

Tuckesse Turners

Woodturners from North Central Tn and South Central Ky

We provide an environment to help beginning woodturners get started with minimal start up costs
Fostering the art and craft of woodturning by providing instruction, tools, and materials to the beginner

September Newsletter

Message From The President

In spite of the fact it was a Holiday, the turnout for the September meeting turned out very well. There were over thirty people present and four guests who had never attended.

Jim Mason entertained attendees with a demonstration on finishing. Gander Memorial bowls were turned in and were very impressive. Thanks to those who participated, especially member Harold Riggins for all his hard work.

Member Charles Maddux returned after having been out for a time while he obtained a coplar implant. Welcome back Charles. We hope to see you very often.

Don't forget the turn-in on September 24th which begins at 9:00 AM.

With the weather improving it is time to get back to the shop and start turning. Bring us something you turned. Making something you can show will cause you to practice, and you know the old saying "practice makes for perfection".

Please call me for information or to give me news. I can be reached at 931 906 3572 or 931 241 0342.

Bob Forsythe
President



Market Place Demo and Sell Event

The September Market Place event was a huge success. The weather was good, the traffic was good and flowing consistently. Sales were brisk and the fellowship was good. Please join us next time.

September Domonstrator

Jim Mason presented an overview of the different kinds of finishes, zeroing in on his favorite finish and how he applies polyurethane to obtain a quality finish.

He explained that most turners use Sanding Sealer followed by Friction Polish. Some turners also apply wax as a final finish. He said he does not like wax because of what happens if it gets wet...ugly spots.

An alternative to Tung Oil, he said, would be Danish Oil. They both go on the same way...by applying, and allowing to soak in for 30 minutes. Reapply to areas that absorb all the finish, repeating until there are no areas where it all soaked in. Wipe any residue off for a beautifully smooth finish.

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Jim mentioned using Spar Varnish for items that fade or change colors when exposed to light. Spar Varnish has a UV Ray blocker.

He said that until it became readily available at places like Lowes, he made his own wipe-on poly by adding 30% Naptha to regular polyurethane.

Jim said he had tried, unsuccessfully to use water based poly. He said the water based poly is supposed go on clear. He found that not to be true and found it to dry so rapidly that it is difficult to blend in at the beginning and ending points.

Jim said he had read somewhere that a two by four looks better, if it is properly finished, than a nice turned piece that was not properly prepared for the finish.

He said he sands with 180, & 320 grits. On end grain problems he goes back to 100, then 180, and 320. He sometimes follows that by hand sanding with 400 grit.

He always removes the sand dust with a shop towel and then a tack cloth and said that the tack cloth is a must for a professional finish.

He demonstrated preparing wood to receive the initial coat and then how to sand between coats. He then demonstrated, on one of his turned pieces, how to apply the subsequent two to three coats.

He also briefly mentioned some of the other ways to finish such as spray on laquer. He is opposed to Waterlox because it loses 35-40% of it's brilliance in 3 to 6 months.

Charlie Putnams
Tuckesse Notes

Recent Club Activities

The Market Place as well as the Franklin St. Follies, were both great successes. They were both well attended and sales were the best on record.

Members are encouraged to attend these functions, regardless of whether you are an AAW member. Members who are not AAW members are not

allowed to demonstrate at these events because of the liability insurance. AAW members are provided this coverage...a good reason to join, and you also get a fabulous woodturning magazine, the American Woodturner.

Our club has raised quite a lot of money recently by selling the items that were donated by members. It is a big boost to our Bigger Lathe fund. ***We have depleted our inventory and would appreciate your generous donations of turned items.*** We also take cash or checks.

The Saturday Turn-Ins will resume this Saturday, September 24th. This is a great opportunity to start where your experience fades away. All equipment, tools, & wood are supplied free. No fees of any kind for any reason. If you have safety glasses please bring them and or your tools. Almost no tools come from the supplier sharpened. We will help you sharpen your tools.

Just a reminder that January will soon be here and the Nashville club will have their 24th annual Woodturning Symposium. This is a great opportunity to see some world renowned turners up close. Also various equipment manufacturers display their wares. The cost for both days of the Symposium usually run around \$130...or one day only around \$80.

Our lathe fund is around the \$1000 mark.

If you are a potential new member you might want to pay your dues in October. Your dues will cover the remainder of this year and all of next year.

Danger of flying wood. Recently had a flying block due to the fact that the hole for a screw chuck was not quite deep enough and it pulled a section of the blank loose to let the other piece fly.

SAFETY FIRST

Remember that in turning, you are using sharp tools engaging in moving wood. At best, it is dangerous. Please be careful.

Instant Gallery

Bob Forsythe



8 inch cottonwood bowl



Six inch mystery wood vase



Five inch elm bowl with red dye

Show 'n Tell



Eight inch Bradford Pear Bowl for Gander Project

Guy Bozard



Carved Nutcracker

Max Harris



Maple Vase



Spalted Maple Hollow Form



Spalted Maple Bowl



Mark Halliman



Spalted Maple Hollow Form



Bradford Pear Bowl for the Gander Project

Matt Twyman



Walnut Bowl



Cherry Bowl

Jim Mason



Box Elder Mug



Twelve by Twelve Sycamore Bowl



Natural Edge Canadian Maple Gander Bowl



Sycamore Hollow Vessel



Shallow 15 inch Cherry Bowl

Two Members Win Awards

Jim Mason & Guy Bozard both had winning entries in the Hopkinsville Arts Guild juried art exhibit at the Hopkinsville Community College. Jim won First Place with a tall cherry vase and Guy won the Merit Award with a piece he titled Old Man. Each won a handsome check for their works. Congratulations to each.

Classified Ads

Ads for woodworking and woodturning related items are free to members. Send your information to the editor.

Member Projects

If you have a woodturning project that you would like to showcase to our club members, you can send me detailed information about your project with pictures.

Members Questions and Answers

Members are asked to submit woodturning, finishing and tool questions to Club members... "experts" for answers. There are not dumb questions. Someone else in the club has probably asked the same questions.

Wood to Turn

Do you need wood, have wood, or know about wood that is available for turning? Let us know and we'll pass it on.

Link to the Nashville Club newsletter

<http://tnwoodturners.org/documents/Newsletter/2011/October2011.pdf>

Calendar of Events

Saturday, Sept 24	Turn-in at Club House on N. Ford Street
Saturday, Oct 1	Downtown Market Place Possibly the last for the year
Monday, Oct 3	7:00 PM - Monthly Meeting At Club at end of N. Ford St
Saturday, Oct 22	Oct. Turn-in 9:00 to Noon
Monday, Oct 7	November Meeting
Saturday, Oct 26	November Turn-in
Monday, Dec 5	Monthly Meeting
December	No turn-in in December

Space Filler

A man telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars and is state of the art. It's perfect." "Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?" answered the neighbor. "Twelve thirty."

Morris, an 82 year old man, went to the doctor for a physical. A few days later the Doc saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later the Doctor saw Morris and said "You're really doing great, aren't you?" Morris replied, "Just doing what you said Doc. 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'" The doctor said. "I didn't say that. I said 'You've got a heart murmur. Be careful.'"

Meeting of Interest

The Tennessee Association of Woodturners club, to which several of the Tuckesse Turners club members belong, hold their monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday, the next day after our meetings. Their meetings start at 7:00 PM at the Tennessee Baptist Childrens Home on Franklin Road, Brentwood, Tennessee. www.tnwoodturners.org

Symposiums of Interest

Georgia Association of Woodturners
14th Annual Woodturning Symposium,
September 19-21, Unicoi State Park and Lodge,
Helen, GA www.gawoodturner.org

Tennessee Association of Woodturners
24th Woodturning Symposium
January 27-29, 2011, Nashville, TN
www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium

Woodturning Clubs of Interest

American Association of Woodturners
www.woodturner.org

Tennessee Association of Woodturners
Nashville, TN www.tnwoodturners.org

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www.duckriverwoodturners.com

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Our Location

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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.

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.