



Turner's Talk



By: Brad McCollum

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The Mid South Woodturners Guild is a not for profit organization formed to promote and encourage the art of woodturning and in so doing, 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 each month at "The Woodwork Shop Inc. 8500 Wolf Lake Dr., suite 101, Bartlett, TN, on the fourth Saturday at 09:30 am. Annual dues are \$15.00. Address inquiries about the to Mid South Woodturners Guild, c/o Hershel Miller, 4875 Black Gum, Millington, TN 38053.

May 22nd meeting: Turning Hollow Forms, Brad McCollum

<p>Our Mailing Address: Mid South Woodturners Guild c/o Hershel Miller 4875 Black Gum Dr. Millington, TN 38053</p>	<p>Pres. - Hershel Miller, VP Mike Kelly Secretary - Steven Foldenauer Treasurer - John Stubblefield Board Members- Norm Fowler, Richard Lee, Brad McCollum</p>	<p>Meeting Place: The Woodwork Shop Inc. 8500 Wolf Lake Drive suite 101 Bartlett, TN 38133 Phone 901-755-7355</p>
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Meeting Schedule:

May 22nd—Hollow Forms, Brad McCollum

June 26th—Eccentric turnings, John Stubblefield

July 24th—Mike Kelly, Natural Edge Bowls

Meeting Format:

Club Business - 09:30 - 09:50

Demonstration: - 09:50-11:20 --

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

Adjourn Meeting - 11:30

Member News:

Our sign-in sheet says we had 36 Members, 2 visitors, and 2 new Members. Please be sure to sign in when attending the meetings. It helps us determine how many of our members are staying active and interested in what we are doing.

We published a new 2004 Member Roster with larger print and had copies available at the meeting.

Instant Gallery

Due to an unfortunate error we do not have the names of the instant gallery participants for April, sorry y'all.

President's Corner:

Thanks - Our thanks to Bilo Bautista for an enlightening demonstration on Turning Chess Pieces and some tips on duplicating methods. As you could tell Bilo dedicated many hours in developing his method and we are delighted that he shared them with us!

Shirts - We have received an order of Khaki and Denim shirts (short sleeve) with the club logo embroidered on them. Cost will be \$30.00 each and we don't have that many - therefore, if you're one of the ones wanting a shirt - get there early and get yours.

Meeting Location - We will meet at The Woodworking Store in May. We really appreciate The Woodworking Place for providing a meeting site for us! However, with summer weather coming - we have been looking for an alternate site that provides some of the amenities (air conditioning) that we're use to and allows us to meet in comfort. Jett Bennett has done his homework and the kind folks at Central Christian Church located at 531 S. McLean Blvd (corner of Peabody and McLean Blvd) have agreed to let us start meeting there. Our first meeting will be June 26 at the Central Christian Church. More information will be in the June Turner's Talk.

Demonstration for May - Brad McCollum did such a great job with his platter demonstration that we have enlisted his services with your second most requested item from Our Survey of Turned Projects - Hollow Forms! Brad has displayed several of his hollow forms in the instant gallery and plans to reveal his technique to the rest of us! Brad will explain the tools required to turn hollow forms, explain how they're sharpened, and how they're used. Therefore, be sure to attend this demonstration and pick up a few tips that are sure to improve your hollowing turning skills.

Cheers and Enjoy the Turning Experience,
Hershel

April Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Secretary, Steve Foldenauer at 09:30 A.M. Steve welcomed a full house of members and visitors. The minutes from the March meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter. John Stubblefield then gave the Treasurer's report, which was accepted as given.

Donuts, sodas and coffee were provided by the club.

Our demonstrator this month was Bilo Bautista. Bilo demonstrated the most asked for project from the survey we took earlier this year; Chess Pieces. Bilo turned pawns in the "2-up" format and discussed the similarity in turning the other chess pieces and the additional techniques needed to make each of them. A full set of chess pieces made by Bilo was on display. Bilo, thanks for the research and the demonstration.

The next meeting will be held on May 22, 2004 at The Woodworking Shop, 8500 Wolf Lake Drive. Brad McCollum will demonstrate how to produce Hollow Forms.

Chuck Ludwigsen, our new Librarian, asked that we all return our outstanding video tapes and books at the May meeting. He will then do a complete inventory and quality check and then, open the library for checkouts in June.

Unfortunately, I do not have the list of people displaying items in our instant gallery. The tickets I collected from the meeting.....were washed! I put the tickets in my shirt pocket and, well, you know the rest. My apologies and thanks to those of you who displayed your fine pieces for not only our members to see but, also, the public as they walked through the store.

Activities for upcoming meetings will include:

June, John Stubblefield Eccentric Turning.

July, Mike Kelly Natural Edged Bowls.

See you all in May.

Steve Foldenauer, Secretary

Raffle Notes:

Thank you for participating in the raffle. Your donations help support club functions such as prizes and refreshments for our October Turning Festival. Plus, there is always the chance that you'll win that prize piece of wood – or some other useful item.

April raffle contributors:

Daniel Thompson

Terry Reynolds

Ryan McMullen

Randy McAuley

Cecil Cravens

Joel Benson

Raffle Challenge!- Each of you bring something for the raffle! Wood, a tool you no longer like or use, a finished piece and we'll find it a home. Or a book (no magazines), a set of plans that you've completed and no longer need. Sand paper or finish. Gift Certificates. Some type of meaningful item that woodturners might use.

Safety Update:

I had originally planned to start a series of articles this month concerning noise in the turning shop but something else got in the way. I found out recently that I have developed a sensitivity to walnut saw dust. How did I find this out? I spent the better part of an afternoon chain sawing some fresh walnut logs into blanks while wearing shorts, good move huh! My legs were soon covered with the dust and sweat. With in one hour I discovered a very nasty rash had developed. Luckily the rash was confined

mostly to my lower legs but there were a few spots around my neck as well. My doctor explained that if I had washed the dust off right away the rash probably would not have developed. Since then I have spoken to a number of turners that have similar problems with a variety woods, domestic and imported. I love to turn wood but there are some inherent dangers, dust being one of the biggest. I for one am taking some extra precautions:

- 1) I am upgrading my respiratory protection. I'll show you just how at the May meeting.
- 2) Even though it might be a little uncomfortable, no more bare skin exposed to wet chips.

I've decide to do a better job of protecting myself, I don't want to find out what else I am allergic to. I like my doctor but I would rather see him at a craft show buying my bowls rather than letting him practice his injection skills on my butt.

Take your time, have fun, be safe,

Brad

(If you have a safety tip you'd like to pass on, e-mail it to me at : bmccoll2@midsouth.rr.com.)

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Welcome Guests and visitors:

To all the guests and visitors, we hope you enjoyed yourselves and will return next month. If you like what you see, join and become a part of the greatest woodturners guild in the AAW.

Garage Sale:

**Wood lathe for sale: 12” swing, 36” between centers.
Cast iron bed and legs. Not sure of brand.
Make offer. Call 901-373-9256, ask for Greg.**

If you have something you would like to sell, send your information to the editor: Brad McCollum, 901/378-4663 or e-mail to bmccoll2@midsouth.rr.com. The deadline for inclusion in the April newsletter is April 5th

A Note From the president of the AAW:

Please share this email with your chapter members, either at your local meeting or forward it on to your members via email. We hope these emails will be a continuing effort to better share information both to and from chapters. We are a little less than 90 days from the annual symposium in Orlando and already over 1200 rooms have been sold out at the host hotel, Carribe Royale. I'm told there are other rooms still available in the area. What this means is, the Florida symposium seems to be shaping up to be one of the best attended yet. We hope your members can join us there.

While in Orlando the board of directors will meet to deal with a full agenda of diverse topics. One of the topics that will directly impact the chapters will be the issue of Chapter Collaborative Challenge. There has been discussion about holding the CC every 2 years instead of every year. Every 2 years would certainly give more time for elaborate projects. I would very much like to hear from your chapter as to their preference.

On another note: Our original forum on the internet has been superb, now we've made it even better. You can now easily post pictures of your work online. This allows members to show their work, to share techniques or even ask for critiques... Even if you don't post, it's an awesome place to get inspiration.

You can access and register for this new forum/gallery from the main AAW webpage www.woodturner.org. If you registered with the old forum, you need to re register for the new, an easy process...

Best regards, Phil Brennion AAW President



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Class Schedule

Miller Dowell Demonstration: April 17th 12:noon

Jigs: April 19th 6:00—9:00pm

Wood Carving Club: April 20, 6:30 pm

Table Saw Jigs: April 24th, 12:noon

Mid South Woodturners Guild: April 24th, 9:30—11:30 am

Router/Shaper Basics: April 26, 6:00—9:00 pm

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