

Tuckessesee 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.

May Newsletter

Message From The President

In all our adventures with woodturning, we sometimes have to stop and think about our club and what it has done for us, and what we have done for it.

Our club has grown from an original crew of about six people to now over 40 members. One of the club's main goals is to spread the interest and knowledge of woodturning to other individuals. We have been very successful in that area and have watched many new members become skilled woodturners.

We are always looking to spread our outreach and our attendance at festivals and other public events. Each member donates in his or her own way whether donating items to the club for sale or finding possible new members.

The future looks bright and if our efforts are successful in the future as in the past we have an even greater club on the horizon.

If you would like to volunteer just call me.

And, please call me for information or to give me news. I can be contacted at 931 906 3572 or 931241 0342.

Bob Forsythe
President

May Demonstrator



Bob Forsythe, the club President gave members an array of ideas on how to mount wood in the lathe for turning. He used a lot of pre-prepared pieces to demonstrate the different techniques.



The use of a face plate, his favorite way to mount, was emphasized. For safety, he encouraged beginners to always use this method, when possible.



Bob showed many types and brands of four-jaw chucks and many kinds of jaws for his chucks. He showed how to use a glue block to extend the work from the headstock drive center for easier finishing of both sides of the work piece.

Instant Gallery

Jon Holloway



Holy (wormy) Bowl



Segmented Bowl



Bowling Pin Vase



Cedar Burl Bowl



Pine Burl Bowl



Bacote Ring Box



Cedar Bowl

Bob Forsythe



Dyed Black Walnut



Cottonwood Bowl



Dyed Cottonwood



Box Elder



Hackberry



Hackberry Bowl

(Show & Tell)

Jack Bastin



Hickory Bowl

Max Harris



Walnut Vase



Cherry Mini Hat



Cherry Mini Hat



Maple Bowl



Ginkgo Bowl

Terry Ellis



Red Oak Bowl



Red Oak Bowl

Clarence Duzan



Podauk Platter



Poplar Platter

Jim Mason



Osage Orange Vase



Beech Arched Bowl



Box Elder Bowl
Continued...

Jim Mason



Elevated Beech Bowl with Pedestal

Clarence Duzan



Cherry Textured Bowl

Club Considering a Larger Lathe

The possibility of purchasing a larger lathe drew much attention and developed into a lengthy discussion. Mike Patrick, Bob Forsythe, and Jim Mason were assigned to a committee to study the feasibility and costs. It was recommended that a donation be taken at some point. Members could either give cash and/or donate something that could be sold to help raise cash for a larger lathe. The existing mini lathes serve us well in most cases. However, for a guest demonstrator the midi lathes are sometimes not large enough. We need to have adequate equipment for good demonstrators.

There are several excellent turners from other clubs who have already promised to come show us their methods and expertise. It was felt that a larger lathe could help us in this effort.

Items For Sale

Kevin Herndon has a Jet 12/20 mini lathe for sale with a heavy duty stand, drive center, and a live tailstock center, for sale. \$275. Call him at 270 847 1141

Gander Memorial Tree Damage

remember, this memorial Harold Riggins told members about some storm damaged trees that had blown down at the Gander Memorial on post. He

suggested that members take a piece of the wood and turn something for the victims families.

For those who don't is in memory of those who were killed Thursday, December 12, 1985. A chartered DC-8 plane carrying 248 members of the 101st Airborne Division of Fort 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.

Coming Events

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| Derby Arts Festival – Hopkinsville | May 7 |
| demo and sell | |
| Saturday Turn-in MOVED TO | May 21 |
| Dover Festival – demo & sell | May 28 |
| The Market Place – demo & sell | June 4 |
| Regular Meeting – Jackie Johnson | June 6 |
| (Demonstrate making Salt & Peppers) | |

No Turn-in in June, July, or August

Interview with Vice President, Clarence Duzan

Clarence, I would like to interview you for an article in the May newsletter. If you are agreeable to that and this is a good time, lets get started with a few basic questions.

Jim: Clarence, you have been in the Tuckessee Turners club for a long time. And you have volunteered many hours to the club. I know you don't get a lot of public praise for all you have done for the club. You have assumed responsibility of collecting and selling the items that members donate to the club. You haul them around to all the events we participate in, looking for a sale opportunity, so we can add to the clubs treasure. How many hours would you guess that you have volunteered?

Clarence: It is impossible to estimate the number of hours I put in. I volunteer for almost all functions that the club is involved in.

Jim: I know it is hard to estimate, and you are modest and don't toot your own horn. How much money would you guess you have collected for the club?

Clarence: I would estimate I have sold about \$400 to \$500 a year. I don't keep a record of the amount. I normally hand it to Bob at the time of the sale so it can be deposited in the club account. We have only been doing the club sales for about 3 years. We are always glad to have more donated items so we can improve the club fund.

Jim: Clarence, how did you get into turning, and how long have you been turning?

Clarence: After I retired, my wife said I needed a hobby so I would not wind up just sitting around. She saw an ad in the paper for a class on turning at Pens and More. She gave the \$60 fee, so I took the class. I made a pen and a bowl...and I have been at it ever since.

Jim: I can tell you enjoy turning platters. What made you settle on platters as your favorite?

Clarence: I started making platters when I started turning because I was given some "platter" wood by Robert Workman. I made one for all my Brothers and Sisters and I have been making them ever since. I can't say they are my favorite, they just sell good. I also like to make bowls, pens, bottle stoppers, and other things. I also enjoy making toys for the kids.

Jim: Tell us about the process you use, and which tools you use and how.

Clarence: I mainly use dried wood and I like to mount on the lathe using the screw in the chuck. I mostly use sanding sealer topped off with friction polish. I have used almost all finishes. As far as tools, I use mostly bowl gouges and scrapers, but I have about every type tool available. I like using a texturing tool to add decoration to my bowls and platters. I also like to burnish the wood using either a friction wire, or exotic colored wood.

What basic tools would you recommend for someone just getting started in woodturning?

Clarence: I would recommend that a person just starting purchase a starter set that includes a bowl gouge, spindle gouge, scraper, skew, parting tool, pointed scraper, and a roughing gouge. As far as lathes I recommend a Jet or a good cheap one like the one offered in the Penn State catalog. As far as chucks, I prefer Oneway, but there are some very good cheaper ones for beginners. Make sure that it has a screw to mount in the chuck for a quick screw on.

Classified Ads

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

Turn for Victims of Gander Air Crash Victims

The Turn-in on Saturday 5/21 is dedicated to turning bowls from wood that was storm-damaged at the Gander Memorial Park recently. Wood will be provided to anyone who will turn a Bowl at this event. Representatives from the post and the Press from the Ft. Campbell Courier will be there to record this story. So bring sharp tools and your skills and lets show them what we can do to help honor the soldiers who lost their lives in the Gander Crash in December 1985.

Hopkinsville Derby Arts Festival



Bob Forsythe and Jim Mason

Bob, Clarence, and Jim demonstrated at the Bradford Square Mall in Hopkinsville, Saturday the 7th.

The Hopkinsville Art Guild was having an event they called The Derby Arts Festival. Guild volunteers, artists, and High School seniors painted childrens faces and offered hats and other items that the children could paint themselves. It was a big success for the Art Guild and for Bob and Clarence. Jim was not successful that day but did do a lot of turning. We were located near the staging area, which was an advantage, in that we were “up front and center”. It was a little of a disadvantage because we sometimes had to interrupt our turning due to the noise of our lathes.

We had a great time, met lots of people, secured one new member, and sold lots of things for the club. So, all in all, we feel it was worth the effort.

Thank you, Bob for hauling around all that equipment for events like this.

The next event is a Saturday Turn-in on the 21st, turning bowls for family member of the Gander memorial victims

The next Saturday, the 28th is the Dover Festival. If you are a member of AAW you are covered with liability insurance and can demonstrate at public events. Even if you are not a member, you can

participate by selling your turnings and talking with festival attendees. So, all members can participate.

You **do NOT** have to be a member of AAW to participate in the Saturday Turn-ins.

A Little Humor to Fill This Space

Teacher: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

Simon: No, sir, I don't have to, my mom is a good cook

More Humor

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on ‘My Dog’ is exactly the same as your brother’s. Did you copy his?

Clyde: No, sir, it's the same dog.

Bob Forsythe and Clarence Duzan



At the Hopkinsville Derby Arts Festival

SAFETY FIRST

I just received a report on Joan Kelly, a member of the Memphis Woodturning Guild, who was injured in a woodturning accident two weeks ago and recently died as a result. Please use caution when turning. You who are instructing beginners, let's renew our commitment to **STRESS SAFETY**

Symposiums of Interest

Southern States Woodturning Symposium

April 29 – May 1, 2011

www.southernstatessymposium.org

American Association of Woodturners Symposium

June 24-26, 2011, St. Paul, MN

www.woodturner.org

Georgia Association of Woodturners

14th Annual Woodturning Symposium,
September 19-21, Unicoi State Park and Lodge,
Helen, GA www.gawoodturner.org

Tennessee Association of Woodturners

24th Woodturning Symposium
January 27-29, 2011, Nashville, TN
www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium

Woodturning Clubs of Interest

American Association of Woodturners

www.woodturner.org

Tennessee Association of Woodturners

Nashville, TN www.tnwoodturners.org

Duck River Woodturners Club, Columbia, TN

www.duckriverwoodturners.com

Tri-State Woodturners Club, Chattanooga, TN

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Directions to Club Meeting Place

From the South: Take N. 2nd 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.

From the North: From Hwy 41A (Providence Blvd) turn left on Chapel St ¼ mi. turn left on North Ford St. About ½ mi. rd turns hard right, continue about ½ mile to the last building on the Left.