



Brasstown Woodturners Guild

Newsletter — April 2, 2022 Meeting

What's up next?

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

- **May 7, 2022** — Robert Henrickson

Bob Henrickson's demo will be one he calls "Rose and wreath." Here's part of the write-up of what he plans to show:

Using multiple offsets, create a wide range of 'roses', starting from disks with plain surfaces and edges, then elaborate with beading, create a 'petal edge' by cutting away the outer edges, add interwoven rings in the center, or even cut away the central area to produce a 'wreath'. Variable cut width/depth is also possible. All cutting and shaping is done on the lathe. Scorching with a torch highlights the patterns.

- **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.

April Meeting Notes:

Wood donation: Talmadge Murphy once again brought in a full truckload of wood blanks to give away to the rest of the members, which we lined up on the stage. Thanks, Talmadge! I've begun turning some of this wood, and have been inspired to try some forms that are new to me, like a square bowl. All of us who've benefited from Talmadge's generosity ought to bring something to show and tell, that was turned from this donation.

Tool sale: Lynanne Lawhead, widow of the late BWG member Pat Lawhead, reports that she has sold everything that she listed in a tool sale advertised in our last newsletter. Glad we could help!

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:

Jim Smith put on a very informative demo and discussion focused on photography, and specifically the production of high-quality photographs of our woodturning work. Jim showed us how he improves the photographs of his work by (a) using equipment and techniques to minimize glare, reflections, distracting background and shadows when taking the photos, and (b) using editing software to ‘photoshop’ any defects that remain.



Jim uses a photo-tent to reduce glare and shadows. A gradient background sheet (white-to-gray-to-black) helps make the background free of distraction.

Jim prepared a list of equipment and resources relevant to the topics covered in his demo, and we have appended a copy of that list to this newsletter. The links embedded in that document should work for you, if you click on them while reading the newsletter on the computer.

Show-and-Tell:

Mike Nardini turned a goblet and a plate (below).



(Right) Jerry Bassett turned this Christmas ornament, and used a stain to create the appearance of multiple types of wood.



Jim Smith turned a hollow-form of honey locust, and pierced it with his high speed pneumatic 'dental' drill. One of Jim's expert photos, too.



(Above) Jerry Wright turned this 'weed pot' from a piece of wood that Talmadge Murphy donated last month.

(Right) Close up of Jerry Bassett's ornament



Mike Regner turned this aspen cup, for the Bring-Back-Box this month.

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