

THE SKEWED VIEW

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BI-CITY WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER



**Our July Meeting was held at the CSU:
the Corn Center for Fine Arts.
Matthew Isaacson was
Professor du jour.**

Thinking outside the box (or bowl) was the challenge posed. Matthew gave critiques and presented many "fresh" perspectives to the world of shape & form. He threw a pot or two, too.



**The August 8th meeting is back at our
usual location (Cols Tech)
Joe Gettys will present during an ALL
DAY Demo
Plan to stay with us for the afternoon
session (\$20).**

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Art Class Photos, etc.

Matthew Isaacson started our Saturday session with an overview of style, form and factors that influence both. He proceeded to review the objects that had been brought with his own “artsy” perspective. He definitely likes a lip that you can drink from :) Matthew then presented a “Slide show” further explaining the many facets that influence “the artistic form”. The effort he had expended for our benefit was obvious.

Thanks again to Matthew.

The final portion of the morning was in the “Shop”/ Oops I mean Studio... Matthew gave quite an informative presentation on the techniques of “throwing pottery” and the creative potential of this art form.

Philip Peckham



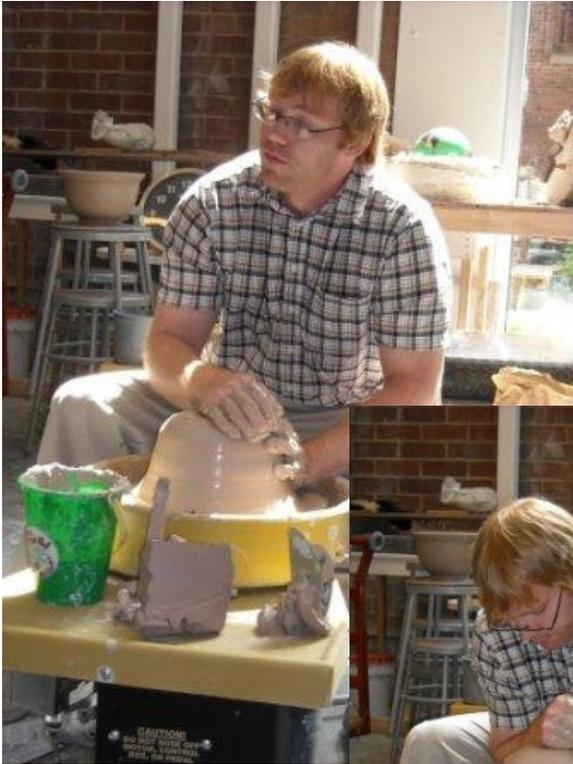
Member Feedback for July Meeting:

Bill–I really enjoyed the club meeting yesterday and getting to talk with Matthew. I gave him one of my pens after the meeting and I think he really appreciated it.

You might want to talk to Dawson and Bob to see if they think the club would like to exhibit our bowls and items at the Corn Center. Matthew said he thought they would love to have us do an exhibition and if we were interested to contact the gallery director, Hannah Israel. Might be another opportunity to get more young folks involved in woodturning as well as showing off our projects to the general public. Appreciate all of your help!!

Bill Pope

Art Class Photos, (cont)



He picked this bowl up alot..I think he liked it..

I do ;)



What did he say? He could do ONE a minute?? WOW.

Yeah but he doesn't have to sand.

Classifieds

If you have anything for sale or want to buy anything associated with woodworking or woodturning let me know, it can be listed here. Contact: Our Classified Section Committee Chair person (hmm who can that be...) Until we get one, contact Philip Peckham @ 706-568-3825 or e-mail to roulff@hotmail.com

CA Glue Thin, Medium, and Thick
 2 ozs \$6.00
 EZ Bond Rubber 2 oz \$6.00
 Debonder 2 oz \$4.00
 Accelerator 2 oz. \$4.00
 Accelerator Aero 7 oz \$6.00

We have a new shipment of sandpaper. It is being sold in 3"x39" hook/loop strips for **\$ 3.00**. Grades on hand are: 80, 120, 180, 240, 320, 400. I also have 2" sanding pads (3 each) for \$6.00. Fred Phillips 706-568-3466

Club Shirts and Hats



Bi-City Woodturners shirts \$30 XXL & up \$32
 Bi-City Woodturners hats \$14.00
 Contact: Fred Phillips
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Up Coming Events Calendar -

August-Joe Gettys-Former demonstrator for Jet/Powermatic. Program to be decided. Can do anything. Suggestions are welcome. (ALL DAY EVENT)

September- Steve Ainsworth-pewter spinning, jewelry, inside-out hollowing for pierced pieces, possibly tool making

Sept 18~20—Turning Southern Style. Unicoi State Park (Helen, GA)

October-Leroy Paul

November-TBA

December-TBA

Turning Southern Style. Unicoi State Park

Turning Southern Style XV

The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW), dedicated to providing education, information and organization to those interested in woodturning, will be presenting its annual symposium, "Turning Southern Style XV". This year's event will again be held at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge near Helen, Georgia on September 18-20, 2009.

GAW sponsors this annual event which features some of the world's leading woodturners and turning artisans.

This year's featured turners include:

Bill Grumbine, Art Liestman, and Al Stirt.

Also featured are:

Nick Cook, Joe Gettys, Wes Jones, and Dave Barriger.

Instant Gallery:

The instant gallery will return as a favorite and we invite each participant to display up to four pieces of his/her work for all to enjoy.

Saturday Night Dinner and Auction:

Prior to our auction, there will be a banquet dinner on Saturday evening. As always, all proceeds from the auction support continuing education in woodturning through our scholarship program. We encourage all who participate in the symposium to donate a piece to our Saturday Night Auction to benefit the scholarship fund.

For Further Information:

For additional information and pricing, please visit www.gawoodturner.org.

You are encouraged to register prior to August 1, 2009. Refunds for cancellations will be given up to September 1, 2009. Registration may be limited, so act quickly.

To register:

Visit www.gawoodturner.org. Print and complete the registration form and mail it, along with your check, to:
Georgia Association of Woodturners
c/o Harvey Meyer
5174 Waterford Drive
Dunwoody GA 30338

If you would like a brochure, visit www.gawoodturner.org or contact :
Harvey Meyer,
Symposium Chairman
The Georgia Association of Woodturners
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Has everyone seen our new
SIT DOWN One-Way
Lathe???



***Pictures From Show and Tell—
Sorry but No Show & Tell for July***

Message from our New Web Master? Bill McWhirter:

To the membership:

WEBSITE

Malcolm has grown weary of maintaining the club website, so I am probably going to take over its management for the time being. I still have to get a few logistic problems worked out, so we will just have to see how it goes. I am starting to build it at another address that I own and I am asking for volunteers to help me proof it. Any takers?

Must be able to read and write English.

Would also like to have someone to help with the management. It is always good to have someone else that understands how to add or change stuff on the pages. No special software or hardware is required since the software will reside on the server. (i.e., Mac or PC or Linux machines all work)

Many thanks to Malcolm for all his efforts over the years. He is doing a great job. I may let him keep it.

I would like to add the following pages to the website. If any of this applies to you, send your stuff in now.

***Classified Ads*-For sale, wanted, barter, free, etc. If you have something you would like to list, send me a description.**

***A list of mentors*. You do not have to be a professional turner to help someone. To help someone, all you need to know is just a bit more than the one you are trying to help. If you are willing to help someone, send me your name, when you are available, skill level, what you can help someone learn to do (spindles, bowls, hollowforms, pens, wine stoppers, etc). This is in addition to the Monday sessions.**

***Expanded galleries*. I would like to post a gallery for anyone that want to display his stuff. Send your pictures by email or bring them to me on a CD. Give me the best quality you can get and I will resize them. Also, it is no problem to add a few comments about your stuff, yourself, etc to your gallery page if you desire. Pictures of you at the beach in a speedo will *not *be allowed however.**

If you do not want to photograph your own stuff, bring your stuff to my house and I will help you photograph it. I have a photo "cube" light box and lights and a camera. Just call first.

Visit the New Club test Website at <http://dogwoodturner.com/>

***Message from our Demonstration Chairman:
Bill McWhirter:***

***PROGRAMS ***

I need help. I can find out-of-town people to do all-day programs for pay. The costs to get someone from out-of-town is about the same to do a half-day as a whole-day program. It takes about 20 members paying the \$20 for the afternoon session to break even. I need to find people who are willing to do an hour demo us. If there is something you can show the club, please let me know. It does not have to be elaborate. We are a very forgiving audience. If you see someone give a demo at a symposium or another club, etc. and you think that they would be a good club demo, get their contact info.

Also, what do you want to see demonstrated?

Do we even want to have demos at each meeting?

Comments, ads, opinions wanted. Just email or call.

Bill

He made it look so easy...
But look at the size of those
arms!!!
Just like mine ...use to be :(



Educational Corner:

TIPS FOR EBONIZING WOOD

Recently I've experimented further with the ebonizing walnut technique and tried it on other species of wood.

The ebonizing solution is made with two common products: vinegar and steel wool. A plastic jar with a plastic lid is best to use because the lid won't rust (see **Photo 1**).



Photo 1

New and improved

To make ebonizing solution put a coarse steel wool pad in the jar and pour in enough vinegar to cover it, loosely screw the lid on the jar. If the pad is not totally submerged rust will quickly form on the portion exposed to air. After about twenty-four hours pour the vinegar in another jar. Don't squeeze the vinegar out of the pad or you may get bits of metal in the liquid, which will rust, then just brush the solution on the contoured project pieces you want ebonized

I've found the best results come from mixing a fresh batch of solution as you need it, rather than saving it for a long time. I don't know if this solution is toxic but it certainly can't be a good thing to ingest so be sure to label the jar and keep it out of the reach of children.

Interesting effects

Besides ebonizing walnut you can get interesting results on other species of wood (see **Photo 2**). It surprised me how many species of wood turned black, and the open grain of oak had a nice two-tone effect.

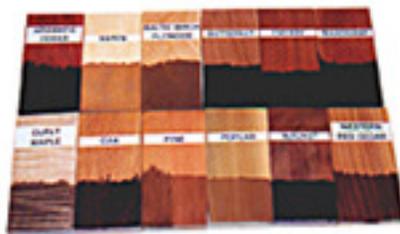


Photo 2

Educational Corner: (continued)

TIPS FOR EBONIZING WOOD (cont)

Diluting the solution with water creates a lighter shade of grey on maple (see **Photo 3**). On the top of the curly maple block shown I mixed two parts water to one part solution, while the bottom was treated with full strength solution. You may want to experiment further with this.



Photo 3

Finishing

After applying ebonizing solution with a brush, I let it dry overnight. If the grain is raised, lightly go over it with a non-woven abrasive pad or a sanding mop with 180-grit abrasive. The only finishes I've used over ebonized wood is *Delta* or *Krylon* spray, they both worked fine. If you prefer using another type of finish try it out on ebonized scrap wood first.

Home Made Danish Oil:

Contributed by Bill McWhirter -

- 1 part mineral spirits
 - 1 part boiled linseed oil
 - 1 part polyurethane (gloss, semigloss, flat???)
- I would think gloss since it has fewer additives.

Need Some Anchor Seal???

This is the best Deal I've found (P. Peckham)

try this link: 5 gal = \$69 (with free shipping) a pretty good deal. \$14/gal is probably the best deal to be found. <https://www.uccoatings.com/Home/WebStore?ProductSKU=AS5G>

Sorry..
Didn't get July in time
OR
I lost it...?

Monthly Financial Report

Bi-City Woodturners
Month of June, 2009

Starting balance – June 1.....	\$7,896.77
EXPENSES:	
Purchases:	
P.Johnson (wheels for lathe).....	315.00
D.McLemore (Penn State).....	147.15
D.McLemore (Lowes).....	33.96 (encumbered)
D.McLemore (Hartville Tool).....	517.81
AAW.....	550.00
F.Feaster (wood for soldiers).....	100.00
D.Hardesty (sodas).....	48.64
B.Ingram (picnic).....	176.79
B.Ingram (Walmart).....	55.91
B.Ingram (Walmart).....	106.09
B.Ingram (Winn-Dixie).....	12.83
TOTAL EXPENSES:	2,064.18
INCOME:	
Raffle.....	87.00
Supplies (F.Phillips).....	218.00
AAW.....	550.00
Arts in the Park.....	672.00
Membership.....	535.00
TOTAL INCOME:	2,062.00
Ending balance – June 30.....	\$7,894.59
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“THE SKEWED VIEW” NEWSLETTER TEAM

SR EDITOR—PHILIP PECKHAM

DEMO PHOTOGRAPHER —MICHAEL DUNBAR

SHOW & TELL PHOTOGRAPHER— BILL POPE

As no official business meeting was held at our July 11th Meeting (CSU art class) the June meeting minutes are being re-printed here.....

BiCity Wood Turning Club Minutes

Key items from June 13th, 2009 meeting:

- Meeting was opened by President Dawson McLemore
- Several Visitors and New Members this month.
- Again it was stress to all to SIGN IN. It's the only way we have to get in touch with you.

If your e-mail address has changed tell me.

New members are asked to send me (Club Secretary) an e-mail. This way there are no typos or boo-boos in getting your e-mail correct. My e-mail is roulff@hotmail.com (Philip Peckham)

- Minutes from last meeting were read.
 - Treasurer's report was given by Ken Lawson: ending Balance at ~\$7,896. see treasurer's report in the newsletter for exact details.
 - Store: regular stuff – plenty of glue and sand paper.
 - Club DUES are due. Individual dues are \$35. Please see Ken Lawson. We will send out reminders via e-mail.
 - Jere Richardson addressed the club: Seems our clean-up at our May meeting was a bit sloppy. Trash & debris left about. Chairs not put up. Our photo back drop has turn up missing. Some one said it was not put up?? Needless to say he received a scolding (again). We ALL NEED to participate in the end of the meeting activities, especially at the end of an all day demo.
 - Jere Richardson then brought the topic of Election of Officers (for the upcoming 2 year term July 2009 to July 2011. The nominating committee presented the following list of names for officers:
 - Dawson McLemore – President
 - Bpb Ingram – Vice President
 - Treasurer – Ken Lawson
 - Secretary – Philip Peckham
- There were no other nominations from the floor. Norm Martin motioned and several seconded that the names presented be accepted. All members present vote yes. Conrats to all.
- Picnic report was given by Dawson. It was GREAT. A special thanks to Bob Ingram for the location and his special touch as Master of Ceremonies. The team turning challenge was lots of fun. I think it was a draw. WE WILL DO THIS AGAIN.
 - Art in the parks was a success. Income from the sales was ~\$700+ not as good as the past but still a good club fund raiser.
 - Our Club lathe (Jet) has a new set of rolling "feets". NO more lifting required.

BiCity Wood Turning Club Minutes

Key items from June 13th, 2009 meeting: **(continued)**

- Dawson spoke on the value of AAW membership. The insurance alone is worth it. Plus the magazine.
- Ron Britton (Newnan GA club President) said they will be having Joe Getty as a demonstrator this Tuesday (6/16) at the Redmon's store. Contact Dawson if you want to go.
- Wounded Warrior Update: next Soldier's visit to Dawson's will be on Monday 6/22. The last session was great a VERY rewarding to those who could make it.
- Bill McWhirter gave an update for our upcoming meeting's demos and topics. See the Newsletter for details.
- Get with Bill for ANY suggestions of what you want for future meetings.
- Eufaula Street Art & Music Festival – June 27th. Club event 3 booths for \$100. Event 9AM to 5PM CST.
Set up at 9AM EST (8AM CST). Get with Dawson on directions.
- Another Eufaula even is scheduled for October. Club will decide to participate at a later date.
- Turning Southern Style – Helen GA / Unicoi State park – September - 4 or 5 members will go.
- Our sit down lathe: Dawson contacted AAW for the return of the \$1,100 check. Malcomb Tibbets told him to keep \$550 and return \$550. We have done so. The \$550 (plus more) has been spent for accessories, chuck and the like for the Wounded Warrior Program and this lathe's set-up.
- AAW wants to get info & pictures on this program for an article about our efforts. As Jeffrey Saeli pointed out, WE MUST get PERMISSION for the Provost Marshall's (?) office before photos of Soldiers in Uniform can be shown in ANY magazine.
- Saturday June 20th Road trip to Mark Silay's store for a truck load of wood. Anyone wanting to go, should contact Dawson
- Show & Tell was held along with the Wood & Quarterly Raffle
- No project of the month was discussed..... we do need more canes tho'
- Dawson then gave a lathe shaking demo on Eccentric Vases (or Potty Jars ;) THANK YOU DAWSON.

Things to Remember:

Next club meeting is August 8th, 2009.

Meeting starts at 9:00 am at Columbus Tech Wood Shop

Please come and bring a guest.

Bring those items for Show and Tell.

Bring some wood for our wood raffle, it benefits our Club.

