



Brasstown Woodturners Guild

Newsletter — September 30, 2023 Meeting

What's up next?

Saturday November 4, 2023 meeting: Our vice-president, Mark Taylor, is trying to put together a program of short demos, on turning Christmas ornaments. He's looking for several members who will each give a short working demonstration of an ornament project. We see lots of talented work every December, when we put on our Holiday Party/Lunch, and thus we know you guys have what it takes. So you need to share it with us: how do you make those things you show us every year? Please call Mark Taylor (678-515-6896) to secure your place in the limelight on November 4!

Election of Officers: We have 3 officers who are resigning at the end of 2023, for whom we need replacements: President (to replace Dennis Perez), Treasurer (to replace Jerry Wright) and Secretary (to replace me, Robert Marshall). The current officers will each be happy to provide new officers with a thorough and complete orientation to the jobs they will be undertaking, so 'not knowing how' is NOT a good reason to hold back from offering to serve.

Please recognize that without volunteers to do the work of the club, there can be no club. These are not jobs which do themselves; someone has to step up, or it won't get done and we won't have a club any more. If you haven't served as an officer for the club, either ever or in recent years, maybe it's your turn. Please, please: step up and volunteer!

October Meeting Notes

Demonstration:



Matt Monaco made his second appearance this year with the Brasstown Woodturners, to demonstrate bowl turning technique with a kiln-dried cherry blank. Matt is a full-time professional turner: <https://www.monacobowls.com/>

With his hand-ground tool sharpening (frequent!), Matt was making shavings as light and airy as spider-webs, for a tool-finish that hardly required sanding at all.

Matt's sharpening technique includes grinding what he calls a 'micro-bevel.' This is a second bevel, at the tip of the gouge, slightly steeper than the main bevel. It seems to work for the purpose of providing a very smooth 'final-cut' finish to his work. And Matt is one of those guys who keeps the grinder

within easy reach of the lathe, so that he's able to touch up the edge quickly as he turns.

Drill press available - floor stand, 14" - offered by member Greg Pillen, Murphy, NC, 828-494-4465. Incidentally, Greg was the source for the assortment of rough-turned bowls that were offered at our last meeting

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](http://www.turningblanks.net) in Donalds, SC (not near anything!) But lots of turning blanks for sale. Website: <https://www.turningblanks.net/pages/about-us>

Show and Tell



Pete Kaup's hollow-form elm burl (left top) and natural edge elm burl (left bottom and above).



Steve Kantor's tall vase was determined to crack!

Officers, Brasstown Woodturners Guild, 2023

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

Membership application

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2022 MEMBERSHIP**

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