



Turner's Talk



Steve Van Voorst, Editor

** November Meeting - Vacuum Chucks, Bob Speier **



Bob Speier wears many hats in the MSWG, but what is this...?

By Joan Kelly

"This is the best investment we've made in the shop!" Sandi Speier was talking enthusiastically about the new vacuum chuck that Bob recently assembled for the shop they share. While Bob acknowledges that he is not "an expert" on vacuum chucks, he points out that since he just put one together, the information is fresh on his mind. He will be sharing his experience with the MSWG at the November 18th meeting. Bob will discuss buying top quality components for the best price using eBay. His demo will include making a cylinder and an easy method for centering a bowl for finish turning the bottom.

Both Bob and Sandi feel strongly that the bottom of any turned piece

should be finished with as much attention to detail as the more visible components. The vacuum chuck is "just easier" according to Bob. "It's the way to do it."

Meet the Candidates

By Joan Kelly

The November meeting will include the annual election of new officers to the MSWG Board. There are three positions open this year. The by-laws state that board members are elected for a two year term, but elections are held each year for half the group to provide more continuity as officers rotate out. This year's nominees are Matt Garner, Bob Hobbs, Larry Sefton, and Ray Tanner.

Matt Garner

Matt stepped up to the plate to fill the vacancy left on the board when Mike Kelly moved out of town this year. He immediately went to work handling the raffle and brought some innovative ideas to the board about publicity and promotion of the club. Matt has been in the family picture frame business for 30 years and hopes this experience will be useful in marketing and expanding the horizons of the club. He learned to turn from his father and father-in-law and joined the club in 1998, as the group evolved from a woodworkers'

group into a turners' group.

Bob Hobbs

Bob credits club member Cecil Cravens with motivating him to get into turning. He has been turning for four years and joined the club in 2005. Bob majored in art and enjoyed woodworking while in school. He has been a salesman for 30 years and believes this experience will make him a good promoter for the club. He likes the direction the club is going and wants to be part of the future and growth of the organization. Bob's work will be featured in an exhibition at Freemont college in Arkansas this November.

Larry Sefton

Larry provided a well-organized demonstration on finishing at our September meeting and followed that with a piercing demo at the OctoberFest. He is a high-energy do-er who has held many positions of leadership in the Boy Scouts and professional organizations. Larry has been turning for 3 years and has been a club member for 2 1/2 years. He is a certified safety professional with Wausau Insurance company.

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MSWG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

OctoberFest - October 28, 2006

The meeting was brought to order by President Cassandra Speier at approximately 9:15 am. Cassandra welcomed the 40 members and six visitors in attendance.

Agenda Topics: Cassandra asked for an approval of the prior general meeting minutes that had been posted in the newsletter. A motion to approve was asked for and seconded with an approval.

Finance: Bob Speier provided the members with a brief insight to the financials for the preceding month. He explained that the club was in pretty good shape considering the amount of money spent over the year. He also pointed out that membership renewals were coming up in November. Bob explained that a change in fees has been decided upon by the Board. The general membership fee is not going to change, however a Family (\$35), Youth (\$15), Supporter (\$100), Benefactor (\$250) and Patron (\$500) has been added.

New Business: President Speier thanked Joel Benson for offering his place for the OctoberFest once again.

President Speier challenged the members to turn a platter for the November meeting. She also thanked and complimented those that participated in the Gallery.

President Speier explained to the group that three members, Matt Garner, Larry Sefton and Robert Hobbs, had been nominated for the election that would be held at the November meeting. At the end of the day Ray Tanner threw his hat into the ring, changing the nominations to four.

President Speier commented on the Christmas party in December explaining that in order to participate in the gift exchange one had to bring a wrapped turned item.

President Speier pointed out to the club that January demonstrator, Travis Stinson, had won First Place in the AAW for making something lidded with a finial. She also congratulated Keith Burns for his Second Place finish. Cassandra encouraged members to participate in the upcoming contests.

President Speier encouraged members to utilize the new on-line membership renewal page on the AAW website. She pointed out that for doing so one would be eligible for the new lathe AAW was giving away.

Cassandra discussed the demo schedule for 2007 and told the members that the Board had talked to Bihn Pho regarding a demo in August. She explained that his price was \$600 a day plus expenses. She explained to the members that their support for the demo would be necessary to make it feasible. She also pointed out that the Board would market the demo to other nearby clubs. There was overwhelming support for a Bihn Pho demo.

After a great day of demonstrations and good food, OctoberFest was adjourned at approximately 2:45 pm.

Submitted by Robert G. Speier, Secretary MSWG

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Ray Tanner

Ray Tanner is a returning member of days gone by. In the late 90's Ray participated on the Board and served as Secretary for Mid South Woodturners Guild. Ray is retired from the UT Memphis Education Department and resides in Memphis. Ray turns on a Jet Mini lathe and has taken lessons from the best spindle turner around, Johnny Johnson. Ray, like many others, is encouraged about the new direction the club is going and wants to help.

President's Corner

By Sandi Speier

How great was Octoberfest! Let me count the ways:

Turnout - 52 attendees

Demonstrators – Something was always going on

Guest Demonstrators – Memphis Woodworking and Scrollers Clubs. Thank you to the members of both clubs...your demonstrations put our Octoberfest celebration over the top!

Visitors – 8 potential new members! We hope a good time was had by all and invite you to attend again soon!

Weather – Beautiful crisp and sunny fall day

Location – Once again Joel Benson hosted us at his country estate and went out of his way to make us comfortable and welcome!

Iron Man Turning Challenge – I "volunteered" Joel Benson and Dennis Pallus for

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Shop Talk

..... Joan Kelly

By Don Wilcut



Joan is a former elementary school art teacher, who taught in the Memphis School System. She didn't actually retire from the school system with all the pay and benefits but stopped teaching to become a professional woodturner. After you see some of her pieces, you will understand how her Art profession blends in with her woodturning career.

She took her first turning class at an Art teachers Conference held at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN in November 2003. She had her shop set and running in March 2004. She joined the MSWG the summer of 2004.

Joan's first lathe was a Jet mini and she decided early on that she needed something larger. She now has a Powermatic 3520A. She can now turn small and large pieces with the Powermatic.

Joe Ruminski, Carolina Mountain Woodturners, was her first teacher and continues to be her mentor and is a tremendous source of encouragement. Belonging to the Mid-south Woodturners Guild has provided continuous inspiration as well.

Of the many woods she turns, she prefers to turn cherry.

Direct Quote:

"If I could change my turning path so far, I would be less shy about asking for advice from other turners. There is always something to learn from others."

My goals are to continuously challenge myself to master new techniques and skills and to use that knowledge to create my own turning style."

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18 (3rd Sat)

Bob Speier

Vacuum Chucks

Election of Board

December 9

Christmas Party

January 27, 2007

Travis Stinson

August 2007

Bihn Pho

CBU Exhibit

Call a fellow woodturner and visit his/her shop this week.

Publications by Members

Congratulations to John Williams and Glen Alexander for their article describing how to make a "Street Clock Ornament", which appeared in *Woodturning Design*, Winter 2007 issue, pp. 8-11.

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Carver's Club



Scroller's Club



Larry Sefton demonstrates piercing.



Bill Newsome - tool sharpening



Joel Benson - production turning



Bill Siler turning split bowls.



Rick Gillespie - pen turning



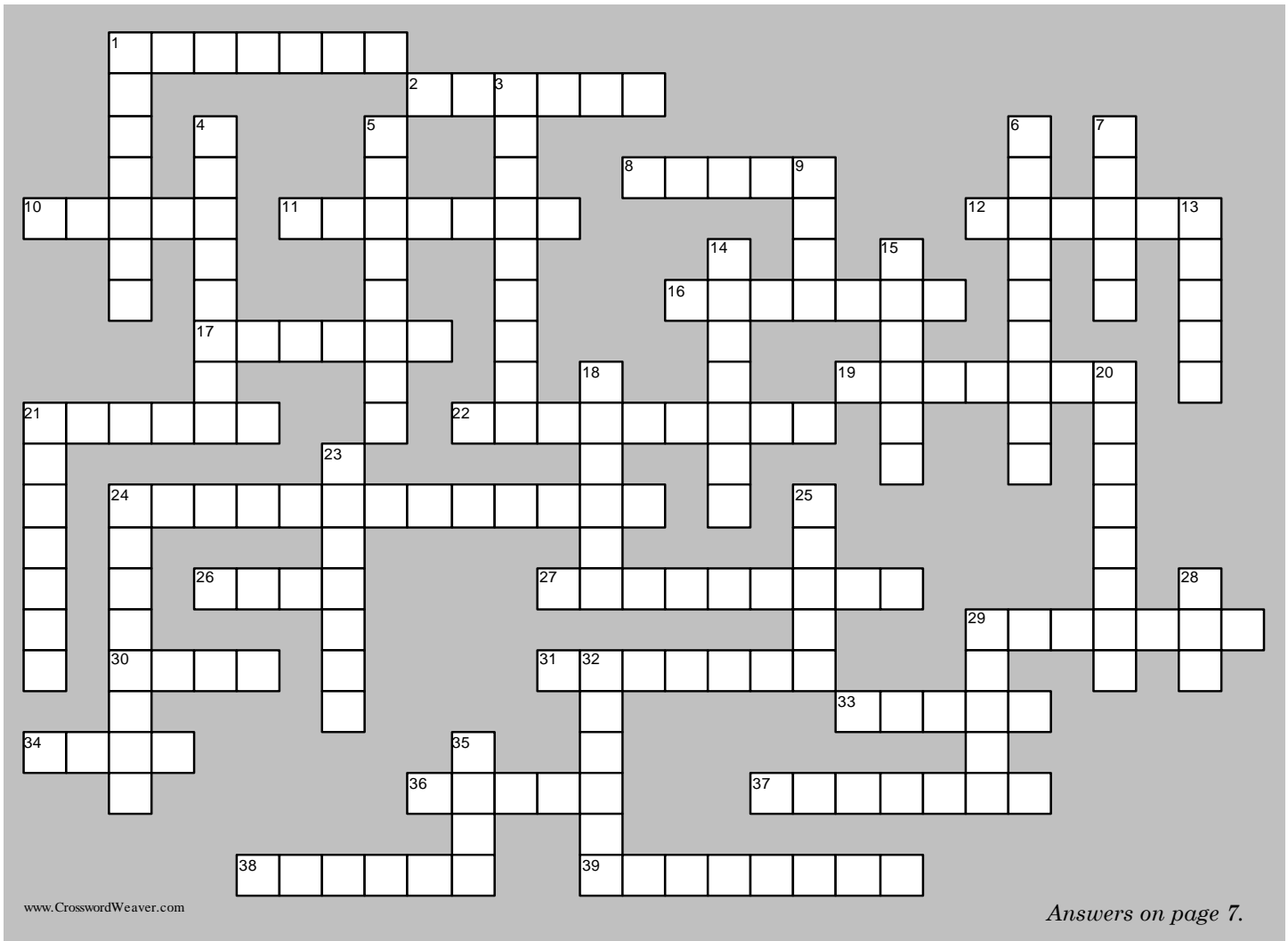
Chef Bob prepares lunch.



Joel vs. Dennis - Turner's Challenge

TURNER'S CROSSWORD

By Steve Van Voorst



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Answers on page 7.

ACROSS

- 1 used for resawing
- 2 _____ glasses
- 8 pen tube metal
- 10 face protection
- 11 sharpens tools
- 12 type of chuck
- 16 transports nutrients up tree
- 17 discovered Golden Mean
- 19 hardest material known
- 21 inner bark
- 22 _____ center
- 24 adhesive
- 26 respiratory enemy
- 27 ray for energy storage

- 29 due to fungus
- 30 original seedling
- 31 turning between centers
- 33 helps chuck hold wood
- 34 healing growth
- 36 "b" in abc of woodturning
- 37 design opportunity
- 38 _____ scraper
- 39 type of gouge

DOWN

- 1 Australian tree pod
- 3 turning without tailstock
- 4 _____ maple
- 5 type of polish
- 6 contains annual growth rings

- 7 holds wood
- 9 finishing tool
- 13 _____ taper
- 14 production of new wood
- 15 stone for sharpening
- 18 _____ stopper
- 20 with the grain
- 21 Nov. President's Challenge
- 23 tool to divide wood
- 24 for measuring
- 25 split in wood
- 28 brand of lathe
- 29 prevents chips in your pockets
- 32 Tennessee state tree
- 35 type of wax

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Member's Corner

Congratulations to Bill Wendelken and bride who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on December 9.

2006 Board

President: Sandi Speier

1st VP: Chuck Ludwigsen

2nd VP: Keith Burns

Secretary: Bob Speier

Treasurer: Ryan McMullen

Member: Joan Kelly

Member: Matt Garner

CROSSWORD SOLUTION:

ACROSS: 1 bandsaw, 2 safety, 8 brass, 10 visor, 11 grinder, 12 vacuum, 16 sapwood, 17 Euclid, 19 diamond, 21 phloem, 22 revolving, 24 cyanoacrylate, 26 dust, 27 medullary, 29 spalted, 30 pith, 31 spindle, 33 tenon, 34 burl, 36 bevel, 37 mistake, 38 radius, 39 roughing;
DOWN: 1 Banksia, 3 faceplate, 4 birdseye, 5 friction, 6 heartwood, 7 chuck, 9 skew, 13 Morse, 14 cambium, 15 honing, 18 bottle, 20 downhill, 21 platter, 23 parting, 24 calipers, 25 shake, 28 Jet, 29 smock, 32 poplar, 35 bees

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this fun demo in which they had no idea what they'd be turning only that each would receive a similar sized wood blank that could be turned on a mini lathe. The challenge was to make the most out of the blank in 1 ½ hours ... well done Joel & Dennis!

Food – Once again Bob Speier fed us in superb fashion ... we never go hungry when Bob is manning the grill!

In preparing for this annual celebration the goal was to entertain, educate, socialize and motivate. I ask you the members... did we succeed? Please let me know.

Elections are to be held at the November meeting...so please be sure to attend! This is your opportunity to choose the members you want representing you and the club at the board level. Thanks to those members who volunteered to be on the slate!

In the spirit of the upcoming Holiday Season, the **President's Challenge** for November is to turn a platter of any size.

Holiday Celebration! Can you believe the holiday season is almost upon us? Well, it is just a few short weeks away....and this year MSWG wants to celebrate! We are planning a Holiday Brunch and Gift Exchange on December 9th. We usually don't have a December meeting because of the holidays, so this will be a little "extra" for the members! If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a turned and wrapped gift with your name on the gift tag. You'll receive a "raffle ticket" in exchange for the gift and then during the party we'll all draw for the gifts. This should be a lot of fun and a great way to ring in the start of the holiday season!

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."

- Hamilton Wright Mabie

Demonstrator Websites

Click to follow link if you are connected to the web or copy/paste the address into your browser.

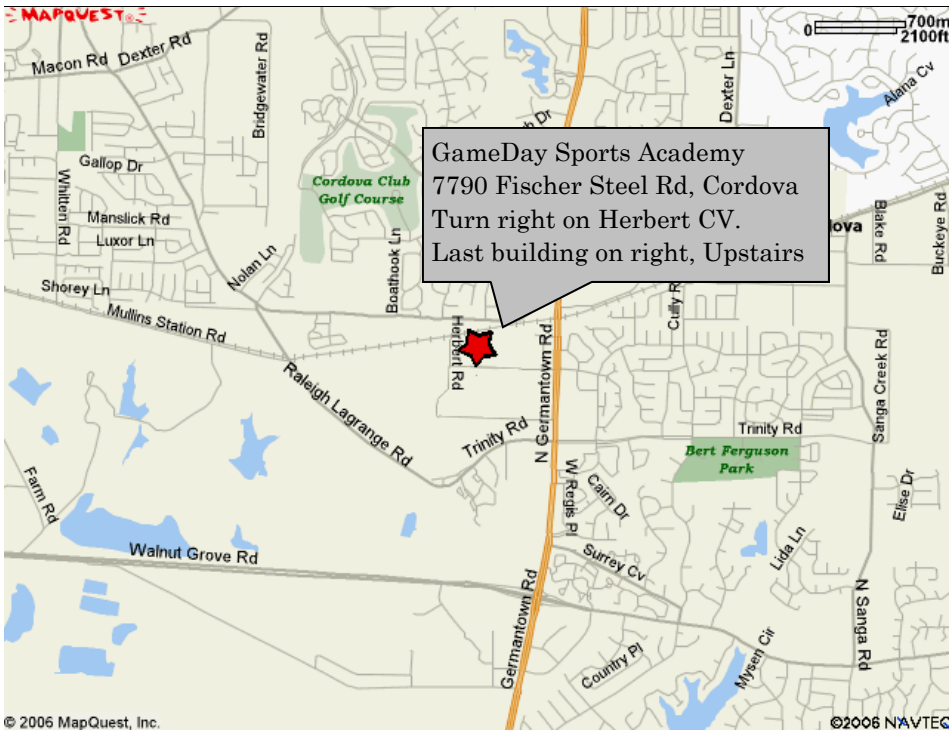
Bihn Pho

<http://www.guild.com/artist/4556.html>

Travis Stinson

<http://flyingcurls.com/Stinson.html>

Meeting Location



Meeting Format:

Club Business	9:00—9:30 A.M.
Demonstration	9:30—11:30 A.M.
Cleanup	11:30—12:00 P.M.
Raffle	12:00 P.M.

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.

Meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of each month at 9:00 A.M. at GameDay Sports Academy, 7790 Fischer Steel Rd, Cordova. Annual dues are \$25.00. Address inquiries about the Mid South Woodturners Guild to *Sandi Speier*, 8736 Johannesburg Dr., Germantown, TN 38139. Please send newsletter items to *Steve Van Voorst* (svanvoorst@aol.com) and website items to *Chuck Ludwigen* (chuck@ludwigen.org).

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