

# Tuckesseee Turners

## Woodturners from North Central TN and South Central Kentucky

We provide an environment to help beginning woodturners get started with minimal start up cost

### June 2015 Newsletter

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#### RAGGED OLD FLAG

by Johnny Cash

I walked through a county courthouse square,  
On a park bench an old man was sitting there.  
I said, "Your old courthouse is kinda run down."  
He said, "Naw, it'll do for our little town."  
I said, "Your flagpole has leaned a little bit,  
And that's a Ragged Old Flag you got hanging on it.

He said, "Have a seat", and I sat down.  
"Is this the first time you've been to our little town?"  
I said, "I think it is." He said, "I don't like to brag,  
But we're kinda proud of that Ragged Old Flag."

"You see, we got a little hole in that flag there  
When Washington took it across the Delaware.  
And it got powder-burned the night Francis Scott  
Key sat watching it writing -Oh Say Can You See-

And it got a bad rip in New Orleans  
With Packingham and Jackson tuggin' at its  
seams."

"And it almost fell at the Alamo  
Beside the Texas flag, but she waved on through.

She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville  
And she got cut again at Shiloh Hill.  
There was Robert E. Lee, Beauregard, and Bragg,  
And the south wind blew hard on that Ragged Old Flag."

"On Flanders Field in World War I  
She got a big hole from a Bertha gun.  
She turned blood red in World War II  
She hung limp and low by the time it was  
through.  
She was in Korea and Vietnam.  
She went where she was sent by her Uncle Sam."

"She waved from our ships upon the briny foam,  
And now they've about quit waving her back here  
at home.  
In her own good land she's been abused  
She's been burned, dishonored, denied and  
refused."

"And the government for which she stands  
Is scandalized throughout the land.  
And she's getting threadbare and wearing thin,  
But she's in good shape for the shape she's in.  
'Cause she's been through the fire before  
And I believe she can take a whole lot more."

"So we raise her up every morning,  
Take her down every night.  
We don't let her touch the ground  
And we fold her up right.  
On second thought I DO like to brag,  
'Cause I'm mighty proud of that Ragged Old  
Flag."

## Presidents Message...

Hello fellow woodturners,

Another month has come and gone. The first marketplace Saturday in June was fairly good for the club. The second one was rained out. We always can use more of your kind donations for the club to sell.

The next market date is the 11th of July, followed by the 25th. We need those who signed up to please show up. We can't cover two tents with 2 people. Show time is 0700 hrs to help set up. It's a lot of work for one person to set up everything, so please come on time.



Norbert, Jack and Jon setting up June 13th

Our July meeting is Monday, the 6th of July. Looking forward to seeing y'all there.

Happy turning...Turn safely,

Jon Haigh, 931 647 3328 [jonbh@charter.net](mailto:jonbh@charter.net)

**PS. Bring something for Show 'n Tell.**

**The Saturday turn-ins are suspended until September.**

## **Safety first!!!**

Wear your safety helmet.

## **Jeff Brockett... July Demonstrator...**

Jeff will demonstrate making a multi-footed platter.

Jeff is a past President of the Nashville Club (TAW) and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Woodturners.

Jeff has demonstrated on numerous occasions and always does a great job. He is inspirational, educational and exciting to watch.

Don't miss this one.

## **Bob Forsythe.... Demonstrated in June...**

Bob demonstrated making a goblet. He has been making these for many years and has some unique designs and techniques. As usual he did a superb job.

## **Club Activities for 2015.....**

### **Monthly Club Meetings**

#### **First Mondays**

Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> Jeff Brockett  
Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> Dick Hatchell

### **Monthly Turn-ins**

#### **Fourth Saturdays**

+++Suspended until September+++

### **Market Place**

Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Group – Jon Haigh  
Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Group – Steve

### **Franklin Street Follies**

September 19<sup>th</sup> - Franklin Street



*U. S. Flag... lets celebrate it on Independence Day*

## A People Living Free

By Joe Kreger

I pause to thank you Lord  
for what my country means to me.  
We abound in Your great blessings,  
we're a people living free.

Thank you for our founding fathers  
who would bow on bended knee  
to just one King, a carpenter  
who walked the hills of Galilee.

We've been a favored nation  
dwelling in a favored land,  
gifted with prosperity,  
protected by Your hand.

You have raised up patriots  
who paid our freedom's price,  
men and women in war and peace,  
who would make the sacrifice.

Forgive us our trespasses  
when we seek pleasures of this earth.  
Revive in us the spirit  
that gave our nation birth.

Convict our collective conscience  
when we let selfishness erase  
respect for all our people,  
regardless of creed or race.

As we celebrate together  
on this Independence Day,  
give us strength for action,  
not just for words we say.

And, until Your Son comes back again,  
we ask your help to be  
guardians of our legacy,  
a people living free.

## Tuckesse Woodturners

### June 1, 2015 Club Meeting

The June club meeting was called to order by President Jon Haigh at 7:00 p.m. on June 1, 2015 at the FOP Lodge 2576 North Ford Street in Clarksville TN.

There were five visitors at the meeting including Gene Doyon, Norman Messer, Kristen Austion, Ricky Reed, and Misty Stone. Gene Doyon signed up as a member. President Jon updated the members on plans for the Downtown Clarksville Market Place. We will participate on June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>. The club needs donated turned items to sell at the market. We are signed up to participate in the Frolic on Franklin September 19 which is the same day we are scheduled to be at the Market Place. President Jon is going to see if we can change our reservation at the Market Place to the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer Bruce Hensley, reported that the bank balance is currently \$905.46 after receipt of \$165.00 in sales last month and payment of the registration fee for Frolic on Franklin.

Terry Ellis reported he was contacted by a lady who has free cherry wood available. It is cut up and just needs to be hauled away. It is located on Madison Street near Krogers. Contact Terry for additional information if you are interested.

Grant Patterson announced he brought a box of pen blanks that are free to those who want them. He also has quite a bit of wood at his shop that he needs to get rid of before he moves. Steve Sabinash offered to take his trailer over and load the wood up and bring it to the next club meeting. Thanks Steve!

Jim Mason also brought in a box of odd and end pieces of hardwood to give away along with his old face shield. Rather than replacing the cracked screen on his shield, he bought a new one and is giving the old one away to anyone who wants it. With the replacement of the plastic shield, it will be a good addition to a new turners tools.

Norman Messer advised he has several Red Oak, Black Walnut and Hickory logs on a lot that is to be cleared. They will probably be in 12 foot lengths. Contact Norman if you are interested.

President Jon reported the Clarksville City Forrester has stopped by the club booth at the Downtown Market and offered to come talk to the club. We will be arranging that for a coming meeting.

Drawings were held for gift certificates which five lucky members took home.

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

- Jim Mason - Spalted Maple Vase  
Maple Natural Edge Bowl  
Maple Hollow Form
  
- Max Harris - Cherry Box  
Coffee Scoop
  
- Grant Patterson - 10" Poplar Bowl  
3 variations of Nail Polish Pens
  
- Mike Canfield - Cedar & Walnut Gavel  
Oak Apples finished with Car Wax  
Candy Dish  
Cherry Table Lamp
  
- Aden Patterson - TN Flag Pen  
Cocobolo Pen

Steve Sabinash- 20" Cherry Salad Bowl  
Round Red Oak Box

Charles Maddux 13" Cherry Salad Bowl

Jon Haigh - 13" Cherry Salad Bowl

Bob Forsythe presented the program this month with a demonstration making his favorite shaped Goblet using Virola wood. This was Bob's first time using Virola. As the demo progressed Bob thought it really "turned nice" but it suffered from tear outs making it hard to get smooth. Bob talked beginners as well as old timers through the tools he was using and why. He also talked about safety.

The next meeting will be July 6 when Jeff Brockett will show us how to turn a Three Footed Platter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.  
Charles B. Wall  
Secretary

#### Visitors



Norman Messer and Kristen Austion  
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Visitors



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**Show 'n Tell**

Charles Maddux



Thirteen Inch Salad Bowl

Steve Sabinaski



Twenty inch Cherry Salad Bowl

Steve Sabinaski



Red Oak Round Box

Grant Patterson



Ten inch Poplar Salad Bowl

Grant Patterson



Nail Polish Pens

Aden Patterson



Cocobolo and TN Flag Pens

Mike Canfield



Lamp

Mike Canfield



Fruit Stand with Cherry Fruit

Max Harris



Cherry Lidded Box

Mike Canfield



Cedar and Walnut Gavel

Max Harris



Coffee Scoop

Jim Mason



Maple Natural Edge Bowl

Jim Mason



Maple Vase

Jim Mason



Maple Hollow Form

# How to Become an Excellent Woodturner

By Ron Brown

Today, I would like to share five strategies to becoming an excellent woodturner.

## 1. Effort

1. If you expect to become a proficient woodturner, you will have to put in the time required in front of the lathe and make the effort to learn and understand what is going on while you're there. The key here is to analyze what you learned in the shop

immediately after each session so you can carry it with you the next time. Woodturning relies on the skill of the craftsman more than any other woodworking discipline. Success with the following steps also requires effort, attention and analysis.

## **2. Study shapes**

1. Most of us don't just automatically have a good eye for form and shape. For most of us this is a skill which must be learned. I suggest classic pottery shapes as a good starting place. One Woodturning author even suggests turning forms and then painting them black so as not to be distracted by the various grain patterns of your piece. His reasoning is that would allow one to focus on the shape alone. Books, videos, club demonstrations, YouTube, fine art galleries and museums all play an integral part in recognizing which shapes are pleasing to the eye and why. You may also consider the "500" book series. I have several and refer to them often.

## **3. Join a local Woodturning club**

1. Most AAW Woodturning chapters are filled with craftsman eager to teach you whatever it is you need to know and their tutelage is usually free for the asking. In addition, they know all the best resources. Like where to get free wood! If you have to pay for your wood they will know who has the lowest prices in your area. If you are struggling with some technique that just seems to elude you, you have access to people who can help you and people who want to see you succeed. If you have a question about any kind of equipment from lathes to scroll chucks to lathe tools including sharpening they are almost always your best resource.

## **4. Take Woodturning classes from experienced woodturners including professionals**

1. The value of formal classroom training, whether in groups of 10 or more, or one-on-one, cannot be overstated. Most professional woodturners are also excellent teachers and are eager to share the insights they have learned over many years

of experience in the craft. If you're having difficulty with the particular cut or technique, they will know almost immediately what you're doing wrong and will help you correct your mistake on the spot. It will be up to you to practice the proper technique after the class is over. This will be some of the very best money you ever spend in learning to become an excellent woodturner.

2. As you may know I have been a professional woodturner for about 10 years now and have demonstrated, presented and taught nearly 1,000,000 people. I still take Woodturning classes from my peers. Just so you'll know I'm serious, I've either taken classes from, or received counseling and advice face-to-face from Kirk DeHeer, Chris Stott, Jimmy Clews, Stuart Mortimer, Mike Mahoney, Nick Cook, Don Russell, Paul Schurch, Jeff Ferriss, Richard Raffin, and Dick Sing to name just a few which you may have heard of. These people know more than I do about certain things and all of them have been more than eager to steer me in the right direction. The value of their wisdom, knowledge, skill and insight cannot even be measured.

## **5. Turning symposiums**

1. Whether national or regional, turning symposiums are one of the very best sources of education, inspiration, encouragement and camaraderie that you will ever have available to you. The cost in dollars is usually very modest. In time it's a three day weekend plus travel time to get there and return. The dividends that you will reap from what you see attending one of these events cannot even be measured. Regardless of what your skill level is you will be a better wood turner for having attended a symposium. Most symposium organizers go out of their way to make their event friendly to couples and families.

My inspiration for this week's message comes from: Proverbs 15:22 NIV -  
- Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

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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

### **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.com](http://www.tristatewoodturners.com)

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

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

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

**West Tennessee Woodturners**  
Jackson, TN [www.tristatewoodturners.com](http://www.tristatewoodturners.com)