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# Brasstown Woodturners Guild

Newsletter — September 10, 2022 Meeting

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## What's up next?

- **October 1, 2022** — Pete Kaup; Hollow forms--Design options and chucking options.
- **November 5, 2022** — Jim and Christine Smith. Christine will demo coloring technique on a traditional ornament. It will be a technique with acrylics and inks where no painting skills are required. A controlled “marble effect” will emerge. [The November meeting will NOT be at the Brasstown Community Center, due to a scheduling conflict with their fundraiser. It will be at Jim and Christine Smith’s workshop, at their house at 165 Chestnut Drive, Murphy, NC. Google Maps or Waze will get you there. Park at empty lot below their house, “Parking” sign there.]
- **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.

## September Meeting Notes:

### Officers for 2023:

We are in the nominations phase for our 2023 officers, and expect to conduct an election at the November 5, 2022 meeting. Any member can run for any officer position; just let us know and we’ll put your name in the hat. Here’s what we have so far:

- Current Vice President Dennis Perez has agreed to serve as President for 2023.
- Current Secretary Robert Marshall has agreed to continue in that position for 2023.
- New member Mark Taylor has agreed to serve as Vice President for 2023. Mark’s been turning

for 20+ years, and recently relocated from Woodstock, GA to Brasstown, NC.

- For Treasurer, we believe that one of our members volunteered at the end of the demonstration, but we can't remember who that was. That's the sorry truth! So whoever that was, please contact Robert Marshall ([robertmarshall949@gmail.com](mailto:robertmarshall949@gmail.com)), to straighten that out. And of course, if anyone else wants to volunteer, that's fine, too. We need a treasurer.

**Raffle:** Pete Kaup has volunteered to take over management and conduct of the raffle from Mike Regner. Pete expects the first raffle under his management will be at the October meeting. Bring lots of money for that bonanza of prizes! And bring surplus turnable wood, too, for the raffle table.

**Visitors/new members:** We had several visitors who joined the club in September:

- Wayne Morris, Hiawassee, GA
- Paul TeRonde, Hayesville, NC
- Mark Taylor, Brasstown, NC

Also, Jeff Manson of Murphy, NC visited, but has not yet joined.

**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>

**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.

**Website:** We have moved our website ([brasstownwoodturners.org](http://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:**

I (Robert Marshall) gave a demonstration on the use of the WoodCut BowlSaver Max3 Coring tool. This is a tool which allows you to get multiple bowls out of one large bowl blank. I have used it on blanks as large as 16" diameter and as small as 13", and I usually try for 3 bowls out of one blank.

The WoodCut coring tool is comparable to the OneWay Easy Core System. Both systems use interchangeable knives that are quarter-circles, to carve multiple bowls from a roughly hemispherical blank.

The WoodCut system has some features that distinguish it from the Easy Core tools:

#### **Easy Core System**

The Easy Core system uses a support arm for each knife size. The support arm is deployed into the cut made by the knife, to provide support under the knife as it progresses further into the blank. From time to time, you adjust the deployment of the support arm to match the position of the knife.

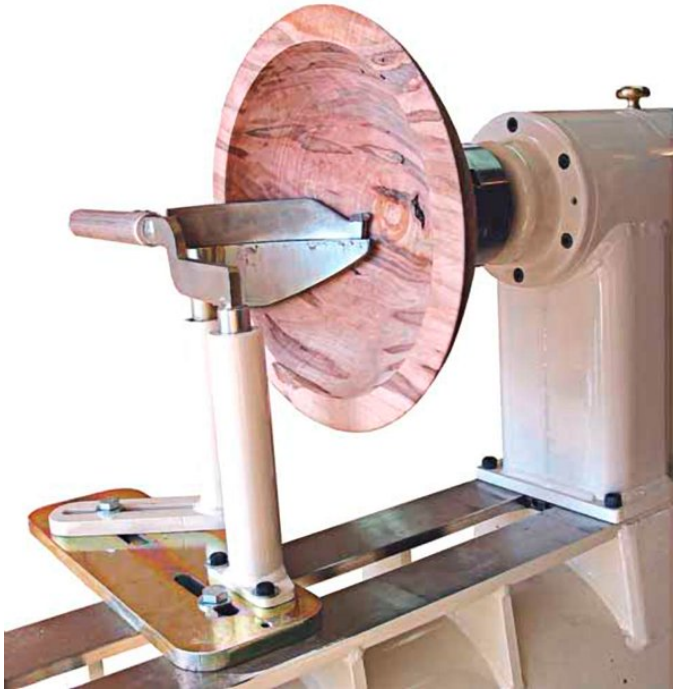
The Easy Core system has its own attachment plate that is bolted onto the lathe ways, and to which the knife post and the support arm post are attached and adjusted into position.

#### **WoodCut System**

Instead of support arms paired with each of the various knife sizes, the WoodCut system builds the support of the knife into the knife itself. The cross-section of each knife grows taller as you progress from the cutting tip to the attachment end, and this provides enough strength that it does not need a support arm below it.

The WoodCut tool mounts to the lathe's banjo (using a height-adjustable tool post), and also to the lathe's tailstock (using a morse taper on a sliding track). Adjustment for knife placement is all done using the banjo and the tailstock taper.

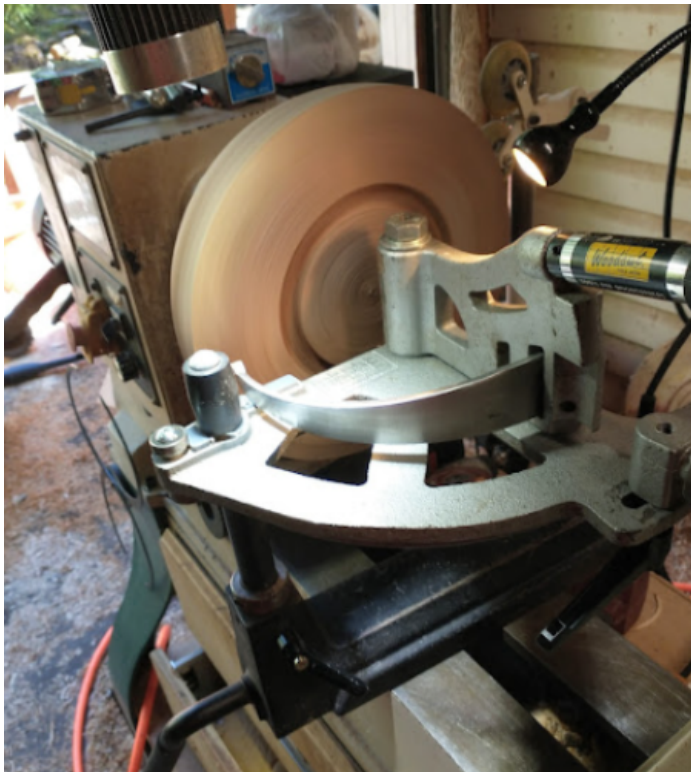
Sold in different sizes based on lathe swing, with knives sold separately.



One-size-fits-all for large lathes, and comes with a set of 3 knives for different bowl sizes.



Left: OneWay tool with support arm shown in place under knife. With the WoodCut tool, support for the knife is built into the knife itself, above and behind the cutting tip. One less part to adjust as you cut.



Left: WoodCut tool being used to core a 13" walnut blank on my Grizzly lathe. Medium knife was used to core the largest bowl, and I worked down from there to two more inside bowls, the smallest being cored with the small knife. I use a tenon on the top side, to re-establish the back side tenon after each cut.

Below is the large bowl cored at the meeting, from a black locust blank (partially finished).



## Show-and-Tell:



Left: Jim Smith shows a pair of 'assault-and-pepper mills,' suitable for dinner use and also for close-quarters martial arts. Curly maple, dyed red and lacquered.

Right: Christine Smith shows her carved bluebird perched on a dogwood tree (actually, a piece of wood sold at pet stores as a snake's jungle-gym). Walnut turned base, acrylic painting of the carved elements.)



Left: George Dinsmore took Terrence Powell's challenge from the August meeting, and turned a couple of 'flowers' using the method Terrence had demonstrated.

Right: Pete Kaup turned this ambrosia maple natural-edge bowl.



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## Officers, Brasstown Woodturners Guild, 2022

President: Jim Smith — Vice President: Dennis Perez — Treasurer: Christine Smith  
Secretary: Robert Marshall — Advisers: Talmadge Murphey and Marsha Barnes

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### Membership application

#### BRASSTOWN WOODTURNERS GUILD 2022 MEMBERSHIP

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE ( \_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an AAW Member (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_

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