

# Tuckesse Turners

## Woodturners from North Central Tn and South Central Ky

We provide an environment to help beginning woodturners get started with minimal start up costs  
Fostering the art and craft of woodturning by providing instruction, tools, and materials to the beginner

## August Newsletter

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### August Demonstrator Jackie Johnson

#### Message From The President

We are approaching the time of year when the temperature should begin to cool a little, allowing us to get back to our shops and make some chips fly.

We had a good meeting August 1<sup>st</sup>. Jackie Johnson demonstrated making pepper shakers.

Our Saturday, monthly turn-ins will resume in September. I encourage members to attend these events. We will always have someone available to show beginners and experienced turners a few tricks, including sharpening tools.

John Duzan, our Secretary, is attempting to continue his studies in architecture at The University of Kentucky. If he is accepted and decides to pursue this endeavor we will be looking for someone to take over that position in our club. We wish him well and will all miss him very much.

Our Lathe project got off to a great start. We have had many generous donations and members have been generous with furnishing the club with many items to sell for the purpose of raising money for the lathe fund.

Please call me for information or to give me news.  
I can be contacted at 931 906 3572 or 931 241 0342

Bob Forsythe  
President



Shown Turning a Pepper Mill

Since our August meeting, there are probably quite a few members with the smell of freshly ground pepper emanating from their kitchen.

Jackie Johnson showed us all how to make a pepper mill and how to assemble and finish it. It was obvious that he is experienced in making and demonstrating how to make pepper mills. He has made over two hundred of these and sells them for a price that makes them profitable.

To make a peppermill the following materials and tools are needed;

#### Materials List

Wood: 3" X 3" X 8"

Drill Bits

1 5/8 Forstner Bit

1 1/16 Forstner Bit

1 3/8 Forstner Bit

7 mm Forstner Bit

1" Forstner Bit

3/32" Bit

Chef Specialties 6"

Pepper mill

Mechanism and Sand Paper

#### Tools List

Roughing Gouge

Small Scraper

Parting Tool

Bedan Tool

Skew Chisel

Spindle Gouge

Hand Saw

Jacobs Chuck for Tail Stock

Phillips Screw Driver

## Jackie Johnson



Showing His Turned Pepper Mill

Among his many words of wisdom, he advised us to use only dry wood. He said that unless it is dry the wood will distort and the mechanism will not fit nor function properly.

One of Jackie's headline accomplishments was furnishing Playboy Mansion with his Pepper Mills.

### **Evening Market Place Demo A Huge Success**

Members who participated in this event left smiling. The sales were brisk and lots of people were exposed to the Tuckessee Woodturners organization and its objectives. The next Market Place event is scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Gander Memorial Turnings**

Harold Riggins asked members who turned bowls or vases for this project to be turned in at the September meeting. Please try to remember to bring yours in for Harold.

For those who don't remember, the material for these items came from the Gander Memorial storm damaged trees.

This memorial is in memory of those who were killed on Thursday, December 12, 1985. A chartered DC-8 plane carrying 248 members of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division of Ft. Campbell, KY and 8 crew members returning home for Christmas from peace keeping duties in the Middle East, crashed during takeoff in Gander Newfoundland. The following Monday, December 16, 1985, President and Mrs. Reagan visited Ft. Campbell for a memorial service honoring those soldiers.

## **New Lathe Project**

The project got off to a good start, so we are well on our way to reaching our goal. Most members are aware that we are seeking funds to purchase a new larger lathe to keep at the meeting place for use when we have a live Demo. Please give what you feel like giving (the amount of your donation is not shared with the general membership). Or you could consider giving items that the club could sell to raise funds, or you could do both.

## **Classified Ads**

Ads for woodworking and woodturning related items are free to members. Send your information to the editor.

## **Turn-In Participation**

You are encouraged to participate, either by coming to learn, by coming to teach, or by coming to turn among friends. You are allowed to use our equipment, lathes, tools, and sharpeners as you like at Turn-Ins. If you are a beginner, don't be afraid to ask for help.

If you want to demonstrate at any of our public events, you will need to be a member of AAW. Membership in AAW covers you, insurance wise, in the event of an accident.

Any member, whether an AAW member or not, can participate at any of our public events. No demonstrating unless you are an AAW Member. The next event is the Market Place this Saturday, downtown, on the square.

## **A New Endeavor For John Duzan**

We heard from John, this week and learned that he is pretty much settled in at UK school of Architecture. We wish John all the best. Stay in touch John. Clarence, we know you are very proud of your son.

## **SAFETY FIRST**

*Remember that in turning, you are using sharp tools, engaging them into moving wood. At best, it is dangerous. Please be careful.*

**Tom Pressler**



Chip & Dip Container

**Harold Riggins**



Maple Bowl

**Max Harris**



Mans Hat



Japanese Burl Bowl



Natural Edge Bowl



Cedar

## Jim Mason



Oak Natural Edge Bowl



15 inch Cherry Bowl



20 inch Sycamore Bowl

## Items for Sale

No items to list in this section. Kevin Herndon, mentioned at the last meeting that his Powermatic PM3520 was for sale. I understand he sold it that night at the meeting. So, as you can see this is a good place to advertise your for sale items. There is no charge to members.

## Coming Events

Saturday, Sept 3 – Market Place – Demo & Sell  
Monday, Sept 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. Reg Meeting 7:00 PM  
Saturday, Sept 17 – Frolic On Franklin  
Saturday, Sept 24 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sat - Club Turn In  
Monday, Oct 3- 1<sup>st</sup> Mon - Reg Meeting – 7:00 PM  
Saturday, Oct 22 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sat – Club Turn In  
Monday, Nov 7 – 1<sup>st</sup> Mon Reg Meeting – 7:00 PM  
Saturday, Nov 26 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sat – Club Turn In  
Monday, Dec 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> Mon – Reg Meeting – 7:00 PM

## September Regular Meeting *How To Apply Wipe On Poly*

The demonstrator scheduled for the September 5<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting cancelled at the last minute, so Jim Mason has agreed to fill in. He will demonstrate how he applies wipe on poly. Jim will show how he prepares his work for a finish and how he applies the polyurethane. If anyone has an item that is sanded and ready for the finish to be applied, bring it and let him apply the initial sealer and polyurethane.

## *Show & Tell*

Please bring an item to show. We are striving to have a picture of an item turned by every members. At least one item...more if you can.

## Interview With Mike Patrick

*Jim:* Mike, tell me how and when you got into woodturning and what tools you started with.

*Mike:* Jim, I have been playing around with woodturning for about 20 years. I say playing around because at the beginning I tried to make my lathe and I did. Also I tried to make my own tools with some success. After a few years of trying to

keep from spending any money, I bought a Nova lathe and realized that to turn wood with any success, you needed the good equipment and tools. I didn't know when to quit buying tools or lathes. I have 4 lathes in working order now, and more tools than anybody needs. I am still playing around with turning.

*Jim:* Where do you sell the items you make?

*Mike:* I haven't sold much of anything I have made, but have given most of it away as presents and fund raisers. I haven't made a whole lot of any one item so I haven't become really good at making anything. I view woodturning as a hobby and fun. I believe it would be a difficult way to make a living.

*Jim:* I agree with you about the part of making money at this hobby or trade. It would take a while to develop a good market for most of us. And, I agree that it should be fun.

All the turning I have watched you do has been excellent. I think you are being modest in your assessment of your ability. What source did you have for picking up turning expertise.

*Mike:* I have picked up many tips and ideas from our chapter and the Nashville club. Sometimes a conversation has given me insight on how to improve my turning.

*Jim:* What advise would you share with members and beginning turners?

*Mike:* The best advice I could pass on to a beginner turner is to spend time learning how to properly sharpen the various kind of tools. There are many in our club who disagree with me on this subject, but I think it is important to learn how to use tools that cut instead of scraping. Learning to rub the bevel and cutting the wood fibers leaves a better finish before sanding. If anyone takes the time and practices using these basic tools he can make anything that can be made on the lathe. Some of the new tools are scrapers and are fine and useful and some are easier to use but limits the turner.

The key word like any hobby is to have FUN. Remember to keep the main thing the MAIN thing and it ain't woodturning.

Charles Putnams  
*Tuckessee Notes*

The Market Place is this Saturday, September 3 at the Clarksville, Downtown Square.

Setup time for this event is 7:00 AM. Come on down and meet the public and turn some if you are in the mood. We look forward to seeing you!

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00PM is our next meeting at our club meeting place at 2576 N. Ford Street. Jim Mason will give us some information on finishing (His turnings always look great!). We realize that it is a holiday but we are having the meeting anyway.

Please bring your *show and tell* items from this month and the ones from last month that we had to skip at our last meeting.

The bowls are due for the Gander memorial this meeting.

September (and cooler weather) is a busy month for us...lets just enjoy it.

Questions are directed to Bob Forsythe, President  
931 906 3572

Poem Titled *Turning Tools*  
By  
Jim Mason

Woodturning is for any ambitious fool.  
All it takes is a lathe, a gouge and a parting tool.  
On those words I will take a stand.  
After you turn a piece, all you do is sand.

The world of woodturning...should I enter?  
Do I use a face plate or a drive center?  
What have I turned, a bowl, a hollow vessel or a vase?  
Should I finish it with oil or water base.

When finish is applied, my talent has been expressed.  
But look at those sand marks...oh! I get so depressed.  
Had I not solved that problem with sandpaper?  
I thought you could sand to alter a taper.

I watched experienced turners, and gee!  
It's the tool I am using...that's plain to see.  
I bit the bullet and now I am so proud.  
I purchased a 1/2 inch bowl gouge.

I'll make a statement that is explicit  
With this gouge I will not have to sand it.  
The new gouge cut easily, but only for awhile.  
Perhaps I changed my cutting style.

I attended a turn-in and my hopes were darkened.  
They told me my gouge was not properly sharpened.  
One member sharpened it and for over an hour  
I pushed that sucker into wood with much less power.

I was advised to purchase a tool grinder.  
With a few dollars, I think I can find her.  
Slow or high speed, 6 or 8 inch, pink wheel, gray, or white?  
With \$200 for grinder, jigs, & fixtures, I solved that plight.

Seems everyone is suggesting another tool.  
For knowledge on tools there should be a school.  
Chucks...four jaw, jacobs, jamb, vacuum...it's not funny.  
Now we are talking serious money

Face plate, drive center, tail center, or live center?  
What is this world of wood turning, I just entered?  
Chisels...gouges, scrapers, Carbon or High Speed?  
Is this a wish list or an urgent need?

Sanders, carvers, forstner bits.  
Decisions that are giving me fits.  
Bigger lathe, band saw, and a chain saw,  
When I priced those tools I dropped a jaw.  
Do I chuck with a Tennon or a mortice?  
You know these decisions affect all of us.  
Cracks, holes, voids...do we fill or accent?  
To solve these problems, is it worth the time spent?

Sanding sealer, wipe on poly, or friction polish?  
These are decisions I'd like to abolish.  
Do I dry this recently turned item fast or slow?  
How am I supposed to know?

Spalting is not easy, I am here to say.  
Because spalting is the first stages of decay.  
Every time I tried, I seem to have forgotten,  
And by the time I check it, it's sometimes rotten.

I had cracks, warp, & oval shapes...what the heck?  
And when I dried the wood, the problem was check.  
It was CA... super glue, saw dust, and accelerator  
That I soon learned would fill those craters.

I guess you might say that I am possessed  
With a hobby, to which I have become Obsessed.  
One of the reasons, I have observed  
Is my curiosity with that steep learning curve.

At first, I thought it was the lack of tools.  
That prevented the perfection I pursued.  
I soon learned that it was experience that I needed.  
And when I obtained it, my expectations, I exceeded.

Sure it was difficult, but I faced my fears.  
I emphatically say it was worth the sweat and the tears.  
And I see the worth in its having taken years  
When I receive those occasional cheers.

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## Our Location

2576 N. Ford Street (New Providence)  
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## Directions to Club Meeting Place

**From the South:** Take N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street north onto Hwy 41A (Providence Blvd), Turn Right on Market St, Turn Right on Chapel St, Turn Left on North Ford St. About ½ mi. rd turns hard right, continue about ½ mile to the last building on the Left.

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