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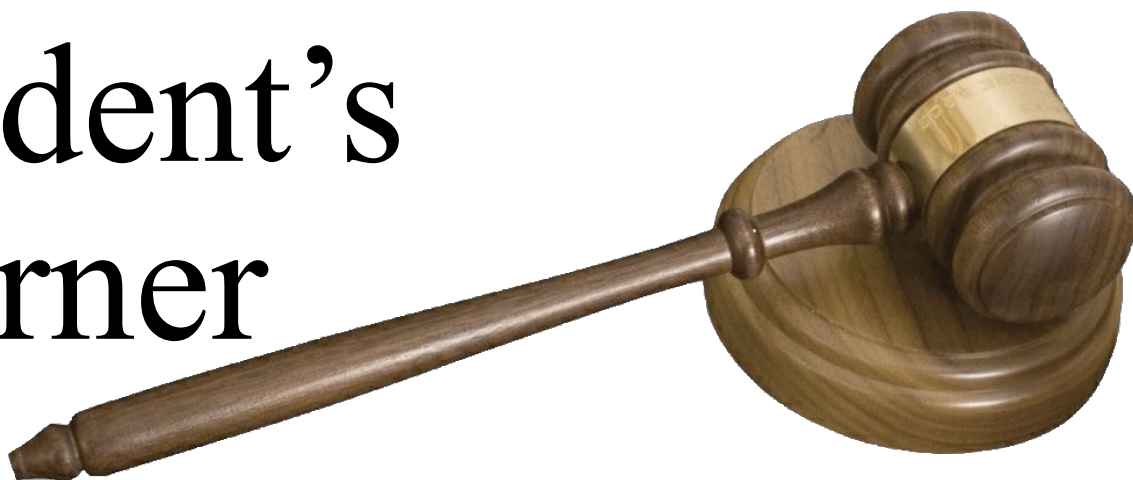
In this picture from his demo, Rick "dry-fits" the segmented rings to insure they align with his mental design of the piece, prior to glue-up. It also shows his attention to audience questions.

### ***Don't Forget This Opportunity To Learn From Rick!!***

Tennessee Craft has announced their Master Artist/Apprentice Program (MAAP) for CY2020. Rick Cannon, MSWG has been selected to participate in the program as Master Woodturner. Enter this link into your browser to apply.

<https://tennesseecraft.org/programs/maap/>

# President's Corner



By: Mike Maffitt

Hey Folks,

Can you believe we are approaching the craft season and Oktoberfest so quickly? Where has this year gone?

For the folks who are not aware, we lost another of our recent members, Jay Lehman. We wish his family and friends condolences.

Sign up time is over for the Bartlett BBQ Cook-off and this Friday we will be starting our Pens For Troops drive and demonstration at the event. Last year we ran two lathes and produced about 75 pens. This year we have twice the booth space, we have added a lathe, for a total of three and I would love to see us produce over 100 pens. The event will overlap our Saturday demonstration, so Sam Dawson will be manning the booth until we finish up at the Municipal Center. Anyone wanting to join Sam on Saturday morning, please let Sam, or me, know so we are aware of who is coming. We will have plenty of room for people this year and we would love to keep people rotating on the machines and working the crowd. The event will be Friday night the 27th of September from 6 - 9:30 p.m. and all day Saturday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Our second crafting opportunity will be The Pink Palace Craft Fair. We have the opportunity to sell our pieces, interact with the crowd, telling them all about the woodturning craft, demonstrate small items for the crowd on the lathe and have a great time with your club members. The event not only earns money for people selling, but earns money for MSWG and gives our organization a great deal of exposure to the public. I have been involved with the craft fair every year we have participated and it is always one the highlights of my year. I would love to see everyone sign up to come out and join us at Audubon Park in October. The Pink Palace Craft Fair will run from Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 11th - 13th from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sunday the event ends at 5 p.m. but tear down takes about an hour.)

Every year there are many opportunities to attend regional symposiums that are easily within driving range of Memphis. We have the TAW held in Franklin, TN, we have the GAW "Turning Southern Style" symposium in Dalton, GA. The Southwest Association of Turners event (SWAT) in Waco, TX is a well attended event and extremely well run and organized. If you are shopping for instruction and want the

# President's Corner (cont'd)

best exposure to differing methods of our craft and value for your money, I want to encourage you to do yourself a favor and attend one of the regional events spread across our area. If you want to attend the grand daddy of them all, the AAW National Symposium is unmatched in the volume and variety of demonstrators offered. The AAW Symposium is held at different locations each year, so early planning to attend is recommended and travel can become a consideration. Attending any of these events you choose, you can hardly go wrong. Try one out and I promise you will not be sorry.

We have some great talent lined up for this fall at The Mid-South Woodturners Guild. We have enlisted the talents of Matt Monaco for Oktoberfest this year. Matt has demonstrated at AAW Symposiums and turns some really beautiful bowls. I think you will be impressed with his work. He will do a morning and an afternoon session for the club. We will also have two of our own members that will demonstrate turning ornaments after the morning break which will hopefully give everyone the incentive to turn a piece for the November President's Challenge, which surprisingly enough will be a Christmas ornament.

Grab some of the fall newsletters from our website, [www.midsouthwoodturners.com](http://www.midsouthwoodturners.com) to see what has been done in the past and get some inspiration. In November we will have a wonderful and innovative turner, Mark Sfirri. Mark has turned at many regional and national symposiums and will open your eyes to offset turning. I think you will find his work amazing and original. Anyone who wants to attend Mark's demo and is not a member of MSWG will be asked to pay \$25.00 for the event.

We are still looking for volunteers to join our talented Board of Directors. We have identified two members who wish to serve the club and we still need one more enthusiastic person to join us on the board. We must declare the nominees by Oktoberfest, so they can be voted on at the November meeting.

Mike Maffitt



Remember the prime directive of all volunteer organizations:  
"If *EVERYONE* does a bit of the work; *NO ONE* does all the work!"

# “Have You Met Our New Member(s)?”

By: Ray Tanner

Terry Angle owes his discovery of the MSWG to his wife who found us on the internet. He joined our guild in April, 2019 and has enjoyed the demonstrations. Terry enjoys both learning new techniques and being reminded of the basic principles. He says his double garage-shop “will never see a car as long as he owns it.” Terry is quite pleased with his new Laguna Revo 18/36 lathe. He does general woodworking, enjoys deer hunting, yard-work (wow!) and solving jigsaw puzzles. Terry is originally from SE Michigan and has lived in eight other states plus a stint in Germany. He is an attorney and manager of a federal agency here.



extend from beginning skills to advanced techniques. Steve is an active camper and works with youth groups in his church. As an engineering consultant he has experience in marketing and sales, as well as management.

**Welcome All!**

Steve Stephens joined our guild earlier this year and we'd like to welcome him and get him involved in some of our activities. He is with Haltom Engineering working in the areas of HVAC, Plumbing and Fire Protection. Steve first heard about MSWG through Mike Maffitt. He has plans for a home shop, but they have not yet materialized. His interests in wood turning



Ben Troughton joined our guild in February. He was initially trained in woodturning by an MSWG former president, Hershel Miller, who also introduced him to the MSWG. More recently Ben has been strongly influenced by Rick Stone, whose expertise he hopes to emulate. He is a retired FedEx employee, having traveled to seven countries, while in their international division, preceded by extensive travel in the U.S. implementing a digital dispatching system.



Ben's 8' x 20' hobby shack contains not only his lathe and other tools, but also his ham radio gear and cartridge reloading station. His other hobbies include fly-tying and fishing, target practice, genealogy, bicycle riding, and photography. Ben has found it difficult to stay motivated in his turning, when too much emphasis is placed on advanced techniques and extremely artistic projects. He hopes to see more elementary turning demonstrations in our future guild meetings.

Continue to watch this space for more new members each month..

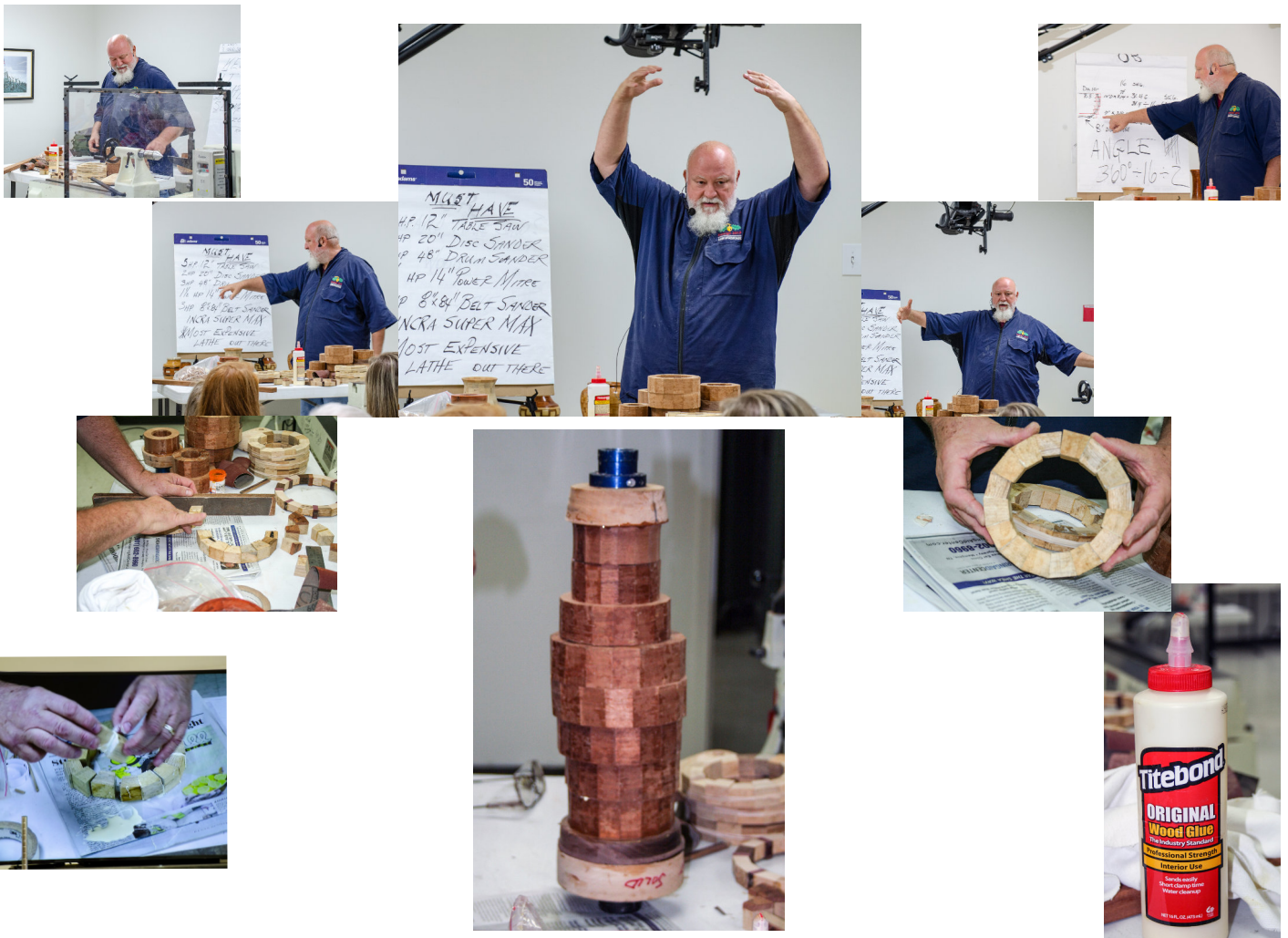
Better yet, invite a visitor who might turn into a new member!

# “In The Rear-view Mirror”

## Techniques In Segmented Woodturning

with Rick Cannon

Well, if you missed last month’s meeting, you missed another example of the quality of demonstrators MSWG can field! While merely listening to Rick Cannon’s tongue-in-cheek delivery, one cannot help but learn the subject he is presenting. This month, he took us into his world of Segmented Woodturning, providing the basic principles of the process. Rick is quite attentive to his audience, ensuring that all questions are answered, so as to prevent any person from falling behind. At the end of his demo, all should have gained the confidence to attempt, at least, a small segmented piece of their own. As promised, Rick’s notes, from the easel tablet, are posted on the website’s Instant Gallery page, just in case we don’t all have photographic memories. There is no question, Rick has as polished and comfortable a presentation as any magician could have. And, as a magician employs capable “helpers”, Rick had his daughter and two granddaughters to make him look even better! Great job, Rick and thanks!

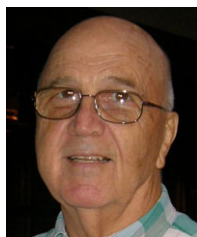


# September Demonstration - Multiple

Matt Garner, Rick Stone and Ray Tanner

By: Joseph Voda

This month we have three of our own members providing presentations on the need for safety in our shop and ideas for quick-production items to add to your holiday sales inventory. After the meeting, you are encouraged to join our Guild's demo booth at the Bartlett BBQ Festival in Freeman Park (off Bartlett Boulevard) to turn a pen, or wander the crowd promoting the demo.



**Ray Tanner**

**“Hey!...Let’s be safe out there!”**

(Watch Commander, Hill Street Blues)

Ray has some brief videos, images and text documents on safety in the shop. Personal safety must be an integral part of all processes we employ in our shops. Complacency can sneak into our habits and get our attention with devastating consequences.



**Matt Garner**

**and Rick Stone**



Matt and Rick remind us that the Pink Palace Craft Fair (and its related sales opportunity for members) is coming up in just 1.5 weeks. They will each give a demo of potential revenue-generating projects! That means, anyone who needs more items to sell, might want to consider one of these projects.



Also, should you need dry, or nearly dry, wood to aid completion of additional sale items, I recently stopped by Scott's Nursery, Hwy 70, Lakeland, TN (901-299-7979) to view his air-drying, rough-cut wood inventory. He has aligned himself with at least one area tree service for log supply and with his Wood-Mizer, he is milling board lengths for sale. The inventory starts with 6/4 rough-cut boards of various widths and lengths, up to about 8/4's, as the logs provide. Additionally, he said he can offer to make custom-cut thicknesses, platter and and bowl-blanks from logs we find interesting.

# Instant Gallery

Photos By: Bob Wolfe and Mike Maffitt



Larry  
Sefton



Bob  
Wolfe





# Instant Gallery (cont'd)

Photos By: Mike Maffitt

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Joseph  
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Mark  
Maxwell



Anonymous



# Instant Gallery (cont'd)

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Sam Dawson



Jonathan Marrero



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# Upcoming Events

## 2019 - 2020

- **2019**

- September 27 MSWG Public Demo - "Pens For Troops", Bartlett BBQ Festival, @ Freeman Park, Bartlett (Fri 6-9:30 pm)
- September 28 Monthly Meeting (BSMC, Sat 9 am-12 pm):  
Matt Garner, MSWG -Ice Cream Scoop; Rick Stone, MSWG -Thin-stem Goblet  
Ray Tanner, MSWG -Safety Tips
- September 28 MSWG Public Demo - "Pens For Troops", Bartlett BBQ Festival @ Freeman Park, Bartlett (Sat 9 am-5 pm)
- October 26 Oktoberfest, Featured: Matt Monaco <https://www.monacobowls.com>  
Add'l Demos: Ornament - Joseph Voda, MSWG; Ornament - Rick Gillespie, MSWG  
w/ Member Tool Swap/Sale @ Larry Cutliff's Shop
- November 23 - Monthly Meeting (BSMC, Sat 9 am-12 pm): Mark Sfirri, <https://www.marksfirri.com/about>
- November 24 - Hands-On Workshop (10 slots), Mark Sfirri, (Larry Cutliff's Shop, 9 am-4 pm)
- December 14 MSWG Christmas Party (BSMC, Sat 9 am-12 pm)

- **2020**

- January 18 Jonas Nemanis, MSWG (BSMC, Sat 9 am-12 pm)
- February 22 Jason Clark (BSMC, Sat 9 am-12 pm) <http://jtcturning.com/about.htm>
- March 28 Trent Bosch, Video Demonstration (BSMC, Sat 9 am-12 pm) <http://trentbosch.com/about/statement/>

# Mentors Program

All members of MSWG are invited to contact the following mentors to learn a new technique, improve their turning skills or turn something different. Mentors are volunteers and do not charge.

Contact information is on our website under Members Only and the Roster. Sessions should last no longer than 3 hours and be scheduled at the convenience of the mentor.

Benson, Joel	Wood Selection, Turning Green Wood, McNaughton Coring, Chain Saw Sharpening/ Maintenance, Chain Saw Use/Safety
Cannon, Rick	Segmented Bowls
Maffitt, Mike	Bowls, Platters and Lidded Boxes
Sefton, Larry	Milk Paint, Make Your Own Pyrography Unit, Hollow Forms
Stone, Rick	Finials, Bowls (incl. Natural Rim), Boxes, Spindles, Carving, Finishes, Pyrography, Making Tools, Turning Tool Basics (incl. Sharpening)
Tusant, Jim	Bowls, Hollow Forms, Pyrography, Carving, Dyeing, Tool Use
Wilbur, Skip	Bowls, Hollow Forms, Goblets, Finials
Wolfe, Bob	Bowls, Hollow-forms, Platters, Embellishment

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