



Brasstown Woodturners Guild

Newsletter — September 2020 - Online Show-and-Tell

From Behind the Lathe - President's message:

Although the officers haven't taken any official action on this yet, we will propose to the members that 2020 dues be "rolled-over" into 2021, because so much of this year has been 'lost' to the Covid-19 shutdowns and restrictions. We think that's fair, and hope that most will agree to that.

As previously noted, we have cancelled all remaining meeting plans for this year, including the traditional Christmas dinner and ornament exchange.

We hope to firm up our plans to continue to meet at Hayesville HS in 2021. We will have more details on that as we get further down the road in our dealings with the high school. Also, we will have to consider whatever Covid-19 restrictions or rules are in place at that time.

A reminder: We hope some of you will join us at the Celebration of the life of Rich Egli, on Saturday, October 3, at the Fontana Dam, NC. Jacki Egli's invitation is attached to this newsletter; please respond to her if you plan to attend. All details are in the attached invitation.

Thanks to all who participated in this on-line Show-and-Tell edition of our Newsletter. We plan to do this again before the end of the year, so if you missed this edition, do not despair!

Happy & safe turning....

Jim Smith
President

Show-and-Tell:

Robert Marshall: 	<p>Left: Spalted beech shallow bowl, 9" D, 2.5" H. This was the inner core taken from a 15" log, that lay out in the weather outside my shop for a year. Very pithy; reinforced pithy areas with thinned epoxy for final turning, then finished with 3 coats epoxy (on the Epoxinator).</p>	 <p>Above: Detail of grain, spalted beech.</p>
	<p>Left: Latest face-plate for the Epoxinator. HDPE is used for the face, because epoxy will not bond to it. The PVC fitting is what connects to the rotating 'spindle'. For a while, I tried hot-melt glue; not reliable. Right: 12"x8" hickory hollow-form, rotating on the Epoxinator.</p>	
	<p>Left: 11"D, 5" H spalted beech bowl. This is the middle core, same log as the first shown above. Also epoxy-coated. The outer core is still in the works; I'm trying to figure out how to hide the fact that the face plate screw holes show in the bottom. Ooops!</p>	

Steve Kantor:



Left: Steve has been a busy boy during his Covid vacation!

Right: "A huge Roman Greek style vase made out of Sycamore. The raw wood was 17 inches across and I had to use a grinder to round it down so as to turn a revolution on the lathe."



Left: "Something I saw on Pinterest and made it my way. People with children go crazy over it so I guess I'll make more. Takes two weeks because the balconies are separate and each tower was made smaller than the one it sits on. Plus I had to drill out the little holes in the balconies and towers to shoot arrows out of."

Right: "Urn with black legs that use chrome pins between the leg and the two rings that hold it up. These legs were the most difficult things I've ever done. I built them from scratch."



Christine Smith



Left & Right: "Here is a project I was working on. ("Big-belly-cyclops -box") 9"x4,5" Camphor, relief carved leaves, 3 carved feet, epoxied wild flower.

Been wanting to try to carved legs on an odd shaped box, used ball shaped kutzall-bit which made the job fairly easy and fast. Will do that again. Experimented with the epoxy flower placement to be horizontal rather than like a flat knob.

It gave it a "cyclops" appearance and I am still not sure if I like it.



The colors were trans-tint dye in red-brown for the body, yellow and green used for the leaves."



I've turned 22 purple heart pens for Walter Reed Military Hospital. The SW Indiana club has donated over 4000 pens to the hospital so far.

Mark March:



Left: This slab of decayed apple wood is roughly 10 inches by 9 inches and also about 1 1/2 " deep. My wife named it "Desert Sunset".

Right: Cottonwood platter was inspired by Christine Smith after her demonstration. It is about 12 inches in diameter and 1 1/2" deep. Jim and Christine helped with the dye.





Left: Live edge walnut bowl.
Right: Apple-wood bowl, about 6" by 2.5".



Left: honey-locust bowl.
Right: Decayed apple-wood bowl.



Jim Smith:

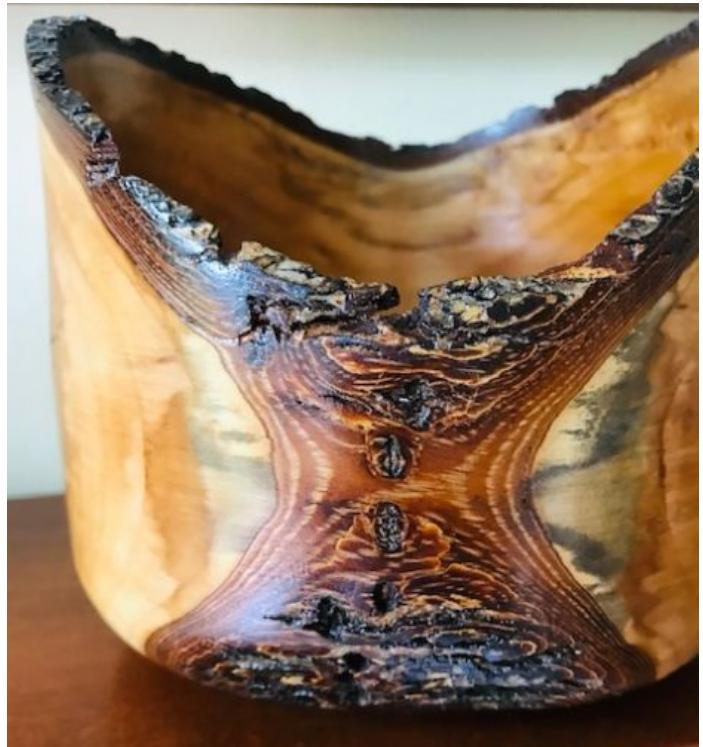
"Cremation urn made from American cherry sourced out of Indiana from a fellow Wood Turner. 12 inches tall 7 inches wide with accent banding from Spain. The lid is threaded And made from hard maple. Cherry alone is a bit too soft to support threads, we cut a recess in the top and insert the threads. We are currently making a companion urn that will be an almost identical match. This urn has been dyed, a color called cognac, it is a blend that Christine put together for the client, the dye helps hide the lighter colored sap wood."

Jim also reports that the inlay was purchased from a source in Spain, and applied into a groove turned into the urn.



Gerald Wright:

Natural-edge cherry bowl. This appears to have been turned from a piece of log mounted perpendicularly to the spindle of the lathe. The bark edge has been beautifully preserved during the turning. Nice job, Jerry.



John Lipton:

Right: Magnolia bowl finished with Howards Feed and Wax.

Below: Red elm bowl, same finish.

Below, right: Flame box elder, with wipe-on poly finish.

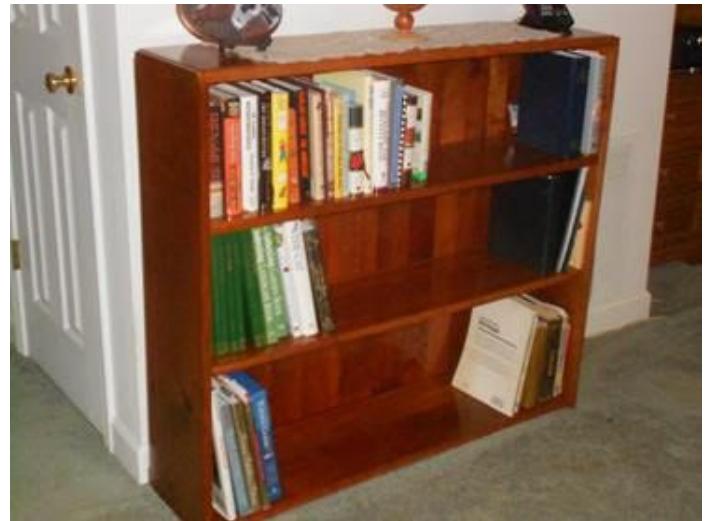


Don Marks:



"I must have turned at least a dozen bowls since the start of the pandemic. Below are pictures of three of the bowls that I have made, the largest unfinished is made of walnut, it is 15 1/2" in diameter and 7" deep. The other two are also walnut the larger is 10 3/4" X 4 1/4" and the smaller is 10" x 3 3/8"."

Below: "This is a book case I recently made out of cherry for my wife. It is 4 feet long, 38" high and 11" deep."



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**Celebration of Life for Rich Egli
October 3, 2020 9am-11am (Rain or Shine)
Fontana Dam, Fontana NC**



Rich enjoyed camping with his family and spent many years section hiking across various stretches of the Appalachian Trail. To honor him the kids and I have decided to have a Celebration of his life in a unique location.

Saturday, October 3, 2020 we are going to spend the morning at the Fontana "Hilton". This is not a true hotel, but a shelter for the hikers on the Appalachian Trail located near the Fontana Dam in Fontana, NC.

If you wish to join us you are welcome to do so. There are a few details that you should consider.

- Please let us know if you are planning to attend. Send me an email at jackyregli@gmail.com
- You will need to make your own arrangements for travel and hotels.
- Hotels in Murphy NC are as follows: Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Staybridge Inn, and Days Inn. You could also consider staying at the Fontana Village Resort, nearest location to the Dam.
- We will continue to observe safety measures by wearing a mask, frequent hand sanitizing, and social distancing during our visit to the mountains. We request that you do the same. I truly would love to hug everyone but we all must stay safe.

- Before you reach the parking lot areas at the Fontana Dam, there is a parking lot on the right exactly 19.2 miles from the Ingles at Robbinsville, NC . This is the closest to the walkway to the shelter. There is a paved road to walk on. If you reach the Dam, you've gone too "dam" far. (thanks Jason!)
- This is a weekend when "leaf lookers" may be driving up. Plan to head to Fontana early in the morning. You don't want to be stuck in traffic. We can't predict this but have heard that it happens!
- We encourage you to watch the weather report. You may want to wear flannel shirts and jeans or sweat pants. This was Rich's favorite attire to wear when camping. Bring a poncho or umbrella in case of rain.
- If there are hikers in or at the shelter priority will be given to them for use of tables, etc. Limited seating!
- There are restrooms nearby. (At least they were open when we visited on 8/22/20) But, there are no guarantees!
- Rich was not a formal type of guy, so this won't be a formal event. We will sit around a campfire (weather permitting) and just share stories and memories about Rich. That was what he wanted.
- There is limited internet access so we will post pictures after the event.

If you don't feel safe to drive up/fly up and participate in this event or are unable to attend we certainly understand. Please consider visiting one of the local parks in your area. In Florida, Wekiva Springs, Rock Springs, Blue Springs and Anastasia Park were all places where we camped or took day hikes. Please visit one of those parks, or a park closest to your home on October 3, 2020. Spend some time enjoying nature and send us a selfie telling us where you were. We would like to include your photo in a video/post in the future. Send your photo to my attention at jackyregli@gmail.com or text to 407-463-5943.

This event will be cancelled if there is a hurricane or snow predicted for the northern area of NC. (Yes, that can happen) If it is cancelled we will reschedule our Celebration of Life in the springtime.

