

Northeast Florida Woodturners Association welcomes you!

About Us

This club is made up of turners of all skill levels, from the “newbie” who just bought a lathe to the veteran turners with decades of experience. Our members are from the NE Florida/SE Georgia areas who meet monthly to further our woodturning knowledge and skills. We do this by providing demonstrations at the monthly meetings, hands-on experience through club Turn Arounds and bringing in nationally and internationally known demonstrators several times each year. We also give back to the community by participating in a number of charitable events which are listed below.

Visit our website to learn more about the club

www.jaxturners.org

(The password to reach the members area is: (** Join the club and get the password**) Here you will find info on our activities, a club calendar, our newsletter, and links to info of interest to turners. You will also find, in the Members' Area, a list of club members with their contact info. This is provided so you can reach out to a member with questions or to ask for help with something.

Find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/NortheastFloridaWoodturners/

Find us on Google at: <https://plus.google.com/+NorthEastFloridaWoodturnersAssociation>

Find us on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/jaxturners>

Your membership benefits include:

- Monthly Meetings and camaraderie with turners of all skill levels
- Monthly demonstrations by our local club members or regional demonstrators
- Monthly wood raffles
- Monthly show and tell to display and discuss your latest creations
- Biannual National and International demonstrators
- Access to our extensive library of books and DVDs
- 10% discount at Woodcraft

General Information: The club is incorporated in the State of Florida as a not for profit corporation. The club has been in existence since about 1998. There are about 65 active members at any given time. The club is governed by a Board made up of 5 club member volunteers who serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past

President. There are several committees reporting to the board including: monthly programs, national programs, community outreach, social media and library, website, safety, membership, and facilities. Current volunteers filling these positions can be found on the club website. The board and committee coordinators meet about 3 times a year to manage the club's business and explore ways to improve all aspects of the club.

Fees: Annual dues are \$25 in 2017. Dues will rise to \$35 in 2018.

Programs

Monthly meeting: 2nd Monday of each month, from 6-9 pm at Woodcraft of Jacksonville
(See the NFWA website for the schedule, topics and times for upcoming meetings)

Woodcraft
11160 Beach Blvd.
Suite 121
Jacksonville, FL 32246
904-721-9796

Club meetings typically consist of

- A discussion of club business and useful information for club members by the President.
- A safety topic
- Usually a wood raffle. Members are invited to bring cut wood, tools or other items for the club to give away in the raffle. You can buy a raffle ticket for \$1 each. Tickets are drawn during a meeting break and winners get their choice of wood or one of the other donated items to take home. While not guaranteed, you will almost always get one or more pieces of wood.
- A demonstration by either a regional demonstrator or another club member.
Demonstrations in 2017 so far have covered sharpening, methods to make wood black, milk painting, spindle turning, and turning a natural edge bowl.

Biannual National/International Demonstrators - Twice a year on a Saturday, the club brings in a National or International demonstrator. The professional will spend about 6 hours showing club members some aspect of woodturning, usually a method they use as part of their professional careers.

Sunday following the Saturday demonstration will be an optional Hands-On experience with the professional demonstrator in a small group. There is an additional cost for this.

Charitable work

Members are encouraged (but not required) to assist with charitable work.

Beads of Courage provides innovative supportive care programs for children coping with serious illness, their families and the health care providers who care for them. Beads of courage works to transform the treatment experience for children coping with chronic, life threatening illness through arts-in-medicine programs.

Safe Harbor is an established nonprofit maritime-based boarding school based in Jacksonville, Florida. Boys in minor trouble with the law or who are exhibiting bad behavior or disrespect are taught responsibility, self-respect and respect for others through around the clock mentoring and counseling. NFWA teaches woodturning at the Safe Harbor School as part of the boys' development and education. We teach basic woodturning and serve as role models for the boys to follow.

ZOOLights is an annual event held at the Jacksonville Zoo during the Christmas Holiday season. Thousands of LED lights transform the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens into a luminous winter wonderland filled with moving sculptures, forests of lighted trees and animal silhouettes. Guests have the opportunity to view sculptures and performances by local artists including NFWA volunteers demonstrating woodturning and giving away small turned objects and toys.

Empty Bowls for the AAW is an event at the annual AAW symposium where attendees donate a turned bowl that is then sold for \$25 with all of the proceeds donated to a charity in the community that is hosting the symposium.

Woodcraft sponsored **Mothers' Day Bowls** with the proceeds given to the Beads of Courage program.

Library: We have an extensive library of books, and DVDs which members can check out for a full month at no charge. No matter your skill or experience level, we have books and videos just for you. If you think you are pretty good already, we have advanced information that will challenge your skills. A list of available library materials is available on the club website.

Christmas party: The club holds an annual Christmas party for members and a guest, to celebrate the year's accomplishments and to enjoy each other's company in a festive atmosphere.

Northeast Florida Woodturning Association Affiliations

The Florida Woodturning Symposium



If you are ready for some immersion therapy in woodturning, this annual symposium presents an opportunity to mingle with a large group of woodturners, watch some great demonstrations, shop for products and get advice from experts. There are also lottery style drawings for scholarships to some of the top woodturning schools in the country. The symposium is held at the Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center (southeast of Ocala - about 2 hours' drive from Jacksonville). It is typically near the end of January or early February. The event starts on a Friday at noon and goes until noon on Sunday (there are options for having hands on time with demonstrators for an added cost).

There are typically 4 national/international and 4 regional demonstrators showing many different aspects of turning during 1 hour and 15 minute rotations. These teaching sessions are scheduled so that you can watch 8 different sessions with multiple different demonstrators over the course of three days. Food and lodging are provided at the conference center. Check out the website for optional packages and pricing.

There will also be quite a few vendors marketing their turning tools, wood and supplies. So if you want to do some window shopping, or you need something for your shop, this is as good as it's going to get.

For more information, check out their website

<http://floridawoodturningsymposium.com/>

Woodcraft Support



The club has a special relationship with our local Woodcraft store. Woodcraft allows us to use their classroom facility for club meetings, Saturday and Sunday events and other club business.

Woodcraft gives Turning club members a 10% discount on purchases made in the store.

American Association of Woodturners - We are an affiliate of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW), Chapter #130.



AAW website is: www.woodturner.org

Membership in the national organization plugs you into the worldwide woodturning community and is highly recommended. Their dues are \$60 per year, which includes copies of their terrific bi-monthly magazine, "American Woodturner" (and access to their online archives of every magazine published since Vol. 1, Issue 1), the annual Resource Directory, Online videos and books, a forum for sharing, access to sponsored events, etc.

The AAW also sponsors an **annual symposium** which for 2017 will be held in Kansas City, Mo



These annual conferences bring together more than more than 1,500 turners from around the globe to learn, share, and celebrate the art and craft of woodturning making it the largest woodturning event in the world. The Symposium features classroom-style demonstrations led by internationally known woodturners and top woodturning talent, as well as topics that appeal to wide variety of skill levels — bowls, boxes, vessels, hollow forms, spheres, spindle turning, multi-axis turning, segmented turning, natural edge turning, ornament, jewelry, finishing techniques, surface design, texture and embellishment, to name a few.