



Turner's Talk



Chuck Ludwigsen, Editor

Welcome to 2006

**** January Meeting: Mike Kelly, Lidded Dish ****

HEADLINE NEWS

- **New Board of Directors**
The members elected 5 new members to the board. See page 5 for more details.
- **** New Location ****
As of November, the club has moved to its new location. A map is provided on page 7.
- **New feaures inside**
Check out the new Turning Tipster and classified sections inside this newsletter. Let us know if you have anything you want included.

Chuck Ludwigsen ~

Ornaments:

By Sandi Speier

Thanks much to Chuck who filled in for Norm Fowler on short notice. The demonstration was well-prepared, organized, and presented in a step-by-step process. Here are some of the highlights.

Shop Safety

We all may get somewhat complacent about shop safety, but as Norm Abram (the New Yankee Workshop) says, "shop safety is first and foremost". I, for one, was glad Chuck began on this note. Chuck's keys issues:

- Wristwatches
- Jewelry, including rings
- Long sleeves
- Unnecessary clutter
- Eye protection

Preparing the stock

Chuck came with several turning blanks pre-cut to his specifications. His advice: If you plan to make more than one ornament it is useful and saves time to pre-determine 'standard' dimensions. Then prepare multiple blanks for the three parts needed: (1) globe; (2) icicle; and (3) finial.

You can typically get the icicle and finial from 1 piece of wood. Planning and routine will assist in producing consistent, high quality outcomes. Chuck uses blanks sized 2.5" x 4" for the globe and about 1" x 8" for the icicle and finial.

Step-by-Step Process

Chuck is working on a step-by-step tutorial to post on the website in the near future. The key steps to making an ornament are:

The Globe

1. Turn the wood for the globe into a cylinder. Mark your overall height and midpoint of the globe.
2. Shape the lower half of your globe. Shape a portion of the upper half but leave plenty of support for hollowing.
3. Drill a hole in the bottom of the globe for hollowing. Chuck drills a 3/4" hole for this step.
4. Drill a smaller hole the rest of the way through the ornament. This will become the hole that the top finial fits into.
5. Turn, sand, and finish the remainder of the globe. Leave enough wood at the top to support the sanding.
6. Finally, part the globe by turning away the remainder of the wood at the top.

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Presidents Corner:

By Sandi Speier

Happy New Year...

As we ring in 2006, we say good-bye to several former Board members: **Hershel Miller, John Stubblefield, Steve Foldenauer, and Norm Fowler**. Thanks go to all for their many years of service, dedication and commitment to the club. Special thanks to Hershel, who for 6+ years, devoted his time and energy to the often thankless job as President. While we hate to see these gentlemen leave the ranks of front line leadership, the good news is they will remain loyal club advocates, and will assist "behind the scenes" in our club growth and development. Thank you Hershel, John, Steve, and Norm!

A second round of thanks to our two Board members who elected to remain on the front lines...Mike Kelly and Chuck Ludwigsen. Thank you for hanging in with us and for all the hours you will continue to invest in our search for excellence.

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November Meeting Minutes

By Mike Kelly

The November business meeting was held on November 19th.

First Vice President, Mike Kelly, called the meeting to order at 09:00. Mike welcomed the members and guests and outlined the agenda for the meeting.

Refreshments included donuts, sodas and coffee and were provided by the club.

Elections were held at the November meeting in accordance with the club's bylaws. Five board positions were filled. The elected members were Sandi Speier, Bob Speier, Joan Kelly, Keith Burns, and Ryan McMullen.

The demonstration was provided by Chuck Ludwigsen. A raffle was held along with an auction of items turned by Bob Rosand in early October.

Per the bylaws, the board will meet in December to elect positions and plan the 2006 club schedule.

The meeting was completed at 12:00.

A board meeting was held on December 10th at the home of Bob and Sandi Speier.

As ranking officer, Mike Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The first item of business was to review the bylaws. This was followed by the election of Officers. The officers positions were filled as follows by unanimous vote of the board.

- Sandi Speier: President
- Mike Kelly: 1st Vice President
- Chuck Ludwigsen: 2nd VP
- Bob Speier: Secretary
- Ryan McMullen: Treasurer

Joan Kelly and Keith Burns will hold the at-large Board Member positions.

Mike then handed the reigns to the new president, Sandi Speier. The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing ideas to make the club stronger, bigger, and fun!

All board members agreed to meet again in January to prepare for the next meeting. That meeting was held on January 11th at the club meeting place.



Sandi Speier—President

The board set out an agenda for meeting activities and established committees to handle the regular needs of the club:

- Meeting setup / cleanup
- Instant Gallery & Photo booth
- Raffle
- Refreshments

If you wish to help out with club activities, please contact a board member.

***** Important Reminder*****

In 2006, the annual dues have increased to \$25.00 per year. This is necessary to cover the regular expenses of the club. This includes the newsletter, postage, the website, refreshments, the use of the facility, and materials necessary for the meetings.

If you have not paid your 2006 dues, please do so before February 10th to continue receiving the newsletter.

Video & Book Lending Library

The Mid South Woodturners Guild is fortunate to have such a wide selection of videos and books covering every facet of the woodturning craft. If you are a club member, visit the lending table and take advantage of the information available. You may check out up to three videos per month. All items must be returned the next month. If you are unable to make the next meeting, please contact Ryan McMullen at 201-1501 to arrange to get them to him in advance. Please return videos prior to the business portion of the meeting. Checkout will start at the end of the business meeting.

Check out a video this month to carry you through December.

Raffle Participation is important

Your donations help support club functions such as the monthly refreshments, prizes and the lunch for our October Turning Festival. Plus, there is always the chance that you'll win that prized piece of wood or another useful item.

Raffle Challenge!

We're challenging everyone to bring something for the raffle! Donate a tool you no longer use, wood, a piece you've lost interest in, sandpaper, books, or just about anything **related** to wood turning. Gift Certificates are also a great idea.

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The Icicle

1. Use a set of number 1 spigot jaws to hold the wood and bring up the tailstock to support the end. Turn a cylinder.
2. Mark the total dimension of your icicle as well as the point where the icicle ends and you want the skirt section to begin.
3. Starting at the tailstock end, shape the icicle as desired. Leave about 1/4" waste at the tailstock.
4. Turn in small sections (1-2") and sand as you go.
5. Form the skirt. The largest diameter of the skirt should be about 1/4" larger than the hole in the bottom of the globe.
6. Turn a 1/8" tenon above the skirt the same diameter as the hole in the globe.
7. Carefully turn away the remaining tailstock waste and final sand.
8. Undercut the skirt so that the outer edge of the skirt mates flush with the globe.
9. Part the icicle from the lathe at the 1/8" tall tenon.

The Finial

1. Mark the height of your finial plus a 1/8" tenon.
2. Shape the top of the finial at the tailstock end and leave enough diameter to drill for the eyelet.
3. Shape the skirt of the finial to the same max diameter of the icicle's skirt.
4. Form a 1/8" tall tenon the same diameter as the top (smaller) hole in the globe.
5. Undercut the skirt so that the outer edge mates flush.
6. Using a Jacob's chuck or pin vise, drill a hole in the top of the finial with a drill bit that matches the size of your eyelet.
7. Part the finial at the 1/8" tenon.

A key element again relates to planning and standards. Before you begin hollowing the globe, determine the size for the openings in the top and bottom of the globe. This sets the tenon size on the icicle and the finial. Standardizing these will greatly minimize wasted efforts in fitting the three pieces together.

Specialized Tools

Chuck used all the usual tools, but did expound on his favorite for hollowing the globe. He uses the 3/4" wide by 1/4" thick **formed scrapers** from Hamlet Tool. These tools function like very stable swan neck hollowing tools. Chuck uses an air compressor for removal of wood shavings collected inside the globe during the hollowing process, but for the demonstration used a "low tech" method. He simply "huffed and puffed and blew it all out"!

Finishing

The finishing process for any turned project can make the difference between the ordinary and the extraordinary. Chuck reinforced these critical steps:

1. Good lighting is critical and the brighter the better. Use multiple light sources and in more than one location.
2. Sanding may be a tedious task but cannot be ignored. You can make it easier. Sandpaper is a tool, and only works effectively when sharp. Throw it away when it gets dull. It is cheap. The reason for subsequent sanding with finer grits is to remove the scratches from the previous grit. Always progress sequentially through the grits to at least 400. Remove the sanding dust from the previous grit before moving to the next finer grit – dust can act as an abrasive too. Chuck advises sanding with the lathe at a low speed, thereby keeping the sanding medium cool. Sanding at high RPMs will generate heat, which can lead to checking, burning and case-hardening rather than cutting.
3. Depending on the wood, Chuck may use a sanding sealer or a thin coat of CA glue to both stabilize and seal the wood. He then follows up with an application of Deft semi-gloss lacquer. For safety reasons, he prefers to use paper towels, if possible, to apply all finishing products.

Thanks, Chuck for a great demonstration. Let's all go turn a tree-full of "heirloom" ornaments!

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JANUARY 2006

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FEBRUARY 2006

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 28th: **Monthly Meeting**
Mike Kelly, Lidded Candy Dish
Introduction of 2006 Board and Officers

February 25th: **Monthly Meeting**
Brad McCullom

March: **Visiting Guest Turner**

April 22nd: **Monthly Meeting**
TBD

May 20th: **Monthly Meeting (note date)**
TBD

November ~ Instant Gallery



Glen Alexander
Our apologies, this item was missed
in October



Ryan McMullen



Bill Shaw



Chuck Ludwigsen



Don Wilcut



Name missed



John Ginski

Editor's Note

Due to unforeseen reasons, we were not able to capture a picture of all items brought to the November meeting. Every item was beautiful, well made, and a piece of art.

Our apologies for the error.

*Chuck Ludwgsen
Editor*



Cecil Cravens

November ~ Instant Gallery



Lee Chandler



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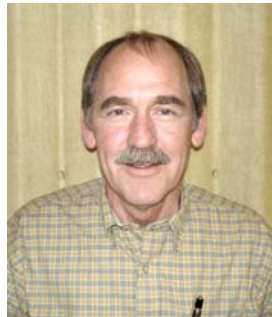


Lee Chandler

New 2006 Board Members



Bob Speier



Keith Burns



Ryan McMullen



Joan Kelly



Sandi Speier

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Lastly, on behalf of the new Board Members: Bob Speier, Ryan McMullen, Keith Burns, Joan Kelly, and me, thank you to all the club members for the vote of confidence. We will work diligently to live up to your expectations.

As I think about what I hope we, the club, can achieve in this New Year, I reflect on what I personally want from my hobbies. Remember, we're not going to a job, mowing the lawn, or cleaning the house. While many of us work hard at our turning work, for the most part woodturning - and our club - is supposed to be fun! So I propose a few Guiding Principles to keep us on track for having a good time, learning as much as we can, and enjoying the fellowship of our woodturning friends and colleagues:

Guiding Principles

- Act with integrity
- Have a plan
- Take ownership
- Focus with passion

- Show up and never quit
- Do not blame or judge
- Pitch in
- Be big - not little
- Laugh and celebrate
- Be grateful

And so, with these simple words, let's go make some sawdust and have fun. Here is to a great 2006!

Sandi Speier

President

'The biggest quality in successful people...is an impatience with negative thinking.'

Edward McCabe

2006 Board

President: Sandi Speier
1st VP: Mike Kelly
2nd VP: Chuck Ludwigsen
Secretary: Bob Speier
Treasurer: Ryan McMullen
Member: Keith Burns
Member: Joan Kelly

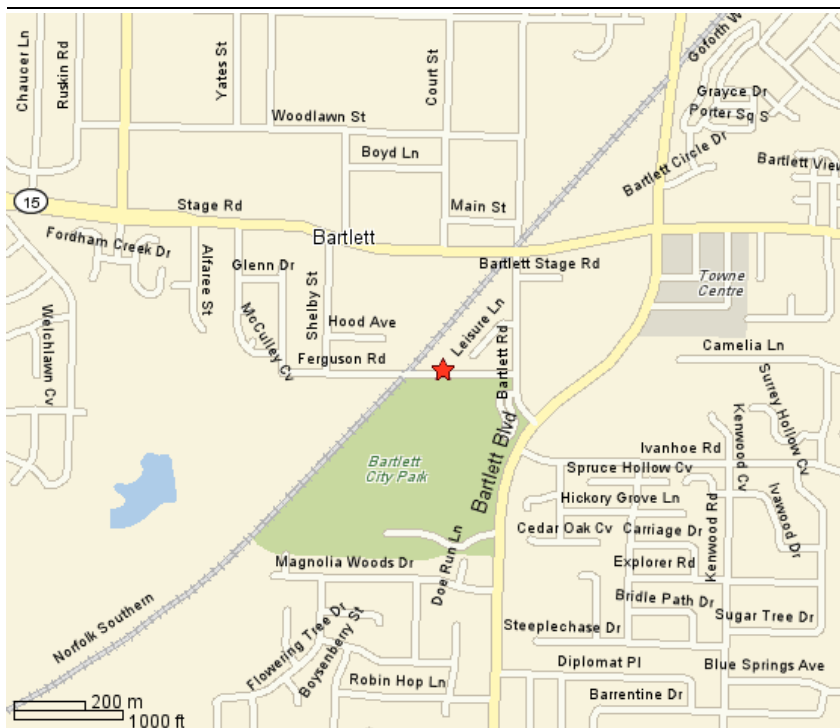
Member News:

• Membership:

To date, 43 members have joined or renewed their membership. Our membership goal for the year 2006 is 100.

Meeting Location

5790 Ferguson, Bartlett, TN 38134



Meeting Format:

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

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 am at 5790 Ferguson Rd, in Bartlett. 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 and web site items to *Chuck Ludwigsen (chuck@ludwigsen.org)*.

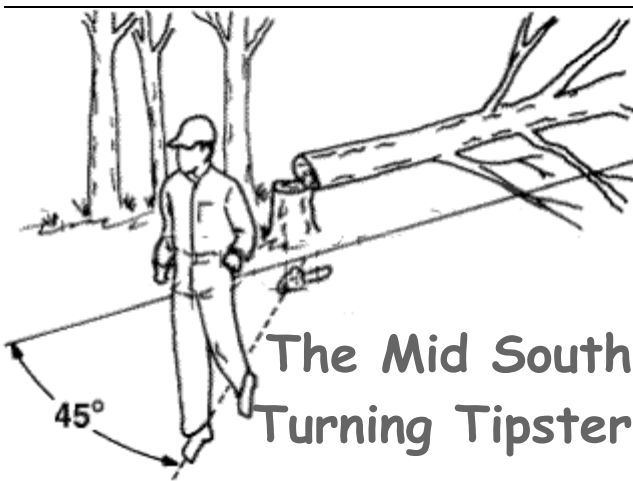
CLASSIFIED ADS:

Please forward your items for sale, trade, or give-away to Chuck Ludwigsen (chuck@ludwigsen.org) or call (901) 485-4851. Items will be published in the newsletter for one month only unless you let us know that it is still available. Deadline for entry is the 5th of each month.

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MENTORING:

If you would like to partner with one of the club's more experienced woodturners, please let Sandi Speier or another board member know. We will get a list of your turning interests and try to match you up with someone appropriate. Mentors are volunteers, so understand they are offering their time to help you improve.



Got any good turning or shop tips? Send them to the editor to have them included in next month's Mid South Woodturners Guild *Turner's Talk* Newsletter.

Be Careful!

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Got oily finishing rags? Don't leave used finishing rags bunched up or in confined places. A house in Germantown burned up this past month for that very reason. Be careful and let them dry outside before discarding.

*Bob Speier*  
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