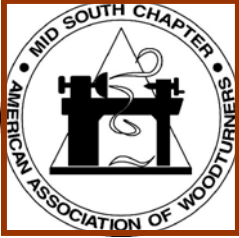


# The Mid South Woodturners Guild



## Turner's Talk

Bob Speier, Editor

October 2007



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### What's Coming Up ?

By Joan Kelly

**OctoberFest, Oct. 20th (3rd Sat.)  
J. Benson's Shop, Rossville, TN**

Octoberfest! The name brings up visions of beer and polka. At the Mid South Woodturners Guild it means a time to get out of the city, enjoy multiple demonstration's, see what some of the other wood-related clubs are about, and visit with one another. Joel Benson has invited the club to meet at his spacious place out in the country. Please note that the meeting will be held on the third Saturday of the month, October 20, to accommodate Joel's schedule. On tap is a chainsaw demo with discussion of how to orient and cut turning blanks by Joel, a demo on fluting by Bob Speier, pen turning with Rick Gillespie and tool sharpening by Bill Newsom. Members are encouraged to bring their tools for the sharpening lesson. Dennis Paullus may have something up his sleeve to share, and the carvers and woodworkers have been invited to come and show their favorite projects as well. Lunch will be the result of the FIRST EVER MSWG CHILI COOKING CONTEST. Cook up a pot of your best chili for Octoberfest. Any style is welcome. The only requirement is that you start with at least 3 pounds of meat . Continued on pg 2



**"Eddie Mitchell"  
October  
Presidents  
pick**

**Mid South  
Woodturner Guild  
Board of Directors  
For 2007**

**President**

Cassandra Speier

**First V.P.**

Keith Burns

**Second V.P.**

Joan Kelly

**Secretary**

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**Newsletter Editor**

Bob Speier

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*What's Coming Up, continued*

If possible, bring your creation in a Crock Pot. The winner, decided by popular vote, will receive a gift certificate for Packard. Please notify Bob Speier if you plan to participate. Larry Sefton, whose nickname is Dutch due to his legendary skills as a Dutch oven master, will make cornbread to accompany the chili. In keeping with the spirit of friendly competition, we will once again offer the Great Turnoff challenge. I forget what we called it last year, but Dennis and Joel did an enlightening and entertaining job of it. This year, Keith Burns and I will step up to the lathes, swallow our pride, GULP, and see what we can turn, as Bob Speier hands out the blanks. The day will be rounded out with horseshoe-pitching and maybe some good old cowboy songs. Please plan to attend.

**Map on page 8**

**Welcome New Member**



**Bobby Jorgensen**  
**Memphis, TN**  
**rgjorgensen@comcast.net**

**MSWG MEETING MINUTES**  
**August, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:20 am on Sat Sept 29<sup>th</sup>. President Speier welcomed a visitor Tom Boyer from Millington. Cassandra also introduced a new member Bobby Jorgensen.

President Speier asked for approval of the minutes posted in the newsletter, approved and a seconded was given.

Matt Garner gave the members the income and expenses for the previous month and a balance of \$1868.02 as of 9/25/07.

Cassandra spoke briefly about the trip to the Covington Heritage Festival and the Mid South Fair and thanked those that participated.

Bob Speier asked the member for input to the newsletter. He also told the members the newsletter would only be available online through the club website as of October 1, 2007. The decision was made by the board to help reduce annual cost to the budget.

Cassandra told the member the items in the CBU Exhibit had to be picked up by Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> or at Joan Kelly's home after that.

Cassandra expressed concern about the lack of participation in the monthly gallery. To encourage members she told them a selected piece for the month would be put on the front page of the newsletter and the website. She told the members the Presidents Challenge would be a candlestick for the October meeting.

Discussion was had regarding OctoberFest, which had been moved to October 20<sup>th</sup>. Cassandra told the members about the chili cookoff, horses shoes and that the other clubs would be invited to participate.

President Speier mentioned Rick Gillespie would be turning Christmas ornaments in November and to begin thinking about the Christmas party in December.

President Speier spoke of the upcoming elections in Nov and told the members 4 positions were available. She told them she would not be running do to employment obligation's, Keith Burns would also not be running. Joan Kelly and Bob Speier had not made up their minds to date.

Cassandra told the members of the awards member had received at the Mid South Fair. She also mentioned the new procedure for the raffle. The meeting was then turned over to Glen Alexander and John Williams for the monthly demonstration, which was about turning a street clock.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30am. The raffle was held after cleanup

Submitted by Bob Speier Secretary, MSWG

# Shop Talk

By Bob Speier

## Useful Tips

### Covington Heritage Festival / Mid South Fair

September 22<sup>nd</sup> a group of MSWG members ventured to the Covington Heritage Festival. Sandi and I, Dennis Paullus, Wiley Patterson and his wife Pat, Rick Gillespie, Bill McMillen and last but not least John Williams converged on the town square about 7:30 am to set up. Though there seemed to be more vendors' then prospective buyers we had a great time demonstrating to the crowd what it is we do. We spent a lot of time talking up the club and encouraging individuals to attend our regular meetings. We all took our turn at the lathe doing as I said before "what it is we do". The amount of interest proved to me the trip was worth it's while. We cleaned up and were on the road home by 4:40 pm. Larry Sefton showed up at 4:45 to help out.



The next day (Sunday) Sandi and I along with Joel Benson John Williams and Dennis Paullus arrived at the Mid South Fair at about noon to demonstrate in the Creative Arts building. Cindy Metcalf, program director, invited the Club to

participate both the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup>. On the 30<sup>th</sup> Larry Marley, Keith Burns, Larry Sefton (on time) and myself helped out. Both days we turned numerous tops, baby rattles, miniature goblets, natural edge bowls and the like. We all took our turn at the lathe and Dennis showed us on Sat. the new Drozda/Paullus Spindle Grind, it's pretty forgiving. Like Covington, we had a good deal of interest in the club and it's activities. However more seemed to be mesmerized by the turning with all the shaving flying about. See photo's on pg 4

How many times have you picked up a piece of wood off the side of the road and wondered what type it was? I picked up a bunch of Maple one time near my house. Took some to a club member who had 30 years in the timber business. He said "Bob, that's real nice Sweet Gum." Imagine the look on my face. Other times we'll say "I'll ask Joel he'll know."

A while back when we were meeting at the Wood Joint a member (sorry I don't remember who) did a demo on wood identification. I ran across the article he used for part of his demonstration. I'm including the link to the Agricultural Extension Service of The University of Tennessee.

<http://shelby.tennessee.edu/pubs/Shelby/PB1692.pdf>

There is an incredible amount of information here folks and I know it will help in this endeavor to recognize what we're turning.

If you have any type of information like this and would like to pass it on to our members please don't hesitate to email the information to me so I can include it in the newsletter.



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# Mid South Fair

All in all I think the time spend was a valuable experience for the club and should be followed up on in the future. Sunday (the 30<sup>th</sup>) culminated a long and proud month of September for the Mid South Woodturners Guild what with CBU Exhibit, Covington Heritage Festival and the Mid South Fair. Exposure we could not have asked for. Thanks to all those that participated and those that supported.



*“Da Boss”*



*“Best in Show”*

*Larry Sefton*

*October Gallery*



**Don Wilcut**



**Johnny Johnson**



**Bob Wiener**



**Cliff Valentine**



**Rick Gillespie**



**Keith Burns**



**Ben & Trey Campbell**



**Clock Finials**

**Johnny Johnson**



**Lee Chandler**



**John Williams**



*Classifieds*



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

October

20th OctoberFest at Joel Bensons

November

17th Board Elections  
Rick Gillespie - Xmas Ornaments

December

(tbd) Christmas Party / Pot Luck

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January - TBD\*

Feburary - “

March - Ring Master Machine Rick Gillespie

April - 2nd Annual Swap Meet

\* TBD to be decided

**Notes**

- Have something you want to say or an article you want to publish in the next newsletter? Use your word processor and type it up but keeping it to about 300 words. Then email it to me. Remember you need to have it to me by the first of the month.
- If your email address has changed please let the club Secretary know ASAP.
- Thanks to those who are sticking around to help clean up, it's very much appreciated



It will soon be that time of the year again to renew your membership in MSWG. At the same time members of the Board of Directors encourage you to join the American Association of Woodturner (AAW). This can be accomplished by simply going to their website .

<https://www.woodturner.org> then go the “How to Join AAW” page. Also, many of

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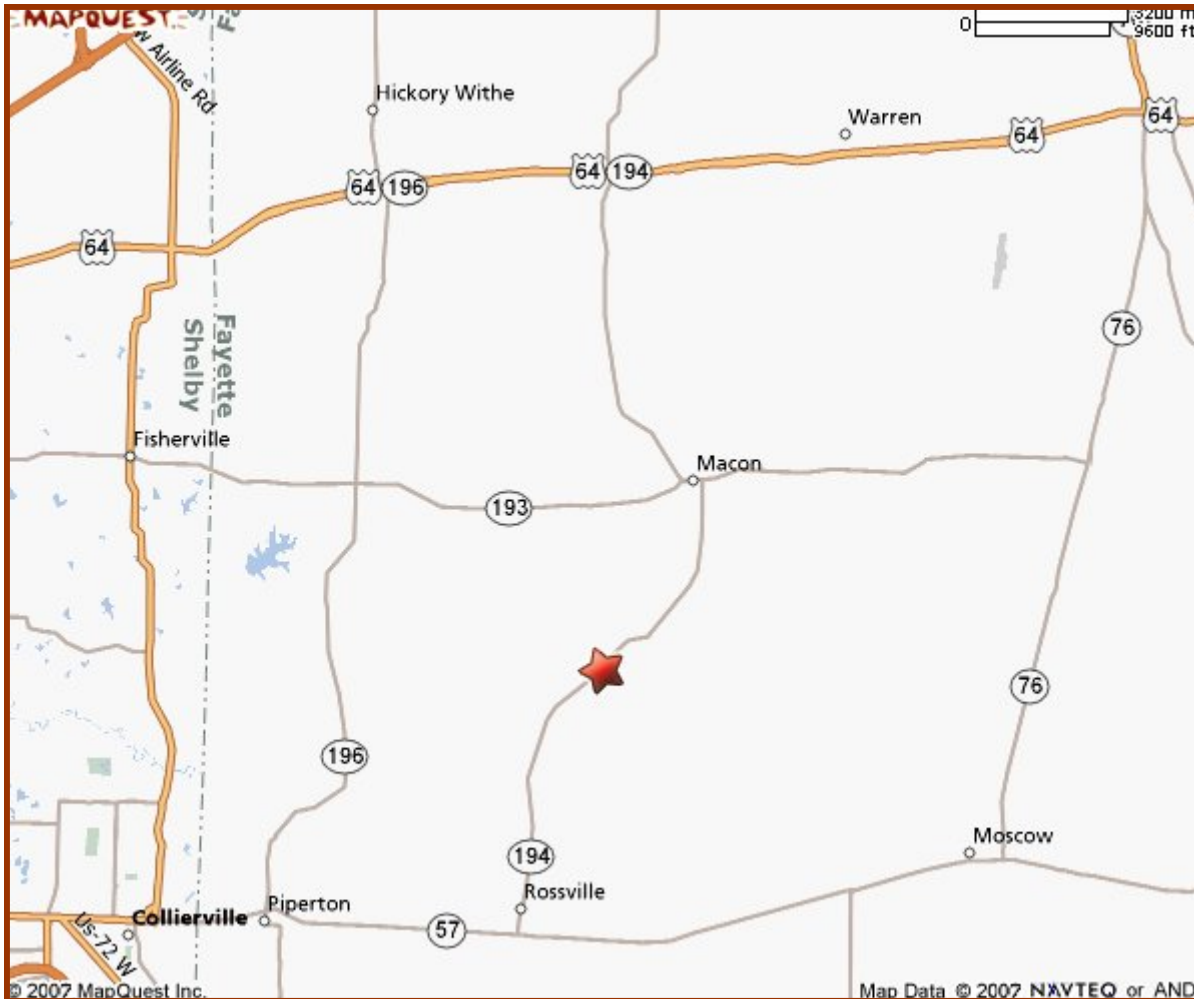
advantages for joining are provided on the “how to join AAW” page.

On a personal note, The four issues of the “American Woodturner” to me are well worth the membership fee.

Membership Renewals (\$25) for the Mid South Woodturners Guild will begin in November. If there are friends and neighbors or someone you don't even like, be sure to encourage them to join. The more the merrier. Members are what make us better.

The Mid South Woodturners Guild is a not-for-profit organization formed to promote and encourage the art of woodturning and, in doing so, promote and encourage the art and craft of woodturning in general. Membership is open to anyone and includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter.

*Octoberfest 2007  
Joel Benson's Shop  
5050 Hwy 194, Rossville, TN*



Most of you will remember from past experience, but for those that are new ..... if you go out Hwy 64 to Oakland turn right on Hwy 194 at the McDonalds and go 10 miles and a little bit. Joel's will be on your left.

If your going out Poplar Ave. from Collierville turn left on Hwy 194 and go 5 mile's . Joel's house is your right at the 5 mile marker.

Turn in his driveway and park on your right at the tree line just passed his house.



## Our Meeting Location



GameDay Sports Academy  
Herbert Rd, last bldg on rt.  
Cordova, TN

Meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of each month at 9:00 A.M. and held at GameDay Sports Academy, Herbert Rd, last bldg on right, Cordova, TN. From I40 take RT 177 (Germantown Rd.) south to Fischer Steel (Wendy's on the corner) turn right. From Walnut Grove or Poplar Ave go north on Germantown Rd. to Fischer Steel turn left (Wendy's on the corner).

Annual dues are \$25.00. Inquiries about the Mid South Woodturners Guild should go to Pres Sandi Speier at [cassandraspeier@aol.com](mailto:cassandraspeier@aol.com). Please send newsletter items to Bob Speier [robtspieier@aol.com](mailto:robtspieier@aol.com) and website items to Trey Campbell [treycampbell@mac.com](mailto:treycampbell@mac.com).

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### Meeting Format:

Club Business	9:00-9:30 am.
Demonstration	9:30-11:30 am.
Cleanup	11:30-12:00 pm.