



Brasstown Woodturners Guild

Newsletter — June 3, 2023 Meeting

What's up next?

Change of meetings schedule - Read This Notice!



Our schedule of meetings has been changed. Our next meeting is on Thursday evening, June 29, at 6:30 pm, at the Brasstown Community Center, 255 Settawig Road, Brasstown, NC. This change was made to take advantage of the opportunity to have Trent Bosch, a renowned figure in the world of woodturning, give us a demonstration of his hollowing system. Don't miss this chance to see Trent Bosch perform!

**Trent Bosch - Thursday, June 29, 6:30 pm -
Brasstown Community Center**



August 5, 2023 - Back on the "first Saturday" schedule, we will have Nick Cook from Marietta, GA, demonstrating lidded boxes and vases. Nick is a regular at the Folk School, and an excellent teacher.

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.

June Meeting Notes

Demonstration:

Terrence Powell demonstrated how to turn a gnome, including the application of some pretty wild beards. Terrence admits to having been inspired by members of the rock-band ZZ Top, to whom some of his gnomes bear a startling resemblance.



Left, top: Real-life inspiration, ZZ Top.



Left, bottom: Collection of Terrence's gnomes.



Right: Santa gnome, with a curved hat accomplished with two angle cuts in a straight conical top, rotated and glued together, a lot of sanding, and some painting.

Terrence showed us two ways to turn a gnome:

1. The “hard way,” in which two blanks are used, one for the body, and one for the hat. This requires fairly precise turning for the mortise-and-tenon joiner of body and hat, but it allows you to use different woods for the two parts. It also allows you to modify the hat to provide a curved top, as with the Santa figures shown above (cut straight top at angles, glue back together after rotating, then sand away the sharp edges).
2. The “easy way,” in which the hat and body are all one piece. It is probably a good idea to start with the easy way, before trying out the hard way.

In either approach, the hat is to be undercut, so as to provide a place into which the top edge of the beard can be tucked, glued and concealed. Hot glue is the usual method of gluing.

The ‘bearding’ step requires that you cut the backing material for the beard, without cutting the ‘hair’ above it. This can be further complicated by having different lengths of beard for the face (long) and the sides and back (shorter). Some trial-and-error is obviously essential to developing this skill set!

Most gnomes are equipped with a ‘nose’, which consists of a ball of wood, turned with a dowel sized to

fit in a drilled hole in the 'face' part of the body, concealed beneath the beard. Arms are another option, holding candy-canes (or swords, if you're doing Vikings or other marauders.) Imagination carries the day!

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>.

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>

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

Show-and-Tell:



Jerry Wright built this table, with a segmented post.

Terrence turned this maple burl bowl, one of several cored from one piece.



Mark Taylor turned these miniature bowls from scraps of wood. Shown with a pocket knife, for scale.



Above: Lloyd Cain turned this white pine platter, with flame embellishment.

Right: This maple-padauk combo salt-pepper mill set launched Jim Smith's mill-turning streak of 10,000+.



Above: Robert Marshall turned this black-locust vase.



Above: Christine Smith turned these mushroom spinning tops, with ball-bearing tips, and mounted them on a burl.



Above: Pete Kaup turned this ambrosia maple bowl.

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