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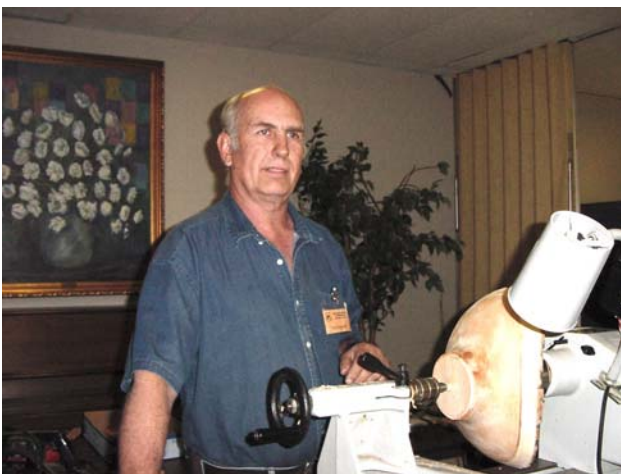


By: Steve Heathman

June's Meeting is on the 25th
Chuck Ludwigsen - Pens: From Setup to Finish and Beyond

Putting the Foot to the Bowl

By Steve Heathman



Terry Reynolds discusses how he puts the foot to the bowl

Our demonstrator this month was Terry Reynolds. He took on the difficult task of putting a foot to a bowl.

Terry started his demonstration discussing how he uses three feet ensuring a stable and level setting and where to put the feet. He then went to the drawing board to explain how he prefers to draw the design before starting his masterpiece.



Terry Reynolds log diagram

As most of you know Terry makes almost everything he uses and this demonstration was no different. He showed the sled he made and uses with the router to remove most

of the waste between the feet. After roughing out the foot he broke out a small drum sander to shape and further remove excess material between the feet.



Terry begins carving a foot on his bowl

After the show, Terry showed off a few of the tools he has made and how he puts them to use.



John Wilcher with Mike Kelly showing three turnings.

John Wilcher was our March raffle winner. He turned a hollow vessel and two bowls shown above out of a single piece of Maple and brought it to our May meeting. He earned five additional raffle tickets for his work.

Presidents Corner:

By Hershel Miller

Thanks – To Terry Reynolds for an outstanding demonstration on “Footing a Bowl.” Terry dealt with a most difficult decision for all of us! We have a piece almost complete then we have to do some critical things to the piece. We have to take a router and carving tools to the bottom – can you visualize the things that could go wrong! Hopefully, (those in attendance) paid close attention to Terry’s recommendations and procedures to prevent disaster. However, Terry was very persistent and convinced those present “that most any bowl could be footed, but you must plan ahead and leave enough material for the feet?” His demonstration was certainly impressive! Our hats are off to you Terry – Many - Many Thanks!!



Hershel Miller Photo by Howard Malone

May Safety Note – How many of you have checked your owners manual for proper speed recommendations? If you cannot find recommended speeds, please seek the advice of a respected fellow turner prior to operating the lathe. The basic rule of thumb here, “use slower speeds for larger diameters or out of balance/round pieces. **NEVER** - start the lathe before checking to make sure the lathe speed setting is correct for the size of work to be turned. If excess vibration or shaking occurs, stop the lathe and determine the cause before proceeding.

Personal Goals for May – Sharpening – probably the single most important aspect of turning is the ability to sharpen your tools. This not only is a safety feature but also improves the overall turning experience. Dull tools are not only a chore to use they cause the turning experience to be dangerous. If you’re not up to speed with you sharpening ability, try to get with someone and get some pointers on sharpening.

Instant gallery – April’s gallery had an excellent variety – Each month I’m amazed at the unique work you people are producing!

Raffle – This in the time of the year that you

don’t want to let that green wood sit not turned! If you have a few pieces of wood that you don’t have time to rough out, then bring them to the raffle. Wood that has started to check or crack will do so at a rapid rate in the hot summer weather. Reducing moisture loss with the application of end grain sealers or waxes, helps slow the rate of moisture losses resulting in less checking; but not stopping it entirely. So pick up that freshly cut wood and share some with club members through the raffle.

Programs – We have contacted two professional turners for the spring and summer time frame. If all goes well, we might be able to have two spring and/or summer weekend symposiums. As of this writing, we do not have a response for our quarries.

From AAW – Latest word – The Overland Park Hotel is full. AAW had reserved or blocked 400 rooms and these are already booked. However, in making your plans to attend the 2005 AAW Symposium in Kansas City, don’t rule out that there could be cancellations. Symposium dates are July 22 – 24 – check the AAW web site for additional information as well as the American Woodturner’s magazine.

Topic for June 25th meeting: -- Pens – Pens and more Pens: – Featuring Chuck Ludwigsen

There isn’t a supplier of woodturning hardware that doesn’t have pages upon pages of pen kits! All one has to do is figure out which pen kit, which mandrel, which set of bushings, which drill bit(s) and what finish to use – and – then put all of this together in hopes of having a pen.

Well you’re in luck – Chuck has most (if not all) of it figured out and will proceed to demonstrate the finer points of the pen making process. Chuck has a unique method of finishing pens with Thin Super Glue. Come see!

Cheers, be safe and enjoy the Turning Experience,
Hershel

May Meeting Minutes

By Steve Foldenauer

Vice President, Mike Kelly, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Mike welcomed the 38 members and 4 visitors to the meeting. John Stubblefield gave the Treasurer's report which was accepted by the members. The minutes from the April meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.

To date, 69 members have renewed their membership and we have 11 new members. Mike reminded our members that members of MSWG must also be members of AAW. We have 8 members who still need to provide us with their AAW membership numbers. Please forward that information to me as soon as possible.

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

Mike reminded the membership of upcoming events including:

TAW Symposium.....August 12-14
Goat Days.....September 9-11
Mid South Fair.....September 10-11 (for turning in exhibits)
Broom Sage Festival...September 17
MSWG monthly meeting...September 24
Woodturning demo at
Mid South Fair.....September 24; 1-8 p.m.
September 28; 2-6:30 p.m.
Pink Palace Craft Fair.....October 6-9
Milan Fall Festival.....October 14-15
MSWG monthly meeting...October 22

Mike also reminded the members of the 2005 AAW Symposium coming up in Kansas City, Kansas on July 22-24. As a result of the AAW Symposium in July, our local meeting date will have to be moved to July 16, 2005.

John Wilcher was our "Bring It Back" woodturner this month. With the wood he won in the raffle at the March meeting, John brought us a Hollow Form and 2 bowls. John got a little instruction from Norm Fowler and produced some nice pieces. He may also have stretched his turning boundaries a little. John Stubblefield won this month's "Bring It Back" piece. In July, John will show us what he made with the piece of cherry he won. Next month, Bill Leake will show us what he turned from the piece of Koa he won in April.

This month's demonstrator was Terry Reynolds. Terry showed us how he puts a foot on a bowl. In addition to a lathe, the process included the use of a router to remove a large amount of material, various mechanical

and hand sanding techniques and the planning required to insure the bowl's feet are strong and are properly formed into the bowl.

Future club demonstrations include:
June 25: Turning Pens, Chuck Ludwigsen
July 16: Lidded Candy Dish, Mike Kelly
August 27: Deep Vases, Dennis Paullus

See you all in June,
Steve Foldenauer, Secretary

Raffle Notes:

Participating In the raffle each month is important. Your donations help support club functions such as monthly refreshments, prizes and lunch for our October Turning Festival. Plus, there's always the chance that you'll win that - prize piece of wood - or another useful item.

Donating to the Raffle:

Thanks to following individuals:

Norm Fowler	Terry Reynolds
John Stubblefield	Dennis Paulus
Cecil Cravens	John Ginski
Larry Marley	Keith Burns

Raffle Challenge! We're challenging every-

one 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 great.



John Stubblefield, " I won I won—YAHOO", was May's raffle winner. If he brings this piece of Maple turned within the next two months, he will earn five free raffle tickets.

SHOP TALK

By Don Wilcut



Sandy Speier

Sandi is the other half of the Speier turning team of Germantown. She

works in the healthcare field. She is currently the Vice President for Symbion Inc. Responsible for developing and managing ambulatory surgery centers. She has been turning since early 2000.

Sandi said the deciding factor that inspired her to start and continue turning was the Pink Palace festival and watching Dick Absher turn a baby rattler with a captive ring. She told Bob right then, I can do that. Bob said, "Don't tease me." Bob bought her a lathe for Christmas. Her first lathe was a Jet mini and enjoying the benefits of that lathe and learning more and more, they now have both a Oneway 1018 and a Stubby.

Sandi joined the MSWG in mid 2000. Her favorite woods are maple, mesquite, and walnut. She doesn't seem to enjoy turning Wenge.

If she had a chance to change anything about her turning path it would to have more time to spend 'making wood shavings'. Her short-term turning goals are texture/carving. She has a class with Trent Bosch in June at Arrowmont and she will probably take Bob along.

SHOP TALK

By Don Wilcut



Curtis Liner

Curtis was a Personnel Manager prior to retiring. In 1960, he

used some of his GI bill to learn cabinet making. There was a lathe in the shop and he played around with it awhile. He liked what he could do with it. He didn't really have room for any tools back then, so he didn't turn anything for about forty-five years.

His first lathe was a jet 1636. He now owns both a Vicmarc 100 and a 300. He joined the MSWG about three years ago and his favorite wood is walnut. His turning goals are to continue having fun and get better at it.

Instant Gallery Notes:

What have you been working on? What demonstration have you seen or tried? The Instant Gallery isn't just for finished items! Bring a mistake and we'll try to help you solve some techniques and/or share the do's and don't with other members. Remember, the way the "expert" does it—may not work for you. Try new ways until you feel comfortable with the shape, cut or technique. 9 members had items displayed in our last instant gallery.

Norm Fowler

Keith Burns

John Ginski

Wayne Cathey

John Wilcher

John Stubblefield

Bill Shaw

Don Wilcut

Cecil Craven

I was able to include all of the Gallery pictures in the newsletter. Check out the web page in the May gallery for additional pictures not published in the newsletter.

Instant Gallery

Our Instant Gallery had numerous items. All very beautiful and exquisitely turned.
The following is a sample of the items in our gallery



LEFT: Norm Fowler
Maple Hollow Form
FAR LEFT: Norm Fowler
Box Elder Bowl
RIGHT: Don Wilcut
Carved Lidded Vessel, Himax
FAR RIGHT: Don Wilcut
Marble wood Bowl
Far Left: Norm Fowler
Large Box Elder Bowl
LEFT: Ryan McMullen
Osage Orange Vase
RIGHT: Keith Burns
Segmented Walnut/White Oak



FAR LEFT: Terry Reynolds
Demo stuff
LEFT: Don Wilcut
Carved Elm Vessel
RIGHT: Bill Shaw
Huge Ash Bowl



LEFT: Wayne Cathey
Segmented Walnut & Maple Bowl
RIGHT: John Ginski
African Mahogany Bowl



LEFT: Cecil Craven
Huge Walnut Lazy Susan

FAR RIGHT: Don Wilcut
Sea Grape Footed Bowl
RIGHT: Don Wilcut
Oak and Copper Carved Bowl



FAR LEFT: John Wilcher
Myrtle wood Bowl
LEFT: John Wilcher
Maple Hollow Form
FAR RIGHT: John Wilcher
Maple Bowl
RIGHT: John Wilcher
Maple Bowl



Magnolia Woodturners

Next month (June), we will meet in Canton, Mississippi and we already have a very special demonstration lined up that will take place on Saturday and Sunday, (June 18 & 19). Our special guest demonstrator will be **Gary Sanders of Greenville, Texas**. Gary has demonstrated at a number of notable places and events, including the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) National Symposium and he has won numerous awards for his work. To get more information about him and his work just type his name into any major web search machine along with the word "woodturning". Gary's demonstrations will be different each day and I should have more information in my meeting announcement for the June meeting next month. Plan now to be there for the whole event.

Then, for the July '05 meeting only we are going to change the meeting date from the usual third Saturday to the second week-end (July 9-10). The reason for this is because we are having a international guest demonstrator for that week-end, **Graeme Piddle from New Zealand**, and these are the only dates would work with his schedule. Graeme will be in the U.S. for a limited time to attend the 19th Annual National AAW Symposium in Kansas City, Kansas, July 22-24. Graeme has demonstrated in Europe, Asia, North America, New Zealand and Australia. He will do different demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday and you can read about his various prepared demonstrations on his web site. If you see one that is of particular interest to you then let it be known to Dr. Tommy James, who has made the arrangements for getting Graeme. This demonstration will take place at the Pearl River Community College Campus in Hattiesburg at our usual meeting place and will be the only meeting for July. Please make note of this change on your calendars now and plan to attend this special demonstration.

At this time it is expected that the fees to attend either of these week-end demonstrations

will be unchanged from the past. Calendar year 2004 members who renewed their dues prior to April 1, 2005 will be charged \$10 for a week-end or either day, if they are unable to attend both days. Visitors will be charged \$25 for each day they attend and no part of this may be used towards new member dues. Those who did not renew membership prior to April 1 will be charged the same as "Visitors". For a wood turner, that is a "lot of candy for a dime"; anyway you want to look at it.

Please consider bringing your unneeded turning wood to the meeting for those who may need just what you would like to dispose of. There have been a lot of trees downed due to the weather, if it has not been too wet to get to them. Free turning wood is a popular item at our meetings and greatly appreciated, especially by those not fortunate enough to have access to such.

Safe turning,
Clyde Hare, 601-924-4275 .

EVENTS OF INTEREST

By Steve Heathman

There are several events coming up in the next few months that might be of interest to Turners.

Steve mentions them in the minutes on page three. All the events allow us to show off our work, promote our club and Wood Turning.

One local event that will be close to all of us is the Mid south Fair in September. Hershel mentioned the fair at our last meeting and how the wood workers have had a great turn out .

For those who wish to enter their work, be sure to grab your entry form at the August meeting. We have some **very** talented turners in our club and from what I have seen in the Galleries we should be able to blow away the other wood workers. I take pictures every month of your work. These pictures could very well be put on the cover of the AAW magazine. I encourage each of you to enter a piece. Let's show off our hard work, promote **our** club and wood turning.

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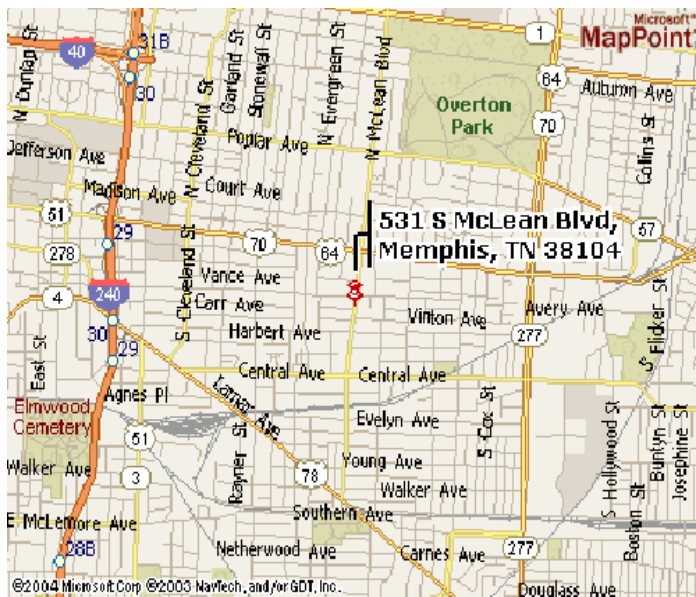
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Meeting Format:

Club Business: 9:30 - 9:50 a.m.

Demonstration: 9:50 - 11:20 a.m.

Raffle: 11:20 - 11:30 a.m. - Items donated by members

Meeting Schedule:

June 25th: Chuck Ludwigsen - Pens: From Setup to Finish and Beyond

July 16th: Mike Kelly - Lidded Candy Dishes

August 27th: **Dennis Paullus - Deep Vases**

Member News:

Membership:

To date, 80 members have joined/renewed their membership. Our membership goal for the year 2005 is 100+.

• **May Meeting:**

38 members and 4 visitors

CLASSIFIED ADS:

Dennis Paullus: VACUUM PUMP FOR SALE

New Gast 1/4 HP vacuum pump complete w/ gauges, hose and bleeder valve.

Regularly \$349 w/out accessories.

Asking Price: \$200.00

Contact Dennis: 901-829-2404 (home) or 901-301-5669 (cell)

Keith Burns: ROCKWELL (DELTA) MODEL 46-200

Rockwell (Delta) Model 46-200, 4 speed, 1/2 HP, 115 v, 12" x 36" Lathe for sale. Ready to run and it runs great. Keith rebuilt this lathe about 4 years ago and it has all the parts, tail stock, tool rest etc. Asking \$500.00 Call Keith at home 901-853-6219 or at work 901-774-8830.

Please forward your items for sale, trade, or free to Steve Heathman at heathman@earthlink.net or call (901) 837-3720. Items will be published in the newsletter for one month only. Deadline for entry is the 5th of each month.



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