



Brasstown Woodturners Guild

Newsletter — March 5, 2022 Meeting

What's up next?

Calendar of upcoming meetings. We welcome members to propose programs, including their own demonstrations, for the TBD dates.

- **April 2, 2022** — TBD
- **May 7, 2022** — Robert Henrickson
- **June 4, 2022** — Alan Leland
- **July** — no meeting
- **August 6, 2022** — TBD
- See more at our [website](#)

Important — As you can see, our schedule for next year has some gaps 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 us know. It doesn't have to be a full program; we could put together several mini-programs to make up one full program.

March Meeting Notes:

Wood donation: Talmadge Murphy brought in a truckload of wood blanks to give away to the rest of the members, which we lined up on the stage. In lieu of conducting a raffle (since Mike Regner was out sick), we lined up those who wanted to take wood home, and let them take a piece, one at a time, rejoining the line if they wanted more. We managed to give away about 80 pieces of wood, including a fair amount of exotic stuff, like rosewood. We ask that members turning this wood bring it in to the next show-and-tell, and mention who gave them the blanks. So as to say, thanks, Talmadge!

Tool sale: Lynanne Lawhead, widow of the late BWG member Pat Lawhead, is selling his equipment and tools. The information below comes from her PDF (which was too large to attach to an email). A copy of the PDF appears at the end of the newsletter as posted to the website, including photos.

Woodworking Equipment for Sale Call if interested 813-817-7859 – leave message & will call back.
Table saw \$25 – Lathe, wheel stand, Turning knives, chucks & etc. - \$500.00* (Only one piece of wood left) – Dust Collector \$75 – Band saw with extra blade - \$450.00 – Partington Red Fox 4x12 Planer - \$400 – 2016 Gas Generator – not working needs fixed - \$50.00

Website: We have moved our website (brasstownwoodturners.org) onto a WordPress server which will allow us to control the content directly, without having to deal with and pay a consultant. Here are some of the highlights of the change:

- We will post each month's newsletter as they are completed, and each New Year, we will compile an archive post of the previous year's newsletter, all in one place.
- We intend to encourage our members to contribute content to the website, either directly (if you know how to author a post in a WordPress blog), or through submitting photos and text to one of our web-jocks (Jim Smith, Robert Marshall; maybe others, we hope?)
- Member content formats include:
 - a member's Gallery (photos of your best work),
 - Show-and-Tell (photos and text description of how you built the project shown),
 - Shop Tour, a photo-illustrated tour of your shop,
 - and For Sale by Club or Member, a photo and text ad for tools or equipment you no longer need and would like to sell.
- You can see some examples of Gallery and Show-and-Tell posts on the website, from Jim Smith and Robert Marshall. We'd like to see more such content from others. We have a talented group, and we shouldn't let modesty keep us from 'tooting our own horns' about the work we do. It's fun to show off our own work, and just as much fun to see what others have done.
- It is our goal (not yet realized) to have a member directory on the website, access to which will be limited to logged-in members. We haven't yet setup user accounts on the website for all of our members, but will be doing so in the coming months. We will let you know when you can access the member directory. Other folks on the web will be able to see our website, but they will not get access to member information like address, phone and email.
- Persons outside the club will be able to contact us through a webform, so we don't have to disclose anyone's email address. Same for persons interested in signing up as members; the form will go to our treasurer, who will collect dues whenever a prospective new member shows up at a meeting.

Wood: Check out 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>

Demonstration:

BWG member Christine Smith provided the demonstration at the March meeting, focusing on her magnetic pin cushion project, and on the use of color more generally with turning projects.



The magnetic pin-cushion is made up of a piece of wood with a hole drilled to within 1/16 inch through, then turned to a disc-shape, with top and bottom edges rounded over. A rare-earth magnet is glued into the hole on the underside, and that hole is then filled with an epoxy-and-metal-powder amalgam.

The surfaces of the wood disc are colored using alcohol-based dyes, such as TransTint. TransTint is very concentrated, and should be diluted with alcohol for application. This dye picks up the grain of the wood, so proper sanding is important to avoid toolmarks or sanding scratches. The dye can be applied using a small brush. Follow-up with a spray of alcohol, wiping with a rag, as necessary to prevent too much accumulation of dye on the wood. The object is to have the dye accent the grain of the wood, not to obscure it. This can be done on the lathe, turning slowly. After drying, finish with spray-on lacquer.

Christine also demonstrated the use of color dyes to enhance other wood-turned objects, such as the hollow-form shown to the right.

Below, the magnets used in the pin-cushions:





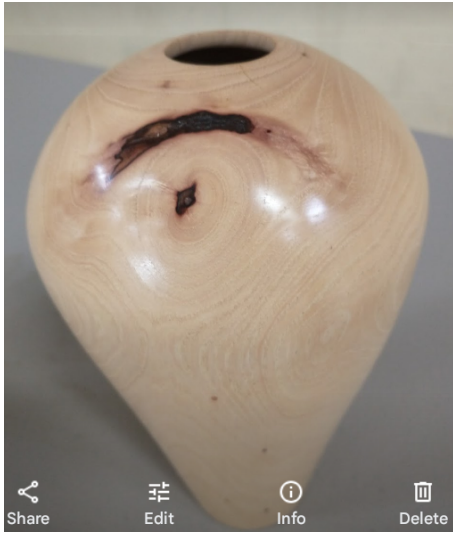
Two hollow-forms dyed during the demonstration, and then sprayed with lacquer. Note how the wood grain is highlighted by the dye treatment.

This 'slow-turner' can be used for lacquer application and drying, or for epoxy application and curing.



Rudy Lopez's end-grain bowl, from the February meeting; now fully dried. Having been turned end-grain orientation, there is very little warping in the drying process.

Show-and-Tell:

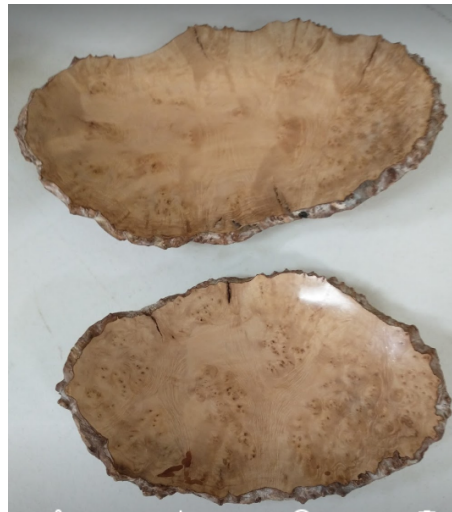


Left and right, vases turned by Pete Kaup, of pecan.



At right, two rhododendron root-burl dishes, by Terrence Powell.

Below, walnut natural edge, also Terrence's:



Spalted persimmon bowl, by Robert Marshall. Talmadge Murphy provided the blank.



Left and right: Two of Christine Smith's 2-axis cherry boxes, with animal painting lids: a bedded-down fawn, and a tabby cat. The cat box was commissioned by Robert Marshall as an 8th. birthday gift to his granddaughter (the cat's owner.)



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2022 MEMBERSHIP**

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