



### March 2010

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#### Important dates to remember:

March Meeting March 2  
Saturday Turn In February 20  
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TAW Symposium –  
Jan 28 - 29, 2011

## President's Message

I am happy to report that we had a successful and memorable symposium! Successful because of your involvement and interest in the topics being presented and memorable because we were basically snowed in at the hotel! Tania Radda, Trent Bosch, Mark St. Leger & Frank Penta were tireless and enthusiastic throughout the weekend; providing more than our money's worth of demonstrations. In spite of the snow, we had a successful banquet and auction, which helped us raise funds for our 2010 programs!

The first item I'd like to report is the award of the 2 annual scholarships - The Charles Alves \$1000 scholarship was awarded to Steven Campbell and The James Haddon \$1000 scholarship was awarded to Jerry Weygandt. We also held a drawing at the February meeting for the tuition scholarship that was donated by the John C. Campbell School in NC. This scholarship was awarded Alton Ray Morgan who had his ticket drawn from a bowl. Each of these people will need to act quickly to get signed up for a class and then report back to the club in the form of a demonstration of the techniques they learned in their respective classes.

Brian Clarry, our Symposium Chairman, is getting a jump start on next year's symposium by gathering a team of people together to begin the planning and execution of our next symposium! We have a date already - January 28 & 29, 2011. So, if you are interested in assisting with the effort, please contact Brian via email at [brianclarry@comcast.net](mailto:brianclarry@comcast.net) - I am sure he can put you to work on one or two tasks!

As you know by now, we will be hosting Richard Raffan in Nashville during the week of May 24-29. He will be conducting a full day demonstration for the club membership on Friday, May 28th. We have not confirmed the location of that demonstration, but we know it will be \$35.00 per person. This fee is being collected to help us offset the cost of having Richard visit us from Australia.

If you know of a public event where the TAW could participate with demonstrations or if you have any ideas on how we can take our craft to the public, please let me know. I am seeking new and interesting things for us to do as a club to expose our craft to a broader audience. Please send your ideas to me at [rsandusky@comcast.net](mailto:rsandusky@comcast.net).

I'm getting tired of the cold weather and am excited because I know that Spring is right around the corner! I'll see you at the March meeting on the 2nd!

Ray

## **Club Meeting—Tuesday, March 2**



Craig Jackson of Easy Wood Tools will be the March demonstrator. Craig has covered a lot of ground in his woodturning career, in a short time, and he has brought a lot to the art form as a whole. Like so many people when they start out, Craig was dumbfounded by why woodturning had to be

so complicated, dangerous, and messy. While he loved his new found hobby, he knew there had to be a better way. A master machinist by trade, he set his mind to finding an easier way to produce quality work. What he developed was the Easy Rougher. That first roughing tool solved all the problems of catches, cutting angles, and more but it was just the beginning. Now, armed with a line of tools that make life easier on beginners and masters alike, Craig has set his mind to bringing woodturning to the masses. After all, with the right tools, it's a hobby that everyone can enjoy. Craig will be demonstrating how to turn out awesome work without complicated angles, dangerous catches or sharpening. You may have already heard of his methods from a friend, but this will be a chance to see him in action. Whether you just started or have been turning for years, you're guaranteed to get something out of this session. The line of Easy Wood Tools will be available for your review and purchase, if you wish, starting at about \$99 and up. Check out the demo videos at [www.easywoodtools.com](http://www.easywoodtools.com) and then come see the live session March 2.

### **Saturday Turn-In**

The next Saturday Turn-In will be **February 20** 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. The March Saturday Turn-In will be **March 20**.

## **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**

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

**April 6** –

**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.

**February 20**

**March 20**

**April 17**

**May 15**

**June 19**

**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 session.**

## Minutes of the Meeting –Feb 2

Ray Sandusky called the meeting to order.  
 We had 38 members in attendance.  
 Jim Ballard was a visitor.  
 Symposium auction was a success.  
 Charles Alvis scholarship awarded to Stephen Campbell.  
 James Haddon scholarship awarded to Jerry Weygandt.  
 John C Campbell scholarship drawing was won by Alton Ray Morgan.  
 Woodcraft will participate in Turn for the Troops program in 2010.  
 Symposium tee shirts are available for \$15.00.  
 Graeme Priddle will be in area sometime this spring – details to follow.  
 Woodcraft has a few openings for Richard Raffan hands on classes.  
 TAW May meeting will be Thursday, May 6 due to elections.  
 TAW November meeting will be Thursday, November 4 due to elections.  
 January 28 – 29, 2011 will be dates for next symposium.  
 Brian Clarry will chair 2011 symposium committee.  
 Myra Orton will be teaching a pyrography class February 28 at Woodcraft.  
 Members may submit turned pieces for Hermitage Library gallery.

## February Demonstrator



Mike Zinser introduced David Sapp as the February demonstrator. David gave a detailed discussion of tool sharpening techniques and discussed what makes a tool really sharp

## Instant gallery



**Barry Werner** Chinese Elm hollow form  
**Ron Sanda** – Segmented bowl

## Hermitage Library Display

We have another opportunity to showcase our individual work and promote our club. The month of March, we will be displaying our work in a neighborhood "show and tell" at the Hermitage Library. They have graciously given us the use of a prominently displayed, locked, glass-front case. We will have room for 25 turned items. The platters can be any size, but other objects must be no more than 12 inches in diameter.

All items must be turned in to Mike Zinser or Bill Tucker by Wednesday evening, February 24!!! Mike - 480-3025 Bill - 889-7356

Each item will have its own display card with our logo and three lines:

1. Item description and wood
2. Turner's name
3. Turner's email address or turner's website address

This will give our club exposure to new potential turners and might possibly yield a future commission or sale. We could all use justification for new tool expenditures!

## 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

## 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.

## Introduction to Woodturning

Beginner's course. No experience needed. Tuesday evenings, beginning March 23, 2010, at Stratford High School (This is an adult Ed. Class) Instructor - Fred Takacs. Contact - Carl Myers, Stratford-East Nashville Community Education, 1800 Stratford Ave, Nashville, TN 37216, 615 262-6732, for information and registration.

## From the Editor

**Articles** are due **Friday March 19** for the April 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