

The Tennessee Turner

July President's Message

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Here we are again, looking to celebrate our Independence on the 4th of July. Our country is now 231 years young and still going strong. Our country's independence is preserved and maintained with the help of every man and woman in uniform. Our club has been working in conjunction with the other clubs in the area to turn pens for the troops. We set a goal of 500 pens thinking that this would be a lofty number to strive for. Well I have good news to report. We have collected 549 pens to date and we have not lost any momentum at all. We have so much momentum we are resetting our goal to 1,000 pens. These pens will go to the men and women who are protecting our freedoms... and our Independence. I thank you and they will thank you for taking your time and talents to make something for them.



We now have our 20th Annual TAW Symposium demonstrators lined up. We will have Ernie Conover, Nick Cook, David Ellsworth, and Andy Woodard as our demonstrators for this event. This will be a fantastic line up and will result in a great symposium. Please mark your calendar for the 25th & 26th of January, 2008. The event will be at the Radisson across from Opryland. This is the weekend after the final NFL playoff games and the weekend before the Super-Bowl. So make your plans to attend.

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Important Dates to Remember

- July Meeting - July 3
- July Turn-in - July 21
- Aug Meeting - Aug 7
- Aug Turn-in - Aug 19

Demonstrating in July - Ray Sandusky

The demonstrator for the July 3 meeting will be Ray Sandusky, Vice President of the TAW. Ray will be demonstrating End Grain Bowl Turning including stock selection, preparation, planning, use of special techniques and a discussion on drying green wood.

THERE WILL NOT BE A COOKOUT AT THIS MEETING!

President's Letter Continued

Have you been taking time out of your busy schedule to turn? I am continually amazed at the projects people bring to the show and tell each month. I love to see what the beginner brings in. More than their projects I love to see the smile on their face when they show off what they accomplished on the Lathe. I enjoy seeing what the advanced turner brings in. This gives us all something to aspire to. Most of all I enjoy being associated with people who are so willing to share. You all share your talent, your time and your friendship.

I hope each and every one of you has a happy and safe 4th Of July.

David Sapp

TAW 20th Annual Symposium Presenter - Ernie Conover

A biography for Ernie Conover from Taunton's Fine Woodworking website:

Ernie Conover is a long-time contributor to *Fine Woodworking*, a furniture maker, and a tool aficionado. While he is often called upon as a machine designer, having designed and marketed the Conover lathe before selling that business, Conover is best known for teaching and writing about woodturning.

Mr. Conover has written several books for The Taunton Press, including *The Router Table Book* (1994), *Turning for Furniture* (1996), *Turn a Bowl with Ernie Conover* (2000) and *The Lathe Book II Edition* (2001). In addition he has also done three videos; *Turning for Furniture* (a companion to the book), *Turning Furniture Spindles*, and *Reclaiming Flea Market Planes*.

Ernie and his wife, Susan, run Conover Workshops, a craft school in Parkman, Ohio, where he teaches woodworking and wood-turning courses, and she teaches fiber arts classes. They opened the school in 1980 and still operate out of a large workshop near their home.

More information about Mr. Conover can be found at his website: www.conoverworkshops.com.

July's Open Turning Session at the Woodshop

For the month of July, we will meet at the TBCH Woodshop on July 21 at 8:00AM. The session will run from 8:00AM to 1:00PM. If you have a particular need to help you become a better turner or if you just have a tool that needs to be sharpened correctly, come on by and someone will be there to assist. If you have any questions, please contact Ray Sandusky at 615-300-0363.

No Picnic and Swap Meet for July 3

In the June TAW Newsletter the indication was made that the July 3 meeting would be a picnic and swap meet. Due to many member indication they would be unable to attend this meeting due to the holiday, the picnic and swap meet will be postponed until a later date. We will have our regular meeting with Ray Sandusky demonstrating End Grain Bowl Turning. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yahoo! Groups - TennesseeTurners

In an attempt to create a better method of communication for the TAW, a new group has been established in Yahoo! Groups called TennesseeTurner. This new technology will allow us as a group to exchange information, ideas, files, photos, etc. within our on-line community. This group will also lend access to people outside our geographic area to our works and accomplishments.

Some of the benefits to Yahoo! Groups will be the ability for members to post pictures of your turnings for member feedback (an on-line show and tell), a message area for interactive discussions of various woodturning topics, member polls to gauge member opinions and a better tool for emailing all members of the group. The goal is to create a way to better communicate throughout the TAW in a more timely and organized manner and to further promote interest in woodturning.

Once this area is ready, you will receive an email inviting you to join the group. A link will be provided with instructions of how to join the group and be added to the group email list. You will be able to unsubscribe to email through this method. Once a member, you can post messages, files and photos. Please remember this is our community and we will try to control the environment with rules and a code of conduct.

Please remember this is a work in progress and like any great work will take time to develop to its full potential. Further information will be made available as we further develop this means of communication.

To get to this new resource, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TennesseeTurners/> for a preview.

Bring Your Pens to Donate

Please help us reach our goal of having 500 pens for the troops by Veterans Day ... A small sacrifice from you for a large sacrifice by our troops and their families.



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The Tennessee Association of Woodturners is a local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Our purpose is to provide a meeting place for local turners to share ideas and techniques and to educate the general public regarding the art of turning. The TAW meets the first Tuesday of each month at Tennessee Baptist Children's Home off Franklin Road in Brentwood, TN and periodically sponsors local exhibitions and demonstrations as well as an annual symposium.