

Tuckessee 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

April 2013 Newsletter

Message from The President....

Don't forget that June - August we don't have a turn-in so lets try to make the next ones on April 27th and May 25th good ones. The last two have had all the lathes turning...even the sharpening class was at full speed. It starts at 9 am and finish cleanup is at noon.

Don't forget to checkout the website: tuckessee.org
Take a look at photos of your Shot'n Tell items.

Bob Forsythe
President
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**PS: Don't forget the meeting Mondy the 6th.
Bring something to show for Show 'n Tell
and bring a friend, member, and/or Guest**

Bob Forsythe.... May Demonstrator....

Bob will demonstrate making platters and decorating them with the Robert Sorby spiraling/texturing tool

Tuckessee Notes.... From Publicity Chairman.... *Charles Putnam....*

Sources of Income...

Our budget is made up our annual dues and the money we make from donated items to be sold at the Clarksville Market Place.

Costs soaring...

Previously the cost of liability insurance was included with your AAW membership. Problems with the insurance policy have forced the AAW to charge each member club an additional \$90.00 per year in addition the funding by all individual memberships. This of course only covers those club members who are AAW members. We are back to the old procedure where any member, who demonstrates for our club in the public, must be an AAW member.

The Clarksville Marketplace...

Last year we were able to rent two booths for the season at the Market Place for \$100 total for the year. We would use both for sales and demonstrations. This year they raised the price from \$50 per booth per year to \$200 per booth per year. So! We could only afford one booth this year. This places an additional financial burden on our cash of \$150 for the Market Place and \$90 for the AAW insurance for a total of \$240 extra. **We will need donations of items to be sold to help make up the difference.**

Summer schedule...

I thought it would be appropriate to emphasize our busy summer schedule.

April-- April 27---Turn-In 9:00 to 12:00

May-- Monday May 6th 7:00PM Monthly Mtg.

Saturday May 18th 8:00AM
First Market Place of the year.!

Saturday May 25th 9:00AM----Turn-IN

June-- Saturday June 1st 8:00AM--Market place

Monday June 3rd 7:00PM---Monthly Mtg

Saturday June 22nd 9:00 AM---Turn-In

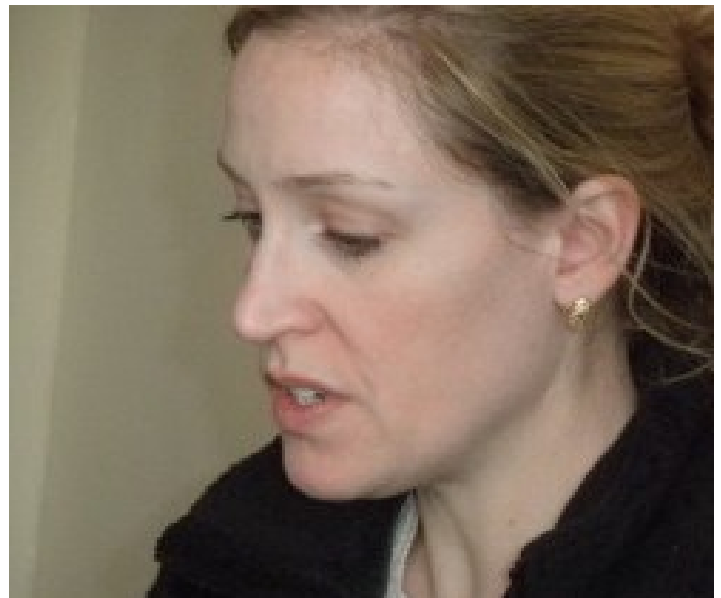
Hope to see you all at the Monthly Mtg on May 6th

Charlie

Visitors...



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Jim's Daughter, Marti Mason

A Heck of a Bargain.... For Any Woodturner.....

The Tennessee Association of Woodturners (Nashville) will sponsor Al Stirt for a full day demonstration on Saturday, May 18, 2013. The demonstration will be held on the Aquinas College campus, 4210 Harding Road, Nashville, TN. This demonstration will run from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Registration fee for the demonstration will be \$10.00 and will include lunch. Save this date and register early as we will limit attendance to 50 people. You can register and pay by credit card on the TAW website - www.tnwoodturners.org, or by sending a check to the TAW mail box:

Tennessee Association of Woodturners (TAW) Nashville....

Announcements

May 11- 8:00-1:00 TurnIn at the TBCH

***May Meeting moved to Tuesday,
May 14.*** Please mark your calendars!
Demonstrator is Myra
Orton, Pyrography, Color, and
Creativity. President's Challenge-
Nature.

Tip of the Month....

If you are turning green wood and must leave it not completed for more than an hour or so, here's a good idea. Cover it thoroughly in a plastic bag and seal it so the moisture will stay in until you decide to complete the turning process. This keeps the moisture in and will likely prevent cracking.

Once the item is turned completely to a uniform thickness, it can then be placed in a paper bag, to dry for a couple of days enough to sand. You can then sand and apply finish which will allow it to dry more slowly. Or...return it to the paper bag for a couple of weeks.

Nothing is certain where drying green wood is concerned, but hopefully this will improve your chances

Jim Mason

The Editor..... Visits The Shop of Kevin Austin....Hopkinsville



View from the Driveway entrance of Kevin's shop and home. The shop is 30 X 40 and about 4 years old. There is a divider wall between the wood shop and the automotive area.



This is the first thing in view as you open the front door to Kevin's shop. He said he "tries to have a place for everything to be put away so that dust won't collect and it will be easier to clean up."



The Lathe is a Woodfast on a base that he made and it is filled with metal slugs to weight it down. He said "I installed a 2hp DC motor with a regenerative DC drive (forward to reverse without stopping) and it has DC electronic braking to make it stop your spinning work faster. I have two lights to help me see better and a dust collector system for the lathe as well as other shop equipment."



Kevin said that most of his equipment is portable so that he can make room for whatever he is doing.



Another part of the automotive area



The dust collector is a small 1hp from Pennstate.



Kevin has his table saw on a home made roll around base so that it can accommodate the work he is doing. The extension on the table has a router base built in and cabinet drawers under it for supplies.



Here is part of the automotive side with a small metal lathe in view.

It is obvious that Kevin takes pride in having everything as close to perfection as I have witnessed. His shop is so clean that you could eat off the floor. Plus this was a bit of a surprise visit, so he keeps it that way.

Kevin, I want to thank you on behalf of all our members for sharing your shop.

Jim Mason

Pat Matranga....

*Entertained and Educated
Members of the Tuckessee Turners,
Clarksville Woodturning Club*

She explained the use and technique of the bowl gouge and the skew chisel as she peeled away wood on a spindle (wood mounted between centers), making beads and coves.



Then she demonstrated platter making and design as she explained mounting and cutting a Mahogany Platter. She made beads on the inside of the platter using a bowl gouge and skew chisel. She showed how to clean up the inside using light cuts with a scraper.



Pat's huge spin top



Some of her pens and styluses

Several times she emphasized safety issues, explaining that accidents can and do happen. She insisted we always use a face mask as we rough turn items and especially when turning a bowl.

I believe she was impressed with the turn out and the hospitality of our club.

Thanks, Pat for a job well done.

Take Advantage of... The Library.....

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

If you have checked out anything 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@lildickens.com

Looking for Shops to highlight

If you will allow us to do a story about your shop, call Bob Forsythe or Jim Mason.

Jon Haigh



Natural Edge Vessel

Bob Forsythe



Large Poplar Bowl/Platter

Jon Haigh



Hollow Vessel

Mike Haney



Walnut Bowl

Bob Forsythe



Large Poplar Bowl

Mike Haney



Cherry Goblet

Mike Haney



Natural Edge Cherry Bowl

Hugh Mason



Fifteen Inch Cherry Bowl

Hugh Mason



Square Edged Round Bowl

Terry Ellis



Salad Bowl

Hugh Mason



Fifteen Inch Cherry Salad Bowl

Steve Wilkins



Spalted Walnut Natural Edge Bowl

Steve Wilkins



Natural Edge Cherry Bowl

Max Harris



Natural Edge Maple Bowl

Max Harris



Maple Goblet

Jim Mason



Three ornaments from the same wood (Spalted Beech) Dyed Green on Left, Red, Center, and Natural, Right. All have finials of African Blackwood

Jim Mason



Maple Hollow Vessel

Jim Mason



Maple Hollow Vase

Saturday Turn-in...

Gaining in popularity and attendance.

Just a reminder that Saturday April 27th will be our next Turn-In. It starts at 9:00AM and runs until around noon. We will have the wood, equipment, tools and instructors to get you on your way to being a better turner. AND! It is all free. Look forward to seeing you there!!!

One more Turn-in before summer break. There will be no Turn-ins in June, July and August.

We will continue the Monthly Meetings with no break.

Charlie Putnam

Scheduled Activities

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Items for Sale

Remember to list here your items for sale or trade or to hunt. It's free to members.

Lessons From An Oyster....

There once was an oyster whose story I tell
Who found that some sand had gotten into his shell.
It was only a grain but it gave him great pain.
For oysters have feelings although they're so plain.

Now, did he berate the harsh workings of fate
That had brought him to such a deplorable state?
Did he curse at the government, cry for election
And claim that the sea should have given him protection?

"No," he said to himself as he lay on a shell.
Since I cannot remove it, I shall try to improve it as well.
Now the years have rolled around, as the years always do
And he came to his ultimate Destiny...stew.

And the small grain of sand that bothered him so
Was a beautiful pearl all richly aglow.
Now the tale has a moral. For isn't it grand
What an oyster can do with a morsel of sand?

What couldn't we do if we'd only begin
With some of the things that get under our skin?

Looking for Tips

If you have a tip you would share with members, email to

jmason@newwavecomm.net

About something that works for you that saves you time, money, energy, or makes turning more enjoyable. Hope you all are big tippers. We don't tip for Tips.

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

Louisville Area Woodturners
Louisville, KY louisvilleareawoodturners.org

Cumberland Woodturners
Crossville, TN cumberlandwoodturners.com

Smokey Mountain Woodturners
Knoxville, TN
smokeymountainwoodturners.org

Tri-state Woodturners
Chattanooga, TN tristatewoodturners.org

West Tennessee Woodturners
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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 to the F.O.P Lodge