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# Brasstown Woodturners Guild Newsletter

## The Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on October 13, 2018. We will have our annual “Tool Sale”. Bring those old or unused items and sell them.

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### From the President

Well, fall is almost on us with winter on the way. Some of us will turn more in the cooler weather and some less depending on whether we have heat in our shops. As the sap goes down in the trees, harvesting wood enters the best time to get the next year's project wood. Lower sap levels means less drying time and more fun. Mid winter offers the best conditions to harvest wood, so start thinking about where you might get your next wood pile. Thanks to those of you who made Beads of Courage boxes. Matt and I will see that your contributions will get to the AAW for distribution to the many children facing life threatening illness. So until we meet again, have fun in the shop, keep the wood turning, and most of all, be safe. John

## The Meeting Notes

John welcomed all and asked for visitors. There were 3 visitors, Terry Ross (who joined today), Lloyd Massey, and Alfonce Stoll. There were a total of 29 present.

John put a plug in for the "Turning Southern Style" symposium and said that he and Matt Cowart were going. Steve Kantor said he was go-



ing Saturday only.

Next, John announced that Don Marks club in Highlands, NC had made several "Beads of Courage" boxes to be taken to the symposium.

Since Don Marks wasn't present to give the safety talk, John brought in a bowl that had exploded when he tried to re-turn it. He said that he



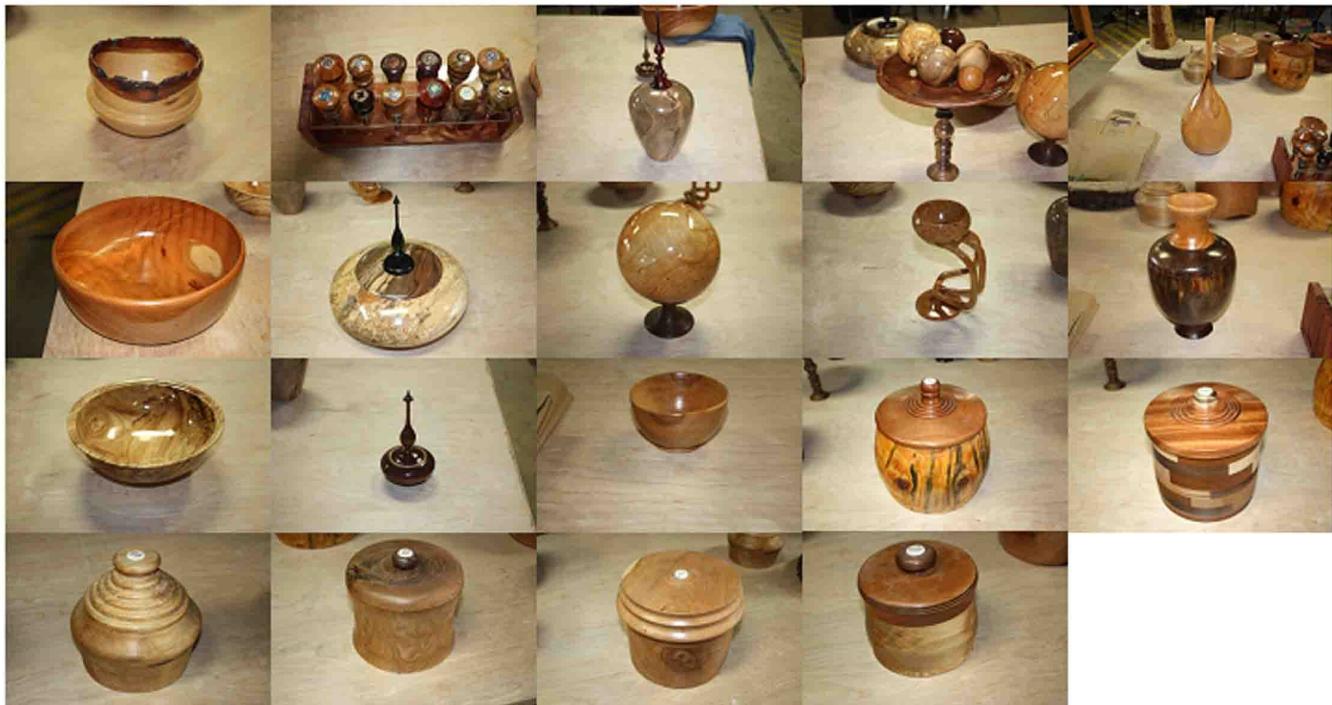
was wearing his safety protection and a big piece hit his face shield really hard, but did not hurt him.

Next, John announced that the shirts were in and ready for pick up and that caps were available for \$12 each.

Next meeting will be October 13 due to the Fall Festival at Folk School. The meeting will be our annual Tool Sale.

### "Show and Tell"

We had **30+** 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. Several members brought some of their first or early pieces.



## Dave Barringer, How to Turn a Platter

Dave began by saying that he was not going to actually turn anything but would show us how he sets up for turning a platter. He also told us what he looks for in the design of a platter.

He showed us how he mounted a piece of wood using a face plate. He then showed us how he did things to the bottom that would allow for hanging the platter on the wall after completion. He

also showed how he made 3 legs on the bottom. How he used an Arbortech tool for carving the legs.

He said that some of his platters did not have much character when he got through, so he then carves, paints, burns, etc. to enhance the platters.

He also sometimes adds beads (1 or 3 and not 2) to the edges or he drills holes for making a place to

put a wine glass on the edge of the piece.

He also showed us how he heated a metal rod and then shaped it to be a stand for his larger pieces.

Dave did a good job and had several of his pieces for us to see how they were made and finished.

Thanks, Dave for the good job.



## Bring Back

The August "Bring Back" was won by Mike Regner. He brought a candle holder



The lucky winner was John Van Camp.

## Member Spotlight

### Spotlight on Pete Bradley. September 2018.

This month we put the light on Pete Bradley from Hiawassee, GA.

Pete started turning about ten years ago after taking a course at the John C. Campbell Folk School. Here he learned how to use basic techniques and tools.

He has a large shop where he does all kinds of wood work and he said he wanted something challenging to do. So he started turning. He likes the challenge of new ideas. That is why he is one who is always bringing in items for "Show and Tell" that he has seen demonstrated at one of our meetings. He said that it was a challenge to try to make what was demonstrated.

The first piece he made was a platter. (See photo below.)



He says that it was hard as he did not have the proper tools and the know-how to do a very good job. However, it looks pretty good to me. In fact I have some that were not near that good after several tries.

When I asked why he became a

member of Brasstown Woodturners Guild, he said that the instructor at the Folk School recommended that he come. He came and found that there were others like him there looking for help, just like him.

Pete enjoys talking with others particularly when it is about turning. He, like the rest of us, did not have a friend close by who was a turner, so Brasstown Woodturners Guild fit into his plans very well.

He recently purchased a coring system so that he could get more out of the wood that he had. He said that he is still learning how to core, but he feels like it was a good investment.

When I asked him what his favorite turning is, he said he really likes turning birdhouses. He said they are a real challenge in that the different sections are of different wood and each piece is small. He said that he could use scrap wood to make the bird houses. He does not sell any of his turnings but gives them to those he loves.

When I asked what he is working on now, he said that he is making ornaments out of sea urchins for Christmas gifts. (See photo below.)

When I asked what he likes best about turning, he said, "I get to talk to others about turning." He said that we don't visit others very



much like we did when he was younger. He said that he can talk with turners at the meeting and that a few have come by for a visit. That allows him to talk with others.

It was a real pleasure to talk with Pete and to see his shop again. He had called Joe Waldroup and me and asked if we wanted some wood back last spring. It turned out that we spent a half a day there just talking about turning and pretty much everything else in the world.

Thanks, Pete, for giving us wood and for being there to help us when we needed it.

Thanks also for the time spent talking with you about your hobby and everything else.



## ***2018 Scheduled Demonstrations***

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Demonstrator</u></b>	<b><u>Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
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	Turning a Segmented Sphere	10
Sept 8	Dave Barringer	TBA	10
Oct 13	Annual Tool Sale	Bring Old or Unused Tools For Sale	
Nov 10	Steve Cook	TBA	10
Dec 1	Christmas Party		

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