

The Tennessee Turner

October Club Message

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As we enter the Autumn season, the leaves are changing and the days are becoming shorter. This is the time of year that we give Thanks for those that we think of most and for our good fortunes from the past year. The weather is beginning to break from the months of oppressive heat that may have prevented many of you from woodturning as much as you would have liked.

In this wonderful time of year, what better way to get back into woodturning than by creating a few pieces of art to donate to the club for our annual Christmas fundraiser to benefit the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home.



Many of us are beginning to cut wood for those warm winter fires. When you come across that piece of wood that has grain and color that you just can not think of burning, turn it into a gift for a special loved-one or turn it into a donation for a great cause like the TBCH. These gifts and donations provide much more than money itself will ever do. They provide the sense of giving back to a great cause.

Donations do not have to be Christmas ornaments; turned boxes, pens, bowls, vases, or anything your imagination and turning skills can provide are needed. Please be sure to bring items to the October meeting.

Demonstrating in October – Various Ornament Makers

The October meeting will feature open turning by a variety of members who want to bring their tools and mini lathes to turn Christmas Ornaments. Much knowledge and ideas can be exchanged at this annual event. Ornaments made from this meeting are encouraged to be donated for the upcoming sale to benefit the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home.

Important Dates to Remember

- Oct Meeting - Oct 2
- Oct Turn-in - Oct 20
- Nov Meeting - Nov 6
- Nov Turn-in - Nov 17
- January 25-26, 2008
TAW 20th Annual Symposium

TAW 20th Annual Symposium Presenter - Andy Woodard

Most people see a fallen tree branch as a nuisance – something to be disposed of as soon as possible. For Dr. Andy Woodard and other members of the Duck River Woodturners, such a find represents a work of art in the making – perhaps a bowl, a vase or a candlestick.

“I find most of my materials along the side of the road,” says Woodard, who is president of the organization. “I have a basement full of wood just waiting for me.”

Woodturning – or the art of fashioning wooden pieces or blocks into various shapes using a lathe – goes back several centuries. While some argue whether it is an art form or more of a utilitarian process, Woodard says that for him, woodturning represents pure fun.

“It’s a nice diversion from my everyday, hectic schedule,” says Woodard, who is a dentist by trade. “I can spend all day out in my workshop – time doesn’t mean anything when I’m turning. I particularly enjoy making bowls and other vessels, but I like to try different things.”

(Excerpted from an article written by Amy Stumpfl which was found at the following website address http://www.imagesmaury.com/05/Duck_River_Woodturners_Share_Craft_With_the_Community.php)

Estate & Tool Sales

When: Friday & Saturday October 5th and 6th - 8 am to 3 pm each day

Where: Home of Pete Schutt 5235 Williamsburg Rd. Brentwood, TN 37027

Some Items For Sale: wood working machines, bench drill press, floor model drill press, small Dunlap table saw 6 1/2 inch blade, Sears 10 inch table saw, Jet 10 inch table saw, Sears 12 inch band saw, one inch vertical belt sander with disc sander, two jig saws, radial arm saw with 10 inch blade, large 36 x 36 x 1/2 inch aluminum top router table, Sears 6 inch Jointer, Makita 15 inch planer, Sear lathe with 37 inch between center and 12 inch turning diameter, Carbatec mini lathe, several species of lumber plus logs: Pecan, Walnut, Oak, Birch and Cherry.

October’s Open Turning Session at the Woodshop

For the month of October, we will meet at the TBCH Woodshop on October 20 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.

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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.