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**Important dates to remember:**

April Meeting April 6

Saturday Turn In April 10

**TAW Symposium –**

Jan 28 - 29, 2011

## **President's Message**

All around us the signs of Spring have begun to go on display! The Daffodils in bloom at the end of my block are the first indicator that the winter is nearing its end and the weather will soon become warmer! The warmer weather brings many more opportunities to get out in the shop and catch up on all the projects that have hibernated during the cold months! I am quite eager to get back into making objects of art and utility instead of building tool cabinets and making repairs to tools and machines!

I have recently begun to perform a more thorough study of available artist opportunities in the Middle Tennessee area. What I am finding is a need for wood to become a more widely displayed medium. Naturally there are plenty of painters, potters and sculptors, but there seems to be very few in the established art community who are familiar with the Tennessee Association of Woodturners. As a result, it is obvious that we have significant opportunities to spread the word about us and our craft. Individuals in our club have made a name for themselves in local galleries, the state museum and at regional art shows, but there is still many who do not know we exist.

The art community in Nashville has recently been given a shot in the arm with the success of the "Nashville Arts Magazine". This monthly publication profiles artists, organizations and galleries in the area who are doing exceptional things to help Nashville become a more vibrant center for the Arts; including 3 dimensional art, sculpture, painting, photography, music and dance. I am planning to approach this publication with a proposal that we produce an article about the TAW, who we are and what we do. I am seeking, through our membership first, any persons who have contacts in the editorial staff at the Nashville Arts Magazine. That way I do not spend time making blind inquiries. So, if you know people at the magazine, please call me or email me with that information.

April is a month of renewal in so many ways! I think it is a time for us to get back in the swing of doing more turning and learning! Our monthly hands-on session will be held on April 10th - the first Saturday after the first Tuesday of the the month! This month, I will be pulling double duty as the demonstrator at our regular club meeting. So, I will also be at the Saturday Turn-In performing the same demonstration and helping you to learn how to turn a lidded box. So, plan to be at the regular club meeting and the Saturday Turn-In on the 10th! So, let's renew our effort to learn new things and embark on building new skills!

In May, we have the TACA craft fair at Centennial Park and the Richard Raffan Demonstration, so plan on being a part of each of these events! I look forward to seeing you this Spring!

Ray

## **Club Meeting—Tuesday, April 6**



Ray Sandusky, a woodturner from Brentwood, TN, creates objects of art and utility from local hardwood trees. His demonstration will be the turning of an onion dome lidded box influenced by Russian architecture. Ray is a self-taught turner who is passionate about

learning, teaching and demonstrating everything about the art. Currently, he is a stay at home Dad and the President of the TAW.

## **Saturday Turn-In**

The next Saturday Turn-In will be **April 10** 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. Ray Sandusky will do a hands on demo of a lidded box. If you are interested in participating please bring a wood blank 5 inches in diameter and at least 8 inches long. You may bring your own turning tools and face shield.

## **2010 Tentative Schedule and Calendar of Events**

### **Club Projects**

**January 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011** – 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Symposium

### **Club Meeting Programs**

**April 6** – Ray Sandusky – Onion Dome Lidded Box

**May 6** - Jimmy Greenwood – Charles B Watson session – “Hollow forms and Lidded Boxes” (TAW Scholarship Class)

**June 1** - Barry Werner – from Mark Gardner session – “Beyond Basic Bowls” (TAW Scholarship Class)

**July 6** – Jesse Foster – Frank Penta session – Turning, Detailing & Finishing Platters (TAW Scholarship Class)

### **Saturday Sessions**

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

These sessions are conducted to help with turning issues you may be encountering. Hopefully we will have enough established turners to help each newcomer attending. We want to have the seasoned turners provide guidance on tool sharpening, chucking, proper tool use and any other questions that arise. Please join us.

**April 10**

**May 8**

**June 5**

**July 10**

**PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE CHANGED THE DATE FOR THE SATURDAY SESSIONS FROM THE THIRD SATURDAY TO THE FIRST SATURDAY AFTER THE MONTHLY MEETING**

### **Club Sawdust Trail –**

**We have not had a shop visit in several months and are looking for shops to visit, please volunteer your shop for a Saturday morning visit.**

## **Jimmy Clewes in Memphis**

The Mid South Woodturners will host Jimmy Clewes in Memphis on April 24-25. He will be doing two days of demonstrations. The fee for the 2 day demo will be \$30.00 for Saturday, or \$50.00 for both Saturday and Sunday. Please contact Bob Speier if you are interested in attending. We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend and enjoy this talented woodturner.

Bob Speier – President MSWG

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## Minutes of the Meeting –March 2

Ray Sandusky called the meeting to order. There were 61 people in attendance. John Laida, Neil Perry, Jim Warren, Wayne Paris and Barbara Shafer were visitors. Myra Orton passed out a survey to the TAW members. Survey will help us determine how best to serve our members. Saturday Turn date has been moved to the first Saturday after the TAW monthly meeting. Pat Matranga announced that Bill Tucker and Len Reinhardt had been selected as addition scholarship winners for 2010. There is a photo of Ed Taylor in the John C. Campbell class schedule. Richard Raffan demo will be held May 28 at the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home. TAW May and November meetings will be held the first Thursday of the month due to elections. Woodcraft of Franklin will sponsor 2010 Turn for the Troops project. Jerry Prosis is recovering from double knee replacement. Ray Sandusky discussed opportunity for members to display items in Leiper's Fork Gallery.

## March Demonstrator



Mike Zinser introduced the March demonstrator. Craig Jackson is the founder of the Easy Wood Tool Company. He is a machinist by trade. In 2008 Craig attended the TAW symposium and showed Nick Cook and David Ellsworth his newly designed tool that featured a replaceable carbide cutting tip. He now has several patents pending on his tools and is continuing to design tools that are easy to use and require no sharpening. If you are interested in trying a hands on approach with any of the Easy Wood Tools visit the Woodcraft Store in Franklin.

## Instant Gallery



**Barry Werner** – Ginkgo Hollow Form  
**Barry Werner** – Walnut Hollow Form



**Barry Werner** – Dyed lidded hollow form  
**Barry Werner** – Walnut Hollow Form



**Andy Woodard** – Rose Engine Boxes  
**Andy Woodard**- olive and blackwood lidded vase



**Mike Zinser** – salt and pepper shakers  
**Mike Zinser** – blackwood pen

**Instant Gallery - Continued**



**Jim Ballard** – homemade pendant jig  
**Jim Ballard** – Pendants



**Jim Warner** – Segmented Vase  
**Bill Summar** – claro walnut platter

**February 13 Saturday Turn In**



**March 6 Saturday Turn In**



**Hermitage Library Display**



## Richard Raffan comes to Nashville



Richard Raffan began turning wood in England in 1970 at the age of 26, after a successful career in the London wine trade. He has earned his living turning wood ever since. Although

largely self-taught he soon established himself as a leading figure in the hand-crafts revival, and since the early 1970s his work has been acquired for public and private collections across the world. Today Richard is probably the world's best-known woodturner, famous as a bowl and box maker, as teacher and demonstrator and author of classic woodturning books and videos. Tens of thousands of woodturners learned the craft from Raffan's *Turning Wood, Turning Boxes, Turning Bowls, Turned Bowl Design, Turning Projects, Taunton's Complete Illustrated Guide to Turning, and The Art of Turned Bowls*. Since the late 1970s Raffan has been a major technical and artistic influence on woodturning worldwide collections.

The Tennessee Association of Woodturners will sponsor a week with Richard Raffan May 24-29, 2010. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to take a class with one of the world's premier woodturners.

The following classes are still available at Woodcraft in Franklin, TN:

**Monday, May 24** - Hands on classes with Richard Raffan - \$250.00 per person

**Friday, May 28** - Demonstration day with Richard Raffan - \$35.00 per person

**Saturday, May 29** - Hands on classes with Richard Raffan - @250.00 per person

These classes will fill up fast – to guarantee your spot please call the Woodcraft store at 615-599-9638

## Member's Project

At the 2010 TAW Symposium, Trent Bosch used a modified gun drill to drill the starting hole in his hollow form. A gun drill is a carbide tipped tool which looks like a V bowl gouge with a port through its length through which a cutting lubricant is inject to cut a gun barrel on a metal lathe. Trent blows air through the port to eject the wood chips. Surplus gun drills can be found on eBay. If you do not find one with the right specifications, look again the next day. I bought four gun drills for \$29 including shipping. The shanks are usually either 3/4" or 1". Those that I purchased had a 3/4" shank. Here are the steps that I followed but there are certainly other ways to construct the tool:

- Find a tube or pipe to serve as the handle with an inside diameter which will accept the shank. I used a section of thin walled stainless steel pipe I had from a previous project.
- Turn threads down slightly on a 1/2" by 1/4" hex bushing so that the bushing can be inserted into the handle.
- Epoxy the shank of the gun drill and the hex bushing into the handle.
- Attach a 1/4" female to male plug valve. I used McMaster-Carr part number 4912K87
- Attach a 1/4" male NPT connector.



Brevard Haynes

## Turn for the Troops

The Woodcraft store in Franklin will sponsor Turn for the Troop in 2010. Last year over 3000 pens were turned by various woodturning clubs. Our troops are still in harm's way and appreciate the pens that are provided through the Turn for the Troops project. If you would like to turn some pens that will be given to the Turn for the Troops project please stop by the Woodcraft store in Franklin or come to a TAW meeting and pick up some pen kits. The TAW will be sponsoring some pen turning activities at the Saturday Turn Ins this summer.

## AAW 2010 Symposium

If you would like to help volunteer at the AAW symposium with hands-on in the youth room (where we need 12 volunteers per class) or as a demonstrator room assistant (where we need about 15 volunteers per rotation) please contact Linda Ferber at [linda@woodturner.org](mailto:linda@woodturner.org) and ask to be put on the volunteer list. These and several other volunteer jobs can be done by non-local members. Helping out in the youth room will have the reward of bringing smiles to the faces of future woodturners. Please volunteer to help out.

## Nominating Committee

The Tennessee Association of Woodturners have established a nominating committee to prepare for the TAW officer and board members election in January 2011. The terms of the current officers and several board members will expire and it will be necessary to have an election to select or retain current officers and board members. If you are interested in being a TAW officer or board member or would like to nominate a current member for any of the officer or board member positions please contact Mike Zinser, [mike.zinser@yahoo.com](mailto:mike.zinser@yahoo.com), Ray Sandusky, [rsandusky@comcast.net](mailto:rsandusky@comcast.net) or Stephen Campbell at [steveanddonnac@comcast.net](mailto:steveanddonnac@comcast.net). Starting this process early will allow the TAW to identify interested candidates and discuss the duties and responsibilities of being an officer or board member.

## Need Wood

I need fresh cut walnut, cherry, box elder, plum. I can share an abundance of well cured logs of great variety - sycamore, walnut, olive, eucalyptus, spalted maple, etc,etc.

Tom Yount 615 269 0709 or 615 449 5730

## Save the Date



**January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Tennessee Association of Woodturners  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Woodturning Symposium  
Radisson Opryland Hotel  
Nashville, Tennessee**

**Molly Winton**

**Michael Mocho**

**Bill Grumbine**

**Stuart Batty**

Detail available at [www.tnwoodturners.org](http://www.tnwoodturners.org)

## From the Editor

**Articles** are due **Friday April 16** for the May 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

## 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)

### 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)



Email Club Questions to:  
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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