



# Palmetto Woodturners



## Welcome

As a new member, we are sure you have many questions about the organization. This information sheet will help answer some of the most frequently asked questions.

### ***What is the mission of the Palmetto Woodturners?***

Our mission is to provide education and information to those who are interested in woodturning. We define woodturning as the shaping of wood using a lathe, which results in objects and images that range from the familiar to the profound. This includes everything from decorative and functional bowls, boxes, and vessels to furniture, architectural spindles, toys, tools, musical instruments, and sculptural objects. The Palmetto Woodturners is a Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners.

### ***When do the Palmetto Woodturners meet?***

The Palmetto Woodturners meet on Saturday once each month beginning at 9:00 am at Mann Tool and Supply on Chris Drive in West Columbia. Visit the website for the specific date. Meetings/demonstrations generally last 3 1/2 to 4 hours.

### ***Are there costs associated with membership?***

Yes. Membership dues are \$35 per year. There is also a \$15 demonstrators' fee payable at each monthly meeting (\$10 if it is a club demonstrator). Members are also strongly encouraged to join the American Association of Woodturners.

### ***Can I bring a friend to a meeting?***

Yes, adult visitors may attend **one** meeting without paying a demonstration fee. Children under the age of 18 may attend unlimited meetings without paying a demonstrator's fee.

### ***What else does the club have to offer?***

Besides the monthly demonstrations, the Palmetto Woodturners maintains a woodturning library filled with books, magazines, videotapes and DVD's that cover many aspects of woodturning. Members may check out these items for a month at a time at the following costs.

Book and magazines - \$1.00 per month  
Tapes and DVD's - \$1.00 per month

Additionally, club members receive a 10% discount on most tools and materials (excluding equipment) from Mann Tool, Klingspore and Woodworkers' Supply.

### ***Does the Palmetto Woodturners have a website?***

Yes, you can find us on the web at: <http://www.palmettewoodturners.com/>

### ***Where can I find additional help for my woodturning?***

Several members offer free mentoring, while a few teach more formal classes for a fee. Additional information can be obtained from any member of the executive committee. We also strongly recommend that you enroll in a class at a recognized turning center such as the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC or the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN.

Please call me at 803-609-1746 if you have additional questions.  
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