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# Brasstown Woodturners Guild

Newsletter — February 4, 2023 Meeting

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## What's up next?

- **March 4, 2023** — Joy Cowan and David Jones (pictured below) will present a demonstration on turning a vertical-grain natural edge bowl.



Important — Our schedule for this year (2023) has lots of slots to fill in. This is your chance to show us what you can do. There's a lot of talent and knowledge in our membership, and we would like you to volunteer to show us ... something! If you think you've got something to share, let Mark Taylor, our new VP and Program Chairman, know. It doesn't have to be a full program; we could put together several mini-programs to make up one full program.

## February Meeting Notes:

We seem to be getting back to pre-Covid levels of club attendance and enthusiasm, with the help of lots of new members since the start of the year. We had around 30 attending our February meeting, and as the weather improves heading into Spring and Summer, we hope to improve on that, especially once our Florida snowbirds come back to the mountains.

**Lathe for sale:** Jerry Bassett wants to sell a Delta mini-lathe. Very lightly used, asking \$750. Contact Jerry at 828-557-3318.

**Looking for wood?** Check out [caglumber.com](http://caglumber.com), located in Gainesville, GA. Lots of dimensional lumber, slabs, turning stock, etc. Domestic and Exotic. Complete price list can be viewed or downloaded: <http://caglumber.com/images/CAG%20price%20list.pdf>. Also, Got Wood in Donalds, SC: <https://www.turningblanks.net/>.

**Wood for turning, also tools:** Gary Gardner of Morganton, GA (near Blue Ridge) is selling wood and tools from his operation. He's a long-time professional woodturner. He says this is not a fire sale, but the prices are very reasonable, less than you'll find elsewhere for the same things. No checks, no credit card, cash only. Contact Gary Gardner, only via email: <turningleaf2@tds.net> And he will arrange to meet you.

**Got Wood?** Jim Smith uses [this supplier](#) in Donalds, SC (not near anything!) But lots of turning blanks for sale, like walnut, below. Website: <https://www.turningblanks.net/pages/about-us>



## Demonstration:

Matt Monaco presented a demonstration on the use of the 'dreaded' skew chisel, hoping to remove the fear-factor from the most challenging tool in the woodturning arsenal. If a sense of humor helps to accomplish that, Matt brought lots of help our way! Very entertaining.

His emphasis was on practice, suggesting use of woods that are cheap and plentiful, like pine or poplar. And, of course, keeping it sharp. Matt sharpens tools freehand, for the most part, and sometimes grinds a secondary bevel to present the sharpest edge to the work.

A spinning top is a shape that combines coves, beads and other elements that the skew handles well, when skillfully used. Matt turned the top below from a piece of ash, and the one below-left from cocobolo.



## Show-and-Tell:



Left: Jim Love showed several ice-cream scoops with handles he turned. This was finished with Hut Crystal Coat Liquid Friction Finish.

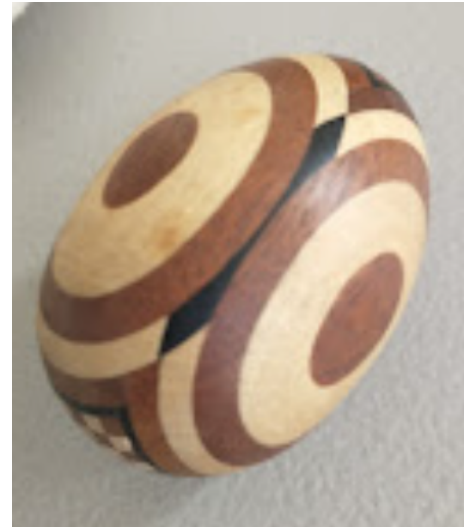


Right: Jeff Bagley\* brought a number of items, including this box elder (aka, ash maple) hollow-form, with pedestal and lid of a contrasting darker wood. Epoxy finished, I believe. Like most maple species, it is often host to ambrosia beetles; thus, the bugholes and oblong markings with dark borders around them.



Pete Kaup produced this highly spalted bowl, above.

Right: a knuckle-buster natural edge bowl! Don't have the turner's name; please let me know.



Loved this egg! Tell me who made this; no notes on that.

\* Hope I got this right. So many new members to keep track of.

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