GOLDEN ISLES WOODWORKERS AND WOODTURNERS

BRUNSWICK, GA

SEPTEMBER 2026

MEETING:

Our monthly meeting will be held on

September 12, 2026, 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1105 Union Street, Brunswick, GA

VISITORS WELCOME

DEMO:

Steve Dmetruk

Segmented Turning

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FROM THE WOOD SHOP OF THE PRESIDENT

The dog days of summer are here, bringing hot, humid days. Whether you are working in the shop or outside, pay attention to what your body needs. It is easy to get caught up in a project—I know I do—and before long, the heat can start to take a toll. Stay hydrated and take time to cool down when needed.

A big thanks to Ray for doing the demo on using a scroll saw last month. I think he enlightened us how to get the most out of a scroll saw.

This month's demo will be by Steve Dmetruk. We have had demos on segmented turning before, but he will bring a different approach to doing segmented turning. Come and see.

For the October show on Jekyll, and any other times for that matter, if you sell a bowl, platter, or any other item that will be used with food, indicate if the finish applied is food safe. Not all finishes are food safe and we know that, but does the normal consumer know that.

Next month (October), we will be teaming up with Michael Jinkins, a local artist, and be part of the show at Goodyear Exhibit. On the 4th of October, there will be a reception at Goodyear Cottage from 1 to 3 pm. PLEASE plan to come out, support your fellow woodworkers, see our displays, and chat with visitors as they wander through. We would love to see you. The show will continue until the end of the month. Actual end date is October 30 as the 31st will be reserved for the little ghosts and goblins.

I have been made aware that there is space available at the old firehouse on Jekyll Island near Goodyear Cottage. I was asked if we would be interested in teaching a class, a wood working class of any sort. This is something that could be done but I would like to discuss with the group. I do know of one person from our group who is already set to do a class there. It is something to think about.

Updated Club Group Photo Needed
After reviewing recent club photos, it became clear that we need an updated group picture. The photos currently on hand were taken several years ago, and a new image would be useful for a variety of club purposes. JIAA has also requested a photo of GIWW members for use in the Goodyear Exhibit.

Club board officer elections will be held in November. If you are interested in serving in any position, please let us know. Inasmuch as Herb has requested he be replaced immediately as Treasurer due to health reasons, Gerald Dukes will take over as treasurer for the remainder of the year. Our sincere thanks to Herb for maintaining the books and helping keep the club's finances on track and for Gerald for agreeing to finish out 2026 as Treasurer.

Each month, the newsletter will include a safety tip and a shop tip or trick. I hope to keep this feature going regularly, but the best ideas often come from you, our club members. We have all learned useful lessons through experience, so please share your tips to help others learn as well. Send your suggestions to giww@giww.org.

Ken Honadel, GIWW President

Shop Safety tip

Safety Rules Every Woodworker Should Know, take from the WOODWORING WEB. Only a couple have been pulled for this newsletter.

Wear The Right Clothes
The problem with wearing baggy or loose clothes is the very high chance that a part of them might get caught in a cutting head or saw blade. As a result, try to always wear clothes that you are a better match for the woodworking environment, but also protect you. Also always ensure that any dangling jewelry or metal such as chains or bracelets, are removed before commencing work.

Never Reach Over A Running Blade
Always wait until a spinning blade has stopped moving before reaching to remove waste or cut-offs etc. Or to be on the extremely safe side, remove waste by using a push stick or piece of scrap so as to ensure an inadvertent power tool switch malfunction, doesn't turn deadly.

Shop tricks and tips

Read the Instructions Before You Begin

When we get a new tool or woodworking kit, it is tempting to skim the directions and jump right in. However, taking a few minutes to read the operating instructions can save time, prevent frustration, and help avoid costly mistakes.

Even if you already understand the basic setup, the instructions may include important details, such as:

- steps that must be completed in a specific order;
- safety precautions for proper use; and
- tips that help the tool or kit work as intended.

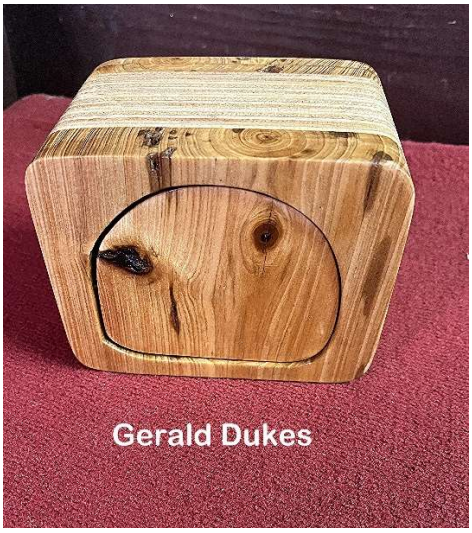
A quick review before starting can make the project go more smoothly and help keep a good day in the shop from turning into a difficult one.

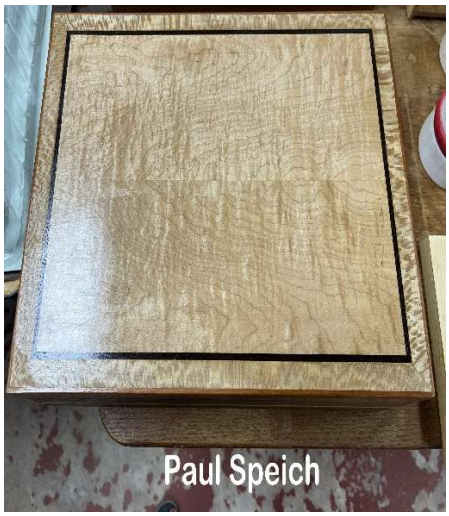
Humor Corner

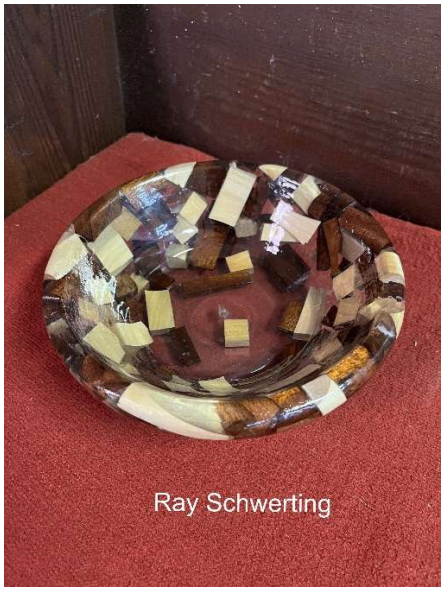
What is a woodworker's greatest fear? Dying and having their spouse sell their tools for what they *said* they paid for them!

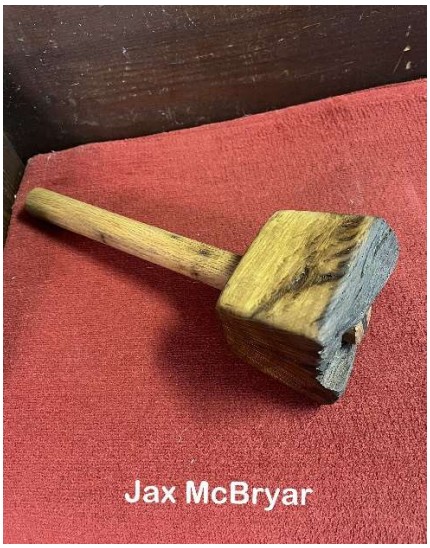
A wood turner's wife stepped into the shop and asked if he could do some woodturning on the lathe. "Of course," he replied. "What do you need? Maybe a new bowl, a rolling pin, or a vase? I have Persimmon, Hickory, Mesquite, Walnut, and Oak!" She answered, "I just need about six bags of shavings for the flower beds."

SHOW AND TELL









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