

# 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

Newsletter September 2016

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## President's Message

Hello fellow woodturners,

The season is almost over with only two events left for the year.

The last market place is this weekend followed by the Homemade Holidays in November.

The Frolic on Franklin was a slow sales day for the club with barely making the \$25 stall fee back.

And speaking of the Homemade Holidays, if we don't get a large influx of donated items to sell, this month and next, I will be canceling our request for a booth at that event due to lack of items to sell to get back the \$250 entry fee. I can't justify the expenditure from the clubs' account. So please, bring items in this coming Monday which is the next meeting.

Turn safely and see y'all Monday.

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**Safety first!!!**

Wear your safety helmet

## *The October Program Demonstrator...*

David Rush, Past President of the Nashville (TAW) woodturning club will turn a Natural Edge Platter and share his experience and photos of the AAW National Symposium in Atlanta.

David is a master woodturner and does an excellent job with his presentations.

You will not want to miss this meeting

## September Demonstrator



*Steve Sabinash sharing what he learned at the John Jordan one day seminar in Nashville recently.*

Steve shared lots of tips he has picked up over the years that has helped him become the Turner he is.

Continued...

## Show 'n Tell

Charles Maddux



13 inch Salad Bowl, Spalted Maple

Jon Haigh



Open Segmented Bowl, Walnut and Maple

Jim Mason



Cherry Heartwood and Sapwood Vase

Steve Sabinash at the September Meeting



*Steve captivated the audience with his turning tips.*

### ***Club Activities for 2016.....***

#### ***Monthly Club Meetings***

##### ***First Mondays***

Monday, October 3rd

David Rush, Past Pres of Nashville TAW

#### ***Monthly Turn-ins***

##### ***Fourth Saturdays***

Saturday, October 22nd

#### ***Clarksville Market Place***

Saturdays, October 1st and 15th

#### ***Handcrafted Gifts for the Holidays***

Weekend of November 13th

Mike Canfield



Twig Pot

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Twig Pot

Steve Sabinash



13 inch Ash Salad Bowl

Max Harris



How not to turn a Natural Edge Bowl

## Saturday Turn-in

Learning going on ... Turning Natural Edge Bowls



*l to r Gene Doyon, Penny Gill, Jon Holloway, Ed Gill, Travis Stroud Bob Forsythe, and Jim Mason not pictured*



*Jon Holoway teaching Ed Gill, turning a natural edge bowl, while Penni Gill looks on.*



Bob Forsythe helping Travis Stroud turn a Natural Edge Bowl



Gene Doyon turning a Natural Edge Cherry Bowl

More Beginners should be participating in these Fourth Saturday events. There are always good instructors there to help boost your learning curve.

Need help with which tool to use. Or how to hold a chisel. Or which chisel to use. Or sharpening. Or sanding and finishing. This is the place to learn it.

Instruction begins at 9:00 Am and runs to around 11:00.

## *The Fingernail Grind*

Woodturners are an unusual lot.  
Let me tell you what, from them, I got.  
Charles Putnam made me a prediction  
That woodturning would become an addiction.

I had turned for years without any skills.  
I can say emphatically, I experienced few thrills.  
My wood lathe was purchased from Sears.  
I could have shaped wood as good with some shears.

The tool rest took two minutes and two wrenches to adjust.  
I had few uses for it, but when necessary, it was a must.  
It would, at least, turn the wood.  
So with practice, I found that barely, I could.

To sharpen my chisels I had only strife.  
I was sharpening them like you sharpen a knife.  
Somehow, I made them sharp with a stone.  
Took two or three minutes and they were not even honed.

When I mention that my tools were carbon steel  
The younger turners think I am not for real.  
My tools, I knew not how to use nor taper  
So I did most of my turning with a scraper.

My chisel set included only a few.  
Three gouges, scraper, parting tool, and two skewers.  
I used the skewer for a scraper.  
Only I could pull such a caper.

I read somewhere that you are to rub the bevel.  
That I didn't know what it was, is on the level.  
I bought a new bowl gouge from Industrial tool  
It turned out to be a spindle gouge...I felt like a fool.

To get a good straight taper  
I wound up using a lot of sandpaper.  
I had difficulty with coves and valleys.  
What I needed now was a place where instructors rally.

I joined a club... the Tuckasee Woodturners.  
I put attending their meetings on the top burner.  
I met turners whose knowledge and skills were strong.  
And learned that how I had been turning was wrong.

I learned to sharpen with a grinder.  
And soon, regardless the tool, I didn't mind her.  
I sharpened a gouge with a fingernail grind.  
What I had to say about that was not very kind.

I soon learned how to beat that devil  
I did it by shortening the bevel.  
I tackled turning the natural edge form.  
My style was far from the norm.

I got a used gap bed Delta for which I had been yearning.  
But it was made primarily for spindle turning.  
I eventually got a 3520 Powermatic.  
Needless to say I was ecstatic.

I practiced and made a few bowls.  
Upon showing them, I heard, "God bless that poor soul".  
To make sure I covered all the bases  
I even made some ugly vases.

I've been in our club for barely three years.  
And have practiced almost to the point of tears.  
Can honestly say that I have overcome my fears.  
And now my showings even get a few cheers.

At the Nashville Symposium I watched one turner all day.  
Am proof that a novice can learn the Ellsworth way.  
Yes, the turner I watched, was David Ellsworth.  
The Nashville Symposium gave me my money's worth.

The Ellsworth style that was once out of my reach.  
I was recently invited, by my club, to teach.  
I don't have the potential to be close to the best.  
What I desire, is to be proud when I show to the rest.

Now I can truthfully say.  
I can sharpen the tools any way.  
But the edge that I least mind.  
Is the David Ellsworth fingernail grind.

By Jim Mason, Hopkinsville, KY.  
February 2008

This is a repeat of a poem written years ago and is being used here as a filler for what would otherwise be an empty page.

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### **Directions to Club Meeting Place**

**FROM THE SOUTH::** Take N. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 About 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 arrive.

## **Woodturning Clubs of Interest...**

**American Association of Woodturners**  
[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)

**Tennessee Association of Woodturners**  
Nashville, TN [www.tnwoodturners.org](http://www.tnwoodturners.org)

**Duck River Woodturners Club,**  
Columbia, TN [www.duckriverwoodturners.com](http://www.duckriverwoodturners.com)

**Tri-State Woodturners Club**  
Chattanooga, TN [www.tristatewoodturners.com](http://www.tristatewoodturners.com)

**Blue Grass Area Woodturners**  
Lexington, KY  
[www.bluegrassareawoodturners.org](http://www.bluegrassareawoodturners.org)

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Louisville, KY  
[www.louisvilleareawoodturners.org](http://www.louisvilleareawoodturners.org)

**Cumberland Woodturners**  
Crossville, TN  
[www.cumberlandwoodturners.com](http://www.cumberlandwoodturners.com)

**Smokey Mountain Woodturners**  
Knoxville, TN  
[smokeymountainwoodturners.org](http://smokeymountainwoodturners.org)

**West Tennessee Woodturners**  
Jackson, TN [www.tristatewoodturners.com](http://www.tristatewoodturners.com)