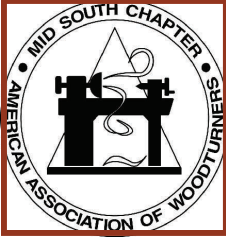


The Mid South Woodturners Guild



Turner's Talk

Bob Speier, Editor

October 2008



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What's Coming up ?

By Joan Kelly

Oktoberfest

October 18 will be a day to enjoy being out in the country at Joel Benson's spacious shop. Remember, this is a week earlier than our normal meeting time. The Oktoberfest promises to be a fun and educational event. Here's what's in store:

Joel will employ the Stubby lathe to demo something BIG. Normally we have time and size constraints, but Oktoberfest will allow for a larger scale demo. Dennis Paullus has offered to man the chainsaw to demonstrate the cutting of logs into blanks for various projects. Custom cut blanks will be available for those attending, but please be prepared to offer a suitable tip for the wood. Remember, this timber has been cut, loaded, and transported before it is touched by the chainsaw on site. \$4.00 or \$5.00 is suggested as an appropriate tip for a blank cut to your specifications.

Meanwhile, there will be two rotations of additional demonstrations. Kicking off the morning, Dennis will demonstrate threading while Bill Shaw shows the technique of cutting spirals. The second half of the morning will include Rick Gillespie with a surprise up his sleeve and Larry Sefton showing how to make a wood burner with custom formed brands. Lunch will be fried catfish, courtesy of Bob Speier.

As if that is not enough, the afternoon session will continue the tradition of a turning challenge. Members will not want to miss this, as Bob and Sandi Speier take over the mini lathes in friendly matrimonial competition with

wood blanks supplied by Dennis.

Don't forget to bring lawn chairs. The carvers and woodworkers clubs have responded enthusiastically to our invitation to join us. October 18, 9:00 until about 3:00.

MSWG Board of Directors for 2008

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First V.P.

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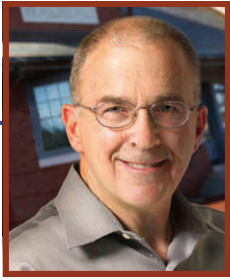
Bob Speier

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President's Corner

By Larry Sefton



I hope you are looking forward to Oktoberfest as much as I am. It is always a great, fun-filled day. It does not get much better than to have a day with friends, learning more about your favorite hobby, and topping it off with good food being cooked by Bob Speier. WOW! Remember, we are meeting one week earlier than usual - Saturday, October 18th.

MSWG needs to take a moment to celebrate our successes so far this year:

- Nine successful general meetings with attendance ranging from a low of 35 to one meeting with 60+ so far this year and a full schedule planned into 2009.
- All but one general meeting has had over 40 and four meetings have had over 50 in attendance.
- Increase in membership from 76 paid members at the end of 2007 to, as of September 30, 2008, 83 paid members.
- Meetings moved to a new location.
- One outside-professional weekend demonstration with two youth in attendance.
- Inaugural pieces juried into the new MSWG Collection at Christian Brothers University through the Beverly & Sam Ross Gallery (additional pieces to be added in future years). This is an outstanding accomplishment - completed thanks to the efforts of many people.
- Two days of successful public demonstrations at Delta Festival.
- One day of successful public demonstrations at Bartlett Festival.
- Establishment of Hartville Tool Club Discount Program.
- Successfully obtaining an EOG (Educational

Opportunity Grant) of \$1,200 from AAW.

- Addition of video clips to our website.
- Japanese Bowls, a Memphis Perspective (great club involvement).
- 8 great issues of *Turner's Talk* (our newsletter)
- MSWG's immediate-past president is running for an AAW board position.
- Several successful open shop tours held.
- Improvements to the MSWG resource library.

Your MSWG board of directors, with your help, has made this happen. As per our bylaws we have three to four MSWG board directors opening each year. **Please** volunteer and add your name to the ballot for 2009. As a reminder from our bylaws:

“ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

A. Board of Directors: Directors shall be elected for a term of two years. Terms of office will be staggered to enhance continuity. Three Directors will be elected in odd numbered years and four Directors will be elected in even numbered years. Term Limitations shall limit Directors and Board Members to no more than two consecutive terms of two years each. A past Director or Board Member may run for a position on the board after a one-year hiatus.” General Members “in good standing with AAW” and a willingness to serve are eligible to seek the office of Director.

Elections shall normally be held in November and newly elected Directors shall assume office at the January meeting.

Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of those General Members casting ballots at a scheduled meeting or who have sent written ballots to be opened at such meeting. Elections shall have been announced at a preceding meeting and through an advance mailing to the membership. *Continued on pg 3*

President's Corner continued

B. Officers: Officers will be elected by the Board of Directors from among the Directors. The Board of Directors shall normally meet each month to conduct and oversee planning and other business. All members in good standing are eligible to attend meetings but only Directors are eligible to cast votes.”

MSWG MEETING MINUTES September 27th, 2008

Meeting Attendance - 43 with 2 guests and 3 new members joined (several members were at the Bartlett Festival)

Board Attendance - Larry Sefton – President, Bill McMillen – Board Member- Librarian, Matt Garner – Treasurer, Dennis, Paullus – 1st Vice President, Joseph Voda – Board Member, Rick Gillespie – Board Member (not present but representing MSWG at the Bartlett Festival)

Board Members Absent: Don Wilcut – Secretary

August General Meeting Minutes - approved

Treasurer's Financial Report:

General Fund- \$1919.51; Educational Fund- \$752.04; Account was posted on the announcement board.

Dave Hout's demonstration total cost \$1,854; fees collected \$860, AAW Grant \$960, net loss of (\$34). After receiving the remaining AAW Grant of \$240 there will be a profit of \$206. Account detail numbers were made available to general membership.

Announcements

- There was a special thank you to Rick & Polly Stone for hosting David Hout and his wife.
- Bill McMillen, Librarian - Reminded everyone about the library, Bill thanked Larry Sefton for the donation of a video DVD by Trent Bosch. Bill suggested that other members should use this as an example. If you own and are no longer using a woodturning video PLEASE donate it to the club so others can benefit from it.

- Dennis Paullus - Future Demonstrations
 - Bartlett Festival right after the general meeting today
 - October 18, 2008- DATE CHANGE - Oktoberfest at Joel's studio. 9am - 3pm (MSWG agreed to give \$100 to Joel as a thank you for using his place)
 - November 22, 2008-Bill Siler-Turning Thin
 - December 20, 2008-Christmas Party, Board approved the auctioning of the bowls from the "Mid-South Perspective" project.
 - January 24, 2009 Jerry Fairburn/Terry Reynolds, Embellishments and carving
- MSWG's Christian Brothers University Collection is now part of their permanent collection and is on display at CBU's Plough Library.
- Volunteer needed for shop tour for November.
- Hartville Tool Club Member Discount Program - was reviewed, catalogs passed out and a reminder of the 20% member discount the first year and 15% in remaining years.
- Reviewed the success of the Delta Fair and that we look forward to doing this again next year. Everyone was encouraged to enter the arts/crafts competition.
- 2009 Board nomination - There are three and maybe four board openings for 2009 as board members terms expire. We are in need of nominations and please contact anyone on the MSWG board.

Demonstration - Keith Burns and his Flat Top Hollow Forms

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 - raffle held with \$200 of gift certificates.

**Sorry! Shop Talk will be back
next month**



As you know, the discount with Hartville Tool gives qualifying members a 20% Discount on regularly priced items in the first year of the club's participation. Beginning the second year the discount goes to 15%, and member purchases made in the second year. The new MSWG members after Aug 1 will have to call to register. If you are not initially set-up for web ordering, but later decide you would like to order online, please call us at 800-345-2396 with your email address. Once we add your e-mail address to your customer file an email will be automatically sent notifying you that your online account has been activated, and you can begin ordering as outlined above.

A Hartville moment with Keith Burns

I called Hartville Tool and signed up for our Club Discount Program. They were extremely helpful and nice people to talk with. After they sent my sign up information I logged into their website. When you log in the prices show up already discounted so you don't have to do the mental math to see how much something is. I ended up ordering the Termite Hollowing Tool Package and a Super Glue Package (3 different glues, 10 tips, accelerator etc) all for under \$100.00. My order will ship today. They also don't charge any shipping if the order is over \$75. I highly recommend Hartville and this program.

<http://www.hartvilletool.com/>

***Election Reminder !
Get your nominations in
ASAP***

Upcoming Events

October 18th

- OktoberFest at Joel Benson's

November 22nd

- Bill Siler turning thin walled objects

December

- Christmas Party

2009

January 9-11

- **Florida Woodturning Symposium**

[http://
www.floridawoodturningsymposium.com/](http://www.floridawoodturningsymposium.com/)

January - 24th

- Jerry Fairburn, Terry Reynolds and Dennis Paullus showing embellishments to turned objects.

23rd & 24th

- TAW Symposium in Nashville

[http://www.tnwoodturners.org/
symposium.html](http://www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium.html)

May

- Utah Woodturning Symposium

June

- AAW Symposium, Albuquerque, NM

*What Others Were Doing !
“at Pink Palace”*



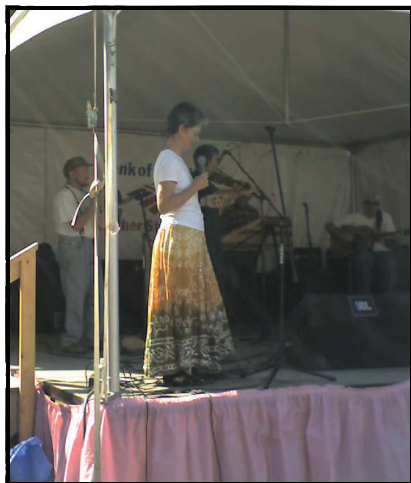
Fall is here



Dennis showing Sandi
“see what I made”



Rick Cannon at
rixwoodwurk.com
“where is everyone?”



Lookie here.....
Joan Kelly left her tools at home
and did some “Calling” for the
Contra Dancers
Just never know what you’ll see
at The Pink Palace Fair

What Others will be doing !

- Larry Sefton and Bob Speier will be attending a segmenting symposium in Indianapolis in November. Anyone else that would like to come contact Bob or Larry.

Classifieds

For Sale

- 30" pedestal Fan \$115
- Sears Shop Vac \$65
- Other items include Gas cans and a drill rack

Jerry Fairburn 901 487-5963

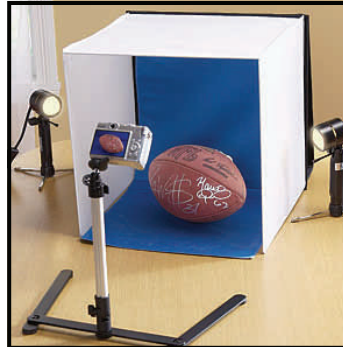
Welcome New Members

We had a great Sept meeting with three new members joining MSWG. Let's all welcome them with open arms, well maybe not open arms.

- Guy Pitts / Memphis, TN
- T.A. Bowen / Water Valley, MS
- Randy Horn / Olive Branch MS

Tips & Helpful Ideas

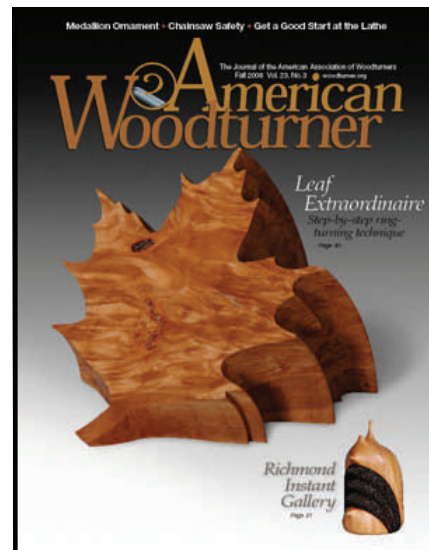
Brookstone.com



Ran across this add for photo equipment in our weekly catalog supply and thought it a pretty good deal to pass along. If you don't have the necessary equipment to take quality photos of your work this is a must at \$99. Click on the link above and check out the details. Football not included,

Need to find a tool or wood, click on "Helpful Links" to find your source
Helpful Links

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Just a little Humor

911 Operator- 911, what is the nature of your emergency?

Caller- My wife fell off the balcony and is severely injured.

911 Operator- What is your address sir?

Caller- 234 Eucalyptus Street

911 Operator- How do you spell eucalyptus?

Caller- silence

911 Operator- Sir, are you still there?

Caller- Look, I am going to drag her over to Oak Street and y'all can pick her up there.

From Don Wilcut

Happy Turning !



**Don't forget to vote on
Nov. 3rd**