

The Mid South Woodturners Guild



Turner's Talk

Bob Speier, Editor

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What's Coming Up ! By Joan Kelly

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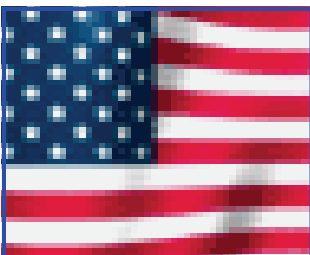
The process of turning bowls is, to me, one of the most satisfying and often relaxing ways to spend time. With the right piece of wood and a good sharp tool, it's smooth sailing, and in the end you have a beautiful round object suitable for use or display. After a few dozen of these, some of us wonder what else we might do to alter the basic "round and brown" of bowl making. I've been experimenting with turning on multiple centers, both in the making of bowls and platters, and in some more sculptural work.



While I'm no expert, I am willing to share a few techniques I've picked up. My February demo will include making a small platter using at least two axes. I will bring along some work in various stages to illustrate some ways I've found to mount wood in different positions on the lathe.

My challenge to the members is this: If you have done multi-axis work, please bring it to the instant gallery. Let's make this a time to share our experiences and all go home with a new idea or two.

I want to take the opportunity to thank Joan Kelly, Keith Burns, Nancy Boatwright, Rick Stone and Matt Garner for their input to the Newsletter.



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President's Corner

By Bob Speier



Going the extra mile to achieve a goal is a good thing more often than not. Many times we have the opportunity to attend a special demonstration, symposium or lecture and don't take opportunity thinking, "I won't get anything out of that." Quite the contrary, I never go to a symposium thinking it's going to revolutionize my turning. If I get one or two "little pearls" it's been all worth the effort.

Saturday April 4th nationally recognized Malcolm Tibbetts, a segmented turner, will be here to provide a daylong demonstration on segmented turning. Malcolm is world renowned for his design and turning of segmented pieces. When Larry Sefton and I attended the first annual symposium in Indiana, we were by far the least experienced but that didn't deter us at all. We were looking at what we could get out of the symposium.

This Saturday the Tri State Woodworkers Guild has offered us an invitation to see some demonstration on new Delta Porter Cable tools provided by Delta. Not only will you see the demos, but you will also see how their meetings proceeds. These are both great opportunities to extend your knowledge base in woodturning and woodworking at a reasonable price. We have so many places for information about our hobby we take every chance we should to see what's going on in other places.

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*President's
Gallery Pick*



This piece by Joan Kelly was featured in our January Gallery. Joan was also honored by the World of Woodturners by picking her piece for their "Cover Page." Way to go, Joan!

MSWG MEETING MINUTES

January 24th, 2008

- Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Bob Speier, President, who welcomed the members, guests and new members. Guests were introduced. A member roster is being put together with pictures and will be posted on the website, accessible by members only with a username and password. Rick Gillespie will be taking the photos of the members.

- New Things

President Speier discussed some goals and changes for the new year. The Board is working on a safety program and a new member orientation. New members will receive nametags and will be introduced as new members. Rick Stone will be taking over the "Shop Talk" column in the newsletter. There will be a new component at the start of the meeting when members can talk about a new tool, gadget or process. A possible mentoring program might be introduced during the open shop visits.

- Committee Reports

Dennis Paullus, Vice President, gave a report on the upcoming demonstrations.

February 28, 2009 - Offset turning with Joan Kelly

March 28, 2009 John Jordan – free to members

April 25, 2009 - Larry Sefton

- Matt Garner, Treasurer, gave the financial report.

General fund balance	\$2,366.01
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Education fund balance	\$1,823.74
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The shirts are in but no hats were purchased because there weren't enough to make the order.

- The bulletin board is going to be re-activated. If anyone has something for the bulletin board provide a picture. Nancy Boatwright, Secretary, will handle the bulletin board.

- There was no formal report on the library but Joseph Voda noted that the Richard Raffin video on lidded boxes is very good. Members need to know that the website is set up for demo videos. The library catalog is 90% complete.

- Newsletter & Website

President Speier called for articles for the website. Items for the newsletter should be in by the 1st of the month, no later than the 5th. The newsletter will generally go out by the 10th. He also noted that there is an article by Glen Alexander in "Woodturning Design" magazine.

- Demo

The day's demo was "Embellishments" with Dennis Paullus and Terry Reynolds. The President's Challenge for the next meeting will be for members to bring something they've embellished. Terry Reynolds demonstrated footed bowls. Dennis Paullus demonstrated relief and chip carving.

- Tools and Gadgets

Rick Stone and Bill Covington displayed and demonstrated the tools they'd brought to share with the members.

- Raffle

The monthly raffle was held after the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Boatwright

Secretary

Getting to know the “Pro’s”

I had the pleasure of meeting Paul in Albuquerque, NM the last weekend in January while at a AAW function. A very gracious and well respected member of AAW. rgs.

J. Paul Fennell Page 1 of 2



My earliest memories of woodworking were as a very young boy, sawing and nailing scraps of wood cutoffs together in my Dad's basement workshop. After receiving BSc and MSc degrees in engineering from Ohio State University and the University of Southern California respectively, I became employed in California as a mission, rocket performance and orbital mechanics analyst in the Apollo space program.

I presently reside in the beautiful Sonoran Desert, in Scottsdale, Arizona with my wife Judy, and work in a 400 sq. ft. studio. I am a charter member of the AAW and have missed only one of their annual symposia since 1987. I was also a charter member of Central New England Woodturners, one of the first chapters to organize under the AAW in 1987. Currently, I am a member of the Arizona Woodturners Association.

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Over the years I have demonstrated at many symposia and local organizations. I am represented by several galleries, have work in numerous private collections, and several museums -- most notably the Smithsonian, Detroit Institute of Arts, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Yale University Art Gallery and the Wood Turning Center.

Happy Turning !

Shop Talk

*With Norm Hill in
Bartlett, TN*

By Rick Stone



Norm is not only a member of the Midsouth Woodturners Guild, but also a member of the Tri-State Woodworkers Guild. In addition, for a few years participated in a scroll saw club that met at his house. So when Norm finishes a project that he cut out or turned, he may also decide to tole paint that item. He is a man with many talents.

Some may not put the name and face together, but Norm is the first one there and the last one to leave at our Saturday morning MWTG meetings. He is the one who meets you with a smile on his face and leads you through the maze of hallways, doors, stairs, ramps and elevator to our little "den". I think we might have lost a few members if it hadn't been for Norm.

Norm has been turning for approximately 15 years. He started off with a full size Delta lathe, but found that he could do what he wanted to with his Jet Midi-lathe. He has made pens, but best of all he likes making small bowls. Norm showed me one bowl with a Corian top rim and also a Corian bottom - very different and very nice. Norm said that he liked working with walnut best of all. Who can argue with that? Norm has a vision of one of these days being able to turn one of those beautiful Malcolm Tibbetts style Southwestern segmented vessels. Me too!

Norm showed me around his place which included stashes of wood and Corian, enough for everyone! Norm also showed me a two story building which houses his wife's passion - quilting. What a studio! After sharing that my wife, Polly is also a quilter, he invited me to bring her over to check out the quilting. I said NO WAY; I can't afford it.

All I can tell you is we are all better off by having this man among us. What a great inspiration for us all to have him as a member. Norm thanks for your hospitality.



Tool Review
By Keith Burns

I was fortunate enough to attend the TAW Symposium in Nashville, but this is not about the symposium, it's about tools. John Jordan was there, did not buy his. Already use his bars. Doug Thompson was there. Great tools but did not come home with any.

What I did however come home with



the Ci1 *Easyrougher* from www.easywoodtools.com. Craig, the owner is a first rate guy and great to work with. I had become skeptical of tools lately as there seems to be so many new things hitting the market. I had watched his video on "You-tube" before but I was still skeptical. Well, I got home and have had a chance to use it. One of the most stressful things for me to do is to rough turn, round blanks. It just beats this old body plus it takes forever. Well, I was totally amazed with this tool. You can rough turn a blank in a matter of minutes without getting beat up. Ribbons just fly without vibration or chatter or catches. It leaves a great finish as well. It works equally as well on dry wood. I can already see other uses for it. Bottom line, if you want to by a tool that actually works, get this one.

Unbeknownst to Keith this is the same tool Bill talked about at our meeting in January, Editor.

UPCOMING EVENTS
2009

- **February 28th**
 Joan Kelly demonstrating multi access turning
- **March 28th**
 JOHN JORDAN one day demo -
 "FREE FOR MEMBERS"
- **April** Larry Sefton - wide rim bowl w/
 branding and painting
- **May**
 Utah Woodturning Symposium
- **June**
 AAW Symposium, Albuquerque, NM

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Classifieds



**Troy - Bilt
3 in 1
Chipper,
Vac
Shredder**

Also has 15' hose attachment for vacuuming . Five hp Briggs & Stratton, run maybe 5 times. Easy start

\$600 (retails for \$1100)

Welcome New Members

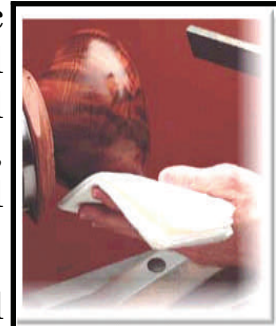
Mike & Terry Maffitt

*Returning Members
Dick Absher,
Terry Lafferty*

Tips & Helpful Ideas

Home Made Finish vs. Store Bought Brands

Here is a quick finish that I like to use. It's kind of like using MYLANDS friction polish or BEHLEN Woodturners Finish, except that this 'recipe' makes more and costs less. When I go with the store or online brands I spend roughly \$18 plus shipping. My home batch is about \$6 more, and it makes six times the amount, For terrific results, I have used equal parts: boiled linseed oil, denatured alcohol and clear shellac.



When I need some, I buy a quart of each, pour them in a clean gallon jug, and shake! Shake a lot! Think of it as exercise.

It dries fairly fast, so don't play around. The finish is long lasting in a sealed container. Of course, before each use, be sure to shake it, until nothing settles. Then if you want to, apply a wax of your choice.

Reminder – carefully consider your method of application and the effects it may have on your final product.

By Matt Garner