

# Tuckessees 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

## March 2014 Newsletter

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### *Presidents Message....*

Hello Woodturners,

Another month has come and gone. The Erin fair went fairly (no pun intended) well. The weather cooperated and the customers started to come about 2 pm. The club only made \$30 which did not cover the entry fee, so, I'd like to ask all the club members to bring something Monday night to donate for sale at the next outing.

We've been invited to come to the craft fair in Cadiz on 3 May. It is entirely for homemade crafts and no manufactured/imported junk is allowed. This is the time to show off your skills! I need to know by this months meeting who will attend with their wares. Space is limited so please let me know. The hours are from 10AM until 4PM with setup about 8AM.

The first monthly social turn-in was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances and will not be resumed.

See y'all at the meeting on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Happy turning,

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### *Jim Mason Demonstrated at March Meeting*



Jim began by making a recommendation for beginners, as to which tools to buy. He recommends a half inch bowl gouge, a spindle gouge, a parting tool, and a skew chisel. He talked about making a hook tool from an allen wrench and a small skew or scraper from a screw driver.



Here is his chess table and chess set that he made

over the past few months. The table is made of walnut, with squares made of mahogany and maple.



Jim demonstrated turning a pawn with a spindle gouge. He showed how he practices with his spindle gouge before beginning a serious cut. Then he showed us how to make a baseball.

### ***Message from Steve...***

#### ***First Weekday Social Turn-in...***

"The Social Turn-in didn't happen, instead we had a club officers meeting to discuss the rent/lease with the FOP. I would like to try again next month, but maybe change the day. By a show of hands we could decide which day would have the most support."

***Steve Sabinash  
will be the  
Demonstrator...  
this month***

***"I will demonstrate the carbide end grain tool that I make. Mike Patrick gave it a thumbs up and that's a pretty good endorsement in my book."***

***Don't miss this opportunity to see Steve do his first demonstration. Plus, we all need to support him in his tool marketing when possible.***

## **Tuckessee Woodturners March 10, 2014 Club Meeting**

The March club meeting was called to order by President Jon Haigh at 7:00 p.m. on March 10, 2014 at the FOP Lodge 2576 North Ford Street in Clarksville TN. The meeting had been delayed from its regularly scheduled time on the previous Monday due to bad weather.

Rich White was introduced. He was visiting with us as a guest of Tom Pressler.

President Jon reminded the club that donation of items were being accepted for the Combat Veterans Auction to be held at the end of March. He also presented a check to the Combat Veterans Association to help support their mission.

Charlie Putnam reported on the Clarksville Marketplace plans. We will be selling two Saturdays each month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday beginning in May until Labor Day, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays.

President Jon circulated a couple of signup sheets for members to volunteer for projects.

1. Write an article for the club newsletter.
2. Participate in the Saturday Marketplace in downtown Clarksville.

President Jon reminded members that the first sales event of the year was coming up Saturday in Erin Tennessee at the annual St. Patrick's Day event.

A discussion followed regarding the Turning Pens for Troops project. Those present expressed interest in participating. President Jon said he would be in Nashville later in the week and would try to pick up supplies for 100 pens.

Steve Sabinash talked about the upcoming Wednesday night event. Steve says our first weekday social turn in is scheduled for Wednesday, 12 March, from 1900 to 2130 (7 **pm** to 9:30**pm**). We will have the hall open and there's an open invitation for all members, and guests, to come out and share knowledge on an informal basis.

Treasurer Bruce Hensley, reported on the club's finances. During the past month we had income of \$155.00 during the past month for a total of \$937.49. At the meeting, Bruce provided a \$100.00

check for the Combat Veterans project and \$95.00 for the Erin sales registration. We also collected \$15.00 in membership dues.

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

Tommy Shepherd – platter, vase, and lidded box  
Steve Sabinash – three salad bowls  
Craig Hines – baby rattle, 4 salad bowls, and a natural edge bowl  
Tom Pressler – three bowls  
Terry Ellis – salad bowl  
Jeremiah Hix – three writing pens  
Jim Mason – three vases and a chess table with turned chess pieces

Jim Mason presented our program for the month. Jim explained and demonstrated the tools he uses... a spindle gouge primarily, and he also uses the skew, the roughing gouge, and the parting tool. He uses a screw center to hold the small parts. Jim displayed a chess table and the chess pieces he has been working on for some time now. As part of his demonstration, he showed how to make several of the chess pieces.

Charles B. Wall  
Secretary

## ***Message from Charlie...***

"Summer and the Market Place are not far away. The bulk of the clubs income comes from member donated items that we sell there."

There are many ways a club member can benefit the organization. We are starting the new year off with a small supply of items in stock. These items do not have to be works of art as Clarence will find a buyer at all levels. Do something for your club."

Bring anything you have turned and give it for a good cause.

## ***Activities for 2014***

April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting Steve Sabanash
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Turn-in
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting Paul Ferrell
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Turn-in
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monthly Meeting
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Turn-in

## ***AAW's EOG was not approved...***

"We are sorry to inform you that your grant application to the American Association of Woodturners' Educational Opportunity Grant program was not among those approved by the committee."

Thank President Jon for trying. This could have meant monetary funding for projects for our club.

## ***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](mailto:billy.dickens@lildickens.com)



**Tommy Shepherd**



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**Tom Pressler**



**Terry Ellis**



**Tom Pressler**



**Jeremiah Hix**

Jeremiah brought several beautiful writing pens that were photographed, but somehow they were deleted and not available to post here. I am very sorry about this Jeremiah. Please bring them this month and let me take more pictures.

**Tom Pressler**



**Jim Mason**







Jim Mason



### ***About the Erin Festival trip...***

By Bob Forsythe

"On a trip to Erin it was a very cold morning when we got there. We had noticed that we have forgotten to bring the tents. We had to wait for the Sun to get over the buildings. And then it started warming about 10 o'clock."

"There was Jack Bastion, John Duzan, Clarence Duzan, Jon Haigh, and myself. Sales started slow and almost stopped at the time of the parade. I even found time to take a small siesta. We turned some small items, John Duzan and myself. After the parade was over sales picked up we were even selling items as we packed up."

Here are some photos of our setup.





Photos by Bob Forsythe

# Why I like to turn wood

or a better title

## Why I'm not a better turner

At first I wanted to turn spindles and make furniture to make money. Making money with the lathe...it has never happened for me but it is fun. Lack of funds caused me to try to make a lathe and tools out of anything I thought might work. My first homemade tool was a file sharpened like a chisel on one end. I shoved it straight into a piece of spinning wood a loud noise occurred. I had a broken file in my hand and I had to hunt for the two inch piece that broke off.

After several attempts at trying to make a good working lathe I gave up and bought a nova lathe which improved my wood turning. I was still too cheap to buy good tools. I kept trying to make them...some worked fairly well but wouldn't hold an edge hee hee.

Sharpening is the same story as above. I have some tools that the flute is almost gone trying to sharpen by hand without a jig. I gave up and bought a wolverine sharpen system and my turning improved...go figure.

During all this time I went to wood turning meetings, reading books and magazines etc. Seeing what could be done on a lathe challenged me to improve and to try new things which I continue to do. Its like working puzzles, if you get one piece figured out you can find where another one goes. It has been said learning to turn is easy but is hard to master. I believe this is true. When I master I will let you know how long it takes.

I have shown a few people how to get started turning and they are much better turners than I am now because of talent and time they spent turning.

Why I am not a better today

1. I don't like to sand
2. I don't turn the same thing enough times to get good at it
3. I get distracted and bored easy. If I am able to make something to prove to myself I can do it, I move on to something else.

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### ***Take Advantage of... Saturday Turn-ins...***

The turn-ins are where you can get hands on help with your turning. Practice your turns, sharpen your tools, learn from the professionals or share your skills with others there for help



I am still looking for that perfect piece of wood that I can turn and everybody will go wow and say how did you do that.

I started out wanting to give reasons why I like woodturning and realized when I read what I wrote it was more of an excuse why I am not a better turner. Maybe some of y'all can identify with me!!

One thing some can relate to, is you can rescue a piece of wood from being firewood or being eat up by worms or rot, just like we can be rescued by Jesus from the same fate if will let Him.

**Remember the main thing the main thing!**

**By Mike Patrick**

## 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.org](http://www.tristatewoodturners.org)

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

**Louisville Area Woodturners**  
Louisville, KY [louisvilleareawoodturners.org](http://louisvilleareawoodturners.org)

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

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

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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 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 there.

## America Awakened

In the year of 2001 on September eleven  
Many innocent people were sent to Heaven.  
It happened in the U.S.A. in a few regions,  
Ironically, the cause was under the pretense of religion.

As we started routine activities at 9:15 a.m. that day  
Excited newscasters interrupted us to say  
That a World Trade Center building had been hit  
By an American Air Lines airplane that had flown into it.

As we watched in horror trying to adjust to the pain  
We would soon learn that another airplane  
Had plowed into a second WTC building.  
And, to a bunch of hijackers, more airliners were yielding.

What was happening, great minds contemplated,  
As the Pentagon's west wing was being penetrated.  
An unspeakable plot: a plane, becoming a guided missile.  
Only mad men were capable of using such a projectile.

Some cowards...organizations, countries, or people had willed  
That thousands of innocent men, women and children be killed.  
Who inside these United States of America's open gate.  
Could, in your wildest imagination, harbor so much hate.

This world's worst tragedy could have been worse  
Had the fourth hijacked plane held its targeted course.  
The mission was averted by a few of America's great heroes.  
As they, unselfishly, stormed the cabin and defeated the ugly foes.

In minutes the age of innocence was gone.  
When the area of the World Trade Center became a war zone.  
Within minutes we were pondering the cost.  
Friends, spouses, sons, and daughters had been lost.

Absolute chaos best described the situation.  
As fire and emergency personnel manned their stations.  
Heroes were made as we watched how these, our brothers  
Sacrificed their own lives in the pursuit of saving others.

Formerly many of us were absorbed in the trivial.  
Our tolerance of others' opinions had become uncivil.  
God and the Ten Commandments, as a general rule  
Had been taken from buildings and even school.

We had lost our freedom of religion and God.  
Some were intimidating us with their disapproving nod.  
Why did it take the loss of lives on our sod  
To unite us in our beliefs, defense, and worship of God.

Brave men, women, & children began an outcry.  
Then came the questions and the search as to why.  
We were naïve to the threat and we had failed to ban  
From entry into our country, a terrorist Klan.

The evidence pointed to the Asian country of Afghanistan  
That had been taken over by a group of oppressors called the Taliban.  
These innocent citizens had been deceived by a new mad mama.  
With a last name of Bin Laden and a first name of Usama.

Usama is a terrorist who is willing to just sit  
As he plots ways to spread terror for his own benefit.  
He tells his young, uninformed, religious followers.  
That God rewards those willing to die as martyrs.

Areas of the Middle East have so many needs.  
America, in the past, has tried to help with money and deeds.  
But a radical arm of that area has not appreciated how we tried.  
They have indicated they have too much pride.

In defending their terroristic actions they imply  
That America's right to interfere will not fly.  
They pretend they don't understand the gist  
Of how and why we always try to assist.

It's difficult for many to understand fully  
Why, repeatedly, turning the other cheek develops such a bully.  
To prevent the bullying, injury and deaths of our friends,  
First, we must make a judgement to mount a defense.

The threat of terroristic actions against this nation  
Is not only our problem but of all civilization.  
To help fight these terrorists our nation has chosen  
As a first step, to order all the assets of terrorists frozen.

To win the fight against this threat, all nations must be united.  
To prevent an all out war from being ignited.  
The possibility of success looks bright  
Because most all world leaders are joining in our fight.

Some will say that, in war, we only worsen the fight...  
That we will offend God if we defend what's right.  
But, I believe, when we hurt bullies, God will forgive.  
If the ultimate motive is that innocent people may live.

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September 15, 2001