

# The Tennessee Turner

## September President's Message

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Hope you all have had a wonderful summer this year. One of my favorite movie scenes is from the movie "Dirty Dancing". Towards the end of the movie, the last scene takes place on Labor Day Weekend. The weather is turning cool; the leaves are falling from the trees as everyone is preparing for the fall. A prelude to my favorite time of the year. I so enjoy the cool mornings, the pleasant days and the leaves changing on the trees. We are heading into the last month of the baseball season, the Titans, Vols & Commodores are getting ready for their 2007 Season openers. School has started back and it is time to start thinking about the Holiday season. As I am writing this message the rain clouds are rolling in and a cool front is moving through. Although the mid 90's are a cool front compared to the 100 degree heat we have been experiencing, it will soon begin to cool off.



We have many fall events to begin thinking about for this year. The TACA festival is on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. We have been invited to participate in the Bellbuckle Art & Music Festival on September 14-16. We have also secured a booth space at the Factory in Franklin to sell our turnings to raise money to benefit the TBCH. So if you would like to

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### Important Dates to Remember

- Sept Meeting - Sep 4
- Sept Turn-in - Sep 15
- Oct Meeting - Oct 2
- Oct Turn-in - Oct 20
- January 25-27, 2008  
TAW 20th Annual Symposium

## Demonstrating in September – Mike Zinser & Ray Sandusky

The September demonstration will be three different types of Christmas Ornaments. Mike will demonstrate the steps for producing a birdhouse ornament and a hollow one piece ornament. Ray will be demonstrating the icicle type with a top, globe and long finial using contrasting woods.

### ***President's Letter Continued***

get out, enjoy the fall weather and have a good time turning, please sign up to help us at one of these events. If you can't get out to help us at the event please bring some items to donate.

We are also getting down to business in planning the 2008 Symposium. Please plan to attend this great event at the Radisson Hotel in Nashville next to Opryland. There will be a great lineup of turners: Ernie Conover, Nick Cook, David Ellsworth and Andy Woodard. If you are interested in helping out please let us know. Please make your plans to attend and tell all your friends to come along as well.

See you at the meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup>!

David Sapp

### ***TAW 20th Annual Symposium Presenter - David Ellsworth***

David Ellsworth is one of the foremost woodturners in the world. Internationally known for his expertise and turning of hollow forms, he is probably the most frequently copied turner by today's aspiring turners. As a wood artist, each piece he turns is designed to be one-of-a-kind and in direct response to what he sees in the raw wood. With a background in ceramics and art, David is clearly a master woodturner and his symposium demonstrations will provide insight and purpose to his work.

### ***Upcoming Estate & Tool Sales***

There are a couple of tool and estate sales that have been brought to our attention. One is set for 9/8/2007. Details can be found at [www.roystonauctions.com](http://www.roystonauctions.com). The other unrelated sale will be October 5th and 6th at the home of Pete Schutt, 5235 Williamsburg Road, Brentwood TN 37027. Several wood working machines and wood are listed to be sold. More detail can be found at [groups.yahoo.com/group/TennesseeTurners/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TennesseeTurners/) in the message section.

### ***September's Open Turning Session at the Woodshop***

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

## A few important events are coming up

There have certainly been a lot of opportunities for us TAW members to be involved lately, with several events yet to come before the end of the year.

Thanks to all of you who participated at the Williamson County Fair. To say the least it was HOT. While some of the midweek evening turning times had some difficulty gaining an audience, I'm told we were well received on the weekends. Hopefully we will have interested some of those watching to attend and join our club.

The next event we must cover is the TACA Fall Craft Fair at Centennial Park, scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. I have passed around the sign up sheet at the past two meetings, and presently have about a third of the time slots covered. At the September meeting I will be asking for volunteers to cover all of the times for the weekend. It is a great opportunity to display your turnings and "muster up" interest in the craft of woodturning. The club has business cards to pass out to interested onlookers. These are the events that help us grow our club and more importantly grow an interest in WOODTURNING. Please come to the meeting prepared to sign up and help out.

If you have been around the club for a while, you know we donate turnings to be sold with the proceeds to be given to the Baptist Children's Home, here in Brentwood where we hold our meetings. Well, we need "lots of product", because we are going to try to sell at two different venues. We will try to secure space at the October Christmas Sale of Nashville Flea Market, scheduled for October 26-28. OK, we have never tried the flea market before, but we needed to find something. Since it is their Christmas Sale weekend, it is worth a try. I will need volunteers to man a booth if we are successful in gaining the space. We will probably not know until October 8<sup>th</sup> if booth space will be available.

Today (August 16, 2007) after more than a year of conversations with The Factory in Franklin, TN, I have secured the two Saturdays, November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>, to sell ornaments, bowl, pens and whatever else you turn for the Baptist Children's Home.

***We absolutely cannot run out of items to sell***, TAW needs YOUR help to insure that does not happen. Here we have 5 days with the two venues, PLEASE start working NOW and bring the finished turnings you have done to date to the next several meetings. I will be collecting them. If you will not be at any meetings, mail them to me, call me and maybe I can get them picked up, whatever you do, please do something. Please do not think that someone else will "Get "R" Done". ***If YOU don't get involved, it will not happen.*** I and TAW need your help.

Get in touch with me if you have questions.

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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.