

Turner's Talk



By: Steve Heathman

The Mid South Woodturner's 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 any individual and includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter. Meetings are held monthly at Central Christian Church, 531 S. McLean Blvd., Memphis, TN, on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:30 am. Annual dues are \$15.00. Address inquiries about the to Mid South Woodturner's, c/o Hershel Miller, 4875 Black Gum, Millington, TN 38053. News letter items should be sent to Steve Heathman, 115 Haley Lane, Atoka, TN 38004 or heathman@earthlink.net. Send Web site items to Chuck Ludwigsen at chuck@ludwigsen.org

October Meeting is on the 23rd MSWG October Turning Fest

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Our Meeting Place:

Central Christian Church 531 S. McLean Blvd. Memphis, TN

Meeting Time: 9:30 to 11:30am

Pink Palace Craft Show

By Steve Heathman

I attended my first Pink Palace Craft show October 10th. Even though it was a rainy, dreary day it didn't stop the enthusiastic art lovers.

Three of our MidSouth Woodturners, John Stubblefield, Norm Fowler and Hershel Miller demonstrated in the learning and educational tents during the three days.

While my wife, Beverly, daughter Brianna and I walked through the park enjoying all the art — I ran into a few other turners. Their booths offered a number of items from pens to bottle stoppers and absolutely fabulous staved bowls and salt and pepper shakers. The staved bowl booth won a Merit Award.

Our woodturners are not just woodturners. Richard Lee had a booth with numerous



honey items for sale. I must say the candy was very delicious.

It was great to see other members attending the fair. Richard Hill and his wife were looking over a few bowls Hershel had available for purchase.

Don't miss this next year. There was definitely something for everyone.

Presidents Corner:

By Hershel Miller



Thanks -To all of you that helped move our equipment - your efforts made getting out of there a breeze! Also, for those that contributed to the raffle - without our raffle we would have to cut back some of our special favors - like donuts - and I know some of us should - but it's just nice to be able to get a nice fresh cup of coffee and a donut and enjoy the company of fellow turners!

September Demonstration - Well we didn't get to bring Joel Benson out of the trees and into the meeting hall for a demonstration! But, with short notice we figured that a demonstration of returning a rough bowl to a semi-finished state would answer some questions. We hope that all of you picked up one or more useful tips. Maybe we can catch Joel later?

October Turning Festival - This has proven to be one of our most popular events. You can bring family and friends for an introduction into woodturning. They will be able to watch several different projects being turned during the event. We hope to get started a bit early say 9:00 a.m. instead of 9:30 and around 12:00 take a break for some grilled hotdogs and hamburgers. Chef Heathman (Steve) has requested anyone willing to help with food, please bring a nice bowl of potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, and/or a bag of chips. Homemade cookies will also be accepted! Call Steve at (H) (901) 837-3720, (W) (901) 874-3841or email heathman@earthlink.net and let him know you will be able to bring something - this will prevent us duplicating items.

Sharpening -- our sharpening guru (Heir

Foldenauer) has studied sharpening at one of the most prestigious sharpening schools - DTU or "Dull Tools University" and will need a tool or two from those that are having problems with their sharpening. As stated at past October Festivals, Heir Foldenauer does not run a sharpening service, but is willing to share a couple of tips on ways that you can improve your sharpening and possibly sharpen a couple of your tools!

- Instant gallery please bring a couple of items for display. This event draws people from outside the woodturning community and we would like to have an impressive display of your work.
- Help Booth bring an item(s) that is giving you problems and we will try to provide some quidance to help you resolve the problem(s).
- Raffle There will not be a raffle at the October meeting. Please save your items for the November meeting.

By-laws - Please review the "proposed new by-laws" (passed out at the September meeting) and submit any comments or recommendations to one of the officers by November 12 (to prevent any misunderstanding or interpretations we need your inputs in writing -- emails are fine). All recommendations will be reviewed at our November Board meeting for possible inclusion in the new by-laws.

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 great.

September Meeting Minutes

By Steve Foldenauer

The meeting was called to order by President, Hershel Miller at 9:30 a.m. Hershel welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. The minutes from the August meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter. Our Treasurer, John Stubblefield, gave the Treasurer's report which was approved. A total of 44 members and 1 visitor was in attendance.

Hershel acknowledged the fine work being done by Steve Heathman on our newsletter, Turner's Talk, and by Chuck Ludwigsen on the MSWG website. Both items have taken on an improved look and have several new features because of the hard work and coordinated efforts of Steve and Chuck.

The club has added 4 new DVD's and 1 new VHS tape entitled, Sharpening by: Bonnie Klein, John Jordan, Bill Johnson, and Alan Lacer to the library.

A revised set of By-Laws was available for members to take with them and review. Comments must be made in writing and sent, or given, to any Officer or Board member. The new By-Laws will be voted on at the November meeting.

November is the month to vote for Officers and the open Board position currently held by Richard Lee who is not seeking re-election. All nominees for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the open Board position must be turned in to one of the Officers or Board members by November 12, 2004.

AAW Members should have received their AAW Membership renewal forms and their AAW Election ballots. The ballot for the AAW Board of Directors position must be postmarked before October 21, 2004. The AAW By-Laws are also being revised and you are requested to approve or disapprove them on your AAW Board of Directors Ballot. You may go to the AAW website to review the By-Law changes or call the AAW offices to get a copy. Your 2005 AAW Membership Renewals must be turned in as soon as possible but no later than January 01, 2005 if you are to be included in next years AAW Directory. Remember, all MSWG members must also be AAW members.

November is our clubs membership renewal month. However, we started taking 2005 membership renewals at the September meeting. Anyone who has not already renewed for 2005 should be prepared to do so at the November meeting. Our annual dues are \$15 and you must be an AAW member.

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

There are still several shirts with the MSWG logo available. Remaining sizes are Medium and Large.

The John Jordan weekend symposium will be held on December 11 and 12 from 9 am to 4 pm at the 1688 Studio located at 1688 Lamar in Memphis. The cost for Members is \$20 for both days, \$15 for 1 day. The cost to Non-Members is \$50 for both days and \$30 for one day. Sign up at the business desk at the next several meetings. At the close of this months meeting, 31 people were signed up.

Our demonstrator this month was Hershel Miller. Hershel discussed and demonstrated how to re-turn a roughed out bowl.

Upcoming Activities Include:

October 23: MSWG October Turning Fest

October 9-12: Pink Palace

November 20: Norm Fowler turning Christmas Ornaments.

- Officer and Board Member elections.
- Voting of the new MSWG By-Laws.

December 11-12: Well-known, professional turner, John Jordan will give a 2 day seminar.

January: We will be recruiting volunteers for next years demonstrations.

See you all in October. 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.

Remember -There's no right or wrong way to tackle a fresh piece of wood. Some forms or shapes can enhance the piece, but all are acceptable. It's your wood, do with it what you wish.

Donating to the Raffle:

Thanks to following individuals:

Chuck Ludwigsen John Williams Cooper DePree
Norm Fowler Ray Hailey Bill Ramsey
Terry Reynalds Charles Griggs Joe Griggs

Randy McAuley

SHOP TALK By Steve Heathman

I joined Dennis Paullus in his shop to find out just how he turns those giant pieces I see him toting into some of our meetings.



Dennis has just about everything I've ever wanted. Anyway, I spent a few hours talking to Dennis trying to find out just what makes him tick. I'm not sure he would want this to get out, but his first lathe was a Craftsman that his father gave him and his brother in 1973. (Okay, we all have to start somewhere.) He turned on it for about three months before giving it up.

In 1997 he purchased a Delta 46-700 and a couple of Richard Raffin's books. That's when he took on turning boxes.

One day while visiting Colco to purchase some materials he happened to come upon a Midsouth Club meeting. From there he was hooked, and in 1998 he joined the club to became one of the first three board members.

Just before Thanksgiving in 2001 Dennis had a hard time not playing hooky when a truck pulled-up and delivered a brand new ONEWAY 2436 lathe. Can't say I blame him — do you? Now we all know what he uses to turn those huge pieces.

He handed me one the tools he uses to bore out those huge hollow forms. The lathe is **BIG** but the boring bar he handed me almost knocked me over. This thing is at least six feet long and weighs about 90 lbs.

Did I tell you Dennis made a living welding in his younger years? He made most of the tools he uses to hollow — this includes a laser system which ensures a consistent thickness.

After attending a Bonnie Kline demo, he became interested in threaded boxes. Not wanting to spend a lot of money on her threading system, he built his own in 2002. This will be available to view during our October turning Fest where Dennis will be demonstrating.

Dennis has displayed his work at the Cooper Young Festival Midtown Craft Fair for the last three years. He has won Merit Awards at the Mulberry Festival in Collierville (Juried Art Festival) two out of the three years he has entered for traditional wood working. And, most recently, he entered three pieces at the AWW Orlando Symposium.

His favorites are turning big natural edge bowls and lidded boxes. He also likes turning alternative materials like acrylic. He has used alternative materials as inserts in a couple of lidded boxes that can be viewed on our web page.

September Meeting Review

By Steve Heathman

Once again, I would like to thank Hershel Miller for putting on a very informative demo on returning a rough turned bowl. Unfortunately, because of all the hurricanes effecting the southeast Joel Benson was unable to demonstrate, but don't fret. Rumor has it he will be putting on the very popular chain saw bowl blank demonstration at the October Turning Fest.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE — VOTE IN NOVEMBER

Hershel discussed procedures for the November Officers and Board member elections . If you are interested in one of the Officer or board position, please provide an email with the position you are interested in to one of the Officers or Board members by November 12th. Remember you can not complain about how something is being done if you are not willing to step up and make a difference. We will also vote on a new set of By-laws with some substantial changes in the way Officers are elected.

We had such a great Gallery! I'm sorry I was not able to include all of the pictures in the newsletter. PLEASE check out the web page in the September gallery for additional pictures not published in the newsletter. And most importantly, continue to bring items to future meetings. It's great to see enthusiastic member participation.

HELP WANTED

As always, I am looking for articles from you for our Turner's Talk newsletter. If you have been to another club meeting, woodturning event, turned something you would like to share or have any ideas, please let me know at the meeting or email me at: heathman@earthlink.net.

Instant Gallery Notes:

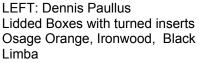
What have you been working on? What demonstration have you seen or tried? The Instant Gallery isn't just for finished items! Bring a mistake and we'll try to help you solve some techniques and/or share the do's and don'ts with other members. Remember, the way the "expert" does it—may not work for you.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

Norm Fowler	DuPree Cooper	Joe Adamson
Glenn Alexander	Don Wilcut	Steve Foldenauer
Dennis Paullus	Ryan McMullen	Ray Hailey
Larry Sefton	Herb Gould	John Johnson
John Ginsk	Terry Reynalds	Jim Tolbert
C W Craven	Chuck Ludwigsen	

Instant Gallery

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







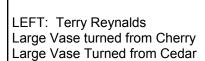




LEFT: Don Wilcut Bowl Turned from Norfolk Pine

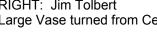
RIGHT: Norm Fowle Vase turned from Box Elder





RIGHT: Jim Tolbert Large Vase turned from Cedar





LEFT: C W Craven Bud Vase Turned from Plywood

RIGHT: DuPree Cooper Vase turned from Grape Vine





LEFT: Joe Adamson Candle Stick Turned from Walnut

RIGHT: Glenn Alexander **Several Christmas Ornaments** Turned from Tupelo Gum, Walnut, Cherry and Kingwood





LEFT: Ryan McMullen Mushrooms turned from Pecan

RIGHT: Larry Sefton Bowls Turned from Spalted Oak



Message from the Board of Directors of the A.A.W Exhibitions committee Chair By Linda Van Gehuchten

As we settle into the fall and get back into our routines, we reflect on what we did during the summer. In so doing, we look forward to getting back to the shop to try out some of those new ideas and techniques that we picked up at the Symposium or in the Journal.

One of the highlights of the symposium this year was having the juried show "From Sea to Odyssey" at the site of the Symposium. At the site, the attending members got to see the results our members came up with, which were just amazing. Thanks to the jurors Jacques Vesery and Mark Sfirri, who kept in mind the theme of the show, we have a colorful and unique show. The show turned out to be a winner for everybody involved and especially for the accepted artists. Out of the 53 works in the show, 9 pieces have been sold so far.

I would like to invite members and their families and friends who will be in the St.Paul MN area, to visit the show at the new AAW Gallery at the Landmark Center in downtown St. Paul, which is now the AAW's new home office. The show is now open and will run till December 17th, 2004. A DVD of the works in the "From Sea to Odyssey" show will be available soon through the AAW office.

I now would like to encourage you and your club members to enter next year's 2005 juried show "re-TURN to the Land of Oz". Journey back to your childhood with this exhibition, where reality and fantasy abound in the wonderful Land of Oz.

The theme of the submissions for "re-Turn to the Land of Oz" should be related to the novel by L. Frank Baum, the movie of 1939 and the location of our 2005 Symposium. This relationship can be by title of the work or by the design of the piece itself. In the book and the film there is a tremendous quantity of ideas that can be applied to the turnings. Subjects as simple as tornados, yellow bricks, ruby slip-

pers, and the characters or as complex as the hundreds of other references that are rich grounds to spark the imagination.

For this juried show, your slides or digital images on CD (new this year) will be accepted, and must be postmarked to the AAW office no later than March 15th, 2005. The show will open at the 19th AAW Symposium site in Overland Park, Kansas City, Missouri, on Thursday July 21, and run till July the 24th. The show will then travel to the AAW Gallery at the Landmark Center in St. Paul, MN, where it will be showing from August 15th till December 15th 2005. Possible arrangements are being made for the show to travel. Remember, have fun with the title. Wishing all of you good, safe and creative turning.

2005 TAW SYMPOSIUM

The 2005 TAW Symposium will be held in Nashville, August 12-14. Professional demonstrators are Johannes Michelsen from Vermont. His work can be seen at www.woodhat.com. As most of you know, Johannes was the originator of the wooden hat. The second confirmed demonstrator is Alan Lacer of Wisconsin (www.alanlacer.com). Alan Lacer is most recently known for his DVD "Son of Skew", a educational experience that helps the viewer lose their fear and loathing of the dreaded skew chisel. Both of these demonstrators will be showing both basic and advanced turning techniques

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DIRECTIONS TO MSWG OCTOBERFEST



Meeting Schedule:

Oct 23 - Turning Festival

Nov 27 - Christmas Ornaments— Norm

Fowler

Dec 10-11 - John Jordan Symposium

Meeting Format:

Club Business: 9:30 - 9:50am Demonstration: 9:50 - 11:20am

Raffle: 11:20 - 11:30am - Items donated by

members

Member News:

Membership:

To date, 104 members have joined/renewed their membership. Our membership goal for the year 2004 is 100+.

September Meeting:

Attendance - 44 members and 1 visitor

Welcome Guests and visitors:

To all the guest/visitors. We enjoyed having you join our meeting and hope you will return next month. Please let us know if you would like to become a part of the greatest woodturners guild in the AAW.

Classified:

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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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