

The Tennessee Turner

November President's Message

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Important Dates to Remember

- Nov Meeting - Nov 6
- Nov Turn-in - Nov 17
- Dec Meeting - Dec 4
- Dec Turn-in - Dec 15
- January 25-27, 2008
TAW 20th Annual Symposium

We started our journey back in April. If you remember, all the parties in Washington were infighting over whether or not to fund our troops in Iraq, and WE decided that we should go out of our way to use our woodturning skills to show our troops that we really do care about what they are doing. We have turned over 1500 pens for the "Turn for the Troops" program sponsored by Woodcraft. That is a truly amazing feat that we should all be proud of.

All the local Woodturning and Woodworking Clubs have been a party to this effort. I have been unable to fathom the response we received from the clubs to this effort. I want to recognize one person in particular who has

given his all for this cause: Mike Zinser. Mike has turned 502 pens for the troops in honor of his close friend Gavin and Gavin's best friend. Gavin paid the ultimate price while his best friend lost both legs below the knees. Mike tirelessly worked to turn the 500 pens for the troops and 2 pens to give to Gavin's Widow and Gavin's Best friend.



I am sure we all know someone who is a veteran. On this Veterans Day take the time to say thanks to him/her and let them know how much you appreciate their service. Our great country would not be the country it is without the sacrifice of those who have served in our armed services. If you want to show your

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Demonstrating in November – Monte Richards

The November demonstrator is fellow TAW member Monte Richards. Monte will be presenting the steps and techniques for turning an off-center baseball bat. Please join us November 6th 7:00 PM at the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home as this presentation is one you do not want to miss.

President's Letter Continued

support come out to the Woodcraft store on Veteran's Day weekend, November 9th- 11th and turn a pen for the troops. Woodcraft will have the classroom set up and all the supplies you need to turn a pen, so come on out and turn 1 pen or stay all weekend and turn as many as you can.

We are also approaching the Holidays and are still trying to get woodturnings to sell for the Baptist Children's Home. Please bring your donation to Mike Zinser at the November meeting. We will be selling these at the Factory in Franklin on Thanksgiving Weekend so bring all you can.

I also want to make sure you are all planning to attend our Symposium in January. We are going to have a star-studded lineup, a great location and a chance to have a great time. We NEED the support of our local club to make sure this is a great event. So make your plans to attend now. The event is scheduled for January 25th & 26th, 2008. The registration form is available on our TAW website, www.tnwoodturners.org.

David Sapp

Your Donated Items Are Needed

The TAW needs your donated turned items to sell for the benefit of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home Christmas Fund. Mike Zinser has done a great job of securing space at The Factory in Franklin during this holiday season to sell wood turned items from our club for this worthy cause.

Begin the holiday season at the November meeting by bringing an item to donate.

PLEASE BRING DONATED ITEMS TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING!

November's Open Turning Session at the Woodshop

For the month of November, we will meet at the TBCH Woodshop on Nov. 17 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

The weekend of October 26th through the 28th, our club sold turnings for the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home at the Nashville Flea Market. While not a resounding success, we did collect \$362.00, after expenses, and that has been delivered to Dr. Bryant Milsaps at the TBCH.

We still have some inventory, but anything you can turn and donate will be helpful when we go to our next selling opportunity, November 24th and December 1st, at The Factory in Franklin, TN. I think we especially need more globe ornaments or one piece ornaments with top and bottom finials much like the ones demonstrated at the September meeting.

I will be unable to attend the November meeting, but have asked Brian Clarry to gather your donations that night. Any others you finish later than the meeting, but before November 24th, please call me and we can arrange to get together to get the turnings into our inventory for the sale.

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

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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.