

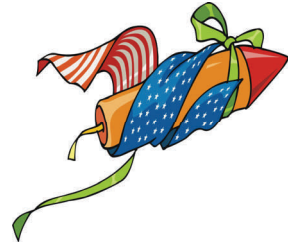
# The Mid South Woodturners Guild



## Turner's Talk

Bob Speier, Editor

July 2008



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### What's Coming up ?

By Joan Kelly  
*Midsouth Woodturners Permanent  
Collection at  
Christian Brothers University*

Members of MSWG, this is the last call! The selection of 10-12 turnings to donate to Christian Brothers University as the foundation of a permanent collection will take place following the general meeting, July 26, 2008. Please review the Mission Statement published in the March 2008 Turners Talk to understand the criteria for selection into this collection. This is a chance to shine as an individual turner, as well as to promote the mission of the MSWG. CBU is committed to promoting the arts in many forms, believing that an awareness and understanding of many art forms is part of the learning experience of university life. This is a win-win opportunity for woodturners, the guild, the students of CBU, and the community as a whole.

The initial donation will be a juried body of work by our members. Why jury the work? The idea is bound to be a bit intimidating to some folks since it implies a judgment of our work. That is just a part of the process. Certainly, with a collection representing the club, well designed and well crafted pieces are required. However, members should understand that the jurors are responsible for making sure that the collection is the best possible combination of work to represent the mission of showing variety, including functional traditional turnings as well as turnings that stretch the bounds of tradition toward artistic expression. Continued on pg. 3

### President's Pick



Cliff Valentine

### July Demo

Mister Delta

**Bill  
McMillen**

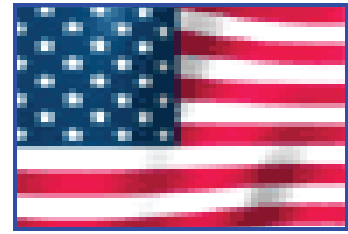
*will demonstrate  
the art of turning  
"Peppermills"*

**July 26th**  
*Be there or be  
square*

The Mid South Woodturners Guild is a proud chapter of the  
**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS**



**MSWG MEETING MINUTES**  
**Saturday June 28, 2008**



Larry Sefton, president, called the meeting to order at 0910. He discussed some building information, exits and bathrooms, and the problem with possibility of elevator overload. He introduced guests and new members.

Don Wilcut presented the minutes from the last meeting, entertained questions, and asked for and received approval of the minutes. He reminded the members of the raffle and upcoming shop visit to the Speier's Studio. We now have a total of seventy two (72) members.

Matt Garner, Treasurer gave the financial report. The Raffle for June took in \$185; also we took in \$50 for membership, and \$300 for the education fund.

Bob Speier received a 'thank you' certificate for the fine job he did with the demonstration in May. Way to go, Bob! Larry asks for all AAW symposium attendees to stand up. Those attendees were Thane Duncan, Dennis Paullus, Joel Benson, Matt Garner, Bob and Sandi Speier, Rick Cannon, and Mike and Dana Kelly.

Don Wilcut attended the Utah Woodturning Symposium, longest running symposium in the US, twenty nine (29) Years. This was held in Orem, Utah. Steve Yeomans has obtained a new job with General Electric in another state and will be leaving soon.

We need a volunteer to host Dave Hout. July 26, 2008: TBD. August 23-24, 2008: David Hout. To date (1 July 2008) we have sixteen (16) signed up for the demonstration. Nancy Boatwright and Bill Shaw have won free tickets for the event.

Larry talked about the Instant Gallery and all the items being good enough for the CBU project. The judging for the CBU event will be July 3, 2008 at Larry's house. The judges will be Swann Parks (club member), Peter Sohngen (a member of the faculty at the Memphis College of Arts) and Dennis Paullus, a club member.

Dennis updated the members on the club's participation in the Mid-South Perspective. Delta Fair will be 9 days; over 2 weekends (Aug 29-Sept 7) Board recommends demonstrating the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend. Bartlett Festival will be Friday evening, September 26 from 6 to 10 P.M. and on Saturday, September 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will participate **after** our club meeting.

Jim Adkins presented an excellent demonstration on Basket Weave Illusion Technique. The demo was well received and lots of bowls and platters using this technique will be forthcoming from the members. Larry presented Jim with a certificate of appreciation and a check to defray some of his expenses for the trip to Bartlett from Dexter, Mo.

**MSWG**  
**Board of Directors**  
**for 2008**

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 Bob Speier

*Midsouth Woodturners Permanent  
Collection at  
Christian Brothers University  
continued*

The jury includes three people: Dennis Paullus and Swann Parks, both longtime members of the guild who understand the skills necessary for excellence in turning, and Peter Sohngen, a nationally recognized potter, retired from the faculty of the Memphis College of Arts.

Please bring your work to the meeting on July 26. If you cannot attend the meeting, you may arrange to get your work to Larry Sefton prior to that date. You may submit up to three pieces and may request that the jury select just one of the three for inclusion in the donation. Remember to label the work including your name, contact info, the wood, and if appropriate, the title of the work.

Brother Robert Werle, the director of the archives at CBU, has indicated that the donation will be publicized and showcased on the main floor of the library during the August opening of the Ross Gallery show.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**July 26 - Bill McMillen - demos Peppermills**

**August 23rd & 24th - Dave Hout Host of "Woodturning Techniques" on the DIY Network.**

**September - Delta Fair, demo tba**

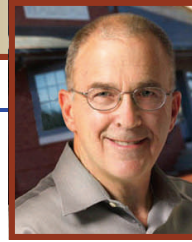
**October - OctoberFest**

**November - Election of Board positions**

**December - Christmas Party**

**President's Corner**

*By Larry Sefton*



If you were not at the June MSWG meeting, you missed an outstanding demonstration on basket illusion by MSWG member Jim Adkins. If you missed his demo or want a quick review, there will be a few video copies in our library.

Please make sure you read the CBU article by Joan Kelly in this issue and plan to participate. Pieces can be brought to the July general meeting (in safe-transport containers).

As many of you know by now our Second Vice President, Steve Yeomans, has accepted a new job and will be moving to Pennsylvania very soon. We all wish Steve the best for the move and in his new position. Thanks Steve for all you have done with and for MSWG.

Dave Hout will be here in August. If you haven't already registered, the time is here! Reminder - if you know any youth who would be interested in attending the demo (one or both days), there is no admission fee for youth.

Finally, here is something to think about. If you have a particular professional demonstrator you would like to see, why not consider offering a significant financial sponsorship or incentive to our club to bring that person to MSWG? For example, if you were to go to John C. Campbell Folk School, Arrowmont, or another out-of-town symposium to see this person for a weekend, you would likely pay well over \$750 for travel and registration fees, plus room and board. It typically costs the club over \$2,000 to bring a professional demonstrator to Memphis, so why not pool our efforts to fund an additional outside demonstrator right here at home?

Safe turning,

Larry

# *Shop Talk*

## *with Polly & Rick Stone*

*By Bob Speier*

Once again a great pleasure to meet new members, Polly & Rick Stone, at their home and shop in Bartlett. Rick and Polly operate a heating and air conditioning business. Look's to me Polly runs the business 'cause Rick was eating breakfast when I got there and Polly was busy at work in the office.

Actually that's how Rick got interested in turning, when he met (once again) Dana Curtis. Rick was Dana's plumber and heating and air conditioning serviceman. Rick built Dana's dust collection system and was paid with a new Delta lathe. Through the times Rick moved on up to his new Rikon 1640 (?) lathe. The Woodwork Shop likes to see Rick and Polly walk in the shop as indicated by all the Rikon power tools.

Polly seems to be the busier turner as indicated by all the lidded boxes and other turnings displayed around the house. Her work station is cleaner then Rick's too, ha. But Rick like's to do flat work as well. He built a really nice entertainment center, coffee table and remodeled most of the house on his own; pretty talented man.

A while back Rick found a need to turn big bowls so he built his own bowl lathe. No need to add sand bags to this one, it stays put on it's own. Eat your heart out guys this one's really cool and didn't cost an arm and a leg.

Look to see their shop at the next Open Shop in July.

Thanks, Polly & Rick, for your hospitality



*Polly's  
workstation  
(Rikon mini)*



*Rick's Rikon 1640 (?)*



*Talk  
about a  
bowl  
lathe*

## What Others Are Up To

For those that were not able to make the June meeting, President Larry informed the members Steve Yeomans had resigned as a board member and was moving to PA. Steve landed a job with GE and is reluctantly and abruptly having to move. We're really going to miss Heather though.

No moss grows under the President's feet. To fill the empty position on the board Larry asked Joseph Voda to take the position on and the board and he accepted. Thanks Joseph for stepping up to the plate. Here's a new member that likes to get involved, we need more like him.

## YouTube takes on Woodturning

You can find almost anything on YouTube these days. I typed in woodturning and found a plethora of videos about woodturning. Click on the link below and watch any of the video's available about woodturning.

(use this link)

[YouTube](#)

## Election Reminder

Don't forget about the election coming up in November for board members that will fill a position for the year 2009. Be thinking about your choice and

## Open House By Joseph Voda



For a garage shop, Bob has it nicely accessorized



Bob answers questions about his Stubby Lathe.



Bob has taken advantage of a very interesting display opportunity at his front door. It makes quite a focal point for guests.

## MidSouthWoodturners.com

If you didn't get a chance to see the Instant Gallery at the June meeting click on to our Website and see the current and past Galleries.

*Classifieds*

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to find your source  
**Helpful Links***



I had the esteemed honor to be in the present of Keith Burns in his shop over the July fourth weekend. While visiting I noticed a gadget attached to his dust collector and was told it was a noise suppressor from Penn State. Keith turned it on and told us it cut the noise by 50%. This is a great investment at \$89. If you have a similar dust collector don't wait to curtail hearing lose by at least looking into this suppressor.

Use this link

[Penn State Noise Suppressor](#)

**"Wanted"**

Nova chuck, old style with insertable rods preferred. Call Ray Tanner at 682-9771, **"PLEASE, I'M TIRED OF CHANGING JAWS"**

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\$ 350  
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# *Richmond Instant Gallery*

*(just a few of the many pieces)  
over \$60,000 raised at the auction*

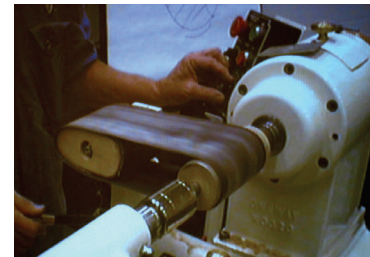
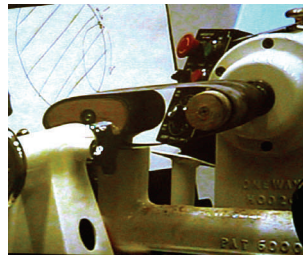
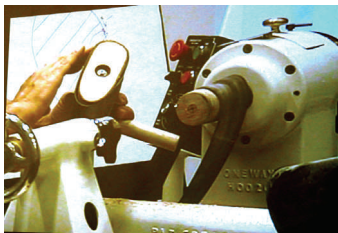
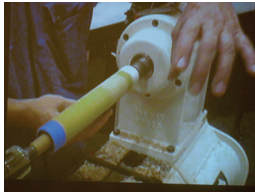


*Bonnie Kline  
Jacques Vesery*

**\$16,500.00**  
at auction

## *Tips & Helpful Ideas*

**Michael Mocho** by far is the consummate demonstrator. In a texturing demo Michael showed some of his homemade sanding devices for doing contours on his work pieces. The sanding bar between centers on the left was a simple turned stock and glued up with sandpaper. Make it long enough and you can glue on multiple grits. On the right, Michael turned a decorative spindle that fits in the banjo. Fit a pencil in the holder, tighten down with the set screw on the top and you have center line marker that can be used on any shape. The best of all was the belt sander he made to fit on a lathe. The photo on the far left shows the spindle that fits in the banjo. Another spindle is put between centers, then the desired belt is slid over the spindle. The belt is tensioned by adjusting the banjo. The piece in his hand in the far left picture can be made any shape to accommodate the contour his trying to achieve. This was very ingenious.



**Mark St. Ledger** As always Mark is fun to watch. The collet chuck he turned from a scrap of wood was great. Turn it round, drill a hole in the center then cut a kerf to the hole. Mount the collet in a four jaw chuck and you then have a collet that will hold an object about the size of the hole you turned.



The other was using a golf ball used as a cushion between a live center and a piece up against a jam chuck. Pretty cool.



Member **Ken Reeder** was interested in what the volume should be for a burial urn so he contacted the California Cremation Center and got this response:

“There definitely is no legislated standard in California, but the standard throughout the industry is 200 cubic inches for an adult urn, with infant and keepsake urns around 20-30 cubic inches. The industry is discussing that in the future, with society growing in weight, we may have to increase that standard to maybe 225 or 250 cubic inches. The thing is, you don't want to make it too small, to not fit all of the cremated remains, but yet, you don't want to make it too large that it looks funny. Hope that helped you.” Gerard Reinert





# The Mid South Woodturners Proudly Presents



August  
23<sup>rd</sup> 9AM

August  
24<sup>th</sup> 10AM

Bartlett Station  
Municipal Center  
5868 Stage Rd  
Bartlett, TN 38134



**David Hout**

**Members:** If paid on or before July 24, Saturday Morning – Free  
Saturday Afternoon - \$20.00  
Sunday two day (package) \$30.00

**Members:** If paid after July 24,  
Saturday Morning - Free  
Saturday Afternoon- \$30.00  
Sunday two days (package)- \$40.00

**Guests:**  
Saturday-\$40.00  
Sunday two day (package) - \$65.00

If a guest should join our club, a discount of \$25.00 will be applied for the package.



## VACUUM CHUCKING



### Host of Woodturning Basics and Woodturning Techniques on DIY Network!

Dave Hout is a well-respected, veteran teacher in the woodworking field. He has led many workshops and seminars on woodworking, with an emphasis on woodturning. Dave shares his love of wood by instructing and demonstrating locally and nationally and is well-liked for his easy-going teaching style and keen ability to convey his knowledge to students. He has taught at various schools, including the Conover School in Parkman, Ohio; Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee; and the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina. A founding member of the American Association of Woodturners, he has served on their board of directors and was instrumental in the formation of two local AAW chapters.

For Tickets Call: Matt Garner – 901-335-8589 / For Event Info Call – Steve Yeomans – 901-755-5604

**Time to start thinking about the  
Delta Fair  
August 29 - September 7**

It appears the Mid South Fair is off to Tunica next year. Consequently the Mid South Woodturners is gladly supporting the Delta Fair & Music Festival. Delta Fair was a big success last year. To date it's unclear how involved MSWG will be in the Delta Fair but this Editor is encouraging the members of the Guild to get your turnings and or woodworking project ready to enter the competition. There is money and blue ribbons to be won in all Wood Craft categories. Listed below are the categories available to enter. Let's show the community of Memphis just how talented the members of the Mid South Woodturners Guild really are. If you have questions about the Fair contact Rick Gillespie [rickg@wnm.net](mailto:rickg@wnm.net) or 901 619-6308



**DELTA FAIR  
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Cooking	Wood Crafts

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**Category - WOOD CRAFTS -W**

CHAIRMAN: Mac McCoy

Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$7.50 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$5.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$3.00

Best of Show - rosette & \$25.00

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- W 1 bird house - not over 12"x12"
- W 2 duck decoy carving
- W 3 picture
- W 4 plaque
- W 5 scroll design - up to 3 items
- W 6 wood accessory - tray, book ends, etc.
- W 7 wood boxes - jewelry, etc.
- W 8 wood carving characters - animal, cowboy, famous
- W 9 wood craft - any item not listed
- W10 wood turning - hanging items (Christmas ornaments, etc.)
- W11 wood turning - hollow forms natural finish - urns, vases

- W12 wood turning - natural bark edge bowl - not over 16"
- W13 wood turning - round rim bowl not over 16"
- W14 wood turning - spindle turned candlestick, rolling pin, etc.
- W15 wooden toy - no larger than 18"



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Don't forget to turn your rice bowls in  
at the July meeting, as well as your  
permanent piece for the *CBU Collection*

Happy  
Turning !

# GAWoodturners

The Georgia Association of Woodturners



Just a reminder - registrations are still being accepted, but we anticipate selling out for this event. Don't miss this great opportunity - register now. If you have already registered, thank you. You should have received email confirmation if you provided an email address with your registration form. If you have not received a confirmation, and you are sure you registered, please send email to [symposium@gawoodturner.org](mailto:symposium@gawoodturner.org)

### *Turning Southern Style XIV*

The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW), dedicated to providing education, information and organization to those interested in woodturning, will be presenting its annual symposium, "Turning Southern Style XIVu201D;. This year's event will again be held at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge near Helen, Georgia on September 19-21, 2008.

Each year the GAW sponsors this event, which features some of the world's leading woodturners and turning artisans. This year's featured turners include: Jimmy Clewes, David Ellsworth, and Bonnie Klein. Also featured are Nick Cook, Phil Colson, Gorst DuPlessis, and Dave Barriger.

### *Instant Gallery*

The instant gallery will return as a favorite and we invite each participant to display up to four pieces of his/her work for all to enjoy.

### *Vendor Area*

As always, the vendor area will be well stocked with tools, wood, and all other woodturning related supplies and equipment.

### *Saturday Night Dinner and Auction*

Prior to our auction, there will be a banquet dinner on Saturday evening. As always, all proceeds from the auction support continuing education in woodturning through our scholarship program. We encourage all who participate in the symposium to donate a piece to our Saturday Night Auction to benefit the scholarship fund.

**For Further Information:** please visit [www.gawoodturner.org](http://www.gawoodturner.org)

You are encouraged to register prior to August 1, 2008. Refunds for cancellations will be given up to September 1, 2008. Registration is limited to 200, so act quickly.

### *To register:*

Visit [www.gawoodturner.org](http://www.gawoodturner.org). Print and complete the registration form and mail it, along with your check, to: Georgia Association of Woodturners, c/o Harvey Meyer, 5174 Waterford Drive, Dunwoody GA 30338

If you would like a brochure, visit [www.gawoodturner.org](http://www.gawoodturner.org) or contact: Harvey Meyer Symposium Chairman, The Georgia Association of Woodturners [symposium@gawoodturner.org](mailto:symposium@gawoodturner.org) (TN)