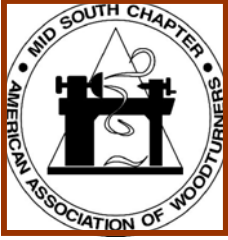


# The Mid South Woodturners Guild



## Turner's Talk

Bob Speier, Editor

November 2007



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### What's Coming Up ?

By Joan Kelly

#### Christmas Ornament Demo

Just in time for the holiday season, the November meeting will feature a demo on Christmas ornaments by Rick Gillespie. Rick's rendition of the traditional globe and finial ornament will be one that beginners and experienced turners alike can enjoy. He will start with a branch to make the globe portion of the ornament using a split hollowform technique. The join will become a highlighted feature as Rick uses a contrasting wood band between the two halves. Contrasting wood will also be used for the cap and finial, yielding a striking and beautiful finished product. Rick will describe his preferences for tools, including a hook neck scraper for easy hollowing of the globe and a pointed spindle gouge for finely shaping the finial.

Rick is a real estate broker by profession. His interest in turning started with the gift of a lathe from his wife as an anniversary present in 2001. Pens and Christmas ornaments are among his favorite projects. He also enjoys utilitarian types of woodworking projects such as upgrading kitchen cabinets with pullout components, but his obvious pride and joy thus far has been making a Mission style cradle for his first grandbaby. That particular piece is now in Africa awaiting the arrival of a second grandchild.

Please note that the November meeting will be held on the third Saturday, November 17, so as not to coincide with Thanksgiving weekend.

### President's Pick



Johnny Johnson

### Mid South Woodturner Guild Board of Directors For 2007

#### President

Cassandra Speier

#### First V.P.

Keith Burns

#### Second V.P.

Joan Kelly

#### Secretary

Bob Speier

#### Treasurer

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#### Board Members

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### *Board Elections*

It's that time of the year again. Time for you to **get involved and help** the MSWG continue to be one of the best chapters in AAW. The by-laws regarding elections are constructed to maintain continuity within the board. Only a portion of the members are replaced each year. This allows new and fresh ideas to help the guild move forward.

This year we have four positions available. Three members have stepped up to the plate to date: Dennis Paullus, Don Wilcut and Rick Gillespie.

Dennis has been a member of the Guild since the beginning of time and has voiced his opinions in the past on how things should be handled. This is a good thing; it shows his concern about the future of the MSWG. **He's getting involved.**

Don Wilcut has been a member of the Guild since 2000 and belongs to several other clubs in the Tri-State area as well. His knowledge of how other clubs handle their meetings is invaluable. **He's getting involved.**

Rick Gillespie is the past president of the Tri-State Woodworkers. He's familiar with how to run and entertain a non-profit organization. Rick is also a local businessman. **He's getting involved.**

To fill the board at least one more member needs to **get involved** to help make a difference. Not interested in being an officer. Fine, be responsible for the refreshments, photography, setting up the meeting, taking charge of the raffle or the monthly demos to mention a few. There's plenty to do just **get involved.**

## **MSWG MEETING MINUTES** **October, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:20 am on Sat Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. President Speier welcomed the visitors.

President Speier asked for approval of the minutes posted in the newsletter, she received a motion and a seconded was given. She also thanked Joel Benson for his generosity in hosting OctoberFest.

Matt Garner gave the members the income and expenses for the previous month.

Bob Speier thanked the members for their patience with the online newsletter and asked members to verify their email addresses on the roster.

Cassandra told the members the final items in the CBU Exhibit were there to be picked up.

President Speier mentioned Rick Gillespie will be turning Christmas ornaments in November and to begin thinking about the Christmas party which will be held the 4th Saturday (22nd) in December.

President Speier spoke of the upcoming elections in Nov., and told the members four positions are available. Cassandra strongly encouraged members to get involved and if nominations are not adequate in Nov. the election will be postponed to Dec.

Cassandra then gave the members a layout of the day's activities. She thanked members who participated in the Chili Cookoff.

Activities continued throughout the day with lunch consisting of the pots of chili in the cookoff. The cookoff was won by Rosemary McCain from the Carvers club. She received a gift certificate from Packard.

Submitted by Bob Speier, Secretary  
Mid South Woodturners Guild

# Shop Talk *By Emmett Manley*

## *“Third time’s a Charm”*

Emmett Manley has just completed his third woodturning class at John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina and here are his thoughts. **BS**



*Downtown Brasstown*

John C. Campbell Folk School is a magical place. Located on 300 acres in a beautiful valley in the North Carolina mountains, JCCFS combines the best of many worlds. For some, this is the adult version of the summer camp they loved as a child. For others, the great appeal is the

opportunity to enroll in an almost endless variety of arts and crafts based courses. Most courses are five or six days in length, but weekend courses are also available.

All JCCFS activities are highly structured, but everything is optional and non-graded. Meals are served at specific times and signaled by the ringing of a dinner bell. A variety of general interest programs are offered before breakfast and after the evening meal. These include musical



performances, singing, folk stories, nature lectures, crafts demonstrations, even theater and dancing. No one will be bored; as from the opening meeting to the closing program there is something going on, which may be attended or not.

One of the most appealing aspects of JCCFS is meeting and interacting with a variety of people from around the country and from every walk of life. Participants are encouraged to eat at tables with different people each meal, and to visit other classes when time permits. As a visitor, I was fascinated by blacksmithing, bird



*Emmett's morning salute*



*Blacksmith shop*

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# Shop Talk *continued*

*By Emmett Manley*

watching, and outdoor cooking.

For the woodturner, a new state of the art woodturning building opened in January, complete with 10 new Powermatic lathes. World class instructors are not only teaching and demonstrating, but are immersed in the total JCCFS experience. You are able to spend additional time with your instructors by eating together, attending School activities together, and by returning to your lathe a couple of evenings. I was fortunate to spend a week each with Dave Barriger, Bob Rosand, and Nick Cook, and with equally competent associate instructors.

One warning, the food is absolutely wonderful so plan to put on a few pounds at JCCFS. Most amazing, the total cost of a week at JCCFS (tuition, lodging, and food) is not much different than you would spend for a week of lodging at a Hampton Inn.



Nick & Emmett

If you'd like to see a very well done slideshow of his trip, check at the library. It'll be worth your while.

Many thanks to Emmett for wanting to share his experience with us. If you go to a symposium, school or visit another club let us in on your trip.

Your Editor, *RGS*



*A moment of peace*

*Morningsong*



*Working hard but havin' fun*



*Housing*

*Useful Tips*

**T O X I C   W O O D S**

WOOD SPECIES	TOXI	CLAS	REACTION					POTENCY			SOURCE			INCIDENCE		
	Irri- tant	Sensi- tizer	Respi- ratory	Eye & Skin	Nau- sea Etc	Nasal Can- cer	Little	Grea- t	Ex- treme	Leaves & Bark	Dus- t	Woo- d	Un- know- n	Rar- e	Com- mon	
=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=====	
Bald Cypress		X	X				X			X				X		
Balsam Fir		X		X			X		X	X					X	
Beech		X	X	X		X		X	X	X					X	
Birch		X	X					X		X	X				X	
Black Locust	X			X	X			X		X					X	
Blackwood		X		X				X		X	X				X	
Boxwood		X	X	X				X		X	X				X	
Cashew		X		X			X			X	X		X			
Cocobolo	X	X	X	X				X		X	X				X	
Dahoma	X	X	X	X				X		X	X				X	
Ebony	X	X	X	X				X		X	X				X	
Elm	X	X		X			X			X				X		
Goncalo Alves		X		X				X		X	X			X		
Greenhart		X	X	X				X		X	X				X	
Hemlock	X					X		X		X	X			X		
Iroko	X	X	X	X				X		X	X				X	
Mahogany		X	X	X			X			X				X		
Mansonia	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X				X	
Maple		X	X					X		X	X				X	
Mimosa	X				X			X	X	X	X				X	
Myrtle		X	X			X		X		X	X	X			X	
Oak, Red		X		X		X		X		X	X			X		
Obeche	X	X	X	X				X		X	X				X	
Oleander	X				X			X	X	X	X				X	
Olivewood	X	X	X	X				X		X	X				X	
Opepe		X	X				X			X				X		
Padauk	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X				X	
Pau Ferro		X		X			X			X	X			X		
Peroba Rosa	X	X	X		X			X		X	X				X	
Purpleheart		X		X	X			X		X	X				X	
Quebracho	X		X		X	X		X		X				X		
Redwood		X	X	X		X		X		X				X		
Rosewood(s)	X	X	X	X				X		X	X				X	
Satinwood	X		X	X				X		X	X				X	
Sassafras		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
Sequoia	X		X				X			X	X			X		
Snakewood	X		X					X		X	X			X		
Spruce		X	X				X			X	X			X		
Teak		X	X	X				X		X					X	
Walnut, Black		X		X			X			X	X				X	
Wenge		X	X	X				X		X	X				X	
Willow		X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X				
W. Red Cedar		X	X			X		X		X	X				X	
Yew, European	X	X		X	X			X		X	X				X	
Zebrawood		X		X				X		X	X			X		

Source: WOOD Magazine # 32 - December 1989

# Octoberfest Revisited



For those who missed a good time.

View the [Instant Gallery](#) on our website



I'm bored, can I have a another donut ?

Carvers at work



makin' cornbread



and cobbler



10 pots of Chili



## Classifieds

For Sale: 60" **Oneway Bed Extension** with Leg. Fits both the Oneway 20" and 24" Lathes with 44" spindle height. Mint condition. Lathe and duplicator shown in photo not included. New retail is \$995.00. Asking \$600.00. Contact Keith Burns: Daytime 774-8830, evenings and week-ends 853-6219 or email: [keithandjudi@earthlink.net](mailto:keithandjudi@earthlink.net)



## Why AAW?

Below is an excerpt from an email by Frank Amigo Director AAW. Frank points out the benefits of joining AAW:

On the subject of the AAW, I'd like to touch on the benefits of becoming a member. They are many, and include:

- The American Woodturner - a quarterly journal packed with a world of woodturning information, including a wide range of articles, pictures, and news.
- AAW Resource Directory - complete listing of membership, addresses, local chapters, instructor/demonstrators, woodturning resources, books, videos and DVDs.
- National Symposium - the largest woodturning event of its kind with three days of extensive demonstrations, exhibits and trade show in a new U.S. location each year.
- Website - <http://www.woodturner.org> - extensive online information about events, sources, suppliers, products, forum opinions, and woodturning pictures.
- Scholarships - available for classes, workshops, the symposium, youth outreach, school program curriculum development, special projects and chapter library expansion.
- Local AAW Chapters - camaraderie, idea and technique sharing with local turners, access to a lending library, plus information about local exhibits and volume purchases. Many of us forget that without AAW there would be no chapters.
- AAW Discounts - membership discounts on AAW merchandise and symposium registration. Also, be sure to check with your local woodworking store for discounts.

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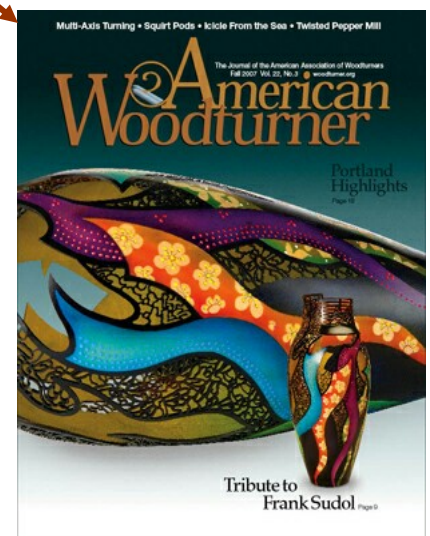


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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 17th

Board Elections

Rick Gillespie - Xmas Ornaments

December 22nd @ 10:00 am

Christmas Party / Pot Luck

2008

January - TBD\*

February - “

March - Ring Master Machine Rick Gillespie

April - 2nd Annual Swap Meet

\* TBD to be decided

**Notes**

- The MSWG Newsletter is now only available online. Please check your email address to be sure it's correct, if not please let the club Secretary or Newsletter Editor know ASAP.
- Thanks to those who are sticking around to help clean up, **it's very much appreciated.**

***How many time have you been asked?***

**How Long Does It Take To Make One of Those?**

Do you mean...

not plant the tree, but find the wood, just “see the piece, (as if I could)?

to find a highly figured burl,

a crotch, an eye, or pearly curl?

And once I spy it, perhaps buy it,

inventory, store and dry it?

Then saw or cut it, possibly I'll kiln it, glue, imbue with fill, or drill it?

You mean, that once I'm satisfied

it's stopped the warps, checks, cracks, once dried?

And mounted on the lathe, to turn it,

(which takes much practice just to learn it)

and then employ a gouge or two,

or use a skew, which I don't eschew,

to mold it shape it (what's your pleasure?)

by all means, I'm sure to measure,

then sand it smooth, please wear your mitts,

from coarse to fine, 10,000 grits,

then braze, or burnish, paint, and polish,

(the goal: enhance and don't demolish)?

Is that your question, start to end,

how long's that path, its way to wend?

Or do you merely want to know how long it turned?

Ten minutes, or so.

By John A Styer

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.



## Our Meeting Location

GameDay Sports Academy  
Herbert Rd, last bldg on rt.  
Cordova, TN



Meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of each month at 9:00 A.M. at GameDay Sports Academy, Herbert Rd, last bldg on right, Cordova, TN. From I40 take RT 177 (Germantown Rd.) south to Fischer Steel (Wendy's on the corner) turn right. From Walnut Grove or Poplar Ave go north on Germantown Rd. to Fischer Steel turn left (Wendy's on the corner).

Annual dues are \$25.00. Inquiries about the Mid South Woodturners Guild should go to President Sandi Speier at [cassandraspeier@aol.com](mailto:cassandraspeier@aol.com). Please send newsletter items to Bob Speier [robtspeier@aol.com](mailto:robtspeier@aol.com) and website items to Trey Campbell [bell@mac.com](mailto:bell@mac.com).

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### Meeting Format:

Club Business	9:00-9:30
Demonstration	9:30-11:30
Cleanup	11:30-12:00 pm.
Raffle	12:00 P.M.