

The Mid South Woodturners Guild



Turner's Talk

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What's Coming up ?

By Joan Kelly

Be Sharp, it helps

Sharpening those expensive turning tools can be a real challenge. Sometimes you stand there at the grinder and just calculate the dollars that you are grinding away! There's only one thing more frustrating than struggling to sharpen your tools, and that is trying to turn with a dull edge.

Several MSWG members have expressed their dissatisfaction with their sharpening ability. This month Bob Speier will come to the rescue with a detailed demo on the proper set up and use of the Wolverine sharpening system, because he has one. It won't be technical but informative about the process and the need. Come and get a front row seat to get the full benefit of this demo.



Larry Sefton has a trick or two up his sleeve to round out the morning.

President's Pick



[Ray Tanner](#)

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MSWG MEETING MINUTES
April 26, 2008

President Larry Sefton called the meeting to order at 09:10 AM

There were 48 Woodturners in attendance.

President Larry Sefton:

Bill McMillen was nominated and approved by the membership for the board position vacated by Bob Hobbs.

Letters were sent to those members that haven't attended in awhile by Don Wilcut, Secretary, asking for some feedback as to the reason for non- attendance.

We have 66 paid members as of this meeting.

We received a check for \$960 from AAW to help defray some of the expenses expected to occur with the upcoming Professional Demonstration by Mr. David Hout on 23-24 August 2008.

The AAW symposium is to be held, in Richmond, Va. Friday Jun 20 thru Sunday June 22, 2008.

Larry emphasized the need for and the use of hearing protection in the workplace.

Secretary Don Wilcut:

Told the members about the upcoming Utah Woodturning Symposium 22-24 May.

Read the minutes from the last meeting. These were voted on and approved by the members.

Asked that any members that haven't received an email in the last few days from me, please check with me and make sure we have a current and correct email address.

Treasurer Matt Garner:

Gave the financial report.

Provided the March 19, 2008 beginning balance of \$2260.14 and the ending balance of \$2535.10 (4/26/2008)

Our education fund is now \$797.93

First Vice President-Dennis Paullus:

Dennis did the demonstration this month and being the professional he is, did an excellent job.

He covered the following: Drying wood, the necessity of the use of eye protection, wood orientation, (emphasizing natural edge bowls), size of tendon to fit chuck jaws, and sharpening tools.

Second Vice President-Steven Yeomans:

Discussed the upcoming Dave Hout demonstration and member and non-member pricing. A discount will be applied should the event participant pay prior to 24 July, 2008.

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MSWG Minutes continued

Members: If paid on or before July 24,

Saturday Morning - Free

Saturday Afternoon - \$20.00

Sunday two day (package) \$30.00

Members: If paid after July 24,

Saturday Morning - Free

Saturday Afternoon- \$30.00

Sunday two days (package)-\$40.00

Guests:

Saturday-\$40.00

Sunday two day (package) - \$65.00

If a guest should join our club, a discount of \$25.00 will be applied for the package.

Web Master-Trey Campbell

Discussed the new Discussion group established on the Web.

Submitted By: Don Wilcut-Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS**2008****May 24th Bob Speier**

Discussing the techniques of sharpening turning tools and the use of the Oneway Wolverine System

Open House Larry Sefton's Shop 1:00 pm after the general meeting

August 30th - Dave Hout host of Woodturning Techniques" on the DIY Network



Christian Brothers University

Woodturning in a Permanent Display

Last year's first public display of work by members of MSWG was a milestone for the club. The Beverly and Sam Ross Gallery at Christian Brothers University was the setting for this event. As the show wound to a close, Brother Robert, the curator of the gallery, issued an invitation to the club to establish a permanent collection of woodturnings at the university. The board and, subsequently, the members voted to accept this invitation.

Being part of this process is a worthy goal for the guild and for our individual members. The collection will be displayed on the campus year round. It will be a tangible record of the club's presence in the community. It will facilitate continuation of our association with CBU, helping to keep the option open for future gallery shows. For the individuals whose work is included, it will be a great addition to their artistic resumes. Members should be honored to have their work selected for donation to this endeavor.

Please see the [March Newsletter](#) and review the entire proposal for logistics on how the work is to be selected. Notice in the Mission Statement that the collection is meant to include "utilitarian items that reflect historical roots in turning useful things" as well as "nonfunctional turned objects that succeed mostly on the strength of their artistry."

The panel of three jurors will be announced shortly. Our goal is to select the initial body of 10-12 pieces in July, in time to present the work to CBU for the opening of their school year in August.

Shop Talk

By Bob Speier

Bill Shaw

in Oxford, Mississippi



Not many members know Bill Shaw, he sits in the back of the meeting room generally with Eddie Mitchell. Dapper, soft spoken (unless you get him angry) and in pretty good shape for his age. Bill was born in Oxford, lives a half block from where he was raised, sits on the Oxford



water board, and you might say he's connected in the community. Bill's dad worked in the hardware store on the Oxford Square in 1963 when the National Guard entered the square. Bill and a friend were at the store visiting his father at the time. I bring this up only to say he's got the stories and tells them well with a great deal of humor that makes me laugh.

In the past Bill has done his share of craft shows and has done pretty well. He attended the Oxford Double Decker Art Festival last April 26th. On April 25th, the day before, the Oxford Eagle (local newspaper) printed a two-page article with pictures about Bill and his turning hobby. The article referenced the fact Bill is retired from a forestry career and has been able to use that information to

his advantage. Please take a moment to read the article. It's big file so be patient, [Oxford Eagle](#). Bill can walk through a forest of trees and name them all. I've driven down the highway with Bill while he's calling out the names as we pass. I've learned not to question him. Pretty impressive.

The photographer of the Oxford Eagle didn't take pictures of his great shop because like so many, Bill doesn't do much cleaning. There's just a path through the shavings. He does sport a Stubby and a OneWay 1018 to accomplish his turnings. Bill turns everything from earrings from antlers, bowls, platters, peppermills and more. He textures, spirals, carves, and uses any other method he can find to embellish he's work. He a consummate turner and a friend.



What Others Are Up To

Larry Sefton and the Mrs. just returned from John C Campbell after taking a class from Graeme Priddle. What a great time of the year to enjoy JCC.

For one of his other interests, John Williams just put together a regional clock fair in Tunica. Being newly interested in building clocks, I ventured down to see the trade show portion. Glad I left my wallet in the truck because there were some great old clock for sale. Glenn Alexander was there helping out as well.

Steve Foldenauer, our past Secretary, has moved to Somerville and will be back to the club as soon as he gets settled.

Larry Sefton is holding an Open Shop @ 1:00 PM Sat. May 24th. This is a prelude to a new project the club will put on monthly and tied in with Shop Talk in the future. Don't miss this opportunity.

Thanks & Welcomes

Many thanks to Dennis Paullus for stepping in to do the demo last meeting.



Looks like he's blessing his work, LOL

President's Corner

By Larry Sefton



Here is a message Bill Haskell, AAW Board member and Treasurer has asked me to send to you:

A drawing will be held to raise funds for a past President, AAW workhorse and champion, Phil Brennon. Phil is now a quadriplegic and is in need of major health and financial support - many of his friends in the AAW want to help.

Fund raising raffle tickets can be purchased by calling or mailing the AAW office and on the Internet. Tickets will also be on sale at the Richmond symposium. The raffle prizes are:

1. **Powermatic 3520B lathe** - donated by the WMH Tool Group
2. **Jet 1014 mini lathe** - donated by the WMH Tool Group.
3. **Oneway Stronghold 4-jaw chuck** - donated by Arizona Silhouette

In addition to individual purchases, your chapter could "pass the hat" and purchase a good number of raffle tickets. If a chapter wins, they could end up with a new lathe or chuck. If they don't need the prize, it could be raffled off as a chapter fund-raiser.

Please take the opportunity to read the entire story and to buy raffle tickets, go to the AAW website:

<http://woodturner.org/raffle/>

Here is a chance to win a lathe or chuck and help a good woodturning friend.

Classifieds

Links to help you out

- **Porter Cable Omni DoveTail Jig (24")** hardly used. Extras and setup video. Retailers over \$500 selling for \$195 or OBO. Contact Bob Speier @ 756-9315 or robtspeier@aol.com Will email pictures if interested.

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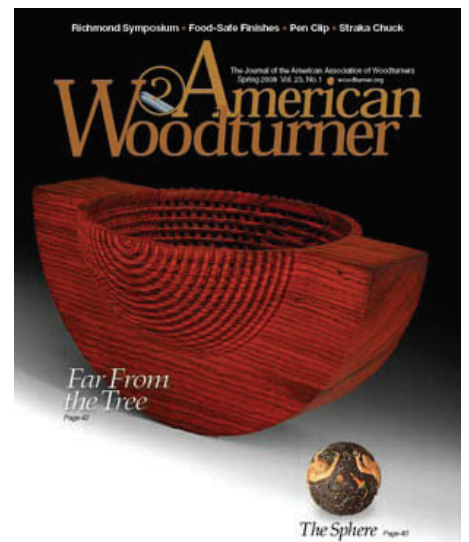
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Turning tools from left to right: 3/4" Richard Raffan side grind scraper w/custom handle \$40, 1" Richard Raffan side grind scraper \$45, 1 1/2" Sorby side grind scraper \$50 and the last one is the mini hollowing tool of Chris Stott w/custom handle \$15. See Bob Speier info above.

Here's the place to get rid of those things hanging around your shop collecting dust. Turn them into cash so you'll have money to buy the stuff I put in the Classifieds or to purchase other things you don't need.



**Time to start thinking about the
Delta Fair
August 29 - September 7**

It appears the Mid South Fair is off to Tunica next year. Consequently the Mid South Woodturners is gladly supporting the Delta Fair & Music Festival. The Delta Fair was a big success last year. To date it's unclear how involved the MSWG will be in the Delta Fair but this Editor is encouraging the members of the Guild to get your turnings and or woodworking project ready to enter the competition. There is money and blue ribbons to be won in all Wood Craft categories. Listed below are the categories available to enter. Let's show the community of Memphis just how talented the members of the Mid South Woodturners Guild really are. If you have questions about the Fair contact Rick Gillespie rickg@wmn.net or 901 619-6308



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Category - WOOD CRAFTS -W

CHAIRMAN: Mac McCoy

Premiums: 1st - \$7.50 2nd - \$5.00 3rd - \$3.00
 Best of Show - rosette & \$25.00 Given by: **Colco Fine Wood**

<p>W 1 bird house - not over 12"x12"</p> <p>W 2 duck decoy carving</p> <p>W 3 picture</p> <p>W 4 plaque</p> <p>W 5 scroll design - up to 3 items</p> <p>W 6 wood accessory - tray, book ends, etc.</p> <p>W 7 wood boxes - jewelry, etc.</p> <p>W 8 wood carving characters - animal, cowboy, famous</p> <p>W 9 wood craft - any item not listed</p> <p>W10 wood turning - hanging items (Christmas ornaments, etc.)</p> <p>W11 wood turning - hollow forms natural finish - urns, vases</p>	<p>W12 wood turning - natural bark edge bowl - not over 16"</p> <p>W13 wood turning - round rim bowl not over 16"</p> <p>W14 wood turning - spindle turned candlestick, rolling pin, etc.</p> <p>W15 wooden toy - no larger than 18"</p>
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Tips & Helpful Ideas

Looking for recommendations on turning instruction *Inspired By Don Wilcut*

So many of the novice or beginning turners look to The Mid South Woodturners Guild for mentoring to no avail. For what ever reason it's a program that's hard to develop. There are however, schools all over the country that offer a fine curriculum in woodturning. What I've tried to do is simply show places where classes can be taken to improve your skill as a turner and have fun at the same time. Several in the MSWG, ie: Bob & Sandi Speier, Larry Sefton, Emmett Manley, Joan Kelly, Bill Shaw and of course myself have taken classes on more then one occasion. They are so much fun one can look at the trip as a vacation and take the family. Listed below are just three of the schools available. If you have any question please don't hesitate to ask any of us about the schools.

All blue underlined items are hyperlinks to the sites

Anderson Ranch is a learning community on five scenic acres in Snowmass Village, near Aspen, Colorado. We are dedicated to creativity and growth through the making and understanding of the visual arts. Anderson Ranch promotes artistic experimentation and growth through [workshops](#) offered year around in ceramics, sculpture, photography, painting and drawing, furniture design and more. Our [artist residencies](#) and [internships](#) for emerging and established artists, community outreach, and public art events offer a full spectrum of opportunities to creative people of all kinds. The facility features fully-equipped art studios and galleries. Summer art workshops, [art auctions](#), and [artist slide lectures](#) attract over 5,000 artists, patrons, art students and faculty annually to this historic Rocky Mountain ranch dedicated to the fine arts. In addition, we host visiting artists, critics, and art scholars year-round for a variety of functions.

John C. Campbell Folk School From [Basketry](#) to [Writing](#), you can choose from over 860 weeklong and weekend classes each year in a broad variety of areas. Your creative learning vacation is enhanced by knowledgeable instructors and small classes. Whether you are a novice or an expert, you will find the class that's right for you. Come explore your creative side in our non-competitive, hands-on learning environment!

Click here for individual program overviews and to browse [class descriptions by subject](#).

Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts is a nationally renowned center of contemporary arts and crafts education. Workshops are offered for one and two weeks in the spring and summer, and one-week and weekends in the fall. Areas of study include: ceramics, fibers, metals/jewelry, painting, drawing, photography, warm glass, woodturning, woodworking, sculpture, and book and paper arts. The public is welcome year-round to visit the school's five galleries, resource center and book and supply store. Artist residencies, assistantships, work-study, scholarships community outreach, conferences and music programs contribute to Arrowmont's mission of "enriching lives through art."

Happy
Turning !