

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

July 2013 Newsletter

Message from The President

The September meeting will be my last as president of Tuckessee Turners. It has been over six years that I have held this post. I feel that new ideas and leadership could bring more new members to the club. I want to thank all those who have helped me do my job and who have given me guidance and ideas to better the club. I will do all that I can to help the new president. I will still do classes at my home and at Fort Campbell. I will tow the trailer unless we, hopefully, get another volunteer. I will still do all that I can to help the club grow and learn as we go on.

Again, I want to thank all those that helped me. There are too many to mention.

Sincerely,
Bob Forsythe
President
931 906 3572

PS: Don't forget the meeting Monday the 5th. Bring something to show for Show 'n Tell and bring a friend, member, and/or Guest

Bob Forsythe To Demo at August Meeting

Bob will show us how to make rolling pins. He will show the one-piece kind. And, he will make a rolling pin with the pins and handles...a 5 piece pin. Sounds like something we would all be interested in seeing.

Mike Patrick Explains....



Mike attended Nick Agars Demonstration in Nashville recently. Here is his creation using the techniques' he learned from Nick. See a better photo under Show 'n Tell.

Wood Swap at last meeting....



Members who brought wood to swap left with a different piece to take home.

Instead of a Demonstrator..... Members were asked to bring... techniques and ideas... to July Meeting.

Poor planning left us without a Demonstrator for the July Meeting so we hurriedly improvised.

Several members offered suggestions on how members can enjoy their turning more.

Mike Patrick offered several ideas about how to use the Skew chisel. He encouraged members to practice more with this tool.

Jim Mason used a cut out of a bowl and a vase to demonstrate how to avoid the pitfalls of turning uphill, or end grain.

Much discussion evolved about safety and other concerns that interested members.

Tool Sale.... At July Meeting

Members brought tools to sell to members at bargain basement prices for the benefit of new members. There were not many tools offered but there were some bargain purchases.

Summer schedule...

Saturday, Aug 3rd 7 to 1:00 The Market Place
Demonstrate and sell

Monday, Aug 5th 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting

Monday, Sept 2nd 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting

Saturday, Sept 7th 7 to 1:00 The Market Place
Demonstrate and sell

Saturday, Sept 28th 9 to Noon Turn-in

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 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@lildickens.com

Charlie's reminder... Saturday Turn-in... Is taking a Summer break...

The next Saturday Turn-in is the **28th of September.**

We will continue the Monthly Meetings with no break.

Items for Sale

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

Looking for Tips

If you have a **tip** you would share with members, about something that works for you that saves you time, money, energy, or makes turning safer and more enjoyable please share it with us.

email to jmason@newwavecomm.net

Hope all of you are big **tippers** even though the Newsletter doesn't **tip** for **Tips**.

New Visitors Column...

Ken Wolf



Ken's information: Telephone # 360 632 5527
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Members are encouraged to bring a friend, a prospective member, or someone curious about how it is done.

The Club needs To replenish its funds....

We take donations. Bring an item you could donate to the club for us to sell. We will put it in a \$5, \$10, and \$15 box, or for larger more valuable items we will mark the price individually. So, bring us something to sell if you can spare it. Heck, we even take cash donations.

Local Turner, Jim Mason To Demonstrate at... Nashville Woodturners Meeting Tuesday, August 6th

Jim will demonstrate Hollow Vase turning. Jim was asked to show how to hollow a vase using a bowl gouge. The Nashville Club meets in the Baptist Childrens home on Franklin Road, Brentwood, Tn. Meetings start at 7:00 PM

The Editor Visits.... Jon Holloway at his shop In Oak Grove, Kentucky.....

As I drove into his driveway, I faced multiple utility trailers, a huge motor home and under the huge carport were two vehicles, and a couple of utility bikes.



Jon is pictured here in front of his Nova lathe as he readies a large chunk of Cherry for a 12 in Salad Bowl.



Jon's two-car garage is full of woodworking tools of all kinds. The shop is well organized, clean, and uncluttered. He does much more than turn wood. He is also a master craftsman.



Tablesaw with many jigs and fixtures for delicate cuts.



A view of his mitre saw, mini lathe, and sander.



A good dust collection system shown here. His system is piped to most of his tools.



Large bandsaw.



Here is his planer and more storage.

Registration now open:

For more information or to register for the OVWG 8th Biennial Symposium please visit the OVWG website www.ovwg.org.



Here is his sharpening system.

I enjoyed my visit and viewed many of his handcrafted treasures in his home. Thanks for sharing your shop setup with the club members.

Your roving Editor

The Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild announces its 8th Biennial Symposium.

October 11-13, 2013

- 6 featured turners
- Many additional guest turners
- Instant Gallery
- Trade Show
- Evening entertainment
- Saturday banquet and auction

Location

The symposium will again be held at The Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center, West Harrison, Indiana.

Higher Ground is located just off I-74 at the Ohio/Indiana border, about 30 minutes from Cincinnati. Note that Higher Ground is in the Eastern time zone, and will be on Daylight Savings Time.

Special Events and Highlights

Banquet:

Youth Turning Program:

Bring your teen and get them a free turning lesson on Friday night. They are also free to attend other demonstrations.

Turning Southern Style

September 20-22

Dalton, Ga

Turning Southern Style

Our Featured Demonstrators are:

- Stuart Mortimer
- Cindy Drozda
- Jerry Kermode

Also featured are:

- Nick Cook
- Kirk DeHeer
- David Nittmann

And a fantastic group of Vendor Demonstrators

- Mike Hunter
- Lyle Jamieson
- John Jordan
- Johannes Michelsen
- Tom Styer
- Doug Thompson
- Vince Welch

Instant Gallery

Clarence Duzan



Bullet Pens – 30 Cal mini Bolt Action

Max Harris



Incomplete inside out turning that max used to demonstrate how it is done.

Robert Comtois



Three inch Walnut Bowls

(Show 'n Tell)

Robert Comtois



8" spalted sugar maple platter

Robert Comtois



7" spalted maple bowl

Robert Comtois



7" Elm Bowl

Mike Patrick



Decorated Finial Vase

Mike Patrick



Large Walnut Salad Bowl

Mike Patrick



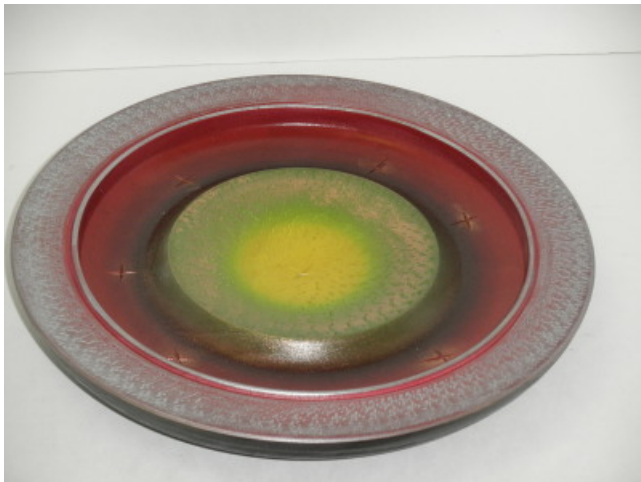
Finial Vase with pigment added

Jim Mason



10 inch Spalted Post Oak Salad Bowl

Mike Patrick



Decorated art piece motivated by Nick Agar

Jim Mason



15 inch Walnut crotch Platter



15 inch Cherry Salad Bowl

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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

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.
At least, it would 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 skew 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 lots 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 so 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.
Needles 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.
At the Nashville Symposium I got 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

Market Place Demo and Sell

This Saturday, August 3rd

Setup time is 7:00 AM

Close up time 1:00 PM

This is an event where we really stand out positively. We use two tents, furnished by the City. We set up several tables to display the woodturnings that members bring to sell. There is usually a very good traffic flow. Members sales have been very good most of the time.

We also set up one to two lathes to demonstrate our craft. This seems to be a very good draw for many of those attending the Market Place. It gives us a chance to talk with prospective club members. And our merchandise is always a big hit with visitors. Even if they don't buy, many will come by and observe.

There are so many vendors there, with matching tents, that a limit was put on the number of vendors allowed this year. Clarksville's downtown Market Place is rated among the top 4 or 5 in the nation.

Come on down and help us out and bring something to sell. If you are a member of AAW, you are allowed to demonstrate for us. AAW furnishes the liability insurance for their members, so even though you can participate in all other aspects, you can't do so without the insurance.

We need your help talking with prospective members, so come on down and pick up a few tips from some of your fellow turners. If you can't or don't want to participate, come on down to the Market Place for a variety of goods and services, and stop by our booth for a short visit.