

The Tennessee Turner

December President's Message

Happy Holiday's

The year 2007 is almost in the books. It is hard to imagine that this year is almost over. But there are many wonderful things that happen this time of the year. We gather to celebrate the Holidays, we eat a lot of great food, and we venture into our workshops to make presents for our families and friends. What better way to put a smile on someone's face than by giving them a handmade item from your own hands. The possibilities are endless and the rewards hard to beat. Our club is dedicated to helping Woodturners to increase their Knowledge and skill level. We are dedicated to bringing people together who have common interests, sharing knowledge and techniques with one another. If you know of someone who might be interested in coming to our meetings invite them along, they will have a great time and you will feel good about sharing this great hobby with others.



2008 Symposium

With that said we have a lot of things to look forward to in 2008. We will be holding our 20th Annual TAW Symposium on the 25th & 26th of January. The Board members have put in a lot of work, energy and enthusiasm to make sure this event will be a success. We have secured a world class array of demonstra-

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December Meeting is at Woodcraft in Franklin

The December demonstrator is fellow TAW member Bill Summar. Bill will be discussing the class he attended as a 2007 TAW Scholarship recipient.

The meeting will start at 7:00 PM, December 4, 2007 at WOODCRAFT in Franklin, 209 South Royal Oaks Blvd, in the Watson Glen Plaza.

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Important Dates to Remember

- Dec Meeting - Dec 4 at Woodcraft
- Dec Turn-in - Dec 15
- Jan Meeting - None
- Jan Turn-in - Jan 19
- January 25-26, 2008
TAW 20th Annual Symposium
- Feb Meeting - Thu Feb 7

President's Letter Continued

tors. We have secured a new facility that will be ideal for hosting an event like this. We have at this count seven different vendors who are going to be there. We have advertised our event in the AAW Journal. We feel like we have done every thing to make this a successful event. However there is one thing we cannot do. We cannot make our membership get there checkbook out and register for this event. That is up to you!! All of this work has been done to put this event on for our members. We need for you to attend to make this a good event. Without you this could well be our last symposium. In years past we have been lucky to get half of our membership to attend. We have asked questions and listened to you tell us how we could change this event to get more members to attend. The symposium is right around the corner. Fill your registration form out and send it out today. You can download it from the website at www.tnwoodturners.org

January/February Schedule

There will be no meeting on the first Tuesday in January since it falls on New Years Day. We will use the symposium as the January meeting. Because 2008 is an election year we will have to be flexible with our meeting schedule in 2008. Starting in February we will adjust the meeting dates as to not conflict with the primary election that day. We will meet on the first Thursday, February 7, at the TCBH. The subject of the February meeting will be : Where are we going as a club? We will review the results of the Symposium and decide whether or not to have a symposium in 2009. This upcoming year is also an election year for our club. The current slate of officers terms will end in 2008, so if you are interested in being an officer please let me know.

Once again, from myself and everyone on the board, here is hoping you have a very pleasant Holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New year!! May God bless each and every one of you.

David Sapp

December's Open Turning Session at the Woodshop

For the month of December, we will meet at the TBCH Woodshop on Dec. 15 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.

Tennessee Baptist Children's Home Christmas Fund Update

An update on the money we as a club have raised to benefit the TBCH Christmas Fund - The TAW has delivered over \$1,000 to Dr. Bryant Milsaps at the TBCH and there are a couple more opportunities to increase this amount.

The TAW's turned items have been well received by the shoppers at The Factory in Franklin, TN and as a result we will be selling items there again on December 22nd in addition to December 1st. We still have some inventory, but anything you can turn and donate will be helpful for the last sale date before Christmas. We are in need of more globe ornaments or one piece ornaments with top and bottom finials much like the ones demonstrated at the September meeting. These items have been our best sellers.

Please be turning and remember folks who buy like to have the piece signed with both your **"signature" and the "year"**. We had several pieces that were not signed that probably would have been sold if signed. A signature and year date distinguishes between hand turned and mass production. **PLEASE SIGN (INITIALS OR SIGNATURE) AND DATE YOUR WORK.**

Your Donated Items Are Still Needed

The TAW still needs your donated turned items to sell for the benefit of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home Christmas Fund. Our turned items have been so well received at The Factory venue that Mike Zinser has been able to securing another date, December 22, at The Factory in Franklin.

Begin the holiday season at the December 4th meeting by bringing an item to donate.

PLEASE BRING DONATED ITEMS TO THE DECEMBER MEETING AT WOODCRAFT!

TAW 20th Annual Symposium

When : Friday & Saturday January 25 & 26th

Where: Radisson Opryland Hotel

Demonstrators: Ernie Connover, David Ellsworth, Nick Cook, & Andy Woddard

Go to www.tnwoodturners.org for a registration form and fee schedule.

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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.