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Important dates to remember:

Oct. Meeting – Oct 7

Oct Turn In – Oct 18

President's Message

Opportunities abound for you as a wood turner this Fall! The TAW has been invited to a number of events and we have a few of our own to carry us forward to until the leaves are gone from the trees!

The weekend of September 26-28 the TAW has been invited to demonstrate at the Fall TACA Craft Fair at Centennial Park. If you want to be a part of this event, then please make contact with Mike Zinser to get your name on the list. If you just want to show up, then there will be other members to watch and people to talk to about our craft!

On October 17 & 18th, Woodcraft will be celebrating their 5 year anniversary and have invited the TAW to have a table and demonstration booth in the store to help them celebrate and give us an opportunity to evangelize our club and show off our skill at the lathe!

October 18th, I will demonstrate making a Christmas tree ornament at the Saturday Turn-In at the Children's Home Woodshop starting at 8:00AM. Afterwards, there will be plenty of time to turn your own and interact with the other members who will be there to learn and assist!

On November 8th, Jeff Brockett will host the next stop along the Sawdust Trail at his work shop in Mt. Juliet. The theme for the day will be a follow through on the Vacuum Chuck demonstration that we will be seeing at the November 6 regular club meeting.

Remember that the Regular club meeting in November will be held on Thursday November 6th at the Children's Home gymnasium. We are making the change to the date due to the election. So, please go vote on the 4th, but do not come to the meeting until Thursday evening!

Also, please remember that we are going to be selling Christmas ornaments again this year at the Factory in Franklin in November and December, so make at least 2 ornaments to donate and you may also find that it is fun to be involved with the various events we have planned - so let's all get involved!

Ray Sandusky

Club Meeting–Tuesday Oct 7



Dave is retired from the engineering and construction business. He worked in the paper industry managing paper mill operations for 20 years after graduating from Ga. Tech. He moved to the engineering and construction field working for major firms, traveling

around the world until he started his own consulting business, which he retired from in 2003.

He has made things from wood most of his life, his father having been a carpenter for many years. He took up woodturning in recent years and has concentrated his wood working attention on the lathe ever since. He has three lathes, small, medium and large. Woodturning demos and teaching are a natural extension of his experience in engineering consulting. He believes that the way you learn is to show others how. He has been president of the Alabama Woodturners Association in Birmingham for three years, which has over 100 members and he is a member of the American Association of Woodturners.

He likes using his chainsaw to gather wood for projects: turning bowls, boxes, Christmas ornaments, pens, pepper mills and trying different things like biased turned bowls and segmented projects.



Saturday Turn-In

The Saturday Turn-In will be on October 18 at the TBCH workshop. The session will run from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. 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 you. We will be turning pens for the troops and working on Christmas ornaments.

2008 Tentative Schedule and Calendar of Events

Club Projects

October, November & December – Christmas Fund Sale for Tennessee Baptist Children's Home – dates to be set for sales at The Factory – Franklin, TN

January 23 & 24, 2009 – 21st Annual Symposium – Demonstrators are: Jimmy Clewes - Cindy Drozda – Mike Mahoney – Bob Rosand

Club Meeting Programs

*****October 7** – Dave Chanslor – Alabama Woodturners Association – two piece hollow turning with segmented ring divider

*****November 6** (Thursday) – Bob Speier – Mid South Woodturners Guild – Building a vacuum chuck and accessories

December 2 – Christmas Party 2009

January 6 – Pat Matranga –

February 3 – Myra Orton – from Andi Wolfe session (TAW scholarship class)

March 3-

*****April 7-** Gary Martin – from Graeme Priddle session (TAW scholarship class)

*** **denotes change**

Saturday Sessions (8:00 am to 1:00 pm unless otherwise specified)

October 18 – Christmas Ornaments

November 15 –

December 20 –

January 17 (2009) –

Club Sawdust Trail – Shop visits (We are looking for shops to visit)

November 8 – Jeff Brockett's shop

Other Events

November 1 – 2, Appalachian Center for Crafts – Pat Matranga turning class on improving your woodturning skills. The two day class costs \$240.00 plus \$30.00 for materials. Information at www.tntech.edu/craftcenter/wkshops

Minutes of the Meeting –Sept 2

Ray Sandusky called the meeting to order and gave an overview of the 2009 Symposium. Symposium registration will be on the web site within next two weeks.

Brian Clarry asked for symposium volunteers. Update on Lyle Jamieson September 13-14 event. GAW – Turning Southern Style September 19-21. TAW November meeting will be on Thursday, November 6

TAW December meeting will be held at Woodcraft in Franklin, Tn.

Mike Zinser asked that each member make at least two Christmas ornaments to be donated for holiday sale to benefit TBCH.

We had 47 members in attendance.

Three visitors in attendance – Austin Davis, Ken Lenox and Jim O'Brien.

David Sapp gave an update on Turn for the Troops. Tom Greek's General Hybrid saw is for sale - \$600. September Saturday Turn In is September 20. We will turn pens and ornaments.

Phil Stoner gave a recap of his visit to Anderson Ranch.

Mike Zinser introduced Brian Clarry as the evening's demonstrator.



Instant Gallery



Jeff Brockett - natural edge pear bowl, birdhouse ornament, hard maple lidded box

Ray Sandusky - Wormy Ash vessel – Ellsworth inspired



David Sapp - Southern yellow pine box, box elder box, Ray Key depth gauge



Phil Stoner - Osage orange natural edge bowl
Ron Ferreira - Butternut vase, Red gum vase



Bernie Thomas - Drum tables
Barry Werner - spalted maple vase



Joe Sappington - walnut platter
Brevard Haynes - textured cherry bowl



Glen Emery - cherry kaleidoscope
Bill Tucker - cherry bowls



Ron Sanda - tops

Members' Q&A

Question #1: I'm thinking about buying a small compressor, mostly for blowing out chips from hollow forms, but also to inflate the occasional auto tire. Any suggestions on capacity in terms of cubic feet per minute and maximum PSI? Any suggestions on brand? Barry Werner

Answer #1 Unless you are fond of hearing a small compressor kick on and off constantly, I'd invest a few extra bucks and get an upright stationary compressor. A couple of years ago, I looked at all the small compressors, thinking that's all I needed. In the end, I bought a 6HP Husky with a 60-gallon tank from Home Depot. In normal usage (blowing shavings and stuff), the compressor only kicks on once or twice a day. A small one would be cycling every minute or so. You can't get much quieter than a compressor not running at all. Plus, I have enough capacity for spraying finishes and running a variety of air tools. Barry Turner

Answer #2 My suggestion on brand is Campbell Hausfield. I have one that I bought when I built my garage. The way I look at this is determine what you will ultimately use this for with respect to pressure and cubic feet per minute (cfm). I needed to have the cfm supply two pneumatic nailers. So that determined the cfm. Plus, the nailers called for in excess of 100 psi. The compressor also has a tank that is about 10 gallons, which gives help to the cfm needed. My compressor will give me up to more than 120 psi, so bicycle tires can be inflated with the one I have. Look at the storage possibilities. There are some really nice ones that are smaller and can do the job well. Ken Lennox

Question #2: I often see spalted wood being used in food bowls and spoons. I was under the impression that the spalting is a fungus and should not be used on food items, baby rattles, etc. Please advise. Thanks, Tina Minihan

Answer #1: Hmm... Good point! I'll always flood spalting with CA glue before final turning so I think the fungi are all sealed in there but I just don't know. I don't know anyone who's gotten sick from it. I certainly wouldn't serve soup in it, though!
Julia Tate, JD, LCSW

Answer #2: There many different kinds of fungus, some harmful, some not. Just to be safe, I would not use spalted wood for food bowls or utensils.....or baby rattles. Barry Werner

Answer #3: As a pulmonologist/woodturner, I have always been interested in the potential toxicity of inhaling wood dust. There are two potential problems from inhaling the fungal elements of splated wood: asthma-like reactions and potential pulmonary infection from the fungus. The most serious infection is blastomycosis but I have never seen a reported case in a woodturner. Asthma reactions are certainly possible. Proper dust precautions must be taken when turning or sanding spalted wood in order to prevent a possible asthma-like reaction. I seriously doubt there is any potential toxicity from eating with a utensil made from spalted wood. As I research the fungal species that cause spalting, none of these seem to produce poisonous toxins. You certainly would not want to eat a poisonous mushroom, but these are not the fungal species that cause spalting. Brevard Haynes

Members Project Section

I am a member of your club who has never attended a meeting. Hope to soon. I live in Hopkinsville, Ky and belong to the Tuckassee turners club in Clarksville. I joined the Nashville club when I made my reservations to your club's Symposium in Nashville in January. I watched Ellsworth all day and learned his technique for hollow form turning with a bowl gouge. I am attaching a photo of a recent turning...a 10" by 12" vase. I could not reach the bottom with any of my gouges, so I made a tool to scrape the last 2-3 inches. This vase/urn was turned from green Magnolia. It was held firmly in my 4-jaw chuck without a steady rest. I am proud of the fact I was able to turn it without it becoming disconnected,



especially considering the weight and height. I appreciate your magazine and hope to meet some of you soon. James E. Mason
Feedback to jmason@newwavecomm.net

Lyle Jamieson Event

TAW sponsored Lyle Jamieson for a turning demonstration/hand-on instruction weekend on September 13 and 14, 2008. General Industrial hosted the event in their new, spacious showroom. On Saturday, Lyle demonstrated his technique of bowl and hollow form turning. On Sunday he provided hands on instruction to a smaller group on how to use his stabilizing bar/laser system. All of the participants, regardless of skill level, were impressed with Lyle's instruction. Symposium demonstrations typically last 90 minutes which does not give the demonstrator sufficient time to go into the fine details of the project. Having Lyle with us for the weekend gave him the time to cover gouge sharpening, different techniques for securing the bowl blank to the lathe, methods to prevent freshly cut wood from checking and much more. Lyle not only teaches how to make a given cut but also is able to explain why each aspect of the cut is important in order to achieve a smooth surface. As a hands-on instructor he has the ability to identify subtle errors a student is making and to correct these errors.



Here are some of the Jamieson Maxims we took with us:

"Vibration is the enemy." Identify the cause of the vibration and correct it, even if it means reducing the length of the project.

"Overcome your frugality gene." Throw away dull sandpaper. Use only sharp, fresh paper. "I'm into simple." Here are two examples. 1) his effortless, quick method of using a series of bevel support push cuts to true a rough blank into a cylinder to start the project. 2) His hollowing system with stabilizing bar and laser guide allows fingertip controlled cuts. For those of you who missed the weekend, check out Lyle's two disc DVD on Bowl Basics and his DVD on Hollow Forms. Hopefully, we can get Lyle back here for a two day demonstration followed by two to three days of hands on, small group instruction.

Brevard Haynes

Christmas Fundraiser

Again this year, the Tennessee Association of Woodturners will sell donated turned items at The Factory in Franklin, TN. The sale dates have not been established, but should be Saturdays in late November and December. All proceeds are given to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home for their Christmas Fund.

As a TAW member, we request that you turn at least two Christmas ornaments and any other turned items for the sale so we will have both a variety to choose from and an adequate supply. When the sale dates are established, please come to The Factory on Franklin Road, just north of downtown Franklin, TN. You will find turnings you want to add to your collection or want to give as Christmas gifts.

We were asked this week to turn in the demonstration booth at the upcoming TACA Fall Crafts Fair at Centennial Park on September 26th through the 28th. We were asked late and have called some members to demonstrate and have the time slots filled. But please come by the demonstration booth if you are at the event.

Mike Zinser

Bowls Needed

We have been asked by the First Baptist Church to donate bowls for their art project again. David Scutt has been asked to teach this again this year and they really appreciated the bowls that we donated to them last year. The larger, the better. I'm not sure how many bowls they need, but any donations would be appreciated. These can be just practice bowls and do not need to be finished. They really need 8-10 bowls ASAP. If you would like to donate a bowl please contact Ed Taylor at 615-833-6738.

Woodworking Links

American Association of Woodturners

www.woodturner.org

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN, www.arrowmont.org 1-865-436-5860

Duck River Woodturners Club, Columbia, TN
www.duckriverwoodturners.com

Tri-State Woodturners Club, Chattanooga, TN
www.tristatewoodturners.org

Tennessee Association of Woodturners

21st Annual Symposium

January 23-24, 2009 Save the Date!!

To be held at the Radisson Opryland Hotel
Nashville TN.

**Featured Demonstrators for the Symposium are:
Jimmy Clewes, Cindy Drozda, Mike Mahoney &
Bob Rosand**

**The 2009 Symposium highlights will include:
Instant Gallery, People's Choice Award, Dinner
and Auction, Vendors: Best Wood Tools,
Woodcraft, Big Monk Lumber, HS Woods,
Thompson Lathe Tools, and Roundtable
discussion with the demonstrators.**

For more information: Go to the TAW web site
www.tnwoodturners.org or send an email to
symposium@tnwoodturners.org
or call 615-300-0363.

This Month's Featured Symposium Demonstrator - Jimmy Clewes



Jimmy is not your ordinary woodturner. Upon a first meeting one would think of him as a renegade, a free thinker and not within the

stereotypical image of a woodturner. His charming British style, unending wit, creative mind and magnetic personality are only some of the attributes that make him popular in the woodturning demonstration circuit.

Jimmy is on the Register of Professional Woodturners in the United Kingdom and has over 21 years of experience in woodturning and woodworking. The demand for his services as a freelance demonstrator takes him all across the United Kingdom, Europe, New Zealand, as far as the Falkland Islands and now the United States and Canada.

It was not long after leaving school at the age of 16, Jimmy attained an apprenticeship in engineering and decided to further his studies by attending Manchester Polytechnic. He received a 2:1 Honours Degree with special emphasis on learning 3-Dimensional Design. He studied Wood Metal Ceramics and Glass. With that focus, he began to specialize in designing and making furniture which was influenced by Japanese tools and design. He now lives in the US.



Desert Woodturning Symposium

The Arizona Woodturners Association will hold its third annual Desert Woodturning Roundup on February 6, 7 & 8, 2009 at the Mesa Convention Center, Mesa, AZ. For details please go to:
www.desertwoodturningroundup.com

TACA Thank You

Dear Tennessee Association of Woodturners:

Thank you for your generous underwriting support of the upcoming 30th Annual TACA Fall Craft Fair. Your contribution allowed us to fully underwrite the audio visual equipment needs for the upcoming Special Guest Demonstration with master doll maker, Akira Blount and her husband and collaborator, Larry Blount.

As your members may already know, the exquisite works of Akira and Larry Blount often incorporate delicately wood turned skirts using a myriad of wood turning techniques, so we are delighted to partner with Tennessee Association of Woodturners to bring this special live demonstration to the Nashville community. Larry is scheduled to give a live woodturning demo during the Fair, allowing us to highlight Tennessee Association of Woodturners' mission to increase awareness and appreciation of design for wood turned objects.

Members of Tennessee Association of Woodturners are cordially invited to join us at the Special Guest Demonstration, held in the VIP Tent on Saturday, Sept. 27 beginning at 1:00 P.M. Reserved seating will be roped off for your members in the hopes you'll be able to join us.

Finally, we will recognize your generous contribution in the TACA Fair publication, *Daily News*, through table top signage in the TACA Demo Tent located on the midway and in signage placed in the VIP tent during the Special Guest Demonstration.

Thank you again for your support. We look forward to partnering with Tennessee Association of Woodturners to bring this unique wood turning demonstration to the viewing public of the 30th TACA Fall Craft Fair.

Ann Shaw and Hannah Cofer

Local Classes Available

Classes available at Woodcraft in Franklin, Tn

Rob Cosman Event

Sharpening, Hand Planing, & Dovetail Seminar

Friday, November 7 from 5pm – 9 pm

Tuition: \$125.00

All Day & Hands On Class

Saturday, November 8 from 9am – 5pm

Tuition: \$250.00

For information and registration call Woodcraft
615-599-9638

Ten Ways Bowls are Like People

1. Every one is unique
2. Some of them are useful and some just sit around looking pretty
3. You can't judge them by appearance. Sometimes those with the roughest bark on the outside have the sweetest grain inside.
4. Those that have weathered life's worst storms usually end up having the most character.
5. Some of our favorite ones are a little cracked
6. You can't really tell what one is going to be like until you see what's deep inside.
7. The older they are the more we treasure them.
8. Just like children, they're not always perfect, but we love them anyway.
9. They're not much to look at until the master craftsman gets hold of them and chops away all the rough spots.
10. Most of them are pretty decent, but you'll always find a few knotholes.

-K.S.R.

Membership Renewal

It is time to renew your TAW membership. All membership renewals must be received before December 31, 2008 to be included in the 2009 TAW directory. Go to www.tnwoodturners.org to obtain a membership renewal form and fill in all requested information. Dues for 2009 are \$25 – checks should be made out to Tennessee Association of Woodturners and mailed to the address listed on the application.

Air compressor for sale

I have John Jordan's old compressor that I am selling. I paid \$275 for it. It has a 60 gal tank with a 5hp compressor. The motor is fairly new and it works fine. I have a brand new 80 gal 7hp and don't need it. Make me an offer I can't refuse.
Jon McClendon - 615 832 9629

Lathes For Sale

Bonnie Klein lathe, variable speed with DC motor, accessories, \$195.00. Call or e-mail Dick Binger, 256-533-3473 in Huntsville. E-mail address is dbin5@mac.com

I have a Grizzly lathe for sale. It's the 2 horse 16 inch model for 250 dollars.
John Rich - jjrichiii@gmail.com - 931-205-8953

From the Editor

November newsletter articles are due October 17th and should be submitted to Jeff Brockett at woodwackerjeff@aol.com. If you have a project that would be of interest to the club members please send me that information with pictures. Classified ads for woodworking related items are free to members. Members can also submit wood turning, finishing, and tool questions for our resident experts to answer.



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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 the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, off of Franklin Road in Brentwood, TN and periodically sponsors local exhibitions and demonstrations as well as an annual symposium