

Tuckessesee Turners

Woodturners from North Central TN and South Central Kentucky

We provide an environment to help beginning woodturners get started with minimal start up costs

August 2014 Newsletter

Presidents Message...

Fellow woodturners,

Looks like the end of another summer. So far, the market place is doing ok. We still have two more months of the market and then the fall craft show at the marina in November. The Franklin St follies is the 13th of September along with the market on the same day. We're spread a little thin that day, both in personnel and donations for the club table. I need to know at the Monday meeting, who will attend either of these events.

I want to thank the same core group of 8-10 members who stand up and support the club, both by participating in these events and donating items to sell.

What I don't understand is why the rest of you can't be bothered to even donate an item you don't even want! We try to get outside demonstrators - that costs money which is raised from the sale of items at the venues. We have to pay for these venues, that every member is invited to participate, that costs money from the sale of these items. We like to donate to worthy

causes every year - that costs money! Which, again, is acquired from the sale of items at these venues. Come on folks - stand up and show some support for your club!

The turn-ins will resume in Sept, the fourth weekend. Let's welcome all those new guys to the fun world of woodturning.

See y'all Monday the 1st of Sept.

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PS. Bring something for Show 'n Tell.

Jack Bastin... September Demonstrator...

Jack will show us how to make bottle stoppers. Jack is the master in our club at making Christmas ornaments, bottle stoppers, and numerous other small items.

Don't miss it. Jack always does a great demo.

Andy Woodard....
August Demonstrator...



Andy, woodturning addict, presents his demo titled Getting back to basics.



Andy emphasized Safety and the dangers associated with woodturning

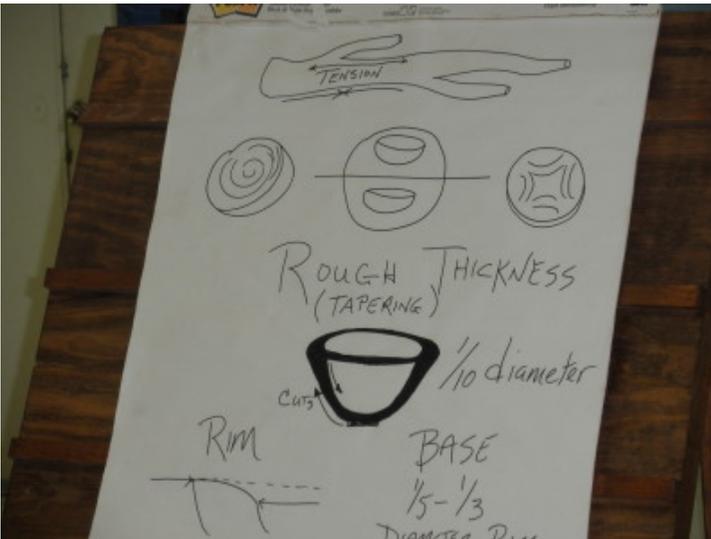
Charles Putnam...
our Social and Publicity Chairman
Gives valuable advice to Beginners.

Note to new and potential turners!

If you plan to learn to turn, there are some guide lines provided by our club, that will save you time and money.

First, **do not** buy tools or equipment until you have some experience. Most of us have tools we have never used as a result of "buying in ignorance". The club has everything you will need in the way of tools and equipment for getting started. And we sometimes have sources that can reduce the cost of your equipment.

Since we know that it will be awhile until our Saturday schools start again in September we have a referral program that allows you to visit a shop of one of our experienced members in a location near you. This is all free of course. Just call one of the Club officers listed on the back page of this newsletter and they will set you up with someone as close as possible. We want you to enjoy the hobby as much as we do.



Andy used this visual to explain different aspects of his presentation.



Club members were fascinated by Andy's presentation. It is obvious he had their attention.

Minutes of August Meeting...

Tuckessee Woodturners August 4, 2014 Club Meeting

The August club meeting was called to order by President Jon Haigh at 7:00 p.m. on August 4, 2014 at the FOP Lodge 2576 North Ford Street in Clarksville TN.

Visitors to the meeting were introduced:

- Luke Brockett – from Alaska, has turned a little.
- Bill Parsons – Just bought a mini lathe.
- Mike Schwartz – No experience turning.
- Dan Ball – No experience turning.
- Roy Mack – No experience turning.

The club order for 8 CBN sharpening wheels has arrived and the wheels were distributed. The club received the free led light with electromagnet attachment for meeting the minimum order. If members wish to order their own light contact Wood Turner Wonders in Atlanta and tell them you are a member of the Tuckessee club for the \$49.95 special pricing.

Our September sale at the downtown market will be on September 13th due to Rivers and Spires. That same date, September 13th, we will be participating in the Frolic on Franklin. In order to cover both events President Jon needs to know who will be able to participate in either event. We will also be selling at the downtown market September 20th.

Treasurer Bruce Hensley, was not present to present the treasurer's report. President Jon reported that the club sold \$74.00 worth of items at the last two downtown markets which was to be added to the club balance.

President Jon reminded everyone that the club still needs donated items to sell at the Downtown Market. Charles Maddux brought some items for the club to sell.

Remember that Turn-Ins start back up in September on the third Saturday of the month at the FOP Lodge.

President Jon is looking for a wireless microphone at a reasonable price for our presenters to use so they can wear a face mask while turning and still be heard. This will increase safety for our presenters.

A couple of months back, James Mason campaigned for someone in the club to make a safety shield that could be placed in front of the lathe when demonstrations were being given. The Nashville club had made some of these and plans had appeared in a recent issue of "American Woodturner". Charles Maddux and Mike Patrick heeded the call. Charles offering to pay for the materials and Mike assembling the shield. The new shield was presented and used for the first time at the meeting tonight.

After discussion, the decision was made to go ahead and hold the September meeting on the first Monday, September 1, even though that would be Labor Day.

Jon Holloway reported there was some possibility that we might lose access to the FOP Lodge for our club meetings. He would know more and report to President Jon as soon as he has anything to report. Following discussion it was decided that we should probably be looking for another meeting place just in case. Hopefully, one we could call our own.

Eddie Davidson announced he has a trailer of hard maple outside that is free for the taking. The only caution was there might be a little poison Oak on some of it which he would be glad to scrape off.

Steve Sabinash had a trailer of Cherry and Walnut that he was giving away also. Before the meeting, he was sawing the logs for those who did not have a band saw.

Each meeting, members bring in projects they have been working on and show them during “Show & Tell”. Items displayed this month included:

Bob Forsythe – Bowl he had been experimenting on using black and white wax. It was made from FOG wood, “found on ground”.

Jim Mason - Large Maple Bowl dyed dark.
Square Bowl made of unknown wood with a Urethane finish.

The program tonight was presented by Andy Woodard from Columbia Tennessee. Andy describes himself as a “Woodturning Addict”. His program was entitled “Getting Back To Basics”.

Andy had two handouts which he passed around. These will be posted on our web site.

Among the many tidbits he shared with use were:

- Don't use limbs. They are subject to tension and compression which will likely cause problems.
- The thickness of a bowl wall should typically be about 1/10 of the diameter. It can be less at the bottom where the effective diameter is less.
- Leave a small tennon on the bottom of the bowl when you turn the outside to assist in centering when you return.
- A short length of PVC pipe over the jaws of your chuck make a good jamb chuck
- Never use a spindle gouge for bowl work. The tang is thin and will break under the pressure.
- The base of a bowl should be 1/5 to 1/3 the rim diameter.
- If you tool is bouncing when cutting it will bounce in the same spot next pass unless you start back at a smooth spot to work the bounce out.
- Inside a bowl use a gouge cutting from the outside in. Outside the bowl use a scraper cutting from the outside in.
- An interesting feature on the rim of a bowl is to leave a bead there or undercut the inside.
- You can check the smoothness of your finish inside a bowl by shining a light across the surface. Look for flat spots. It might help to put one coat of finish on and then check.
- Andy likes to use Anchor Seal Wax on bowls.
- Andy says – “Be proud of your work, be safe, and have fun”.

Steve Sabinash presented Andy with one of his roughing tools which he makes and offers for sale.

Andy presented the club with 62 issues of “American Woodturner” dating from March 1996 to December 2010 for use as the club sees fit. Maybe as gifts to visitors or new members to increase their interest in wood turning.

The meeting was adjourned.

Charles B. Wall
Secretary

Former member contacts Editor...

Ken Ashton emailed the following on August 10th.

“Not sure if you remember me but I started turning in your club after a demo at Bob's house. I also went to one of your demos in Hopkinsville, 2012, I

think. Anyway I am in Missouri, retired from the Army and still turning and I still enjoy your newsletters. Please keep them coming.”

Ken continued by inquiring as to how to finish bowls.

Continued...

It is always encouraging to hear how our club has influenced former and present members, especially those who were here for only a brief period.

Ken, we will continue the newsletters and hope you find this article is satisfactory

The Library.....

Billy Dickens, our Librarian, invites you to check out one of the many learning tools...books, videos, etc.

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If you have checked anything out lately, be sure to check the return date. If more time is needed, give Billy a call at 931 645 9210 or email him at billy.dickens@iildickens.com

.....Club Activities for 2014.....

Monthly Club Meetings

First Mondays

September 1 st	Jack Bastin
October 6 th	David Sapp
November 3 rd	
December 1 st	

Market Place Events

First and Third Saturdays

Sept 6th
Sept 13th
Sept 20th
Oct 4th
Oct 18th

Monthly Turn-ins

Fourth Saturdays

Sept 20th
Oct 25th
Nov 22nd
Dec 27th

Franklin Street Follies

Sept. 13th 7 AM – 3:30 PM

Visitors....

Stan Ball



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Bill Parsons



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Mike Swartz



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Jim Mason



Square Bowl of Unidentified Wood

LeRoy Mack



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Jim Mason



Natural Edge Vase of Spalted Elm

SHOW AND TELL

Jim Mason



Thirteen inch Maple Salad Bowl with Black Dye

The Editor Makes plea for participation...

I believe participating in show & tell is one of the best things you can do to advance your woodturning ability. It will motivate you to turn at least one item that you can bring to the meeting and discuss with members. It is also good for our faithful members who put in so much time and effort providing you with their time, talent, and, instruction. It is rewarding to them to see how you progress. I know it will be rewarding to you and you will be proud of yourself to show something you made, regardless of the quality. Most beginners are much better than they give themselves credit for. LET'S SEE HOW MANY SHOW AND TELL ITEMS WE CAN BRING TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

Mason Made News....

Woodworker continues building family legacy

By Kat Russell, New Era Photojournalist | Posted: Sunday, August 10, 2014 10:37 pm



Wood shavings fly into the air as Jim Mason demonstrates the beginning stages of woodturning during which he shapes the log into the desired form.

When he's not at work or teeing off in his weekly round of golf, local woodturner Jim Mason is in his workshop creating something beautiful.

Mason grew up working with wood. His father built furniture and fishing boats and Mason would help, all the while learning the trade.

"Woodworking's been in my blood," he said. It's something he's always done.

Mason described his father as a "do-it-all" type who always had to have something to do — a trait the two men share.

"He could do wiring, he could over haul a car, he could take the engine out put it back and repair the transmission, wire houses ... so I kind of grew up with that," he said.

As the years progressed, Mason got married and he and his wife had children, and all the while, Mason was building furniture — bookcases, beds, tables, picture frames — as his dad did, using basic tools.

The larger his family grew, the more woodworking he did.

"When our children started having children, I started making children's furniture," he said.

Then his father-in-law gave him a wood lathe — a machine tool that spins a piece of wood while the woodworker used sharp tools to cut and mold the piece into the desired form.

“I used it and a set of basic tools that I didn’t know how to use,” he chuckled. “So I made some things and I was pleased with the results but it took a long, long time and it was hard work.”

That was the beginning of Mason’s more than 30 years of woodturning.

Then, 10 years ago, Mason joined the Tuckessee Woodturners in Clarksville and the Tennessee Association of Woodturners in Nashville, and woodturning went from something he fiddled with to something he took seriously.

“I became a little bit obsessed with it,” he laughed. “You can forget everything else when you’re in your shop. It’s like anything else that you (know) so well and have a knack for, you just seem to want to do more of it.”

Over the years, Mason has developed his own style using many different kinds of wood. His favorite wood to work with is cherry, he said.

“I like the texture,” he said. “It’s a good solid wood that has no voids. But I’ll work with any wood I can get.”

The pieces Mason makes are elegant and respectful of the wood’s natural beauty. His bowls and vase-like creations are rounded and smoothed and finished with precision.

Mason’s work also has a playful side that can be seen in his wooden baseballs and hand-crafted chess sets.

As a painter finds a channel to express his feelings and views through his work, Mason said woodturning allows him to express himself.

“I have all these Ideas in my head of things I want to do and turn,” he said.

Perhaps the most unique thing about Mason is he only works with “found wood.”

“I like to work with wood that has a story,” he said.

Stacked high against one wall in his workshop are logs and cut pieces of wood he has collected from damaged trees or those that have been recently cut down. He won’t hesitate, he said, when he sees a tree being cut down to drive up and ask if he can take some pieces.

Even after all these years, Mason said, working with wood can still surprise him at times. He may cut into a piece and find imperfections or discoloration and that’s exciting for him because the imperfections add texture and character to the piece.

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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. (F.O.P. Lodge)

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. (F.O.P. Lodge)

Regardless of which route you take you will think you are lost before you get the

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 www.tristatewoodturners.org

Blue Grass Area Woodturners
Lexington, KY bluegrassareawoodturners.org

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