

# Tuckesse Turners

## Woodturners from North Central TN and South Central Kentucky

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

### May Newsletter

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#### The Presidents Message

I am always amazed by the turn out, enthusiasm, and volunteerism by members at our various events. Thanks for sharing your time, ideas, and knowledge.

Our first Market Place event of the year was Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. We had a good crowd of shoppers and a good number of members there to sell and demo. And we made a few sales.

Our demonstrator for May will be yours truly. I will demonstrate turning an off center, 3 sided, winged bowl using a bowl gouge and a scraper. I will start out with wood mounted between centers, and then I will mount it in a chuck. The inspiration for this program came from an article I saw in Woodturning Design magazine.

We will continue the monthly meetings on the 1st Monday of each month, even though the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday turn ins will be suspended during June, July, and August. We will continue our monthly meetings every month. See you there on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. I may take it personal if you don't show up for my demo. I promise you will learn something.

Bob Forsythe  
President  
931 906 3572

#### May Demonstrator



Mike Patrick shows off his arrangement of tulips he turned previously. He demonstrated making more of these at the May monthly meeting of the Tuckesse Turners in Clarksville, TN



A close-up of tulips that Mike turned previously



Mike, explaining the art of making tulips to first time visitor and new member Jim Ploesser from Hopkinsville.

### *Charles Putnam Keeps Us Informed.....*

Since we have a number of new people involved in the club I thought an information article might be helpful in the Tuckessee Woodturners Newsletter.

The Tuckessee Woodturners Club was established ten years ago this coming October to promote the craft of woodturning in general. During those years we have taught many classes both formal and informal at a variety of locations. Education has always been one of our primary goals.

### *Members can be counted on....*

The club has always had members with varied levels of interest ranging from a basic hobby to becoming artists in their own right. Our success is due to the contribution of many members in a variety of ways: from making spinning tops to cash donations. Example: A little over a year ago the club decided it needed a larger lathe for demonstrating and teaching. Over that year or so we collected \$2,500.00 to buy a lathe and accessories. Quite remarkable for a club with around forty members. Listed below is information about specific club activities you may want to participate in.

### *Downtown Farmers Market.....*

This Market is held every Saturday in downtown, on the square from the 19<sup>th</sup> of May to the middle of October. The Market opens at 9:00 AM and closes

at 1:00 PM. We usually have two tents: One to sell from and one to demonstrate from. Our demonstrators attract a lot of visitors who may become buyers and/or members.

Any club member may sell their woodturning items there at no charge of any kind. No matter if you have one item or hundreds. It is a fun event just to be there meeting new people and making new friends. We always need help there even though you might not be selling. The club pays all the expenses for our participation so there are no individual charges. We participate in the Market the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month.

### *We are Chartered through AAW...*

Our club is Chartered by the American Association of Woodturners (AAW), but there is no requirement for individual members to join the AAW. Individual membership has many advantages ranging from liability insurance while in a club activity to a great woodturning magazine each quarter. Membership in AAW is in the area of \$45 per year. In order to turn as a demonstrator at any of our public events, we require you to have liability insurance. This insurance comes with membership in AAW.

### *Membership in our club is easy and affordable...*

Dues in our club, the Tuckessee Woodturners, are \$15 a year for individuals and \$20 a year for a family membership. You will certainly get your money's worth for these dues in a years time.

### *Training Program....*

Our training program consists of two major aspects. The first is at our Saturday morning Turn-Ins. These are held each month on the fourth Saturday, September through May. We close the Turn-Ins down during the summer months. There is no charge for anyone to join these sessions and we supply everything...from lathes to tools and wood.

The second aspect of our available training is where you are invited into a member's shop to learn directly from him or her. Our members are scattered around the Clarksville area, so we can usually find one near you.

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Again! There is no charge of any kind for this. If you want to take advantage of this one on one teaching , just call Bob Forsythe at 931 906 3572 for the northern Clarksville area and call me, Charles Putnam at 931 362 3669 for the southern area. We will work something out for you, so please take advantage.

Charlie

### Max Harris' Completed Demo Bowls



Max demonstrated coring bowls at the April Meeting, and this is the finished product from the three bowls he cored from a block of Cherry.

### First Time Visitor Charles Wall



Charles is the Director of Information Technology at Austin Peay (APSU). He can be reached at [wallc@apsu.edu](mailto:wallc@apsu.edu)

### Our Two Tent Booth at The Market Place



Left to right: Clarence Duzan, Max Harris on the lathe, Bob Forsythe, Charles Putnam, and Jim Mason were all at the first Market Place demo and sale event, Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Mike Patrick, not pictured, was also in attendance.

The next monthly membership meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The program will be presented by Bob Forsythe on turning an off center, 3 sided, winged bowl.

### John Duzan's First year Engineering Project



John has been an active member of our turning club, along with his father, Clarence Duzan, for many years. John decided last year to pursue his degree in engineering at the University of Kentucky. Welcome back for the summer John.

*Please be careful. Danger lurks anytime you engage a sharp tool into moving wood.*

**Instant Gallery**

**Kevin Austin**



Worm Hole Vase

**Clarence Duzan**



Mahogany Bowl



Cypress Bowl

**Show 'n Tell**

**Jack Bastin**



Oak Bowl

**Max Harris**



Set of three Cherry Bowls

**Jim Mason**



Twelve inch Cherry Bowl



Tall Cherry Vase



Pecan Bowl



Short Cherry Vase

**First Time Visitor Bryce Breyley**



Bryce can be reached at [brycb@ttc.com](mailto:brycb@ttc.com)

First Time visitor Jim Ploesser (pronounced placer)



Jim is the retired Track Coach at Hopkinsville High School. Jim joined our club on his first visit. Welcome to the club Jim.

### **Charles Putnam Reviews Jim's April 14 Seminar**

All day seminars require a great deal of planning and assembly of tools and wood. Jim Mason had obviously worked hard to make sure he had the necessary tools and equipment.

Jim's teaching style is similar to that of Alan Lacer who I think is the best instructor I have enjoyed in over ten years of woodturning activities. Alan and Jim come well prepared with one goal in mind: To transfer as much of their knowledge as is possible in a given amount of time.

Once the information is flowing, they have difficulty taking a break or any time for necessities...like lunch. I am sure both could and wood go on to midnight unless someone rang the bell.

Jim was alert to questions from the audience and passed samples around with each demonstration. Each of the fifteen attendees carried home new knowledge and skills that will make them better turners.

It has been great fun watching Jim develop his skills since he joined our club and he is certainly one of our top turners. Thanks, Jim, for a great seminar.

Charles Putnam

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### **Woodturning Clubs of Interest**

#### **Tennessee Association of Woodturners**

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#### **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)

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

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#### **West Tennessee Woodturners**

Jackson, TN [tristatewoodturners.com](http://tristatewoodturners.com)

### **Scheduled Events**

Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting

Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting

Monday August 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting

Monday Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting

Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 – 1:00 Market Place

Saturday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 – 12 Monthly Turn In

**NO TURN IN FOR JUNE – Resume Turn-ins again in September**

### **Our Club Website**

[www.tuckesse.org](http://www.tuckesse.org)

### **Our Location**

2576 N. Ford Street (New Providence)  
Clarksville, TN 37040

### **Contact the Editor**

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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)