Tuckessee 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

February Newsletter

Message From The President

As we begin our 10th year as a club we could reminisce about the past and how so many members have dedicated their lives to it's success. But, instead let's look to the future.

We are at a turning point now...with the recently established library, the first year anniversary of our Newsletter rapidly approaching, and our large lathe, we have the tools to prosper.

To say our auction was a great success is certainly an understatement! With an attendance of about 35 people, a table full of items and cash donations we raised about three times our goal. The club wants to thank all who contributed items, purchased items and made cash donations. It was the most successful activity we have ever been involved in. A great way to celebrate our 10th year as a club.

Thanks to everyone for a successful event.

We are looking into buying a set of wheels to serve as a mobile base to fit the lathe as it is just too heavy to scoot around on the floor. We expect to have the lathe on site by our next Turn-in day.

Thanks again members!

Bob Forsythe President 931 906 3572

P.S. The next monthly membership meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5th.

Members Came Through With a Bang! At Monthly Membership Meeting



There was no demonstration scheduled for the February meeting to give us time to hold an auction of donated items. The purpose was to raise additional funds for a new Lathe. Members came through with flying colors...a standing room only crowd who came with money and an eagerness to help.



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The auction netted over a \$1,000 and pushed our Lathe fund to over \$2,400, more than we had hoped for. Items donated and sold ranged from Hollowing systems, turning tools, wood to live tail centers, and more.

We had a lot of fun, raised a lot of money, and many went home with desirable bargains. Members are anxious to see the (new to us) Powermatic 3520 which will be purchased this week.

Monthly Turn-In

The next monthly turn-in will be Saturday, February 25th. Even experienced turners can benefit from these sessions, so we can safely say that it will make a beginner's (less than three years experience) learning curve skyrocket. There is so much that you don't yet know what you don't know about turning.

So come on out and turn or watch someone turn. Bring some tools and sharpen them or let someone show you how they are to be sharpened. Sharp tools is a must for any serious turner.

Come learn what to do and how it is done and go home and practice, practice, practice. Make some mistakes...we all did and still do.

But! Please be careful. Danger lurks anytime you engage a sharp tool into moving wood.

Items on Display at the Nashville Symposium



Some of the best woodturners in the world were demonstrating their techniques and verbalizing their enthusiasm for the art of selecting, turning, and decorating wood. They were all eager to discuss in depth how they do things.



Hopkinsville's Jim Mason

Members of the Nashville club displayed their work. One such item is the one below turned by Dave Stricker. It is Cherry, turned to a uniform thickness of approximately $3/16^{th}$ of an inch. It is about 24" X24" X 14"...a huge natural edge masterpiece.



Dave Stricker

Gainsville's Jimmy Greenwood



Item donated by Jim Mason To the TAW Symposium Auction





Symposium Demonstrator Al Stirt Shows How it's Done





Some of our Members in attendance at the Symposium



Bob Forsythe



Segmented Bowl finished by Bob Forsythe, autographed by members, and to be given to deceased member Chuck Webber's family



Mortar and Pestle

Jon Holloway



Walnut Bowl with Base



Western Cedar 10" Bowl

Kevin Austin



Segmented Vase



Cottonwood Bowl

Christine Roth



Cherry Bowl and Poplar Plate

Denton Jordan



Walnut Bowl

Jim Mason



Oak Vase



Cherry Vase (Natural Edge)



Cherry Natural Edge Vase

Max Harris



Walnut Bowl



Ash Sphere



Bradford Pear Bowl

Ken Ashton



Black Locust Bowls

This is a good way to be motivated to practice enough so that you want to show how you have progressed, even if you have to bring an item you **Please bring something to show for Show 'n Tell** have not finished and have a question about.

Waste Block Tip

Thomas J Daluisio, Virginia, writing in the April issue of *American Woodturner*, said "Instead of cutting waste blocks using the bandsaw or with a hole saw, I glue scrap boards together in layers to form lengths 3" thick by 20" long (8 cm by 50 cm). I turn the lamination to a cylinder of a diameter that will fit my chuck. I cut thicknesses as needed, using the band saw with the cylinder held in a V-block."

He also said, "I generally use a section that is 2" (50 mm) thick so that the project is kept away from the chuck, but you may wish to have the bottom of the turning blank rest on the shoulder of the chuck jaws for additional support."

He added, "Because I am gluing end grain, I use five minute epoxy to glue the waste block to the turning stock. It is a nice way to make use of bland or damaged wood."

R U Complaining About The Weather?

As a rule man's a fool

When it's hot he wants it cool.

When it's cool he wants it hot.

He always wants it what it's not

Author unknown

The Contest of Life

The contest lasts for moments Though the training's taken years. It wasn't the winning alone that Was worth the work and tears. The applause will be forgotten. The prize will be misplaced. But the long hard hours of practice Will never be a waste. For in trying to win You build a skill. You learn that winning Depends on will. You never grow by how much you win. You only grow by how much you put in. So any challenge You've just begun Put forth your best And you've already won. Author unknown

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Scheduled Event

The Saturday Turn-in this month will be Saturday, February 25th.

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Directions to Club Meeting Place

From the South: Take N. 2^{nd} Street north onto Hwy 41A (Providence Blvd), Turn Right on Market St, Turn Right on Chapel St, Turn Left on North Ford St. About $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. rd turns hard right, continue about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the last building on the Left.

From the North: From Hwy 41A (Providence Blvd) turn left on Chapel St ¹/₄ mi. turn left on North Ford St. About ¹/₂ mi. rd turns hard right, continue about ¹/₂ mile to the last building on the Left.

March Meeting March 5th

Kevin Austin from Hopkinsville will show members how to lay out, glue up, and turn a segmented vase. See one of his Segmented vases under Show 'n Tell photos. Kevin learned to turn along with Paul Ferrell of Hopkinsville. This will be a great opportunity for you to see a good program on our new lathe.