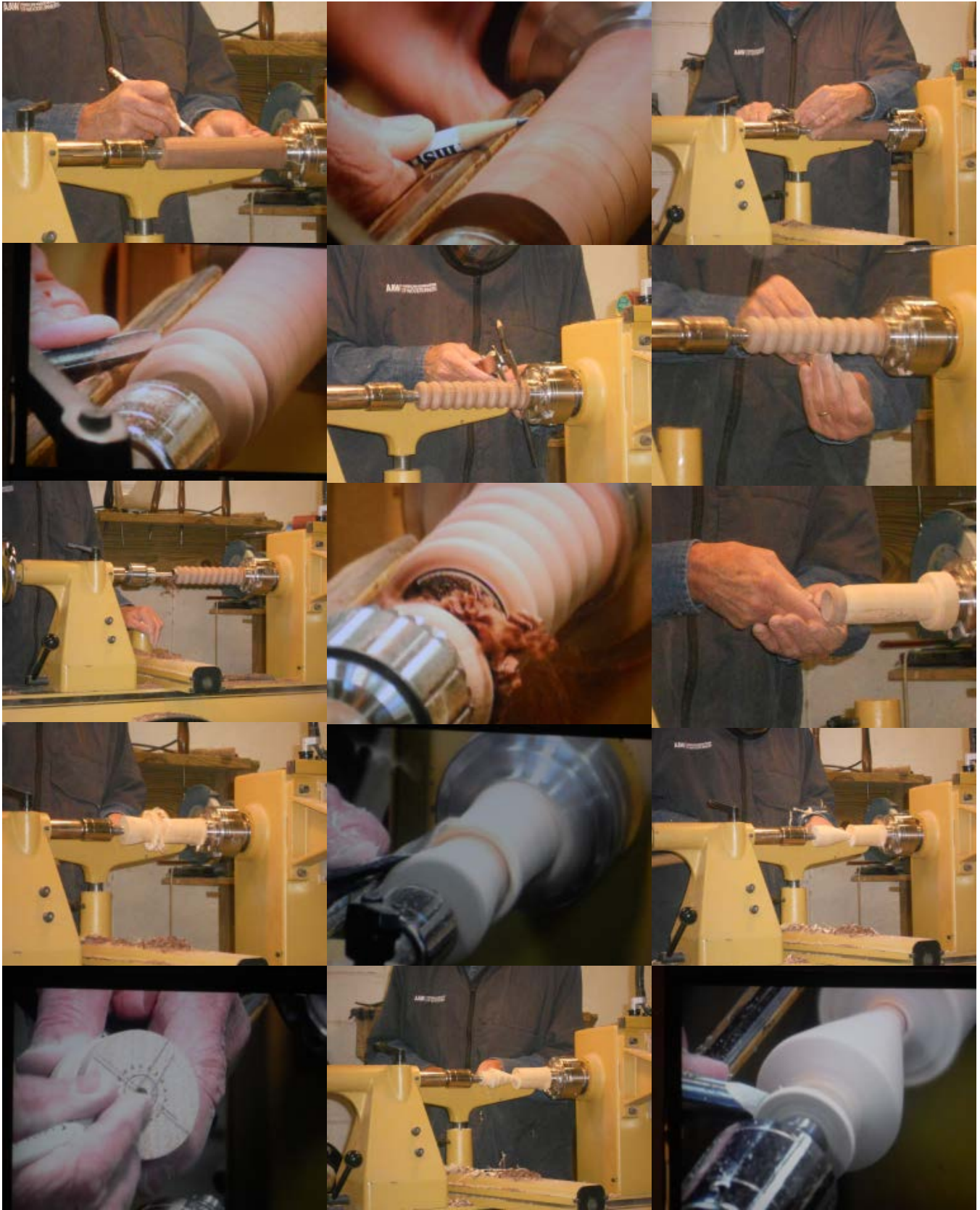
learned by watching YouTube videos. The first was a sea biscuit mushroom. He bought the shells on a trip to the beach at a cost of \$2.98. He mounted a piece of walnut between centers and turned round with a roughing gouge. He then swaps to a spindle gouge to shape the base. Terrence uses calipers to measure the hole in the shell to know what diameter to make the top of the base. After he finishes the top, he then turns the base to the desired shape. He completes the stem by sanding and parting off using a narrow parting tool. To complete the project he uses hot glue to attach the base to the shell.

Napkin rings – Terrence begins the next project by mounting a walnut blank between centers and turns a tenon on one end. He then mounts in the chuck and turns round using a roughing gouge. He then finishes the shape smooth using a skew. Using a ruler, he measures the length and determines that  $\frac{3}{4}$ " at equal spacing will make 9 rings. He takes a pencil and marks each line around the piece by turning the lathe. He then begins to shape each ring using a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " detail gouge. He checks the depth to make sure the  $1 \frac{1}{4}$ " drill bit will cut through the ring. After all the rings are shaped he sands before drilling the hole. He starts with 240 grit, then 320 grit and finishes with 400 grit. He advised if you want to finish using a friction polish it would need to be applied at this point. After all the sanding is complete, he inserts the drill in the tailstock and proceeds to drill the hole using a  $1 \frac{1}{4}$ " forstner bit. The drilling process leaves rough edge on the separated rings. Terrence has made a jig to hold the rings on the lathe to complete any final sanding. The jig is tapered so the rings slide on and stay in place while the lathe is turning. To finish the rings, Terrence uses seven coats of wipe on polyurethane. Terrence pasted around cylinder shaped base to store the rings.

Christmas Tree - Terrence mounts a piece of bass wood between centers and using a roughing gouge turns round. He then takes a skew to turn a tenon to fit his chuck. He then shapes the tree using a skew. He takes a detail gouge to rough shape the base. He removes the piece and marks the base in three equal lines, similar to the Mercedes symbol. Terrence remounts the piece off centered on one of the three marks. Using a detail gouge he cuts grooves along the tree. He changes the offset to one of the other marks and cuts grooves just above the previous ones. He repeats this process for the third and final mark. He then finishes turning the base and then turns a small decorative ball on top of the tree. He then does any sanding on the final shape. To complete the project the grooves can be painted with a paint pen, acrylic paint, glitter or puff paint.

Bell Ornament – For his final project, Terrence mounts a piece of purple heart between centers, rounds with a roughing gouge and makes a tenon. He then mounts in the chuck and turns the piece into a bell shape. Using a detail gouge he rough hollows out the bell, then swaps over to an easy wood finishing tool to complete the inside. At this point you would drill a  $\frac{1}{8}$ " hole in the center to attach the clapper and top. He then sands smooth and parts off the bell. He then mounts the wood for the clapper and top. He rounds down to a small shape using a small detail gouge. He measures the depth of the bell to determine how long the clapper needs to be turned. When turning thin, you should sand as you go. He measures the diameter to make sure it will fit in the  $\frac{1}{8}$ " hole of the bell and top. Once the clapper is complete, parts off and begins shaping the top with the remaining material. He shapes the top concave to fit the top of the bell. The next step is to drill  $\frac{1}{8}$ " hole just deep enough to receive the clapper. To complete the project he finishes shaping the top for a hanger, sands, and then parts off. Terrence also makes his own eyelets from wire using a nail and drill.







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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 birdhouse ornament  
by Matt Cowart

Winner: Don Foster



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## **BWG News**

**BWG BADGES** -- 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](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**

None at this time

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### **Up-coming Events**

**Tennessee Association of Woodturners 28th Woodturning Symposium** January 29-30, 2016. Marriott Hotel, Franklin, TN. Featured demonstrators: Clay Foster, Glen Lucas, Rudy Lopez and Bob Rosand. Vendors, door prizes, workshops, instant Gallery. Information and registration at [www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium](http://www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium)

**Florida Woodturning Symposium** February 5-7, 2016. Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, Leesburg, FL. Featured demonstrators: John Beaver, Jimmy Clewes, Ashley Harwood, Joe Ruminiski, Andy Cole, Al Hockenbery, Rudy Lopez and Walt Wager. Vendors, door prizes, workshops, instant Gallery. Information and registration at [www.floridaturningsymposium.com](http://www.floridaturningsymposium.com)

**Honolulu Woodturners 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium** March 12-13 2016. MRC Woodturning Center, Honolulu, HI. Featured demonstrators: Cynthia Gibson and Cliff Johns. Vendors, door prizes, workshops, instant Gallery. Information and registration at [www.honoluluwoodturners.org](http://www.honoluluwoodturners.org)



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**2016 Scheduled Meetings**

Date	Demonstrator	Subject
10-Jan	Don Marks	Off Center Platter
06-Feb	To be determined	To be determined
05-Mar	Andy Gunning	To be determined (\$10.00 at door)
02-April	To be determined	To be determined
07-May	Bob Moffat	To be determined (\$10.00 at door)
04-June	To be determined	To be determined
02-July	Pat Johnson	To be determined (\$10.00 at door)
06-Aug	Steve Cook	To be determined (\$10.00 at door)
10-Sep	To be determined	To be determined
08-Oct	To be determined	To be determined
05-Nov	To be determined	To be determined
03-Dec	Christmas Party	

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