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# Brasstown Woodturners Guild

Newsletter — September 2, 2023 Meeting

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## What's up next?

**Read This Please** ▶ **Meeting rescheduled:** Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 30. This will be our “October” meeting, re-scheduled so that it doesn't conflict with the Folk School's Fall Festival event. It will replace the meeting which would otherwise have taken place on October 7; that date has been canceled to avoid the Fall Festival conflict. Our program for this meeting will be put on by Matt Monaco, whom we saw earlier in the year. Matt's a talented presenter, and will focus on turning shaped lidded container.

**Election of Officers:** We have 3 officers who are resigning, for whom we need replacements. We intend to nominate replacements at our September 30 meeting, and vote the new officers in during our November meeting.

Dennis Perez has served two years as President, and will be resigning at the end of the year. We need someone to replace Dennis as our presiding officer.

Jerry Wright intends to resign as our Treasurer at the end of the year, so we will need someone to carry out those responsibilities as well.

Robert Marshall has been secretary/newsletter editor for 5 years, and will be resigning at the end of this year. We need someone with writing skills, who can put together the text and photographs to make the newsletter useful and informative to our members. Is that you?

Mark Taylor has agreed to serve as Vice President for another year, in 2024. Bless you, Mark!

If you haven't served as an officer of our club recently, please consider doing so. The club won't run itself; we depend entirely on volunteers. Is it time for YOU to volunteer?

# September Meeting Notes

## Demonstration:



Kevin Felderhoff gave us a fascinating demonstration of something that had always seemed impossible to me: turning a wearable cowboy hat from a green wood blank. Admittedly, the one he turned during our meeting would only have fit a doll, but the technique shown was the same as for life-sized hats, and he's got a life-sized head to prove it (left).

He starts with a green half-round blank, mounted with a woodworm screw on the flat side. He turns away waste wood leaving enough remaining for the crown and the brim, with a tenon on top for reversing the mount. While still on the screw mount, he thins the brim to about 3/16th of an inch, using a light shining through it as a guide for uniformity.



Left: thinning the brim of the hat, with a shine-through light to guide the process.

After our meeting, Kevin provided links to two YouTube videos, which show the complete process for turning a hat. (These are among the resources he learned from; they are not his videos.)

<https://youtu.be/Vyk3OoHFK2g?si=3qAcUIbzpXX7wytM>

<https://youtu.be/1xDkZzQrMdQ?si=zxN1IE7rSsSxXm62>

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**Members selling tools:** No offerings this month; both Jerry Bassett and Mark Taylor sold the tools they had listed recently. So, if you have something to sell, send me an email and I'll include it in our next newsletter. It's free, and best of all, it seems to work.

**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>

**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>

Our next few raffles will probably have some turning blanks that have been provided to us by "Got Wood?" Buy some raffle tickets and check it out!

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## Show and Tell



Jerry Bassett turned these honey dippers, after Nick Cook's how-to demonstration. Also, right, these candle holders.



Robert Marshall's spalted hickory hollow-form, epoxy-finished.



Rex Chivers made this segmented vase



Kevin Felderhoff turned this wildy-shaped natural-edge hollow form, with some turquoise-filled voids.



One of Kevin Felderhoff's miniature cowboy hats, with my finger for scale.

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## Officers, Brasstown Woodturners Guild, 2023

President: Dennis Perez — Vice President: Mark Taylor — Treasurer: Gerry Wright  
Secretary: Robert Marshall — Advisers: Talmadge Murphey and Marsha Barnes

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### Membership application

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2022 MEMBERSHIP**

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