

# The Tennessee Turner

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## Important Dates to Remember

- April Meeting - Apr 3
- April Turn-In - Apr 21
- May Meeting - May 1
- May Turn-In - May 19
- June Meeting - June 5
- June Turn-in - June 16

## April President's Message

Here it is April. Do you have your taxes done yet? It is not to late. It's also not to early to be thinking about getting into your workshop and turning some beautiful pieces to donate to the club for the symposium. It's not to early to think about turning some Christmas ornaments for the holiday campaign. Are you interested in volunteering to spearhead this year's campaign? No one has stepped forward to volunteer in leading this effort. Please see me if you are interested.

Another thing I would like to ask each of our club members for is something that is easily accomplished and can go a long way. As all of you know we have a lot of troops in the Middle East.

Woodcraft has long been a sponsor of the Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon, see their website at [www.freedompens.org](http://www.freedompens.org), whose goal is to put a pen in the hand of each of our troops in the arena. Personally I am dismayed at the debates going on at a national level about the support of the war. Whatever your political views on the war are, I am sure each of you will agree that making a wooden pen to send to one of our young men or women serving in our armed forces is a small sacrifice you can make for one of ours who are making a much larger sacrifice in the name of our great country. I am setting a goal of having 500 Pens to send to our troops from the Greater Nashville area this Veteran's day. Woodcraft will donate the pen kits and the wood or you can donate some of



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## Demonstrating in April - John Moss

The demonstrator for the April 3 meeting will be fellow TAW Member John Moss. John will be demonstrating techniques in piercing and wood burning surface treatments.

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your own. Each pen must be individually wrapped so save the plastic bag the pen kit came in and put your completed pen in it. One last thing the soldiers really appreciate is a small note telling them about the pen, about yourself and about how much you appreciate their service. I will bring some pen kits and blanks to the next meeting. Won't you help me show our troops how much we support them? Oh, next time you see a veteran, shake his/her hand and thank them.

***2007 TAW Scholarships Awarded***

Each year the TAW announces the availability of three scholarships for members who are interested in attending an organized woodturning class or a one-on-one class with a recognized woodturning instructor. The scholarships are meant to help the members cover the cost of attending these classes. The one requirement that is carried by these scholarships is the recipient must present the results of their experience to the group via a lecture or demonstration.

The scholarship requests are anonymously reviewed by the TAW Board and Officers and are awarded to those who have provided the most compelling case for the fund.

The 2007 TAW members awarded these scholarships are Cliff Whitehead, Mike Zinser and Bill Summar. Congratulations to all three deserving candidates.

***36th TACA Tennessee Craft Fair***

The TACA Tennessee Craft Fair will be held at Centennial Park in Nashville May 4, 5 and 6, 2007. Previously the TAW has demonstrated at this Spring Fair. This year, however, TACA has ask to demonstrate our craft at the Fall Fair which will take place September 28, 29 and 30. For those of you who signed up to demonstrate at the Spring Fair, you are still needed, just at these later dates! We will have a new sign up sheet as these dates get closer.

***April's Open Turning Session at the Woodshop***

*For the month of April, we will meet at the TBCH Woodshop on April 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.*

*Congratulate the 2007  
Scholarship  
Recipients*

### ***Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild***

The Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild announces its 5th Biennial Symposium to be held on October 12, 13, and 14, 2007 at the Higher Ground facilities just outside of Cincinnati, Ohio. The featured turners are Trent Bosch, Nick Cook, Clay Foster, Matthew Hill, Mark Kauder, Graeme Priddle, Mark Sfirri, and Molly Winton along with some very good local talent in 25 additional rotations. We have a very nice facility in the woods in Southeastern Indiana. We have a trade show, instant gallery, auction run by John Hill of the AAW, dining hall and dorm rooms on the premises, and a Saturday night banquet. The food is very good, the location is great, and the demonstrators are top notch, so come join us for a weekend in the woods on October 12, 13, 14, 2007. We have a limit of 250 attendees each day, so get your application in early.

For information on fees and a downloadable application see our web site at [www.ovwg.org](http://www.ovwg.org) (please note that the on-site motel is sold out, lodging on-site is limited to dormitory style accommodations only)

\*\*\*We are looking for attendees who would be interested in being what we call "guest demonstrators". Guest demonstrators are attendees who would like to demonstrate some aspect of woodturning that they have mastered for 1 1/4 hours either before or after the "pro" demonstrators. In exchange for their demonstration we will pay for their meals on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, an \$85 value. If anyone is interested in being a "guest turner" have them contact David Morrical, President, OVWG, at 513-771-5205 or [dmorrical@aol.com](mailto:dmorrical@aol.com). Please describe what aspect of woodturning you would like to demonstrate. We have about 20 "guest" positions still available.

### ***John C. Campbell Folk School Scholarship Winner***

At the March meeting a scholarship to the John C. Campbell Folk School was drawn from members interested in receiving the scholarship. The scholarship not only covers the class cost but also room and board. The lucky winner was Barry Boyd.

We appreciate the support of the Campbell Folk School and hope Barry has a pleasant learning experience using the scholarship. For more information about the John C. Campbell Folk School, go to <http://www.folkschool.org> for a full listing of available classes and events offered at the school.

### ***Items For Sale or Items Wanted***

If you have items you want to sell or if there is a particular item you are looking for, please send details to [gggwoodturning@comcast.net](mailto:gggwoodturning@comcast.net) for inclusion in the newsletter.



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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.