

# 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 cost

## February 2015 Newsletter

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### Presidents Message...

Hello fellow woodturners,

Another month has gone, thankfully! I, for one, have had enough of this weather. This Saturday is the turn-in for February, followed by our meeting on Monday, March 2nd.

We will not be going to Erin next month. If anyone wants contact info to get your own booth, see me at the meeting. The next event to look at is the market place starting the end of April.

As usual, we need more donations for the club. It would be nice if some of you, other than the normal 8 or 10 who support the club, would do the same.

Thank you and see you at the meeting.

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PS. Bring something for Show 'n Tell.

### Max Harris Demonstrated in February



Max showed the club how to make a cowboy hat. Here is the almost completed hat. The wood he was furnished was not suitable for the task, but Max made the best of it with no complaints and as usual did a fantastic job. Thank you Max for filling in on such short notice.

### Jim Mason *Will Demonstrate in March*

Jim will do a practice run for his demo to the TAW (Nashville Club) in April.

Jim was awarded a 4-day weekend with David Ellsworth in Gatlinburg at the Arrowmont School. He will talk and demonstrate what he learned there.

I believe you will go away with some ideas that will be very helpful to beginners and experienced turners.



Spalted maple salad bowl

## *The following is an article written by Charles Wall who won our Symposium Giveaway*

Tennessee Association of Woodturners 27<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Symposium

If you did not attend the January 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 meeting of the Tuckesseee Woodturners you may not have known that the club gave away a registration for 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Tennessee Association of Woodturners Symposium held on January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> in Nashville. To be eligible, you had to be a member who had paid your 2015 club dues and had to be present at the meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>. I was the lucky winner whose ticket was drawn from the bowl.

I decided not to spend the money for two nights lodging at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Franklin where the event was held and drove back and forth both days. There was a lot of traffic and road construction to deal with on Friday, but I had an easy drive on Saturday.

I attended seven different presentations over the two days and made a dozen or so trips into the vendor area to look, contemplate buying, and ultimately purchasing several things. These included CA glue and accelerator that I had been planning on ordering, some walnut oil finish, sand paper, and Vortex Tool recommended by one of the presenters. After all, I hadn't spent any money on the registration so it was only fair for me to support the vendors...



Clockwise: Hugh Mason (Jim's brother), Jesse Foster, Tom Pressler, Tommy Shepherd, Mike Patrick, and yours truly.

There were quite a few members of our club at the symposium. I believe there was at least one other member in each of the sessions I attended. There was a sandwich cart in the hotel lobby each day with sandwiches, chips, and cold drinks available for purchase. A group of us from Clarksville ate together each day along with new friends we made at the symposium.

I understand that several of those who were staying overnight also ate dinner together Friday evening.

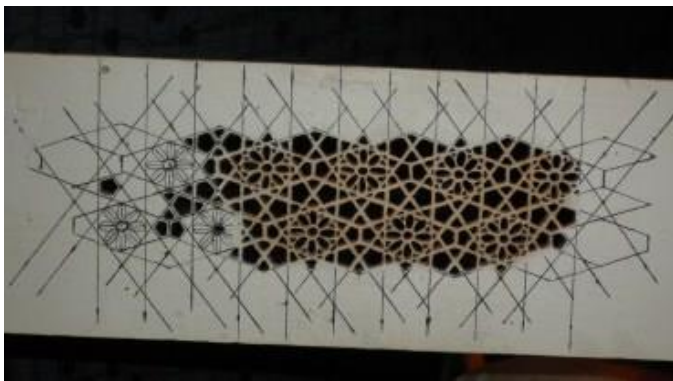


I attended two sessions presented by Ashley Harwood who currently resides in Charleston, SC. Ashley sells her work and demonstrates woodturning weekly at the Charleston Farmers Market. She is not only a very good presenter but also an excellent turner. One of the session I attended was "Rim and Foot Design on a Bowl". She talked a lot about the tools she uses, how she sharpens them, and the finish she prefers (Walnut Oil). The second session of hers that I attended was "Turning for Jewelry". She did a slide presentation showing different jewelry designs and passed around some of her jewelry. She followed up by showing us how she turned her jewelry and talking about tools and sources of findings used in making the jewelry.





I also attended two sessions presented by J. Paul Fennell who has been turning for 44 years. The last 28 years he has focused on turning hollow forms. His work has been featured in nearly every major magazine and book with respect to woodturning. His work is in major private collections nationally and internationally as well as museum collections. One of the sessions was "Home-made Tools and How To Use Them". I called this the "MacGyver Session". Paul showed tools he had made from drill bits, broken Machinist taps, copper pipe fittings, a leather punch, and metal lathe cut-off tools to name a few.



The second session of his I attended was "Embellishing Techniques – A Toolbox of Ideas." In this session he showed how he used high speed dental grinders, small sanding pads, drill bit with depth stops, and other home-made tools to embellish his hollow forms.

I attended two sessions presented by Nick Cook who is a full time production turner producing gift ideas, one of a kind bowls & vessels as work for furniture makers and contractors. He teaches throughout the country including at places like Arrowmont and The Center for Furniture Craftsmanship. The first session I attended on Friday was his "Light Up Your Life with Turned Table Lamps" where he showed us how he makes table lamps.



One of the tips he passed along was to divide things in thirds rather than halves. That way, if you miss, it isn't as noticeable. The second session of his I attended was "Turning Pepper Mills and Salt Shakers". He showed us how to make the Pepper Mills he sells and gave us some interesting information on a friend of his who made began a very successful career making collectible mills after sending a couple to Emeril Lagasse who showed them on his television show. Probably my favorite item from the symposium was the salt shaker he showed us how to make that dispenses salt with no visible holes!

I attended one session presented by Dennis Paullus who has been turning for seventeen years. He began turning when he received a lathe for Christmas in 1997. Dennis is excited about turning, teaching, and demonstrating. He especially enjoys the traditional turning of bowls and vessels as well as carving and embellishing techniques. The session I attended was "Secret Boxes" where he showed us how to make a box with a threaded lid that was unseen from the top of the piece. He talked about the advantages of hollowing in reverse where you can better see your tool. He was a great presenter who interjected humor in his presentation. I wish there had been time to attend another of his sessions.

I want to thank the Tuckessee Turners club for providing the free admission to the symposium. I had a great time and learned lots of things. Now, I just have to make some time to turn more and get past the "old novice" status I now hold. This is the second symposium I have attended, having gone last year also. I hope it won't be my last.

# Minutes for Tuckessee Woodturners February 2, 2015 Club Meeting

The February club meeting was called to order by President Jon Haigh at 7:00 p.m. on February 2, 2015 at the FOP Lodge 2576 North Ford Street in Clarksville TN.

Tom Pressler introduced Clarence Lancaster who was visiting the club as his guest.

President Jon told members about the Empty Bowls fund raiser coming up later this month. Members who are interested were invited to attend one of the meal sites to learn more about the project.

Treasurer Bruce Hensley, reported that the bank balance is currently \$1,018.46 which includes dues collected at the meeting tonight.

President Jon told members that the trailer used to transport our equipment to events needs to be cleaned out, the lathes and other equipment cleaned/repared as needed, and some painting done. After a discussion, it seems we have three small lathes that stay in the trailer that have not been used for years. Following a discussion about how to best utilize these lathes, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to clean them up and offer them for sale. There are several old tables in the trailer that are no longer used that can be disposed of as well. President Jon advised he would notify the club of a suitable date in March so those who wish to help can get together to clean up.

Jim Mason advised he has two new Jet 1620VS lathes, either or both of which he would sell to the club significantly below the commercial price if the club is interested in replacing the small lathes with larger ones. It was decided this could be talked about more after the old lathes are sold.

President Jon had one Craft Supply gift certificate to give away. Tom Pressler indicated he had need of the certificate so it was given to him.

Charles Wall thanked the club for the paid enrollment to the Tennessee Association of Woodturners Symposium that he won at the January club meeting. The Symposium was held on January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at the Marriott Hotel in Franklin TN.

Several other club members who attended the Symposium joined in to describe the activities.

Jim Mason circulated a sign-up sheet for those willing to have their shops featured in an issue of the club newsletter.

Eddie Davidson reminded the club members that he still had several gallons of Anchor Seal available at

\$10.00 per gallon. He had purchased a 55 gallon drum and was making it available to club members at a great price.

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

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| Tom Pressler -   | Walnut Platter<br>Hickory Tool Handle<br>Walnut Christmas Ornament  |
| Jesse Foster -   | Spalted Maple Bowl<br><br>Osage Bowl made Jesse's son   |
| Max Harris -     | Maple/Walnut Acorn Box as demonstrated at the TAW Symposium   |
| Mike Canfield    | Cedar Reamer Handle<br>3 Valentine Pens<br>3 Sweet Heart Pens<br>2 Phoenix Pens<br>Rolling Pin<br>Lion Sculpture made from salvaged trailer floor<br>4 Pens |
| Grant Patterson  | Pollyanna Burl Statesman Pen<br>Pen made by layering air mail stamps and resin sealed   |
| Charles Maddux - | 10" Spalted Maple Bowl  |
| Jim Mason -      | 19" Natural Edge Cherry Platter<br>Ambrosia Maple Hollow Form<br>Natural Edge Elm Bowl  |

Max Harris demonstrated turning a hat out of wood. Max is left handed and turns mostly left handed but says he can do rough turning right handed.

Max says he likes to turn hats but it isn't very financially feasible. He says it takes a full day to turn a hat and there are lots of opportunities to make "firewood" out of a hat.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Charles B. Wall

Secretary

## ***Show 'n Tell***

Tom Pressler



Ornament of walnut and crepe myrtle

Tom Pressler



Hickory Tool Handle

Tom Pressler



Walnut platter

Charles Maddux



Spalted maple salad bowl

Grant Patterson



Polyanna burl Statesman pen

Grant Patterson



Vintage air mail stamps Statesman pen

Mike Canfield



Handles

Max Harris



Walnut and maple acorn

Mike Canfield



Sweetheart pens

Mike Canfield



Lion sculpture

Mike Canfield



Rolling pen made of fog wood



Jim Mason



Ambrosia maple hollow form

Jim Mason



Spalted elm natural edge bowl

Jim Mason



19" Cherry platter with natural edge

Visitor



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### How children perceive grandparents

She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick, blotting with toilet paper and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, wait until I also kiss the toilet paper goodbye!"

My young grandson called the other day to wish me a Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa, mine says I'm 4 to 6."

A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The Grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting." She said... "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You change the 'Y' to 'I' and add 'es'."

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home on day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back." said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

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