



Brasstown Woodturners Guild

Newsletter — June 4, 2022 Meeting

What's up next?

- **July** — no meeting; celebrate our nation's 246th Independence Day!
- **August 6, 2022** — Terrence Powell, who will demonstrate making a flower from a birch branch. He said it will involve thin turning and some hollowing.
- **September 10, 2022** — Robert Marshall; Robert's demo will be of the WoodCut BowlSaver Max3 coring tool.
- **October 1, 2022** — Pete Kaup; Hollow forms--Design options and chucking options.
- **November 5, 2022** — TBD
- **December 3, 2022** — Christmas Luncheon, 11 am start.
- See more at our [website](#)

Important — Our schedule for next 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 us know. It doesn't have to be a full program; we could put together several mini-programs to make up one full program.

June Meeting Notes:

Visitors/new members: We had a visitor, Sandy Starr of Tate City, GA. Sandy was introduced to woodturning by one of her neighbors, Loyd Massey, whose lathe she bought, and Loyd introduced her to the club.

Looking for 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>

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.

Demonstration:

Alan Leland of Durham, NC, made a return appearance for our club in June, to demonstrate chasing threads in woodturnings, and turning finials. Alan had appeared previously in May, 2019, doing a three-legged stool demo, and was scheduled for 2020, but canceled due to our Covid suspension.

Alan used a 2-part “mushroom” project (stem and cap) in his demo, turning inside or female threads in a recess on the underside of the cap, and outside or male threads on the stem.



Left, Dennis Perez introduces demonstrator Alan Leland at our June meeting.

Below, thread-chasing tools, from top to bottom: outside thread cutter, inside thread cutter, and support tool for inside thread chasing.



One of the challenges of thread chasing is that once the diameter of the inside threads has been established, the outside threads must be well-formed and conform to that diameter on first pass. “Trying again” doesn’t work too well, because you’d be removing more material from the outside-threaded part, and making it too small.

Show-and-Tell:



Some of Alan Leland's very thin pedestals and finials.

Terrence Powell turned this bowl and modified it into a yarn bowl with this carving.



Robert Marshall showed a natural-edge bowl with severe tear-out, modified with thinned epoxy to permit a clean final cut. Left portion shows tear-out, right shows clean final cut. [More info at our website.](#)

Reminder:

No July Meeting

Next meeting is August 6, 2022, 9:30 am

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