

Turner's Talk

Bob Speier, Editor



Be Sure to sign up for the demo, it's never too late.

Binh Pho

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What's Coming Up ?

By Joan Kelly

Binh Pho / CBU Exhibition / Covington Fest.

Binh Pho Demo August 25 and 26

“My work primarily reflects the Far East culture and my Journey to the West. I love to bring the beauty of nature and hand-creation techniques together to create character and soul in a piece... From a heavy log of timber to a light, thin vessel, negative spaces interlock with solid surface. The color, grain and natural look of the wood all reflect the principle of Yin and Yang. My work comes from memories, culture, Zen mind and my own thoughts.



Negative spaces inspire me, as they represent

the unseen weight of the unknown, which I use to take the viewers into my work.”

These intriguing observations are Binh Pho's own comments about his artistic endeavors. MSWG is truly fortunate to host a two day demonstration by this world-renowned artist. For many of us it is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to learn from a master. Binh's story, including his harrowing escape from Vietnam when the Communist regime took over, as well as an extensive photo gallery of his work, may be seen at <http://www.angelfire.com/il2/binhpho/>

For details about registration, please see <http://www.midsouthwoodturners.com/>

The bottom line: Members pay only \$45 for this unparalleled two-day experience. Send your registration to treasurer Matt Garner, 5167 Tarrytown Dr, Memphis, TN 38117 *

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Beneath the Bark:

The Art of the

Mid South Woodturners Guild:

Way back in January of 2006, we got the exciting news that our club had been selected to exhibit work in the Ross Gallery at Christian Brothers University in August, 2007, the "opening" of the season based on the school year calendar.

At last, the time has come for us to shine and celebrate.

The opening reception will be

held on Friday, August 17, 5:30-7:30 PM.

Twenty members will display a total of fifty-five turned pieces, ranging from seven-year-old Ben Campbell's Designer Twist Pen to

Dennis Paulus's monumental Box Elder Natural Edge Bowl. Everyone is encour-

aged to join the celebration. Having woodturning showcased in a gallery setting is rare, especially in the Memphis area. We are grateful to Brother Robert Werle for working with us so generously to make this show possible and to Travis Stinson from the Magnolia Woodturners who offered an independent discerning eye in choosing which pieces to include in the show. Christian Brothers University is located at the corner of Central and East Parkway, across from the Fairgrounds. There is a large parking lot just inside the gate facing Central Avenue. The gallery is located on the lower level of the library. *



MSWG MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2007

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:10 am on Sat. July 27. President Speier welcomed visitors Allen Simpson and Dick Cowan. Cassandra asked for approval of the previous meeting minutes posted in the newsletter, which were approved.

Matt Garner gave the financial reports as of July 25th with a balance of \$2529.53. The financial report was approved and posted.

Bob Speier told the members of a Freedom Pen Turning project put on by the Nashville Club. The turned pens are going to the troops in Iraq. Bob requested help from the members to turn the kits provide by WoodCraft in Nashville.

Bob Hobbs presented the new MSWG Library to the members and requested those that had outstanding videos or books to return them ASAP.

Joan Kelly reiterated the information about the CBU Exhibit. She told of the process for judging and informed the members how to retrieve their turnings that were not going to be displayed in the exhibition.

President Speier thanked the members that brought hollow vessels for the Presidents Challenge. No President's Challenge was requested for August due to the Binh Pho demo but did encourage members to bring a pierced turning if they so desired. Cassandra also told the members no raffle would be held due to the lack of items to raffle but requested donation in lieu of the raffle. An auction was held at the end of the meeting for items donated by Bill Shaw earlier in the year.

Bob Speier reminded the members of the Covington Festival on Sept. 22 and encouraged the members to attend and bring their turnings to display or sell if they so chose. Bob also reminded the members the regular meeting had been moved to Sept. 29th. *Continued on pg 6*

Shop Talk

By Bob Speier

Swann Parks

Memphis/Lakeland, TN

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Message from the Editor

If at any time you'd like to go along and visit the future shops, simply let me know and be flexible in timing. You are always welcome.

I took the opportunity the other day to visit with Swann Parks in the Memphis/Lakeland area. I think it's an annexed area of Lakeland in the Davies Plantation. What a beautiful home in a beautiful area. Swann and his wife Joan greeted me with a hot cup of coffee.



We chatted about Swann's beginning in turning and the early Mid South Woodturners Guild. It sounded to me like Swann may have been one of the charter members or very close to it. His also made it very clear that his wife Joan was his biggest critic. Swann credits his mentor Dana Curtis, like so many others, for refining his turning skills. He actually started turning in the mid to late 80's. He's also an accomplished woodworker, which is evident by the pieces in his house. Swann showed me his archive of turnings in his office, which took up an entire wall. He still has pieces he turned from the 80's, how cool is that.



Swann's shop is nestled back in a grove of trees. What an environment! I don't know why you guys think you have to clean up your shop when I come by, but Swann did, and I don't think it took him very long. He, like so many of us, likes to put together his shop, as well as work in it. Swann's built cabinets, dust collectors and paneled his entire shop in bead board including the ceiling, mind you. His first lathe was a Craftsmen, which he eventually upgraded to a Delta like the one the club once owned with the lever action for speed control. Still a great lathe. He has a Delta Midi, but confesses he doesn't use it very much. Swann's likes to make boxes utilizing his scroll saw. Many of the boxes are to hold hand-guns and are quite unique.

Being a versatile turner Swann likes to watch demos that cater to that expertise. He truly enjoys the talents of the club members and what they have to offer.

Thanks Joan and Swann for your generous hospitality. *



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MSWG to Demo at Covington Festival

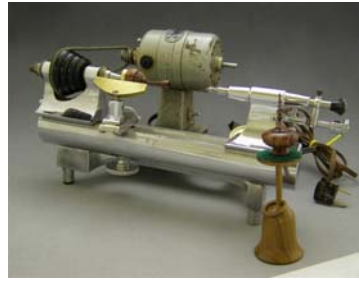
Members of MSWG are invited to come to the Covington, TN Heritage Festival with Arts and Crafts on Saturday, September 22. The club has rented two booth spaces on East Court Square where members may demo turning on the mini lathe and/or sell their work. This is a wonderful opportunity to show the community what turning is all about.

Covington is about an hour's drive from Memphis. Vendors must be set up and vehicles moved by 8:30 a.m. The festival lasts until 5:00 p.m. when vehicles will then be allowed back for take down. Bob and Sandi have generously offered to transport the club's tables to the site and initiate set-up. Participating members should bring their own chairs and be prepared to handle their own sales. Collecting and paying sales tax is the responsibility of each vendor. Additional display shelves and volunteer help will be much appreciated.

Demonstrators are needed. For insurance purposes, you must be a member of AAW to demonstrate. Small, quickly done projects such as tops, bottle stoppers, and honey dippers are great. Bob will have a set of basic tools available, but you may bring your own. Please bring your own wood.

Please contact Bob or Sandi Speier (756-9315) or robspeier@aol.com and let them know of your intention to participate. Also, if you are able to help load the tables and mini lathe and/or help unload after the event, you will be most appreciated!

July Instant Gallery



Johnny Johnson



Glenn Alexander



Joan Kelly



Keith Burns



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July Instant Gallery



Dennis Paullus



Larry Sefton

Cliff Valentine



Don Wilcut

Lee Chandler / Life Time Member



Classifieds

CARVING CHISELS FOR SALE (7/26/2006): Assorted types and sizes. Fine quality by Ashley Isles, Sorby and German made, includes metal case, Bronze mallet, Rifler files, small chip chisels and assorted sharpening stones. Original cost \$750. Asking Price: \$400.00 Offered by: Jerry Wagner (Ph. 901-767-8426, Email: Toolnutz@aol.com)

Porter Cable Omni DoveTail Jig (24") hardly used. Extras and setup video. Retail over \$500 selling for \$275 (firm). Contact Bob Speier @ 756-9315 or robtSpeier@aol.com





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 weekends 853-6219 or email: keithandjudi@earthlink.net

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14" Buffalo brand Band saw

Pros: It runs! 9 extra blades, 1/8" - 3/4", several of them never used, heavy duty separate rolling base original owner's manual.

Cons: no dust collection port, one cooling block holder is broken.

\$150 Contact Joan Kelly 725-9165 or joan1kelly@aol.com

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President Speier closed the business meeting by presenting a Life Time Membership to

Lee Chandler



Cassandra told the members of his life accomplishments and of his continual support of the Mid South Woodturners Guild. Lee was a charter member of the Guild. Lee was presented with a framing of the article published on the AAW website. The attending members present were asked to sign the back of the presentation.

Cassandra turned the meeting over to Keith Burns who introduced the demonstrator for the day, Travis Stinson. Travis demonstrated the process of turning a hollow form on a mini lathe. The meeting was concluded at approximately 11:15 am. Items for the exhibition were then turned over the exhibition committee. *

Binh Pho Demonstration

Mid South Woodturners Guild **Presents**

Binh Pho



August 25 & 26, 2007

Game Day Sports Academy
7790 Fischer Steel Rd.
Cordova, TN 38018-2268

East will meet West with elegance and style as we welcome Binh Pho, premier artist and woodturner, to the Mid South Woodturners Guild for two days of demonstration and teaching.

Binh Pho is well-known for his almost magical, porcelain-like, thin-walled vessels. His masterful work is earmarked by the skillful turning away of wood's physical bulk without disturbing its grain, which he often allows to shine through thinly applied layers of paint. Binh enhances his work with brilliant color, luminous layers of gold leaf, and an array of mystical symbols – fireflies, peacock feathers, and water.



"Life defies definition. Attempts to control it will always fail to recognize the sum of all its interdependencies." - Binh Pho

<http://www.angelfire.com/il2/binhpho/> or <http://www.guild.com/artist/4556.html>

Binh Pho Exhibition

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August

25th & 26th, Binh Pho Demo
August 17th - Oct. 4 CBU Exhibit

September -

22nd - Covington Craft Fair
29th Turning Clocks
John Williams / Glenn Alexander

October - 27th OctoberFest at Joel Bensons

November - 17th Board Elections

December (to be decided) Christmas Party

Welcome New Members

July 2007

Dick Cowan

Pres./Managing Partner—Reese Memphis. Builds dust collection systems and more. A past member from the '90's



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.

