



Turner's Talk



By: Steve Heathman

January Meeting is on the 22th
Staved Box Joint Bowl by Cecil Cravens

JOHN JORDAN SYMPOSIUM

By Steve Heathman

I waited for this day with much anticipation and it was worth the wait. John Jordan put on a great two day Symposium that kept everyone's attention.



JOHN JORDAN HOW TO CUT A BOWL

John started the morning session discussing tool and lathe care before a lesson in cutting bowl blanks to get the outcome desired.

John's first project was a bowl turned from green Cherry. While entertaining us all with his masterful use of the bowl gouge, he answered questions. I was very impressed with his ability to gauge depth without the use of a measuring device and get a consistent thickness in his work. With my luck I would turn through a piece that I spent hours on and really liked. John stayed very flexible. Someone asked about texture

and he demonstrated the use of a wire brush to add a texture band around the bowl.



JOHN JORDAN SHARPENING

The afternoon session was spent discussing tool sharpening and turning a Natural Edge Bowl. Again, taking a piece of green cherry

John turned a FANTASTIC Natural Edge bowl .



JOHN JORDAN HOLLOW TURNING

Day two started out by turning a Maple hollow form. During this demonstration he discussed hollowing tools and proper techniques for using them. Just after lunch, John finished up the hollow form.



JOHN JORDAN CARVED HOLLOW FORM

Next, and final, he demonstrated several ways to texture and carve our turned pieces.

Thank you John for a **GREAT** two day Symposium. For those who couldn't make it, there are several pictures on our web site.

Don't forget to Renewal your Membership

Presidents Corner:
By Hershel Miller



Photo by Howard Malone

Thanks -To all of you that helped with moving our equipment, setting-up and cleaning up for the John Jordan Symposium! Your efforts helped make the day a huge success!! We had 53 in attendance on Saturday and 47 on Sunday. From the responses I received, everyone went home with a new outlook and a new understanding of wood, turning tools, finishing and several types of surface decorations. In addition, some of you invested in a set of Jordan Hollowing tools, of which, I'm sure that you'll be most pleased. Most attendees agreed that this was an educational experience well worth attending!

The Year 2005 – I would like to start this year off with a reminder that each of us is responsible for Shop Safety! Two factors usually lead to an accident; 1) carelessness and 2) not understanding our equipment and placing ourselves in an unsafe situation. General safety around cutting machines – use push sticks (keep those fingers out of the path of blades) – around the lathe – slow it down – and remember, “once tight does not mean always tight!” Make it a practice to routinely check the tightness of your work piece.

Personal Goals for 2005 – Review your library of turning literature and select four to six items that you want to master then make it your goal to turn these items (you might have to turn some of them multiple times) until you master the process and you're pleased enough to put them in the Instant Gallery!

Instant gallery – What have you been turning – some of you have taken classes and either during class or at home produced some neat projects. Please, share your turning experience with members and promote the hands-on educational experience.

Raffle - We will resume our Raffle at the January meeting. If you received too many turning tools for Christmas and would like to see some of your older tools go for a worthy cause or you just don't see the need to have excess tools lying around – then, why not consider donating them for the raffle!

Bylaws – We will be starting 2005 operating under our new bylaws. There will not be any noticeable meeting changes with the exception that some of the board members will possibly have different jobs. We ask that you continue helping the club with your support and remember if you want to see something that will benefit the entire organization – let one of the board members know. We have plans to have two symposiums (Professional Turners) a year (spring and fall).

Cheers, be safe and enjoy the Turning Experience,
Hershel

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.

November 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. Due to the October Turning Festival there was no business meeting or minutes taken. Our Treasurer, John Stubblefield, gave the Treasurer's report, which was approved. A total of at least 38 members and 2 visitors signed in at the meeting. However, I am sure we had more attendees. Please be sure to sign in at the business table when attending our meetings.

Hershel reminded the members to be sure to renew their AAW Memberships by 1/15/05 to be eligible for the Lathe drawing by AAW. The winner will receive a new lathe and the chapter to which the winner belongs to will also receive a new lathe.

November is Renewal Month for MSWG memberships. Be sure to renew your memberships for the calendar year 2005.

The October Turning Festival was again well attended and turned out to be a successful event. See October's Turner's Talk for all of the details.

A revised set of by-laws was had been given to members at the September meeting. Members were advised to submit ant comments or recommendations by 11/12/04. No comments or recommendations were received. The new by-laws were voted on and accepted.

November is the month to vote for Officers and the open Board position currently held by Richard Lee who did not seek re-election. Chuck Ludwigsen was nominated, voted on and passed as the new Board member. The 4 positions held by the club officers were voted on and passed. Therefore, the 2005 Board of Directors consists of:
Steve Foldenauer, Norm Fowler, Steve Heathman, Mike Kelly, Chuck Ludwigsen,

Hershel Miller and John Stubblefield.

A survey of possible demonstrations was given to the members. The lists were gathered and most requested demonstration topics will be reviewed for 2005 meetings.

To date, 49 members have renewed their membership and we have 3 new members. Our annual dues are \$15 and you must be an AAW member. Please renew your membership at the January meeting, if you have not already done so.

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 business at this months meeting, 46 people were signed up.

Our demonstrator for the November meeting was Norm Fowler. Norm showed us the steps to take to make 3 piece Christmas Ornaments consisting of a hollowed ball, icicle and finial.

Upcoming activities include:

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

January: Turned Box Joint Bowls by Cecil Cravens.

February: Taming the Skew by Bill Newsom.

March: Using a Coring System by Joel Benson.

See you all in January.

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.

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.

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.

**Terry Reynolds
Don Faragon
Jim Dunham
Steve Heathman
Matt Garner
Bill Liler
Larry Marley
Ryan McMullen
Glenn Alexander**

**Brad McCollum
Larry Sefton
Jim Tolbert
Joan Kelly
Bob Speier
Cecil Cravens
Eddie Mitchell
Steven Heathman II**

SHOP TALK

By Steve Heathman



My job just gets better each month. I really enjoy checking out our Turners workshops and getting to know them a little better. This month, I stopped by Terry Reynolds place for a tour of his shop. One thing I have noticed, so far, is that we have a very diverse bunch. If it can be made — why buy it. Terry is just that guy. He enjoys turning large hollow forms and in doing that he has made most of his own deep hollowing tools.

By looking at the pieces Terry brings to the club meetings, I figured he had been turning for a while. I was surprised to find out that is not the case. Terry started Turning after attending the Grand Opening (he just happened to stumble upon) at That Wood Joint approximately two years ago. (We use to have the monthly meetings there.) He spent two hours talking to Hershel and then started attending to our monthly meetings. Terry has not taken classes yet — most of what he knows he has learned from the meetings we hold every month.

His first lathe, which he still has, was an Oliver NO# 19 base with a Pacific NO# 7 Head and tail stock. He now has a Powermatic model 4224 that has been modified to include a very heavy, Stuby like outboard base and tool rest. He gave me a quick demonstration using the outboard modification and all I can say is VERY NICE!!

Before I left he showed me a picture album of some wonderful furniture he built. Turns out that he is also an accomplished carpenter. He showed me pictures of a house that he completely gutted and rebuilt on a lake. I guess if it needs to be done; he figures out how to do it and jumps right in.

Instant Gallery

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



LEFT: Bill Siler
Christmas Ornaments turned from various wood



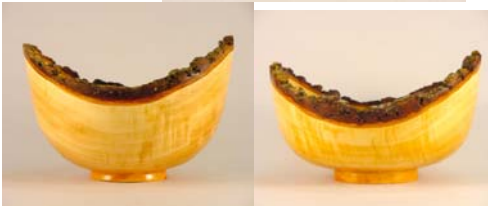
RIGHT: Brad McCollum
Bowl



LEFT: Joan Kelly
Christmas Ornaments turned from various wood



RIGHT: Eddie Mitchell
Salt & Pepper Mills turned from various woods



LEFT: Larry Sefton
Natural Edge Bowls



RIGHT: Terry Reynolds
Vase turned from Crabapple



LEFT: Steven Heathman II
Goblets turned from Walnut



RIGHT: Steve Heathman
Bowl turned from Maple Burl



LEFT: Larry Marley
Bowl turned from Gum and Cherry



RIGHT: Ryan McMullen
Pens turned from Maple and Walnut



LEFT: Matt Garner
Vase hollow form turned from Maple Burl



RIGHT: Bob Speier
Urn turned from Masaur Birch And Coco Bolo

Norm's Christmas Ornaments

By Steve Heathman

Norm Fowler demonstrated how he makes hollow globe three piece Christmas ornaments at our November meeting.



Norm Fowler **Hollowing a Globe**

First Norm took us through turning a hollow globe from mounting a fantastic piece of Box Elder with heavy red coloring to the drilling for the Finial and Icicle.



Norm Clearing Shavings from the Globe

As you can see from the picture, Norm had an interesting way of clearing the shavings from his hollow globe. We really need to invest in a small compressor. After finishing the globe, he mentioned a few variations that could be made to the globe from completely round to a slightly oval shape.

Finishing up, he demonstrated how to turn the icicle shaped bottom and finial.

Visiting Demonstrators for 2005

The Tennessee Association Of Woodturners will be hosting several Professional demonstrators in 2005.

Richard Raffan will be coming to Nashville in the first week of July 2005. He will be conducting both a hands-on class day as well as a day long demonstration of his turning skills. The hands-on class will be limited to (6) students and it is almost full. If you are interested contact Deryl@digitalphotogroup.com. The location for the day long demonstration has not yet been confirmed.

Jack De Vos, a friend of John Jordan and master Woodturner will be visiting the USA next year around Aug/Sept 2005. The date and time has not yet been determined. There will be a demonstration for the club, as well as a hands-on workshop for interested woodturners.

Eli Avisera from Isreal, will be visiting the United States in September 2005, and is interested in coming to Nashville to conduct both a demonstration and hands-on class. If you would be interested in meeting Eli, and listening to his lecture, please contact Deryl@digitalphotogroup.com.

Marilyn Compbell, From Ontario, Canada will be visiting Tennessee in October 2005, and will be offering a day long demonstration of her incredible skills. Her specialty is her incredible ability to cut apart and then re-assemble her turnings into incredible sculptured pieces. If you are interested please contact Deryl@digitalphotogroup.com.

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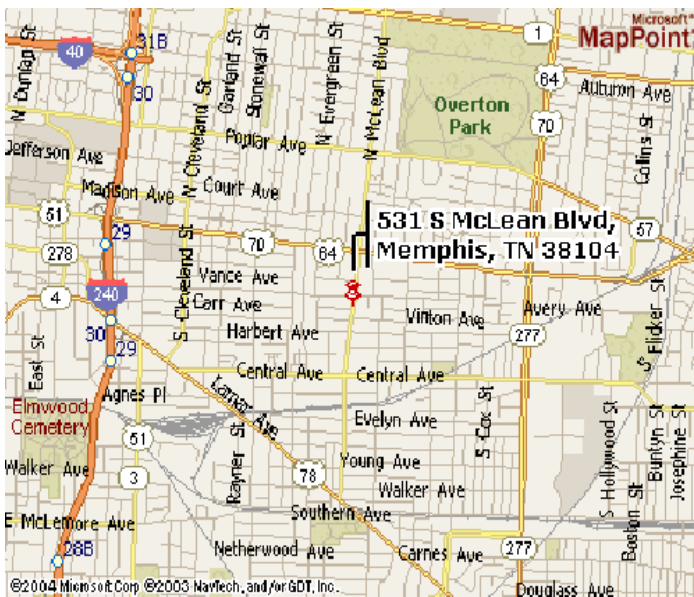
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The Mid South Woodturner's Guild is a not for profit organization formed to promote and encourage the art of woodturning and in doing so promote and encourage the art and craft of woodturning in general. Membership is open to any individual and includes 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



Meeting Format:

Club Business: 9:30 - 9:50am

Demonstration: 9:50 - 11:20am

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

Meeting Schedule:

Jan 22 - Staved Box Joint - Cecil Craven

Feb 26 - Taming the Skew - Bill Newsom

Mar 26 - Using a Coring System - Joel Benson

Member News:

Membership:

To date, 49 members have joined/renewed their membership. Our membership goal for the year 2005 is 100+.

- **November Meeting:**
38 members and 3 visitors

Classified:

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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Class Schedule

JIGS	Mon, Jan 17th	6-9pm
BANDSAW BASICS	Sat, Jan 22nd	12pm
ROUTER/SHAPER BASICS	Mon, Jan 24th	6-9pm
FINISHING THE FINISH	Sat, Jan 29th	12pm
BANDSAW, SCROLLSAW, JIGSAW	Mon, Jan 31st	6-9pm
TABLESAW JIGS	Sat, Feb 5th	12pm
BASIC LATHE	Mon, Feb 7th	6-9pm
RAISED PANEL DEMO	Sat, Feb 12th	12pm
WIPE-ON FINISHES	Sat, Feb 19th	12pm
Sanding and Finishing	Mon, Feb 21st	6-9pm
Finger Joint Jig	Sat, Feb 26th	12pm

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