



Turner's Talk



Chuck Ludwigsen, Editor

** March Meeting: Michael Mocho 2-day Seminar **

HEADLINE NEWS

• Location

A new map is now available to the club's meeting location. See page 6.

• Mocho Discount

Get your registration and payment in before March 15th for the Michael Mocho 2-day demo and receive a \$10 discount.

• AAW Symposium

The 2006 AAW Symposium in Louisville is fast approaching. Save on admission and hotels by signing up early. If you do, you could stand a chance for great prizes—like one of 5 Oneway 2436 lathes.

• New Sponsor

** Wood Chips **

Our thanks go out to Charles Martin of Wood Chips. Charles donated several products for our raffle and auction programs. Visit Charles' company on the internet at

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Double Trouble

Mike Kelly: Tool Caddy:

Once again, Mike showed his skill and passion for all things woodturning. Last month, Mike showed us how to make a lidded candy dish, but many eyes were on the lazy-susan tool caddy setting on the bench behind him.

If you didn't get to see Mike's lecture on how to make the caddy, check out the video from the club's library or grab Mike and ask him some questions. I'm sure he'll be happy to bring you up to speed. Just don't forget that he is an architect by trade. And the quality of his work shows.

Here is a nice picture of a finished and in-progress tool caddy.



Bob Speier: Tool Handles:

Need something to put in that tool caddy? Bob Speier followed right on Mike's heels with a great demonstration on how to make tool handles. Whether you buy pre-handled or unhandled tools, Bob encourages you to add distinction and a personal feel to all of your tools by turning your own handles.

Brass plumbing fittings are Bob's choice for making the ferrules for the handle—this piece protects against the wood breaking and the tool coming out of the handle.

Bob prefers using exotic woods, such as cocobolo for his handles and adds a brass cap to the end of the handle.

Our thanks to both Bob and Mike for a very informative and enjoyable meeting.

President's Corner:

By Sandi Speier

Step Up to the Plate! This is the theme for AAW's 2006 Annual Symposium. It can also be the challenge to each of us as we continue along the woodturning path, seeking to accomplish our goals of Education and Fellowship. How, you may ask, will attending the symposium help to educate me or enhance our fellowship? Let me count the ways:

3 days - 30 Demonstrators 120 Rotations

Take a look at the Spring edition of American Woodturner. You'll see the amazing panel of international, national, regional and local demonstrators as well as the very broad scope of topics to be covered during the three days. And, you'll be impressed to see it is not just turning, but photography, carving, painting, design, metal working, and more.

John Hill will lead a special "breakout" Leadership Session addressing issues pertinent to helping local clubs excel. I hope all club members who are interested will attend this

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MSWG MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2006

President Cassandra Speier called the meeting to order at 9:00am by welcoming the members and six visitors.

Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting posted in the newsletter were amended stating, "which has been sold by past President Hershel Miller." The minutes were unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Finance: R. McMullen presented the finance report. Motion to approve with second made by club members and the report was unanimously approved. Ryan reported that a copy of the report would always be posted on the club bulletin board during meetings.

Secretary: R. Speier reported that 3 membership renewals were received during February as well as 4 new members. Total membership was now 69 members.

Donations: K. Burns reported WoodChips.com made a very generous donation of woodturning supplies and tools.

Facility Mgmt: M. Kelly reported on the status of our new meeting location. MSWG will enter into a one-year lease with Gameday Sports Academy. Rent is \$100/month for a 4-5 hour meeting.

Other: Exhibitions – R. Speier reported for J. Kelly that Christian Brothers University has accepted our application for a MSWG exhibition which will be held August 20, 2007.

Old Business – Delta Lathe

Cassandra explained to the members that a letter had been drafted requesting the funds from the sale of the "Club Lathe" from Hershel Miller. She explained that all board members were signing the letter and requested members to do so as well if they so choose. The letter would be sent out on Monday, February 27th by registered mail and return receipt requested. Cassandra told the members no further action would be taken unless prompted by Hershel Miller.

Meeting Schedule

Mike Kelly informed the members of the up coming schedule of demonstrations through June 2006. Cassandra also asked the members if changing the meeting to the 2nd Saturday of the month was desirable. A motion was also made to change the meeting back to 9:30am. After much discussion a vote was taken and both topics were declined by a majority vote of the members.

March Professional Turning Demonstration

Mike Kelly informed the members about the upcoming Demo with Michael Mocho from New Mexico to be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 25 and 26.

Cassandra introduced Mike Kelly and Bob Speier as this month's demonstrators. Mike proceeded with an excellent demonstration of his PVC Tool Holder seen by the members the previous meeting. Bob Speier demonstrated how to make custom tool handles utilizing brass plumbing fittings.

The club meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm after holding a raffle for items donated by members and an auction for a set of tools donated by WoodChips.com. The set of tools brought in \$210 by our new member Billy Tignor.

Submitted by: Robert Speier, Secretary

Raffle Challenge!

We're challenging everyone to bring something for the raffle! We wish to thank our company sponsors: Packard Woodworks and Wood Chips.

The February raffle brought in **\$297.⁰⁰** for the club plus an additional **\$210.⁰⁰** for the auction item that Wood Chips donated.

Just some of the beautiful wood brought to the February raffle...

Thank you

Members who donated

Ryan McMullen
Billy Tignor
John Williams
Ray Hailey
Bill Leake
Sawnn Parks
Cecil Cravens
Bob Hobbs
Brad Patterson
Bill Shaw
Dave Daleke



Lending Library

The Mid South Woodturners Guild is fortunate to have 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. Checkout will start at the end of the business meeting.

Shop Shots

..... Keith Burns



By Don Wilcut

I visited with Keith at his shop on a Sunday Evening and was amazed at his layout. It is a shop that we all dream about. He has plenty of space (20 X 24) and it was clean when I visited. He admitted he had just cleaned it - not for my visit, but it was time for the necessary cleanup.

Keith mostly does segmented work and confessed that he still does some 'flat stuff'. His shop/studio is outfitted to do the work he really enjoys.

Keith currently designs and sells Industrial Dust Collection systems to the Furniture, Hardware Flooring, Cabinet, and Lumber industries. He has been turning about 12 years off and on and has mostly been turning seriously for about 5-1/2 years. You will not believe the dust collection system he has designed for himself.

Keith says, "Although I really dislike the word artist, I consider myself a craftsman. I've always needed a creative outlet. Turning has provided this outlet for me. However good you may be, you can always improve your skills."

He started out with a \$100 cheap Chinese import. It was a lousy lathe but it did show him that he could turn and that he really liked turning. He now has a Rockwell/Delta 46-450 Variable Speed Lathe that he bought on Ebay and



refurbished himself. It is a great, heavy-duty lathe. He also has a Delta Midi that he can use for pens or with the Beall Buffing System.

Keith joined the Mid South Woodturners Guild in January 2005 and is now a Board Member of the club.

If he had to choose one favorite wood to turn it would be Walnut. However, segmented work allows him to use a variety of woods like maple and oak. He also has turned all of the exotics.

He is a self-taught turner. That can be good or bad. He had never seen another's work live until he joined the MSGW. He wishes he had joined years ago. Keith had never attended any professional wood-working/wodturning schools or demonstrations until he attended the Bob Rosand demo and that was a real treat. He learns something from every club meeting he attends and it always excites him to see the other member's work. He told me frankly that he is in awe of the quality of work he sees in the instant gallery.

His turning goals: "As I do mostly segmented work, I always use dry wood. I've never turned a piece of green wood. My goal is to someday do a natural edge bowl. I'd also like to learn to more texturing, burning and piercing. I want to improve my overall turning skills."

MARCH 2006

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APRIL 2006

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 25th - 26th: **Visiting Guest Turner**
9:00-4:00 Michael Mocho

April 22nd: **Monthly Meeting**
9:00-12:00 Turning @ Joel Benson's Shop

May 20th: **Monthly Meeting (3rd Sat)**
9:00-12:00 Brad McCollum

June 17th: **Monthly Meeting (3rd Sat)**
9:00-12:00 Chuck Ludwigen, Peppermills

July 22nd: **Monthly Meeting**
August 26th-27th: Guest Turner

September 23rd: **Monthly Meeting**
October 28th: Turning Fest

November 18th: **Monthly Meeting (3rd Sat)**
December 9th: Christmas Party

February ~ Instant Gallery



Dennis Paullus



Keith Burns



John Williams



John Williams



John Williams



Keith Burns



Chuck Ludwigsen



Swann Parks



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Cecil Cravens

February ~ Instant Gallery



Wayne Cathey



Troy Weeks



Troy Weeks



Larry Sefton



Matt Gardner



Dennis Paullus



Bill Shaw

January's Bring It Back
Raffle Winner

Michael Mocho

Join us in March as we welcome New Mexico's Michael Mocho to Memphis for two days of artistic.

With over 20 years as a professional artist, teacher, and craftsman, Michael brings a unique blend of functionality and expression to the world of turned wood.

~ The Speiers invite members to their home for snacks and to meet Michael on Friday, March 24th from 6 to 8 pm ~

March 25th & 26th

Cost:	Members	Guests
Both Days.....	\$40 ⁰⁰	\$50 ⁰⁰
Single Day.....	\$25 ⁰⁰	\$35 ⁰⁰

* MEMBERS *

Sign up by **MARCH 15th** for **both days** and receive a **\$10⁰⁰** credit from the MSWG Club Fund.

MEMBERS EARLY REGISTRATION: ~~\$40⁰⁰~~ **\$30⁰⁰**

Lunch is available from surrounding area restaurants.

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session and learn along with me!

Bonnie Klein and Nick Cook will again host the Youth Turning Program. Last year's program was a great success that culminated when the 20 brand new turning stations donated by Jet, Tekna-tool, Crown Tools and others were raffled off in a youth-only raffle! MSWG's young turner, Jeremy Ludwigsen, was one of the lucky recipients. You can't imagine the energy in the banquet hall when the kids began winning these wonderful tools and lathes! You won't want to miss the fun this year! Each turning station requires a volunteer assistant. If you are interested, contact Bonnie Klein @ bklein96@aol.com. "This is your opportunity to change a life and help another generation of Woodturners" says John Hill, AAW Chairman of Chapters and Membership Committee.

Exhibits

You won't want to miss the "Step Up to the Plate" juried exhibit! This is where wood truly becomes art! You will see amazing feats and tricks as the

world's best artists display their unique vision of stepping up to the plate. This year, AAW has a special treat with a retrospective exhibit of Rude Osolnik's life-long contribution to woodturning.

Win Stuff

In addition to the youth-only raffles, AAW has lots of door prizes every day. These include five Oneway lathes and fifty \$100 Packard gift certificates! Who would not want a chance to bring home the "honey" of all lathes - a Oneway?

Instant Gallery

With more than 900 items in the Instant Gallery, this will be a great place to absorb design and creative ideas! But, let's not leave it at observation. How great would it be if we could have 20+ MSWG contributions? Many of you know how "criticism averse" I am. But I'll "step up to the plate" and be the first to volunteer to represent MSWG in the 2006 AAW Instant Gallery.

Trade Show and Vendors

For anyone with a woodturning "wish list", this is the place to take it. Almost anyone who is selling tools, equipment,

supplies, wood and virtually anything else has an exhibit or booth in the vendor hall. So, when you are not attending one of the great demonstrations, you can wander into the vendor hall and shop to your heart's content. In addition to selling stuff, many of the exhibitors also have professional turners demonstrating the use of their respective tools, equipment or supplies.

Annual Banquet and Auction

It's not just the usual "rubber chicken dinner, lengthy speeches and boring awards". No, this is a fun-filled evening culminating in the opportunity to acquire amazing turned objects donated by some of the world's greatest artists! The bidding process is great fun to participate in or just watch. Last year ended in a "bidding war" for a Bonnie Klein-Jacques Vesery lidded box that finally went for \$3,200. It was so exciting that even Bonnie was out of her chair cheering on the participants. Great fun to watch! We'll get tables together for all the MSWG attendees so we can party, bid, laugh and celebrate as a group!

So...education and fellowship! I say it sounds like a road trip to me! See you in a few weeks!

Sandi Speier
President

"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish."

John Quincy Adams

Meeting Location



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 giveaway 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.

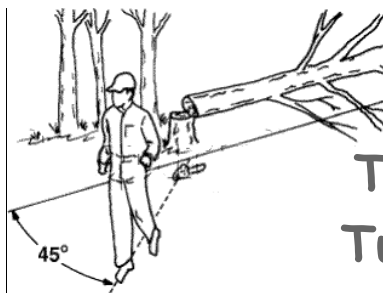
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## The Mid South Turning Tipster

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

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The ABCs!

Use the ABC's of woodturning for every cut.

(A)ncor

(B)evel

(C)ut

Anchor the tool to the toolrest first. Touch the **Bevel** of the tool to the wood next. Move the tool handle into position to **Cut** last.

heard from Bonnie Klein
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Got Sandpaper?

Use sandpaper as if someone else is buying it. Don't be cheap, throw away sandpaper that is old or clogged.

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**Turning Tips Auto-generator**

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Turn Fast~ Sand Slow

Turn as fast as is **safe**. Keep in mind that wood quality, size and shape determine what is considered safe.

Sand at a slow speed for best results.

AAW ~ "Return to the Community"

During our AAW Symposium each year, we have a "return to the community" project. This year in Louisville, we will collect Christmas ornaments.

They will be delivered to Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville. Each year the hospital collects ornaments and decorated trees and auctions them or sells them outright to raise money. Last year they raised almost \$400,000 to help the kids in need.

All AAW local chapters are urged to turn as many Christmas ornaments as they can and either bring them to the symposium or mail them to

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Sandy Speier—President

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