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**Important dates to remember:**

November Meeting – Nov 3

Saturday Turn In – Nov 21

TAW Symposium –

Jan 29-30, 2010

## President's Message

You can sense a definite change in the weather as we head into the fall season. Outside, the leaves are changing and beginning to fall from the trees. If you have earmarked any trees to cut down, wait until the leaves are all gone and we have had our first frost. This will mean the moisture level within the tree will be lower and the bark will stick better to your natural edge bowls!

We are starting to gear up for the annual TAW Christmas ornament sale. Each year we ask our members to turn two items to be donated to sell. All the proceeds from the ornament sale benefit the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home. As a club we are very fortunate to be able to use the meeting space and the workshop area that the TBCH allows our club to use each month for our activities. We show our appreciation to the TBCH by donating all the proceeds from the ornament sales. This year the TAW will be selling at the Centennial High School Holiday Craft sale, at The Factory in Franklin and at the Lebanon Outlet Mall. There is an urgent need to increase our inventory of turned items to sell. Please bring your turned items to the November 3 meeting or contact Mike Zinser to arrange pickup.

The 2010 TAW 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Woodturning Symposium is just 3 months away. We will feature Frank Penta, Tania Radda, Mark St. Leger and Trent Bosch as demonstrators. Take a few minutes to review the symposium link on the TAW web site [www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium](http://www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium). The symposium schedule and demonstrator rotation descriptions are now available.

Richard Raffan will be spending a full week with us in May! We will be hosting Richard in conjunction with Woodcraft the week of May 23 - 30. The plan is for us to make him available for one-on-one teaching sessions in the early part of the week (Monday - Thursday) then have a Full-Day Club Demonstration on Friday then hand him over to Woodcraft for the weekend. So far, Thursday is reserved with interest in Monday being expressed. If you want to take advantage of this opportunity - (maybe a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity) - then email or call me to discuss his availability and fee. Richard made it quite clear that he does not plan to do too many more trips to the US in the future.

If you are out cutting wood with a chain saw be sure to exercise all the necessary safety precautions. Stay safe and happy turning!

## Club Meeting–Tuesday, Nov 3

The November meeting will feature the opportunity to see six different ornaments being demonstrated. We will have six lathes set up to turn these ornaments:



**Jeff Brockett** – inside/outside ornament

**Brian Clarry** – birdhouse

**Ray Sandusky** – globe and icicle

**David Sapp** – one piece ornament

**Andy Woodard** – small detailed finial & globe

**Mike Zinser** – sea urchin with icicle

## Saturday Turn-In Nov 21

The next Saturday Turn-In will be November 21 at the TBCH workshop from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. If you need help with a project or sharpening a tool come by and someone will be there to help you. We will also have a lathe set up to turn pens for the troops.

## 2009 Tentative Schedule and Calendar of Events

### **Club Projects**

**January 29 & 30, 2010** – 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Symposium

### **Club Meeting Programs**

**November 3** – Christmas Ornaments – 6 mini-lathes set up for demonstrations with:

Brian Clarry – birdhouse; Andy Woodard – small detailed finial & globe; David Sapp – one piece ornament; Mike Zinser – sea urchin; Jeff Brockett – inside/outside ornament and Ray Sandusky – globe and ice cycle

**December 1** – (tentatively) Christmas Party

**January 5, 2010** – **Ed Taylor** – from Franck Johannesen session – “Lefse Flippers, Ale Bowls and More” (TAW scholarship class)

**February 2** – **David Sapp** – Tool Sharpening

**March 2** – **Craig Jackson** – Owensboro, KY – Easy Wood Tool demonstration

**April 6** – **Barry Werner** – from Mark Gardner session – “Beyond Basic Bowls” (TAW Scholarship Class)

**May 4** - **Jimmy Greenwood** – Charles B Watson session – “Hollow forms and Lidded Boxes” (TAW Scholarship Class)

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

Even though there is a session theme, other turning, sharpening, etc. will be available. WE WILL BE SET UP TO TURN PENS FOR THE TROOPS AT ALL SATURDAY SESSIONS UNTIL VETTRAN'S DAY

November 21 - Christmas ornaments

December 19 -

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

call or email Mike Zinser if you want to volunteer your shop –

615/292-8652 h or 615/480-3025 c

[mike.zinser@yahoo.com](mailto:mike.zinser@yahoo.com)

## Minutes of the Meeting –Oct 6

Ray Sandusky called the meeting to order.

There were 45 members in attendance.

We had three visitors: Grace Prosize, Ron Holdaway and Dave Miller.

TAW scholarship applications for 2010 are due January 5, 2010.

We need a volunteer to take care of refreshments for the monthly meetings.

Club will have three different locations to sell ornaments.

We need members to turn small items for the Holiday ornament sale.

Ray showed members the new fixed mini camera for demonstrations.

Symposium registration forms are available on the TAW web site.

David Sapp announced that 2200 Pens for the Troops had been turned in.

Ray asked if there was any interest in sharing the purchase of a large quantity of anchorseal.

Jerry Prosize introduced his daughter, Grace, who is a beginning turner.

### October Demonstrator

Mike Zinser introduced October demonstrator Jeff Brockett. Jeff was the 2009 winner of the Charles Alvis scholarship and chose to attend the Charles Watson hollow form class at John C. Campbell School. This class had a big impact in Jeff's turning techniques. He demonstrated the Monster Hollowing Rig on an oriental box. Those attending the meeting got the opportunity to see several different cutting bits used during the hollowing of the vessel. Jeff explained how he sets the laser system and uses it to sneak up on the desired vessel thickness.



### Instant Gallery:



Jerry Prorise – walnut bowl

Ray Sandusky – spalted sycamore hollow form



Barry Werner – Box Elder grooved vessel

Barry Werner – sugar maple hollow form

Bob Myers – maple and cherry segmented ornament with loose ring



Don Thompson – cocobola vessel with threaded lid

Don Thompson – cocobola small threaded box

Don Thompson – Christmas ornaments



Ray Sandusky – Christmas ornaments  
Grace Prorise – candle holder



Brevard Haynes – walnut bowl

Brevard Haynes – walnut bowl



Jim Warren – walnut and maple segmented bowl

Brevard Haynes – Christmas ornaments

### Turn for the Troops

We are winding down another very successful Turn for the Troops project. Our goal was to turn 2009 pens in 2009 – to date there have been 2500 pens turned in! We would like to wrap this project up and get all the pens completed and turned in by Veterans Day, November 11. You can either bring your pens to the November 3 TAW meeting or drop them off at the Woodcraft Store in Franklin. Special recognition goes to the following "master pen turners".

500 pens – Mike Zinser

440 pens – Jeff Brockett

155 pens – Bobby Creighton

120 pens – Brian Clarry

80 pens – Gale Prince

80 pens – Ralph Flener

70 pens – Susan Hansen

60 pens – R.G. Rice

## Member's Projects

This is how you mount a buckeye blank that weighs about 100lbs with little effort.



1)The blank is brought into the shop on a rolling hydraulic lift table purchased from Harbor Freight and has a 1000lb capacity. This blank measures 22"x10".



2)The blank is raised by pumping the foot pedal to spindle height. At that point a ratcheting strap is placed around the blank and the 8800lb lift capacity electric hoist purchased from Harbor Freight ,is attached to the strap and lifts the blank off the lift table and positions it,



with faceplate already screwed to blank, to the spindle. By turning the spindle by hand, it screws easily to the faceplate.

3)Another angle showing the hoist.



4)Using the

Oneway Coring System I have cored four bowls from this blank and three from a previous blank that are in my drying room. Ken Gaidos

## Members Q&A

**Q.** I'd like to make my own tools. Does anyone know a source for scrap steel? Is there anything else I should know? Steve Wilburn

**A1.** Steve, check with the larger machine shops as they throw their scraps into a container and sell it to someone that collects (from many shops) and carries the total pile to the recyclers. Some even throw some pieces into a dumpster. You would have to commit to being consistent in picking up when their containers get full!!! Here they have a charge per #, or by the container. If you mean rod form to make turning tools (gouges) from then the same would apply and the pickup times would not be as often as the pile would not build up quickly. The second place to check with is the steel supply houses that sell to the machine shops. They cut lots of steel to the specs that the shops need and

deliver in workable lengths instead of 20' lengths. I drive for a Courier Co. and we pick up lots of steel for the shops, already cut and strapped to skids. They will have cut-offs also. Just have to get your foot in the door first and be prepared to handle heavy containers once you get it home. If looking for small rod cut-offs then it is no problem. If you could pickup from 10-12 shops you could pick out your needs and then sell your scrap to the recycler, just heavy work! Ray Morgan

**A2** I brought drill rod to Hamilton Machine shop and had them heat it to the Rockwell temp that they recommended. I have a piece of that rod in a tool that I made for hollowing and it has been under tremendous stress and has never broken.

However, I also used the same drill rod and had them flute the steel to match the design of the sorby 1/2 in bowl gouge but it doesn't hold an edge after sharpening. Don't know where to get the type of steel that Sorby or Ellsworth use. If you find out, let me know. Jon McClenden

**A3** Metal for making tools. I have been buying metal from Metal Supermarkets, 429 Enos Reed Drive, Nashville, TN 37210 (615) 256-9787 The people there are very friendly and helpful, They have a shelf that contains "pre-cut" metal (or as I called it when I went there the first time, "scrap"). When you find something you want, they will price it and if it doesn't fit your desire, you can put it back. I have bought cold rolled and hot rolled for tools. The catch is, from the pre-cut shelf, you can get shorter pieces. If you want to have them cut something, the cuts are expensive. So if you have your own hack saw, you can cut it yourself. Ken Lennox

**A4** One suggestion I have heard from some professional turners is to start with cheap scrapers that are HHS and grind to your own specs. For small hollowing tools, Ellsworth heats, bends and sharpens a cutter on the end of old screwdrivers. I think he address this in his book. Alan Lacer has written a few articles about making hook tools starting with O1 drill rod and the heating, bending, hardening, and sharpening of them. I think those are on his website. Greg Godwin

**A5** This turner will LOVE Frank Penta's demonstration in January. It's been a while since we talked to him, but Frank used to have all kinds of sources and helped us make some embellishing tools and handles. If so, maybe he could request via email what he needs and Frank could bring some steel with him. Tina Collison

# Save the Date

January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010



**Tennessee Association of Woodturners**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Woodturning Symposium**

**Radisson Hotel at Opryland**

**Nashville, Tennessee**

**Featured Demonstrators:**

**Trent Bosch**

**Frank Penta**

**Tania Radda**

**Mark St Leger**

**Registration Form and Fees:** Go to the website for registration fees and to register for the Symposium. You may register online with PayPal, or you may complete the Registration Form and send the completed form with your payment to:

TAW 2010 Symposium  
P.O. Box 158296  
Nashville, TN 37215

**Hotel Accommodations:** To reserve a room either call 615-889-0800 and ask for the special accommodation rate of \$99 per night for the Symposium, or use the Radisson website and use the promotional code: TNWOOD.

Radisson Opryland Hotel  
2401 Music Valley Drive  
Nashville, TN 37214

More Details and Registration form available at  
[www.tnwoodturners.org](http://www.tnwoodturners.org)

## Featured Symposium Demonstrator

Tania Radda is a wood artist, who has taught woodworking as an art form for 9 years. Tania has taught wood classes at Arizona State University, Yavapai College, Woodturning clubs, Symposiums and also in her own shop to the local Boy Scout Troop. She has been a successful artist with an extensive show career. Her pieces can be found in permanent collections of museums and in some prominent private collections. Tania has a Masters of Fine Art degree in Wood Sculpture from Arizona State University, and a passion for teaching woodworking classes to others who share the love of working in wood. As an artist Tania sees the lathe as a tool to achieve her goals, she starts her work with the aid of the lathe and expands it from there. Her teapots are great examples of how woodturning plays an important role in her work. She is a master with the use of colors and rich textures; she also does a great job in making unique whimsy pieces that capture the hearts of those who have come to appreciate her work. She has also been called the wood magician by some for her unique talent of "magically" bending wood to extremes.



## AAW Benefits

There are many benefits of joining the American Association of Woodturners. Here are just a few:

- **American Woodturner** -- The most informative, and widely read woodturning publication in the world. Every issue (up to 80 pages) is packed with a wide array of articles focusing on everything from basic woodturning techniques and special projects, to innovative design ideas.
- **Annual Resource Directory** -- A great resource for anyone interested in woodturning - our white and yellow-pages.
- **Local AAW Chapters** -- An extensive network of over 300 local chapters across North America, Asia and Europe offer monthly meetings, woodturning demonstrations, and a community of woodturning friends with lots of experience and free advice.
- **Health Insurance** - AAW offers most of our US resident members and their families medical insurance policies at very competitive rates through Association Health Programs (AHP). for more information and to get a quote.
- **Liability Insurance** - All AAW members and local chapters are covered. to view a detailed pdf file on the subject. Note that the AAW liability policy has recently been updated, and some of the terms are different. The new policy is being reviewed so that the statements regarding its provisions can be accurately reflected.
- **Insurance for Personal Business** - Opportunity to purchase business oriented insurance. for more information.
- **Discounts on AAW merchandise** - Discounts on merchandise from our business members and other supporters - coming soon.
- **Online Members Only Area access** - where you can renew your membership online, search for other member's contact info online, update your personal information, access past issues and articles from the American Woodturner Journal.

## Tennessee Baptist Children's Home Christmas Sale

Again this year, the Tennessee Association of Woodturners will sell your donated turned items with all proceeds donated 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 sales so we will have both a variety to choose from and an adequate supply.

We will be selling:

November 21 and 22 at the Centennial High School Holiday Show-Franklin, TN

November 27 and 28 - The Factory – Franklin, TN

December 5 – Lebanon Outlet Mall – Lebanon, TN

December 12 and 19 – The Factory – Franklin, TN

We have several more selling dates than we have had in the past, with more venues. **We need your help with supplying turned items and we need your help staffing the selling booth.** Please look at your calendar before the November meeting to see what dates you can help at the sale. **I will have a sign up form at the meeting.** Mike Zinser

## Woodworking Links

**American Association of Woodturners -**

[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)

**Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN, -** [www.arrowmont.org](http://www.arrowmont.org) 1-865-436-5860

**Duck River Woodturners Club, Columbia, TN -** [www.duckriverwoodturners.com](http://www.duckriverwoodturners.com)

**Tri-State Woodturners Club, Chattanooga, TN -** [www.tristatewoodturners.org](http://www.tristatewoodturners.org)

**Woodturning Resources -** [www.woodcentral.com](http://www.woodcentral.com)

**John C Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC -** [www.folkschool.org](http://www.folkschool.org)

**Appalachian Center for Crafts, Smithville, TN -** [www.tntech.edu/craftcenter](http://www.tntech.edu/craftcenter)

**Anderson Ranch Arts Center -** [www.andersonranch.org](http://www.andersonranch.org)

**Wood Central -** [www.woodcentral.com](http://www.woodcentral.com)

**Sawmill Creek -** [www.sawmillcreek.org](http://www.sawmillcreek.org)

**Woodcraft -** [www.woodcraft.com](http://www.woodcraft.com)

**Got Wood ? -** [www.turningblanks.net](http://www.turningblanks.net)



**TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS**

**22nd ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM**

**Friday, January 29 & Saturday, January 30, 2010**

**Registration Form – (Please Print Clearly)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Confirmation will be sent via. email**

**Telephone: Home ( )** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work ( )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse/Significant Other Name (if attending):** \_\_\_\_\_

**For youth registration – (must be accompanied by registered adult)**

**Youth Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently a TAW member? Yes No (circle one)**

**Symposium Fees**

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>	
Full Two Day Symposium	\$ 135.00*	\$ 165.00*	_____
One Day Only	\$ 85.00*	\$ 105.00*	_____
Spouse	\$ 75.00*	\$ 75.00*	_____
Youth (under 18)	\$ 35.00*	\$ 35.00*	_____
Banquet/Auction Only	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	_____
2010 TAW Dues	\$ 25.00		_____

\*includes Banquet/Auction, whether attending or not.

Cancellation fee of \$35.00 if paid registration is canceled after January 15, 2010

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**PAY by Pay-Pal: For online registration go to [www.tnwoodturners.org/registration](http://www.tnwoodturners.org/registration)**

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**CREDIT CARD: Master Card/Visa/Discover Card #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TAW 2010 Symposium  
Symposium Chairman  
P.O. Box 158296  
Nashville, TN 37215**

## From the Editor

**Articles** are due **Friday November 13** for the December newsletter and should be submitted to [woodwackerjeff@aol.com](mailto:woodwackerjeff@aol.com) .

### **Members Projects**

If you have a woodturning project that you would like to showcase to our club members, you can send me detailed information about your project with pictures.

### **Members Questions and Answers**

Members are asked to submit wood turning, finishing, and tool questions for our resident experts to answer. There are no dumb questions, someone else in the club may have had the same question.

**Classified ads** for woodworking related items are free to members. Send detailed information with pictures.

**Wood to turn** – Do you have wood, need wood or know about wood that is available for turning? Let me know and I will pass it along.

## Tools for Sale

### **For Sale**

Jamieson deep hollowing system includes:

- 1 stabilizing handle
  - 1 laser attachment
  - 1 secondary tool rest
- Retail \$297.00 Sale Price \$149.90  
Monte Richards [rmr1948@yahoo.com](mailto:rmr1948@yahoo.com)  
615-500-5029

### **For Sale**

1. Grizzly wood lathe model G5979 with stand \$275
  2. Teknatool jaw chuck \$150 (used 3 times)
  3. Nova collet jaw chuck \$65 (used once)
  4. Robert Sorby #859H swan neck hollowing tool \$110
  5. Pen turning tools \$20 (used 10 times with some pen kits)
  6. eight piece Marples turning tool set Sheffield Steel \$30
- I am asking \$650 for everything and I want to sell it all together  
Contact Tim 865-776-4871



Email Club Questions to:  
[info@tnwoodturners.org](mailto:info@tnwoodturners.org)  
[pres@tnwoodturners.org](mailto:pres@tnwoodturners.org)  
or Mail to:  
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[www.tnwoodturners.org](http://www.tnwoodturners.org)

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