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# TURNERS TALK

THE MID SOUTH WOODTURNERS GUILD

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***On The Cover...***

From embellished pens to basket illusion lidded boxes, with finishes that enhance basic appreciation of a wood and its grain to artful use of surface texture and paints, the Guild's membership continues to grow in talent.

***Come Grow with us!***

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# President's Corner



## Spring is here! Welcome to Memphis in May.

The days are getting longer and it's nice to see warmer weather. This is a great time of year to open the shop doors and hone your turning skills. Last month's storms have left a plethora of downed trees and free wood. If you have a chainsaw, you should be able to harvest enough wood for the year.

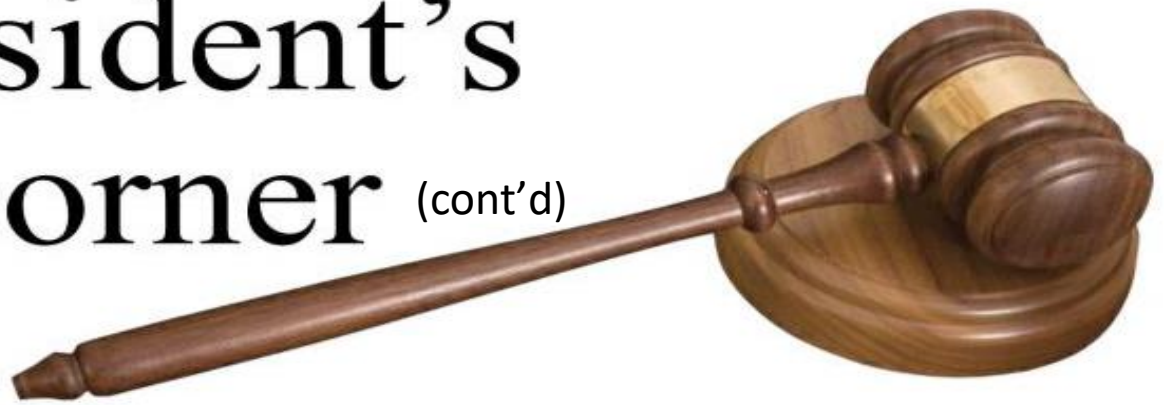
April's demo was an informative video of turning tool sharpening techniques. The format was a little different, having a panel discussion with members describing their preferences using different sharpening techniques. Rick Gillespie was the mediator for this discussion with John Williams, Rick Stone and Berry Barkley. This was a refresher for experienced turners and a great introduction to tool sharpening for our beginning turners. To see the video we watched click here [SHARPENING BLOG](#).

Our very next important event will be a Pen's for Troops, Turn-IN meet at Avi Pelc's shop. It will be held Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm., with Sam Dawson as organizer. He will have pen blanks prepped, kits, & finish for turning pens. There will be at least three lathes for members and guests to use - you only need your own tools and time. As in past hands-on events, new members will find help with first-hand instruction on sharpening techniques presented at our last meeting. Avi has volunteered to supply lunch. Come out and support the club's service project. For mor information click here [PENS FOR TROOPS](#).

This month we will have an interactive demonstration by Trent Bosch turning his Mountain Bowls. Trent will go through the making of the bowl, beading the bowl, laying out and carving the mountain ranges. He will also touch on wood prep, tool sharpening, finishing and a myriad of other possibilities. This can **only** be viewed at the Bartlett Station Municipal Center meeting. For more information click here [MOUNTAIN BOWL](#).

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# President's Corner (cont'd)



This Month's President's challenge is to turn anything related to Memphis in May. Thanks to Rick Gillespie's recommendation, I have added an option to this challenge in support of the club's two service projects. You can also turn either, three Pens for Troops or one Wig Stand for West Clinic, to meet the challenge for May. More ambitious turners can do all three. We all look forward to seeing the efforts of our fellow turners, so bring in as many examples for display on the Instant Gallery tables and inclusion in the Instant Gallery section of the newsletter and website.

In a last, but by no means a least point, Mid South Woodturners Guild is staffed by volunteers. Certainly, the most visible group, our Board of Officers, consists of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and three Members-at-Large. Yet, there are other crucial positions to maintain the proper functioning of our organization. Click here to see our needs: [VOLUNTEER POSITIONS](#). If you find a position you could fill, please contact our Vice-President at [VicePresident@MSWG.club](mailto:VicePresident@MSWG.club). Remember, even currently filled positions will need replacements at some time, so help your club be prepared!

*Bob Wolfe*



## President's Challenge - Memphis in May

**Memphis in May  
or 3 Pens for Troops  
or 1 Wig Stand**

Any woodturning that represents Memphis In May International Festival 2023. For more information see [memphisinmay.org](http://memphisinmay.org).

**AND, for this MONTH ONLY  
as an alternative you can substitute  
3 Pens for Troops, or 1 Wig Stand**

# It's All About... You!



As the motto below states: the success, *nay the very existence*, of a volunteer organization rests on each member in its roster!

No matter if it is a social club or non-profit group, the individuals gather to experience a subject of mutual interest to all.

***Get involved:***

***“you reap what you sew!”***

## How Can I Serve My Guild?

Remember the universal motto of all volunteer organizations:  
**“If EVERYONE does a bit of the work, NO ONE does all the work!”**

### ***Board of Directors***

#### **Board-Directed Committee Chairs & Team Members**

Demonstrator Research/Plan	Demonstrator Hospitality Hosts
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Videography Admin & Support	Sound Admin & Support
Instant Gallery Photog & Support	

#### **“Giving Back” Chairs and Team Members (Charities)**

Pens For Troops	Wig Stands For Cancer
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#### **Meeting Room Monthly Actions**

Support for Prep & Clean	Refreshments: Prep & Clean
Raffle: Prep/Execute/Clean	FSBO Table: Prep/Execute/Clean

***Please See the Additional Opportunities on Our Website***

Follow this Link: [Volunteers | MidSouth Woodturners](#)

# Coming Events

*“Save the 4th Saturday\* of each month, 9AM to Noon, for MSWG demonstrations!”*  
(\* = Meetings may be moved due to conflicting events - monitor schedule closely!!)

**\* May 20 MSWG Monthly Club Meeting @ BARTLETT STATION MUNICIPAL CENTER**

Demonstrator: Trent Bosch

Demonstration **(IRD)**: Mountain Bowls

President’s Challenge: “Memphis-in-May”

**Jun 1-4 Non-MSWG Event — AAW International Woodturning Symposium @ Louisville, KY**

Follow link for full details: [2023 Louisville - Landing Page \(woodturner.org\)](https://www.woodturner.org/2023-louisville-landing-page)

**Jun 10 MSWG Club Member Turn-IN Event @ Location: TBA**

Mentor-guided Instruction Focusing on: “Mountain Bowls”

**Jun 24 MSWG Monthly Club Meeting @ BARTLETT STATION MUNICIPAL CENTER**

Demonstrator: Sam Dawson

Demonstration: Wood Stabilizing and Bird Calls

President’s Challenge: “Lidded Turning”

**Jul 22 MSWG Monthly Club Meeting @ BARTLETT STATION MUNICIPAL CENTER**

Demonstrator: Craig Timmerman

Demonstration **(IRD)**: Turning a *Torus Vase*

President’s Challenge: “Serving”

# This Month's Meeting

## Monthly Meeting, IRD, Professional Demonstrator Mountain Bowls

May 20, 2023, 9am - 12noon

Demonstrator(s):

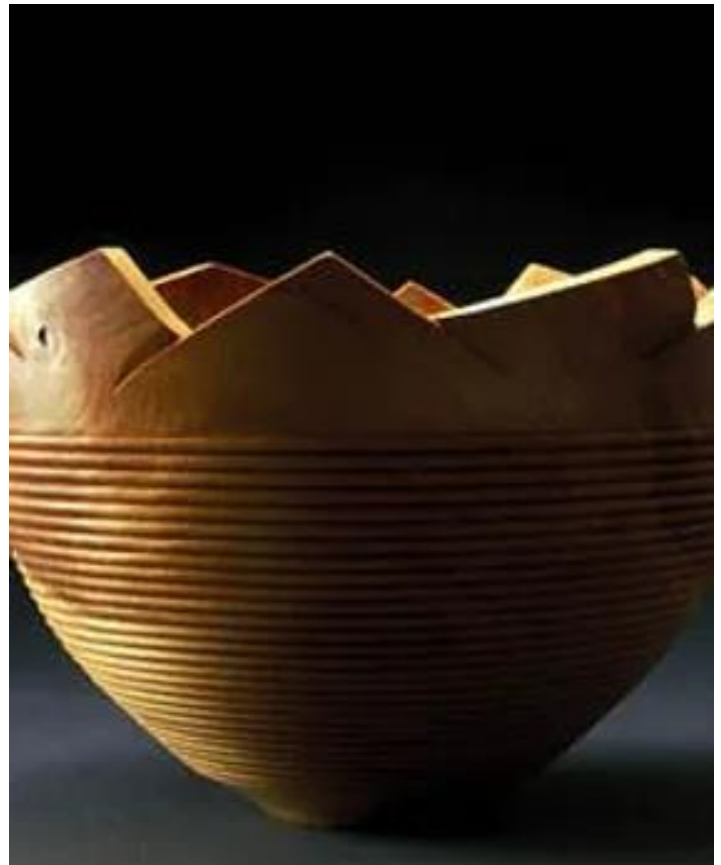
**Trent Bosch**

Location - Bartlett Station Municipal Center

5868 Stage Rd, Bartlett, TN 38134, USA



In this demo I expand upon the decorative utility bowl demo and show a technique that I used to expand the possibilities of a utility piece becoming more decorative. Drawing inspiration from my environment (I live in Colorado and the mountains are very prominent) I came up with this interpretation. We go through the making of the bowl, beading the bowl, laying out and carving the mountain ranges. Also touching on wood prep, tool sharpening, finishing and a myriad of other possibilities.



For more information contact:

Rick Gillespie [rickgillespie1955@gmail.com](mailto:rickgillespie1955@gmail.com)

# Noteworthy...

## [The Art of Inlays and Embellishments with Myra Orton](#)

**What:** Wood Turning Workshop

**Where:** The Appalachian Center for Craft

**When:** July 30-August 4, 2023



*Student positions are available in this week-long workshop at Smithville, TN.*

In this workshop, you will apply Myra Orton's one-of-a-kind inlay and embellishment techniques, which she developed for use on wood-turned lidded boxes.

Start with learning how to turn lidded boxes and become proficient in the art of inlaying unique items (on and off the lathe) to your work. Learn techniques such as purfling, the application of abalone, mother of pearl, leather, copper foil, and various species of wood. You will acquire knowledge in using pyrography, specialty tools, a power carver, and a variety of coloring techniques. As you work through your projects, learn to further enhance your end-grain and side-grain inlays by applying targeted composition, creativity, and an understanding of where to find inspirations for embellishments which tell a story. This workshop is interesting, fun, filled with in-depth instruction and hours of guided hands-on time.








For skill levels of Intermediate to Advanced. Requires a \$100 materials fee. All wood and most specialized equipment will be furnished. There is a tool kit available at each lathe station, but you may prefer to bring your own tools.

**Click the title of this notice to be re-directed to the registration page for this class!**



# Welcome Our 2023 Members!

These individuals have joined our Guild this year!  
 Shake a hand and get to know them over a “latte’.”

January <b>Bill Siler</b> (Returning)		February <b>William (Mike) Bledsoe</b>		February <b>Ken Burnette</b>		March <b>David Jones</b>	
April <b>Thomas Dorough</b> (Returning)		April <b>Revo Reeves</b>		April <b>Rick Mayfield</b>			

This is a new year and with it comes a new opportunity to spread the word that the Mid South area has a woodturning club.

- A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners -

## The Mid South Woodturning Guild!

Join the Board in helping to fill the chart above with new faces and names. Talk about your woodturning journey to potential candidates and invite someone to attend a monthly meeting; then, be their host when they do.

*“The future of MSWG is in our hands, don’t let them fall idle!”*

# MSWG - For The Record

Items of importance to the Guild's operation and record-keeping.

## Service Projects Update

### Mid South Woodturners Guild **PENS FOR TROOPS**

Sam Dawson reminds all that this month's event will be held on **Saturday, May 13, 2023 starting at 9 am until!** Treasurer Avi Pelc has offered Sam his workshop located at his house— 3955 Altruia Drive, Bartlett, TN.

Sam will have all the blanks ready for turning, so arrive early and stay late. Bring your personal set of tools, and get even more comfortable with them.

Donuts and coffee will get you started and then, Avi is providing a lunch on-site so, bring your appetite!

"Every member should turn at least two pens every year for this worthy Service Project." says Sam. "Even if you have never 'turned a pen', come on over and we'll 'turn you into a pen-turner!'"

### MID SOUTH WOODTURNERS GUILD **WIG STANDS FOR CANCER**

At our March meeting, 14 wig stands were completed and brought to be delivered to the West Cancer Center. I was able to coordinate a delivery with Ms. Maclin the week preceding our April meet. Also, pictured are some of the recipients who have benefitted from your work.



Thanks for continuing being a blessing to our precious patients. 🙏🙏🙏

# Last Month's Meeting

## Woodturning Tool Sharpening - MSWG's Meeting Subject - April 22, 2023

★★★★★ No ratings yet

As a refresher, the sharpening systems on display were:

1. Slow speed grinder with [Norton 3X - 8 Inch Grinding Wheels](#) and a [Wolverine Tool Sharpening System](#).
2. [Large belt sander/grinder \(Shop Fox\)](#) used for sharpening knives, tools, and general grinding adapted for sharpening woodturning tools.
3. [Robert Sorby ProEdge Sharpening System](#)
4. [Work Sharp - WS3000 Wood Tool Sharpener](#)
5. [Not shown but discussed were CBN woodturning grinding wheels.](#)

Below are the club members that led the Sharpening panel discussion.



Left to right: Mediator Rick Gillespie with John Williams, Rick Stone, and Barry Barkley

# Last Month's Meeting (cont'd)

The subject of sharpening tools and along with related explanations of the various systems used by members is always a highly watched demonstration. This was no exception last month when the lights were doused and the video began!



# Last Month's Meeting (cont'd)

This is the video that we watched as part of the panel discussion.



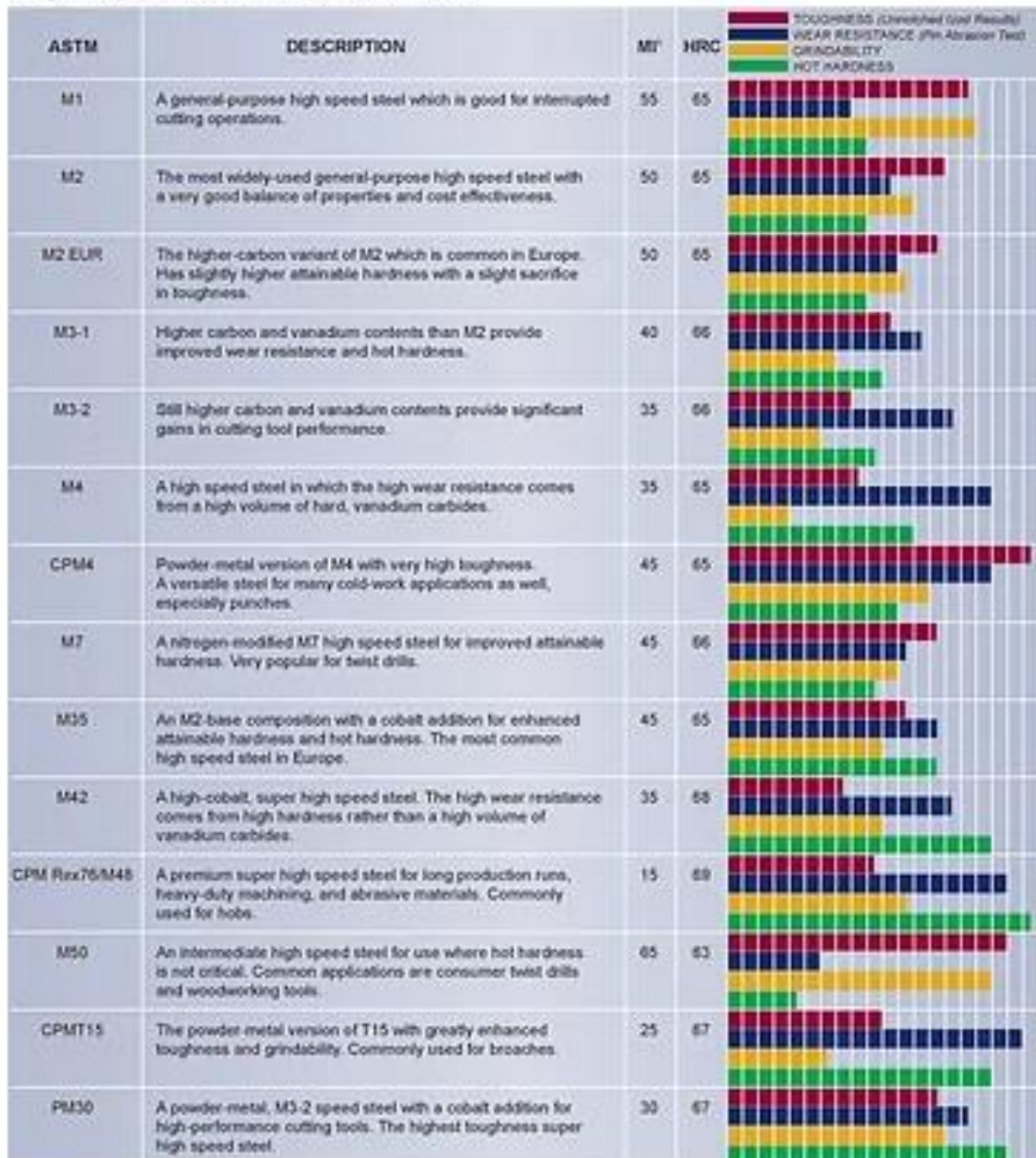
Below are some great resource links that you may want to download and save. Some of these in my opinion are a must to save and read regarding woodturning tool sharpening.

- [Sharpening Turning Tools Book.pdf \(woodturner.org\)](#)
- [Sharpening Systems Oct2012 AAW Journal](#)
- [DIYBeltSharpeningSystem\\_Dec2012 AAW Journal](#)
- [Lathe Tool Sharpening Basics by the New Mexico Woodturners](#)
- [Some Basics for Sharpening by the New Mexico Woodturners](#)
- [Adjustable Jig Settings for an Ellsworth grind by the West Bay Woodturners](#)
- One of the best videos on sharpening is by Glen Lucas - [Mastering Woodturning Series: No. 3 Sharpening Techniques - Glenn Lucas Master Woodturner \(glennlucaswoodturning.com\)](#)

# Last Month's Meeting (cont'd)

The chart presented below was of interest to many members and well discussed by the presentation panel. Members were urged to make this a part of their personal data library. It can be an invaluable reference when analyzing qualities of replacement tools.

## High Speed Steel Comparison



\*Machinability Index: Relative machinability, as a percentage, compared to machining a 1% carbon tool steel.

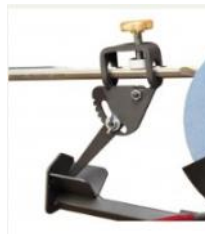
# Last Month's Meeting (cont'd)

## Sharpening Systems Demonstrated & Discussed by Members



**Robert Bosch ProEdge System**

(Demonstrated, and generated many questions.)



**Oneway VariGrind System**

(Demonstrated, and by far the most popular system in use by turners of all skill levels.)



**Shop Fox System**

(Demonstrated, fascinating, but comments indicated intimidating for most turners.)



**SETUP BLOCKS**

Quickly adjust the V-block for perfect angles on your granges

INCLUDED

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**Grizzly System**

(Not present, discussed as a value-priced alternative to the Shop Fox brand.)



**Work Sharp System**

(Demonstrated, and illustrates sharpening from the beveled side.)



**Kodiak Tool Rest**

Woodturners Wonders  
(Demonstrated briefly, recommended by member.)



# Last Month's Meeting (cont'd)

## Sharpening Systems Not Demonstrated or Discussed by Members



**Penn State Industries System**  
(Copy of Oneway VariGrind)



*Savannah*  
**Pro-Grind Sharpening System**  
Peachtree Woodworking Supply  
(OW knock-off)



**Rikon System**  
(Copy of Oneway VariGrind)



**Woodcut "NEW" Tru-Grind System**



**Tormek T-8 Sharpening System**



**Grizzly T32720 - 10" Variable-Speed Wet Sharpener**  
(Copies the Tormek)



**Kodiak MAX Woodturners Complete Sharpening System**  
Woodturners Wonders  
(Formally Sharp Fast System)

If anyone is interested in seeing any of these system demonstrated, or at least discussed please send an email to VP and Program Chair, Rick Gillespie.

It is not likely that every one of these systems is owned by one of our members, but that does not mean we can't discuss them.

**As Larry Sefton said in his visual presentation:**

**"Try Before You Buy!"**

This axiom is sage advise and we have enough mechanical knowledge within our Guild to help everyone avoid uninformed purchases.



# MSWG Instant Gallery

Last Month's Work by Guild Members



**Bill Siler**



**Bob Wolfe**



**Ed Ayres**



**Mark Maxwell**



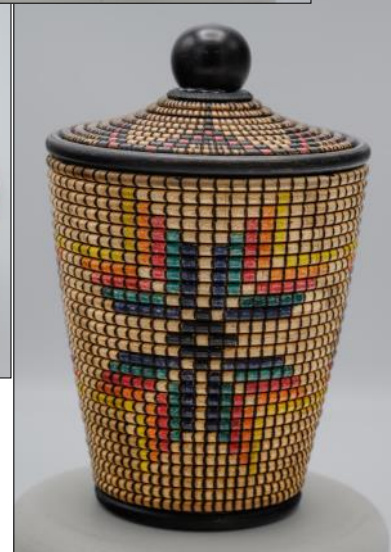
**Larry Sefton**

# MSWG Instant Gallery

- Last Month's Work (cont'd)



*Skip  
Wilbur*



*Skip  
Wilbur*



# MSWG Instant Gallery

- Last Month's Work (cont'd)



**Masanori Igarashi**



**Masanori Igarashi**



***Mike Yohanek***



***Mike Yohanek***



***Mike Yohanek***



***Rick Stone***

# **MSWG *President's Challenge***

## **Last Month's Work by Guild Members**



***Avi Pelc***



***Avi Pelc***



***Bob Wolfe***



***Bob Wolfe***



***Don Farage***



***Larry Sefton***

# MSWG *President's Challenge*

- Last Month's Work (cont'd)



**Don Chandler**



**Lonnie Epperson**



**Sam Dawson**



**Skip Wilbur**

# **MSWG *President's Challenge***

**- Last Month's Work (cont'd)**



**Mark Maxwell**



**Suzanne Marrero**











**Rick Gillespie**

# MSWG - For The Record

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## 2023 President's Challenge - Projects Remaining

	<p>Saturday, May 20, 2023</p>	<p><b>Memphis in May or 3 Pens for Troops or 1 Wig Stand</b></p> <p>Any woodturning that represents Memphis In May International Festival 2023. For more information see <a href="http://memphisinmay.org">memphisinmay.org</a>.</p> <p>For this MONTH ONLY as an alternative you can substitute 3 Pens for Troops, or 1 Wig Stand.</p>
	<p>Saturday, June 24, 2023</p>	<p><b>Lidded turning</b></p> <p>Any woodturning with a lid. This can even be a cricket cage that has a top to open it.</p>
	<p>Saturday, July 22, 2023</p>	<p><b>Serving</b></p> <p>For this month's challenge, we will look in the kitchen. Any woodturning that can be used for serving human food. You can submit anything that would be considered a kitchen implement or item such as coffee scoop, tea holder, ice cream scoop, bowl, platter, etc. This would allow you to replace that store-bought serving item with something that, without a doubt, will become a family heirloom.</p>
	<p>Saturday, August 26, 2023</p>	<p><b>Textured</b></p> <p>Any woodturning with a special texturing method.</p>
	<p>Saturday, September 16, 2023</p>	<p><b>Plate / Platter/Tray</b></p> <p>Any woodturning that is a plate, platter, or tray.</p>
	<p>Saturday, October 28, 2023</p>	<p><b>Bird house</b></p> <p>Any woodturning that looks like a bird house.</p>
	<p>Saturday, November 18, 2023</p>	<p><b>Holiday Seasonal - Ornaments</b></p> <p>Any woodturning that can be used as a Holiday Seasonal - Ornaments (must have been made in 2023)</p>
	<p>Saturday, December 16, 2023</p>	<p><b>Woodturning Donated to Holiday Party Auction</b></p> <p>Any woodtrng donated to the MSWG auction.</p>

# Noteworthy...

## *Are You Watching the Calendar?*

With the success of our 2022 Pink Palace Craft Fair recorded in history, the 2023 Pink Palace is fast approaching with only 4 ½ months left before the opening date!

Now would be the time to eliminate last-minute stress by adding finished items to your inventory. Below is a listing of items which we can add, or bring back, to our inventory ensuring we "have something for everyone."

### ***Kitchen Utensils:***

Rolling Pins  
(French or traditional)  
Muddlers  
Spoons  
Utensil "Vase"  
Pizza cutters  
Ice cream scoops  
Honey dippers  
Baking sauce "drizzlers"  
Napkin rings  
Spice carousel  
Salt/pepper mills or "grinders"

### ***Office Items:***

Paperweights  
Letter openers  
Smart phone stands  
Decision-makers  
(a.k.a. darts, tops or )

### ***Jewelry/Grooming:***

Hairbands/Hair pins  
Pendants  
Rings  
Bracelets  
Compacts  
Pill boxes  
Music boxes  
Shaving brushes & razors

### ***Craft Items:***

Thread rippers  
Crochet hooks  
Yarn Bowls

### ***Toys:***

Spinning tops  
Dreidels  
Ball-In-Cup  
Kaleidoscopes  
Yo-Yo

### ***Décor:***

Night-lights  
Candlesticks/holders  
(traditional or votive)  
Vases (shelf or wall-mounted)  
Large, for table centerpieces  
Weed pots  
Wall-mounted for orchids  
Ornaments (All occasions)  
Drink/travel cups & tumblers  
Clocks  
(wall, shelf/mantle or desk)  
Advent or Easter Calendars

### ***Your Turn:***

(fill-in the blanks!)

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This is, by no means, a complete list of items available to us all. Start your idea search with one, or all, the following websites: Penn State Industries, WoodturningZ, WoodCraft, Rockler, Bear Hollow Supply, The Woodturning Store, and any others you can find. (Don't forget to share!)

### **AND DON'T FORGET:**

If you want to make only one or two of an item, shop our local sponsor first: The WoodWork Shop, Bartlett, TN. It's one way to ensure you don't leave your monthly store discount on the table!



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