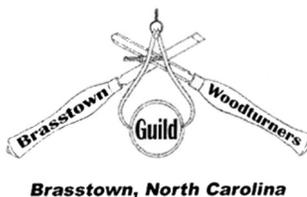


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Brasstown Woodturners Guild Newsletter

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The Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on **July 7, 2018**.
The demonstrator will be George
Dinsmore. He will be Demonstrating
basic techniques of woodturning.

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From the President

We had another great meeting. Harvey Meyer did a fabulous job demonstrating the domed square platter. Rich Eglic also did a great job filling in for both Matt Cowart and Mike Regner. Many thanks Rich, your help is very much appreciated. And thanks to Don Marks for his help with the TV and camera. We really have a great group of members who are willing to help when we need it. I finished my Beads of Courage box a bit early and will bring it at the July meeting. I hope each of you will bring your boxes to the July meeting at whatever stage they are in so we can see the progress and enjoy your talents. So until July, Keep the wood turning, the chips flying, and most of all, be safe.

John

The Meeting Notes

John welcomed everyone. There were 18 members present and no visitors. He gave the final report next since Matt was at a wedding.

John put a plug in for the Turning Southern Style symposium in Dalton, GA. next September. He also asked each of us to try to do a "Beads of Courage" box to take to Dalton. He showed us one he is making and said he would bring it each month

until it is finished and he encouraged everyone to do the same.

Don said that the person who has always done our shirts was no longer in business and the search was on for another vender.

Don next did the safety portion of the meeting. The topic was tool safety.

John said that Klingspor now has our club's member list

and we should be able to get a 10% discount on orders.

John then said that our next meeting would be July 7 and George Dinsmore is to be the demonstrator.

John next introduced our demonstrator for the day, Harvery Meyer.

"Show and Tell"

We had 19 items for "Show and Tell"! That is great! Please bring your work and show all of us what you are doing. If you are having problems with something, bring it in and ask for help. Talmadge brought his first bowl and Terrence brought in three of his early pieces.



Harvey Meyer, How to Turn a Square Bowl with a Beaded Dome

Harvey started with a square piece of two inch thick maple. If the piece is not square, then the corners will not be right.

He used a small mouse pad to cushion the backside of the piece and the bowl section held in place by the tail stock. He turned a recess to chuck the piece up. He then reversed the piece and chucked it up using the recess.

Next, he made sure everything was still square. Then he started

to remove wood and shape the back of the piece. Then he made a tenon and a flat space for the chuck to rest on. (This area will be removed in the end.) After getting the back shaped the way he wanted, he reversed chucked the item and began to remove the bowl area wood.

He started removing the wood from the outer edges first then advanced towards the center.

He left enough wood in the cen-

ter of the bowl to make a dome that was not a high as the four corners. This dome was about 1/3 of the total width of the piece. The dome was for beads.

He next began making beads with a homemade tool until he was able to use a beading tool safely.

When finished, he said that the piece was to be displayed in a plate rack.

Thanks for a good job.



Bring Back

The April “Bring Back” was won by Don Marks. He brought a set of salt and pepper shakers with screw-off lids.



The lucky winner was Gerald Wright.

Member Spotlight

Spotlight on John Van Camp, June 2018.

This month the light shines on Brasstown Woodturners Guild's current president, John Van Camp.

John retired a few years ago in Douglasville, GA and moved to Tate City, GA! Tate City is 45 minutes to one hour from the nearest hardware! So when he



was preparing to retire, he wanted to find a hobby that he would not have to go to town every day. He also had been a machinist and an administrator in the machining industry all of his working years, so he had done something similar to bowl turning. There are plenty of trees in the neighborhood too. So he switched from metal to wood.

He started turning in 2014 and his first bowl was out of Black Locust and about four to five inches in diameter. He said it had "walls about a foot thick."

The oddest piece he has done is a fez stand. Someone wanted him to make a stand for a Shriner's fez. John says that the hardest part was getting the size right.

His favorite piece is a bowl made from a cherry burl.



The most outstanding thing I see in John is that he learns very fast. His turnings are much better than anything I ever did at that early stage in turning. He is always pushing others to do a great job as well.

He took the job as president of our club when it looked as if the club would fold. At the time, he had been a member just over a year. Yet he has said that he just wanted to carry on the role the club had always done.

He also drives the club to do more than just turn a bowl. He wants everyone involved in helping others, either by teaching in the classroom at HHS or taking a fellow member wood. When asked if he knew where this member could find wood, John drove an hour and a half to deliver wood to this member.

His example of a good wood turner is more than a pretty bowl. It is lived by him everyday.

His shop is neat as a pin. Everything in its place, and wood neat-

ly stacked everywhere. (Can't have too much wood.)



He was a member of the Mountain Laurel club in Clarkesville while also a member of BWG.

It was a pleasure visiting with John in Tate City and it is a real pleasure knowing him. Thank you for your time for the interview and thanks for keeping the club going.



2018 Scheduled Demonstrations

<u>Date</u>	<u>Demonstrator</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Jan 13	Rudy Lopez	Winged platter with feet	10
Feb 3	Terrence Powell	Turning boxes differently and with fixes	
Mar 3	Joe Waldroup	Repairing cracks with a biscuit cutter	
Mar 31	Mike Chandler	TBA (For April Meeting)	10
May 5	Rich Egli	Pens, bottle stoppers, etc.	
June 2	Harvey Meyer	Square Platter	10
July 7	George Dinsmore	fundamental wood turning techniques	
August 4	Beau Bunn	TBA	10
Sept 8	Dave Barringer	TBA	10
Oct 6	TBD		
Nov 10	Steve Cook	TBA	10
Dec 1	Christmas Party		

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