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Demo Sample
October Meeting:

Skip Wilbur

Artistic Inset Platters



Last month, Skip Wilbur's demo started out as a "teaser", with little advance info about the subject matter. That suspense apparently was a calculated move on his part. By the end of the presentation only one viewer was noticed to have left the ZOOM meeting and that was attributed to connection problems.

Once again, Skip brought the audience a presentation that was not our usual fare. The embellishment processes he displayed involved acrylic paints, dyes and gold leaf with application techniques not limited to brushes. I, for one, cannot wait to see what our membership produces from this demo.

President's Corner



By: Mike Maffitt

Good Folks of MSWG,

I've always loved the Spring and Fall seasons. After a really hot summer and after a really cold winter, you are ready for a change. We are winding down one really crazy year and I am certainly ready for a change. The first change we can introduce is the MSWG Board of Directors undergoing a huge change and I will be stepping down as president of the club and handing it off to a very capable person in Bob Wolfe. The rest of the board will be Larry Sefton as VP, Doug Woodward will remain on as Treasurer, Secretary is still undecided but Jeff Brann will be handling the newsletter and website duties. We also have Rick Stone staying on as an At-Large Member and one brand new recruit in Jan O'Dell, who has volunteered, as a new member, to join the board. I am so proud of her. Rounding out the board for the 2021 year will be Sam Dawson and he and Jan will both be At-Large Members.

We introduced in September, that there were new, modified bylaws posted on the website. We will be voting during the ZOOM session, Saturday 24th of October, to approve those changes. I would encourage every member to read and familiarize yourself with this document. It dictates how our club is run and governed and I would hope you would want to know why and how we operate. The ZOOM session will be considered a regular meeting and these bylaws will replace our existing bylaws as amended. You can, if you are not planning to attend the demo, email or mail me, your vote. If I have no such votes, according to our bylaws, a majority of our meeting attendees will carry the vote to approval. You will find the bylaws on the **Members Only** page of our website.

We have updated the website, as we constantly do, and added back content that was

previously there but had been removed during our change. If you go to the Newsletter Page and the Home Page, you will notice a graphic that says, "Newsletter Archive". This graphic is a link to a new page that hosts sixteen years of Mid South Woodturners Guild's newsletters. If you want to see a running history of the club or just want to take a leap back in time, all of these documents are now there for you to access. We are continuing to add photo galleries to our Gallery Page, so watch that page for updates. We have also added two PayPal buttons, for the convenience of out-of-towners and people who want to quickly renew their dues for the 2021 season. You will find these buttons on the Home Page and the Join Us Page of the website. If you aren't familiar with our website, access to all our info can be found at: www.midsouthwoodturners.com

This weekend we will be welcoming Harvey Meyer, a wonderful woodturner, who now hails from Atlanta, GA. Through my woodturning journey I've witnessed many persons who have attempted, and successfully produced this form of art, the *Basket Illusion Platter*. David Nittman (who passed away in 2014), Harvey Meyer and Jim Adkins seem to me to be the most prolific producers of this form of art and I believe they have set the standard very high. To produce a piece can easily take 40 to 60 hours depending on the method you use, because there are substantial differences. Jim Adkins' method is based on the reproduction of antique containers and platters while David's and Harvey's are more modern varieties.

On the **DOCS & VIDEO** page of the club's website, you will find 3 documents attached to Harvey Meyer's name. If you want to use these to follow along and make related notes as the demo progresses, download and print the 2nd and 3rd of the documents ahead of time, so you have them

President's Corner (cont'd)



By: Mike Maffitt

ready to go. The ZOOM room will open at 8:30 and the business meeting will begin at 15 minutes before 9:00.

We had really great involvement at our Saturday, Oct. 24th event, turning **Pens For Troops**. We turned every set that was prepped and the attendees produced 68 pens during the 8-hour project. Including pens earlier completed and brought in, we will be shipping our 100-pen allotment to Woodcraft this week. We ran the event in 2-hour segments but many stayed over their scheduled time, if there was a lathe available, and kept the lathes turning. It was great to see everyone and be able to enjoy some company again. We did practice distancing and sanitizers were available to sterilize equipment, if needed. Welcome to two new members, Daniel Wallace and his young friend Isaiah Williams who both joined the club this weekend. The attendees at our event were, Brian and Jennifer Davis, Sam Dawson, Masanori Igarashi, Mike Maffitt, Jonathan Marrero, Jan O'Dell, Rick Stone, Ron and Julia Wickens, George and Mike Yohanek, Daniel Wallace and Isaiah Williams. Thanks to all of you for your excellent work and many thanks to Rick Stone for hosting the event.

On November 21st, (This is the **third weekend**, not the fourth, to free people up for Thanksgiving), we will be broadcasting our own production from the shop of Rick Stone. Rick will be doing a birdhouse ornament for your viewing pleasure. The club purchased three new pieces of equipment that will help facilitate streaming events to our members. We hope this new technology will make our events run smoother and give more professional results. When our club does start meeting again, we realize some of you will still hesitate to attend until the virus has calmed down

and a solution is found. When we do start meeting again in person, we plan to also stream the meetings, at least through the end of 2021, so we can ensure our members are able to participate and enjoy the event. I am not planning on bringing coffee and donuts to your homes, so you are on your own for refreshments.

Prior to our November 21st meeting, and on November 14th, we are planning to hold our **"Tools-In-The-Trunk"** sale and swap. I would appreciate an email or text letting me know you would like to participate. If you don't have tools to sell or swap, please come by and purchase some. **10 percent** of all sales will go to the club, so keep tab of all your sales for this event. The event will be held close to the Bartlett Municipal Center, in Veteran's Park on Bartlett Boulevard (a.k.a. W.R. Freeman Park.)

For our **December 12th** Christmas/Holiday meeting, we talked about having food catered in and renting the large room downstairs in the Bartlett Station Municipal Center. We also planned to hold our auction to wrap up the year. If you are interested in holding this event, please let one of our board members know. We meet early at this time of year to get our event out of the way of any member's Christmas or Holiday plans. We must know **by the November meeting** if we want to meet or the event will be canceled. We would be paying more than double our normal rate to rent that room for three hours, so it makes no sense to do that if we don't have the participation.

I know this has been a challenging time for everyone personally but it has certainly been a very difficult period trying to maintain the interest level in our club. We are attempting every idea and utilizing every facility we have at our disposal to

President's Corner (cont'd)

By: Mike Maffitt



keep this club running and bringing interesting content to our members. Thanks to everyone who has joined us on our ZOOM productions, whether it was produced by the club or by a professional, and weathered the storm with us. You are the people who keep this club going.

I look forward to seeing all of your happy shining faces Saturday.

Mike Maffitt



This is our current card design. Keep a few close at hand, so you are ready to invite our "next, new member"!

Can you identify this?



Answer is on Upcoming Events page.



**Mid South
Woodturners Guild**
meeting the 4th
Saturday every month at:
**Bartlett Station
Municipal Center**
5888 Stage Road
Bartlett, TN 38134

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Volunteer!

Your Assistance Can Only Make
Your Chapter Better!

(Whether we meet at the Bartlett Center, or by ZOOM.)

Ask:

“How can I Help?”

Answer:

- * Board of Directors
- * Committee Chairs-
 - Beads of Courage Charity
 - Pens for Troops Charity
 - Community Outreach Demos
 - Research
 - Demonstrator Booking Research
- * Meeting Room -
 - Set-up/Tear-down/Clean-up
- * Meeting Refreshments -
 - Set-up/Clean-up
- * Raffle Organization & Execution

Remember the universal motto of *all* volunteer organizations:

“If **EVERY ONE** does a bit of the work,
NO ONE does all the work!”

Contact A Board Member To Join The Team!

September Demo Recap

Skip Wilbur, Artistic Inset Platters

Text by: Joseph Voda

Last month, our very own Skip Wilbur was our ZOOM-streamed demonstrator. and right up until his demo, he had been mysteriously tight-lipped about the details of the subject he would present.

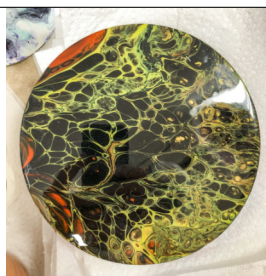
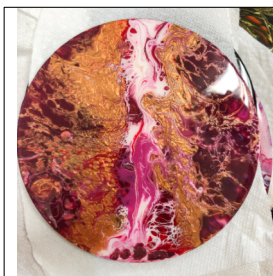
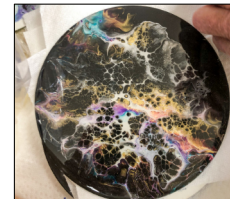
The material list Skip provided for publishing in his demo announcement, in the Turners Talk, was the only clue he would divulge.

As it turned out, about 43 members (including the production staff) found that the demo kept them enthralled for the whole 2+ hours! The topic was creating “plaques” to which Skip applied various art (often abstract) techniques, and which, he then attached to the center of a platter. These techniques transformed said turnings into a different and unique dimension we had not seen, previously.

If you missed the meeting, review the pictures, below, for some of the techniques, presented. Then, if you are game to try any one of these embellishments, I imagine you will find Skip has added them to his mentoring repertoire.



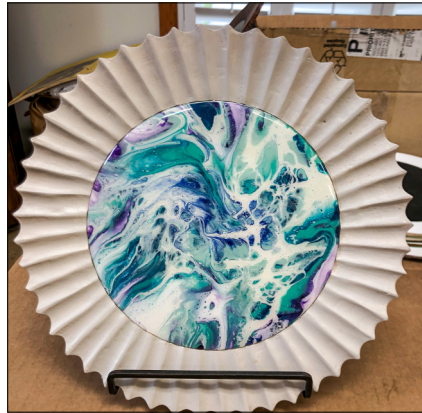
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September Demo Recap (contd)

Skip Wilbur, Artistic Inset Platters

Text by: Joseph Voda



A Turn-In Event: Pens For Troops

Hosted By Rick Stone

Text by: Joseph Voda; Photos by: Mike Maffitt

On Saturday, Oct. 24th Rick Stone hosted a **Turn-In Event** for completing the Guild's charity commitment of turning **Pens For Troops**. Every set that was prepped was completed with the attendees producing 68 pens during the 8-hour project. Together with the pens finished and turned in the Guild earlier in the year, we will be shipping our 100-pen allotment to Woodcraft this week. A great **"Thanks"** to all who participated!

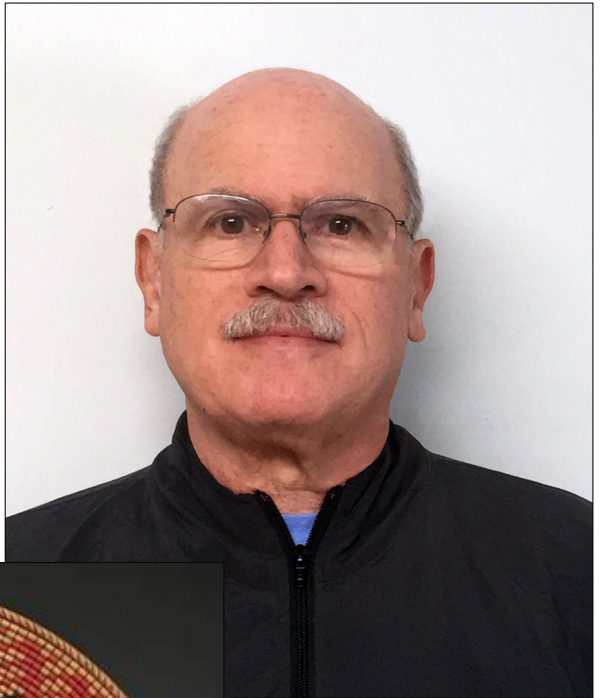


October Demo

Harvey Meyer - Basket Illusion

Text by: Joseph Voda

This month, Harvey Meyer will join us via a ZOOM meeting to present his take on the Basket Illusion process. Harvey's demo is anticipated as a class-instruction format, which would make the process easier to understand. Please join the meeting to see one of this item's masters at work!



Upcoming Events

2020 - 2021

2020

(* = Monthly meeting date moved, ** = Special demonstration event date moved.)

- **October 24** Harvey Meyer, Basket Illusion - ZOOM-streamed Demo
2021 Board of Director Nominations Due To Vice President By End Of This Day!
- **November 14**** "Tools-In-The-Trunk Sale" at Bartlett Veterans Park (a.k.a W.R. Freeman Park)
- **November 21*** Rick Stone, A Birdhouse Ornament - ZOOM-Streamed Demo
Board of Directors Vote At Monthly Meeting
- **December 12*** Guild Christmas/Holiday Party and Educational Fund Auction
(at Bartlett Station Municipal Center, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm)
*** Pending vote by membership**

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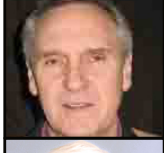


- **January 23** Craig Timmerman, Subject TBD - ZOOM-streamed Demo
- **January 29-30** Tennessee Association of Woodturners 2021 Symposium
(Kimberly Winkle, John Beaver, Glenn Lucas, Tom Wirsing)
- **February 27** TBD
- **March 27** TBD
- **April 24** TBD
- **May 22** TBD
- **June 26** Avelino Samuel, TBD
- **July 23** TBD

Answer: Robert Sorby Beading Tool

Mentors Program

All members of MSWG are invited to contact the following mentors to learn a new technique, improve their turning skills or turn something different. Mentors are volunteers and do not charge.

Contact information is on our website under Members Only and the Roster. Sessions should last no longer than 3 hours and be scheduled at the convenience of the mentor.

Benson, Joel		Wood Selection, Turning Green Wood, McNaughton Coring, Chainsaw Sharpening/ Maintenance, Chain Saw Use/Safety
Cannon, Rick		Segmented Bowls
Maffitt, Mike		Bowls, Platters and Lidded Boxes
Sefton, Larry		Milk Paint, Make Your Own Pyrography Unit, Hollow Forms
Stone, Rick Stone, Rick		Finials, Bowls (incl. Natural Rim), Boxes, Spindles, Carving, Finishes, Pyrography, Making Tools, Turning Tool Basics (incl. Sharpening)
Tusant, Jim		Bowls, Hollow Forms, Pyrography, Carving, Dyeing, Tool Use, Finishes
Wilbur, Skip Wilbur, Skip		Bowls, Hollow Forms, Goblets, Finials
Wolfe, Bob Wolfe, Bob		Bowls, Hollow-forms, Platters, Embellishment

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