

Gulf Coast Woodturners Association

# GCWA Newsletter

May 1999

## Retreat III - May 15-16

The Spring Retreat will be a hands-on weekend of woodturning and wood learning, completely devised by-and-for members of the Gulf Coast Woodturners Association. There will be a variety of classes for all levels of skills. All sessions will take place in a large air conditioned building at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

You will need to bring your own turning tools, and a face shield is required. We would greatly appreciate the use of your lathe for the weekend - please contact Murray Powell (mpowell@wantabe.com, or 713-682-2810) ASAP.

Sessions will go from 9am-5pm on Saturday, May 15, and 9am-3pm on Sunday, May 16. There will be a total of 5 sessions, with 6 classes in each session.

Meals, and Snacks - The two lunches will be provided by Katfish Kitchen, and there will be a Hospitality area hosted by Linda Box.. Sorry, but we are not set up to help you with special dietary needs.

Instant Gallery - Please bring 4 or so of your turnings to be displayed in our Instant Gallery. This will be an informal event, with no official judging or awards - just show us your work.

At 3:00 on Sunday afternoon, May 16, we will hold the Door Prize and Raffle drawings (you must be present to win). Prizes include 3-day

woodturning courses at Craft Supplies in Provo, UT; products from Klingspor Sanding Catalog, Timberwolf bandsaw blades, a Jet Dust Collector, turning tools and more.

Please note: We can comfortably accommodate about 80 participants. Please get your registration in early to guarantee a spot.

The Fine Print:

GCWA Members and each additional family member register for \$25 per person for Saturday and/or Sunday.

Retreat is restricted to current GCWA members - others must enclose an additional \$18 to join.

Woodturning is a potentially dangerous activity, and your safety starts with you. You must bring eye/face protection devices.

Bring wood! Logs for the chainsaw demo; turning squares of all sizes; roughed cylinders for spindles and boxes; slabs and bandsawed blanks for bowls, green & dry. Bring wood!

Reminder - depending upon the number of lathes we have, we reserve the right to cap registrations at 80 persons.

### Election Time

Your GCWA officers effective June 1st are:

President - Thomas Irven

Vice-president - Murray Powell

Board Member - Chuck Garrett

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## GCWA Retreat III

**Hands-on Learning**

**Montgomery County Fairgrounds**

**May 15-16, 1999**

GCWA is affiliated with the American Association of Woodturners. GCWA meetings are usually held at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Check the last page for our Calendar of Events. Annual dues are \$18. Dues may be mailed to Helen Young, 2502 Esther Ave., Pasadena TX 77502-3239. Make your check payable to GCWA or Gulf Coast Woodturners Association.

## 1999 GCWA Spring Retreat

The member registration fee for the entire weekend includes participation in all events, including demonstrations, hands-on events, Instant Gallery, and scheduled meals on Saturday and Sunday.

Spring Retreat registration is restricted to GCWA members and their spouses. If you want to register a friend, include \$18 GCWA membership dues.

Registration: GCWA Member and each additional family participant will be \$25. for both days or one day. Fees will not be prorated.

Non-participating member will be charged for meals only, \$10 per meal.

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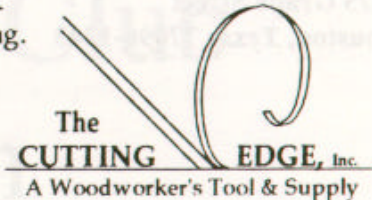
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# Calendar of Events

**May 11, 1999** ~ 7:30 PM ~ Executive Board Meeting @ The Cutting Edge.

**May 15-16, 1999** ~ GCWA 3rd annual Turning Retreat, Hands-on Learning, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Conroe, TX.

**June 7, 1999** ~ 7:00 PM ~ First Monday at The Cutting Edge, 7123 Southwest Freeway on the north (inbound) feeder road, just north of Bellaire Blvd.

**June 19, 1999** ~ GCWA meeting @ Thomas Irven

**July 17, 1999** ~ GCWA meeting @ Woodwright Woodworking

**August 21, 1999** ~ GCWA meeting @ Woodcraft

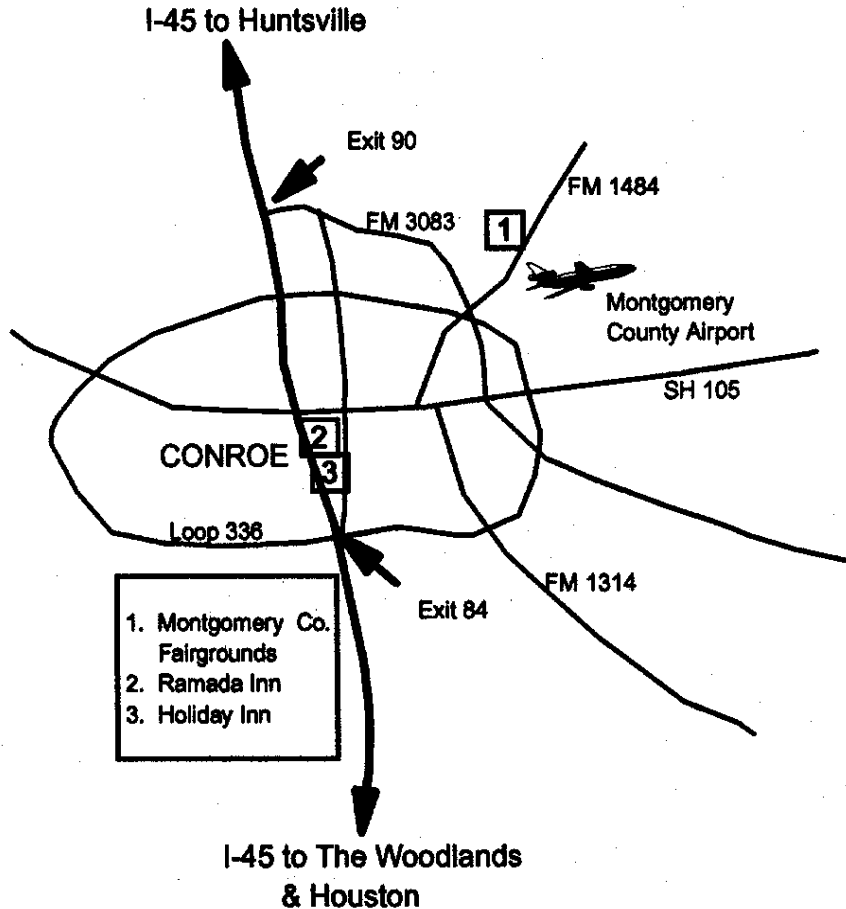
**September 18, 1999** ~ GCWA meeting @ The Cutting Edge

**October 9-10, 1999** ~ Texas Turn or Two, Maricopa Ranch

**October 16, 1999** ~ GCWA meeting - Woodcraft

**November 20, 1999** ~ GCWA meeting - Woodwright Woodworking

**December 18, 1999** ~ GCWA meeting - open



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# GCWA RETREAT III

May 15 16, 1999  
Montgomery County Fairgrounds  
Conroe, Texas

## Class Descriptions

### **Segmented Turning** – Hands On

Howard Moore, Richard Chambless and the Conroe Gang invite you to spend one or more classes learning about the art of fitting multiple pieces of wood together and coming out with a unique turning. Howard says, “it’s tedious, but not hard.” All skill levels are welcome.

### **Fun @ the Lathe** – Hands On

Don Philpot has a variety of projects available, and all of them will help hone your skills. He does request that we bring plenty of blanks that are already roughed out, and that the Club’s long-timers stop by to assist beginning turners. Check with Don before (and during) the Retreat and ask how you can help him.

### **Skew Chisel** – Hands On

Bruno Wesolek is the first to disclaim his expertise with a skew, but states that learning how to use a skew is an invaluable and rewarding skill for the woodturner. All experience levels welcome.

### **Single Spiral Spindle** – Hands On

Bruno will also show how to create a simple spiral around a spindle. Once mastered, the design possibilities are endless.

### **Square-edged Turnings** – Hands On

Jose Berrios shows you how to get something off the lathe with square edges – quite a trick! This technique can be used for bowls or platters. *This class is for intermediate & advanced turners.*

### **Sharpening** – Hands On

You can not effectively turn wood without sharp tools – before you master the lathe, you’ll have to become friends with your grinder. (Note: By will not sharpen your tools for you all weekend, but will show you how.)

### **Roughing Out** – Hands On

By Reed will help you get a project roughed out and properly “launched” toward becoming a finished piece.

### **Side-Ground Gouge** – Hands On

Steve Russell shows how a side-grind (also called an Irish Grind) can greatly increase the versatility of a bowl gouge. Grinding jigs can help achieve this grind, but Steve will show free-hand techniques.

### **YoYo’s** – Hands On

Diana Gahagan will get you up to speed and spinning with this fun project. YoYo’s are back in a big way these days – come and see how to make them.

### **Pen Making** – Hands On

There’s a lot of satisfaction, if not profit, in making distinctive writing instruments. Boyce has made a bunch of them, and will show you how.

### **Boxes** – Hands On

Whether you call them boxes or “little lidded containers” Dave Greenwalt will help you get through all the steps that are involved.

**Natural Edge Bowls – Hands On**

Bill Hubbard will help you with both technique and design considerations to create bowls with a rim of bark. Natural edge vessels always draw lots of favorable comments.

**Rattles – Hands On**

Thomas Irven has the perfect baby gift – and you’ll learn some skills about turning loose rings.

**Hollowed Ornaments – Hands On**

Whether you think of them as New Age Orbs or just plain old Christmas ornaments, Murray Powell will help you create small works of art. The challenge is in hollowing, and also the finials.

**Drum Turning – Hands On**

Leave it to Gary Rodgers to come up with a unique project! Come see what he’s up to.

**Weed Pots – Hands On**

Dale Barrack will focus on a project that will test your eye and design skills, all while improving your spindle skills.

**Chainsaw Safety and Techniques – Demonstration; Class held outside (!)**

For many years Tony Salmon sold chainsaws, and now he is the lead Stihl representative for demonstrating saws over a wide region in Texas. Green wood logs are a prime source for woodturners, so come and learn how to tame your chainsaw.

**Wooden Flowers – Demonstration**

Jim Keller will demonstrate the steps involved in turning one of his famous long-stem flowers.

**Photograph Your Work – Demonstration**

Whether you just want to share photos of your pieces with friends, or need to submit a portfolio to a gallery, Thomas Irven will go through the procedures.

**McNaughton System – Demonstration**

Steve Russell will show how to core out a bowl blank to get 2 or more roughed pieces from one blank. Steve will bring his McNaughton tools.

**Please Note:**

Your safety begin with you. You must bring & use eye/face protection at the Retreat. If a technique doesn’t look or “feel” safe to you, then don’t attempt it. To state an obvious truth, no beer or alcohol will be permitted during the weekend.

**What to bring?**

In addition to your face shield, throw in every tool you own. If you don’t bring it, you’ll need it. One suggestion is to put your tools (point down) in a 5-gallon paint bucket for easy carrying.

**We need wood!** Logs for the chainsaw demo; turning squares of all sizes; roughed cylinders for spindles and boxes; slabs and bandsawed blanks for bowls, green & dry. **BRING WOOD!**

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	Area 6
Saturday May 15 9:00 – 11:30am	<b>Segmented Turning</b> Howard Moore, Richard Chambless	<b>Fun @ the Lathe</b> Don Philpot	<b>Tool Sharpening</b> By Reed	<b>Skew Chisel</b> Bruno Wesolek	<b>Square Turnings</b> Jose Berrios (Int. & Adv'd)	<b>Chainsaw Safety &amp; Techniques (Demonstration)</b> Tony Salmon, Stihl Rep.
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Saturday 12:45 – 2:45pm	<b>Segmented Turning</b> Howard Moore, Richard Chambless	<b>Fun @ the Lathe</b> Don Philpot	<b>Roughing Out</b> By Reed	<b>“Flower” (Demonstration)</b> Jim Keller	<b>Hollowed Ornaments</b> Murray Powell	<b>Chainsaw Safety &amp; Techniques (Demonstration)</b> Tony Salmon, Stihl Rep.
Saturday 3:00 – 5:00pm			<b>Side-Ground Gouge</b> Steve Russell	<b>Photographing Your Work (Demonstration)</b> Thomas Irven	<b>Yo Yo’s</b> Diana Gahagan	<b>Boxes</b> Dave Greenwalt
Sunday May 16 8:30 – 11:30am			<b>Natural Edge Bowls</b> Bill Hubbard	<b>Single Spiral Spindle</b> Bruno Wesolek	<b>Pens</b> Boyce Gahagan	<b>Boxes</b> Dave Greenwalt
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Note: Your safety begins with you -- Bring your own face shield, and be careful. Bring your own lathe tools – all of them. At a *bare* minimum, bring a spindle gouge, parting tool and bowl gouge. We will try to furnish functioning lathes for hands-on classes – did you volunteer to bring yours?

Note: Unless indicated, all classes are “hands-on.” We will all help clean up the building at 3:00 on Sunday. The Door Prize & Raffle drawing will be held after Clean Up – you must be present to win.