

Tuckesse Turners

Woodturners from North Central TN and South Central Kentucky

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

January Newsletter

Message from the President

This month is probably the same for most of us, being busy playing catch up after such a hectic month of Holidays and the stresses involved. By now I hope you are relaxed and settled into your woodturning activities, using those new Christmas turning tools or equipment.

This is a good time of the year to pick up good turning wood from tree cutters. The weather this time of year usually requires trees come down...the owners loss and our gain. I hope you know some tree trimmers who will call or direct you to downed trees.

Trees cut this time of year hold their bark well making them ideal for natural edge turning.

If you are new to turning and need help finding wood, contact other turners or call me for assistance.

We are close to buying a big lathe. Hope to have an announcement at the February meeting. We are \$600 short on money, so bring a tool no longer use so we can auction it off. Will accept donations.

A larger lathe should help us get some professional turners to demonstrate for us. At best it will make it easier for those who do demonstrate. We can demo larger items at the Saturday turn-ins.

Our club is on track to have a very good year. Good luck and happy turning.

Bob Forsythe
President

January Demonstration



Jim Mason Turning A Natural Edge Vase

Jim showed us how to turn an apple log into a vase, leaving the bark around the top edges, referred to as natural edge turning.



As Jim explained, using freshly cut wood makes the turning look much easier.

Dave Davis



Poplar Angel

Terry Ellis



Leopard Bowl

Kevin Austin



Segmented Vase

Mahogany Bowl



Tom Pressler



Christmas Ornament

Thirteen inch Walnut Bowl



Max Harris



Fifteen inch Maple Bowl



Cherry and Walnut Lidded Bowl

Ken Ashton



Four inch Charry Bowls



Oak Natural Edge Vase

Jim Mason



Dyed Sycamore Bowl

Please bring something to show at next meeting. Don't be ashamed to show some of your first work...it is as good as the beginning works of some or our better turners. We all share the same trouble and frustrations. It is a tough learning curve, but you will master turning and will begin to really enjoy turning. Whatever you bring, be proud of it.

Caution - Safety First

Please be careful. Woodworking, especially woodturning, is very dangerous. Sharp tools engaging in wood that is turning fast requires extra caution.

The Editor Interviews our President

Jim Mason and Bob Forsythe talk about the past, the present, and the future of the Tuckesse Woodturners club.

Message from Charles Putnam

You are aware that we have been looking for a larger lathe to use in demonstrations and our Saturday Turn-Ins. We have been collecting funds from donations, sales, etc. for that purpose. We currently have \$1,400 in that fund and we now have an opportunity to purchase a nice Powermatic 3520 for \$2,000. So! *You can see that we are \$600 short that amount.* We need to come up with the difference by our next meeting on February 6th. We will accept donations large and small. If you can make a donation please call Bob Forsythe at 931 906 3572 so he can keep track of our efforts.

We have decided to have a small auction at our next meeting: we are asking our long time members to *bring something of value to be sold for the Lathe fund.* We all have some old tools in our shops that are just gathering dust and a new turner would enjoy paying only a small price for. So! Bring in one or more to push the lathe fund along. Our club was nine years old last October and we want to make the tenth year one of our best.

See you on the 6th of February.

Space Filler

The Average Committee

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done

Jim: Bob, I would like to interview you for this issue of our newsletter. If that's ok with you lets get started.

Jim: Bob, how long have you been a member of the Tuckesse Woodturners?

Bob: I think it was September of 2005 that I became involved.

Jim: How did you find them?

Bob: There was an article in the newspaper that they were going to be demonstrating at the river in Clarksville. I think it was Riverfest.

Jim: What motivated you to begin turning?

Bob: I tried it in high school and I made a night stick and a pair of drumsticks for my brother.

Jim: HOW did you get started?

Bob: I went to a turn-in at Mike's (Mike Patrick) house and made a bowl of about 5 inches. The next day I was standing outside woodcraft with a hand full of money waiting for the store to open.

Jim: What equipment and tools did you start with?

Bob: A 10 inch Jet lathe, a Oneway chuck, 2 bowl gouges, a parting tool, and a scraper.

Jim: Who helped you the most and which turner did you try to emulate?

Bob: Charley Putnam taught me at that first turn-in that I went to. And whenever I got into trouble I called him. But I shouldn't say he taught me, he was teaching another guy and kept saying to me. Are you watching? I would say yes and he would show the other guy something else and say...are you watching? When the other guy was finished Charley asked were you watching? I answered yes and he threw me a block of wood and said "make me a bowl" and walked away. He came back every once and a while to look over my shoulder and at the end, parted it off for me.

Jim: What advise would you give to a beginner?

Bob: Practice, practice, practice riding the bevel and beads and coves.

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Jim: Most of us eventually settle on some item or style as we develop our talents? What style or item have you settled in on primarily?

Bob: I love making goblets, but they don't sell too good. The next is bowls...the bigger the better. I have 2 twenty inch ones and I want to go even bigger.

Jim: How much time do you spend on turning for yourself...not counting for the club?

Bob: At least 2 hours every day and sometimes 8 hours. I am either cleaning up or messing up. Some days I just do finishing.

Jim: When did you become President of our club?

Bob: I think it has been 3 years now. I became President after Dave Davis.

Jim: What has been the biggest challenge as President?

Bob: Getting someone to do demos. Everyone wants them so they can learn, but nobody wants to do them. We have a lot of new people that are hungry for the most basic instruction. It don't have to be complex or difficult.

Jim: How much time would you say you put in on a monthly basis?

Bob: Most of my time is on the phone, getting everyone on the same page. I would say 8 hours.

Jim: Our membership has increased significantly under your leadership. I feel good about the direction of our club. What are your thoughts about our objectives and our plans for the future?

Bob: We have increased our membership mostly by word of mouth at demos and the farmers market. That is why we say if you can't demo at these events because you are not an AAW member, you can still help out by talking to people about the club. The objective has been to teach about woodturning...as I was given to understand anyway, and we have never missed an opportunity to do just that. The trailer has 5 ten inch lathes on it. There are 4 twelve inch ones at the FOP Lodge and we are looking at a 20 inch Powermatic to keep at the FOP lodge. We will have our new library up and running at the next meeting. And our website is now up and running thanks to Denton Jordan. As to where we are going? I don't know but I hope it is as much fun getting there as it was getting to where we are now.

Jim: Great stuff, Bob. Thank you for sharing with us. I know every member thanks you for all you are doing. It's a tough job and few are willing to do it.

New Member/Guest

Sorry we don't have a picture of this guest, but here is the information. Welcome, Brandon.

Brandon Kashel,
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kashel.brandon@gmail.com

February Meeting

Meet at 7:00 PM at the FOP Lodge, February 6th
2576 N. Ford Street (New Providence)
Clarksville, TN 37040

Another space filler

If you think you are beaten, you are:

If you think you dare not, you won't:

If you like to win, but don't think you can,

It's almost a cinch, you won't.

Life's battles don't always go

To the stronger or the faster man,

But sooner or later, the man who wins

Is the fellow who thinks he can.

Quote from Woodworkers Journal

Woodworkers Journal had an article in their winter edition Special Interest Publication titled Turning Projects and techniques, in which Steve Blenk wrote an article titled Top Ten Safety Tips. In that article Steve said **“JUST REMEMBER: THEM TOOLS IS ALWAYS HUNGRY, AND THEY'D RATHER EAT YOU THAN WOOD. YOU GOTTA OUTTHINK 'EM ALL THE TIME.”**

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Symposium of Interest

Tennessee Association of Woodturners
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Our Location
2576 N. Ford Street (New Providence)
Clarksville, TN 37040

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www.woodturner.org

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.

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