

The Tennessee Turner

February President's Message

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I am sure everyone is aware that 2008 is an election year. If you aren't then you must be spending all your time turning and not much time watching TV. Did you realize that 2008 will also be an election year for the TAW? It is hard to believe but it is that time again. We are going to hold the election early in 2008. This will be done so that we can focus on the 2009 symposium planning. The 20th Annual symposium held January 25 and 26, 2008 was a huge success. We believe this happened because we spent over 12 months planning for this symposium. We want to make sure we do the same for 2009. Thank you to all who volunteered to help make the symposium a success.

The election process will occur as follows: We will present the slate of candidates at the February meeting. We will hold the election at the March Meeting and the new officers will take over at that meeting.



We feel that this process will give us the best chance for a successful 2009 symposium. If you are interested in running for a position in the club please let one of the current board members know and we will be sure your name is included on the slate of candidates.

David Sapp

Important Dates to Remember

- Feb Meeting - Feb 7
- Feb Turn-in - Feb 16
- Mar Meeting - Mar 4
- Mar Turn-in - Mar 15
- April Meeting - Apr 1
- Apr Turn-in - Apr 19

February Meeting –THURSDAY February 7th

The February meeting will be held at the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home on Thursday February 7th due to the primary elections occurring on our normal first Tuesday of the month.

2008 TAW Symposium Wrap

The 2008 Symposium was held at the Radisson Hotel at Opryland January 25 and 26, 2008. Many members were in attendance along with many woodturners from out of town for a total attendance or more than 125. If you were unable to attend the symposium, you missed a great opportunity to learn new techniques from some great demonstrators.

The tentative dates for the 2009 symposium are being currently under way with the selection of demonstrators being considered. The announcement of dates and demonstrators should be available shortly. You will be sure to mark your calendar early so not to miss next years great event right here in Nashville.

A Poem to a Woodturner

One of our Board of Directors, Ed Taylor, donated a bowl to the Empty Bowls Program in his former home town in Charolette County Florida. In return, Ed received the following poem as a token of appreciation.
Great job Handy Ed!

Mr. Taylor's Bowls
Bowls for 2007
By Arlene S. Kincaid

*Charley's bad breath took the tree down.
Ed's smile formed after his initial frown.
"I'll take that trunk and make bowls for family & friend,
Then that old oak tree can live on & not have to end."
So he made bowls for family & friends,
Ed donated his art to the Empty Bowl dinner,
So hungry & homeless won't have to get thinner.
At the dinner a raffle was held, tickets were sold.
And now Lee Swift, Mr. Ed's bowl, does hold.*

February's Open Turning Session at the Woodshop

For the month of February, we will meet at the TBCH Woodshop on Feb. 16 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

For those who were not at the January TAW meeting, I want to give you the final results from our sale for the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home Christmas Fund. We sold and were donated another \$150.00 in early January, bringing our final total delivered to \$3,086.00.

Thanks to all of you who donated both items to sell and monetarily to the fund. A special thanks to Brian Clarry, Dave Collier, Ed Taylor, Bill Summar, Jeff Brockett, Ray Sandusky, John Oxley and Tom Jones for the help at the sales venues.

Mike Zinser – Chairman Christmas Fund Sales for TBCH

2008 TAW Scholarships

Applications for the 2008 TAW scholarships are due at the February club meeting and the winners will be announced to the club at the March meeting. So the winners will be able to make their selection of classes as soon as possible, the winners will be notified as soon as the selections are made.

For information about the scholarship application, go to the TAW website www.tnwoodturner.org and select the membership documents in the options on the left of the page.

The scholarships are meant to help the members cover the cost of attending and organized woodturning class or a one-on-one class with a recognized woodturning instructor.

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 a demonstration to the club.

Also, John C. Campbell has been kind enough to donate a scholarship for tuition only to one of our members. This scholarship will be given away at the March 2008 meeting.

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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.