



# Turner's Talk



Chuck Ludwigsen, Editor

## \*\* Board Elections This Month \*\*

### November 19 : Christmas Ornaments ~ Chuck Ludwigsen

#### HEADLINE NEWS

• **Elections**

Elections for **five** board positions will be held at the upcoming meeting. See page 5 for the nominees.

• **\*\* New Location \*\***

Beginning this month, the club has moved to a new location. See page 7 for a map to the new site

• **AAW Membership**

The AAW has some surprises in store for those who renew their membership to the AAW. If you get it in by November 30, you get a copy of the Sharpening Video on DVD. If you renew by January 15th, 2006, you will have a chance at a Delta lathe. See the AAW website or the latest American Woodturner magazine for details.

• **New feaures inside**

Check out the new Turning Tipster and classified sections inside this newsletter. Let us know if you have anything you want included.

#### **October Turning Fest:**

*By Chuck Ludwigsen*

*Photos by Howard Malone*

Well the members of the club shined again. From the most impressive array of turned art in the gallery—including the Mid South Fair award winners—to the excellent demonstrations, the day was certainly enjoyable.

The format of this year's festival was somewhat different, due to feedback we received after last year's event. The meeting featured 3 demonstrations at the lathe followed by Joel providing instruction *and* free wood outside. This year's festival included Hershel Miller on setting up and using the Wolverine sharpening system, John Stubblefield on turning a square bowl, and Dennis Paullus on turning threaded boxes.

Page 4 includes photos of the award winning items our members displayed at this year's Mid South Fair. Our congratulations to each member who had a piece displayed in the fair and who represented our club so well.

The Wolverine Sharpening system is one of the most popular tools available to help woodturners maintain consistent, accurate, and sharp edges on their tools. Hershel took us through the basic setup and use of this system while also covering key sharpening points no matter what system you use.

If you thought a lathe was only to make things round, then leave it to John Stubblefield to prove you wrong. John showed his method of turning a four cornered bowl. John also described how to orient your design so that the corners extend down past the bottom of the "bowl" to rest on the surface with the bowl effectively hanging in the air.

Dennis Paullus not only gave a great demonstration, but also showed a variety of impressive home-made shop aids and jigs. Dennis built his own threading jig using a standard metalworking cross-sled. Pick his brain when you get a chance. You won't be disappointed.

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#### **Presidents Corner:**

*By Hershel Miller*

#### **October Turning Festival!**

I hope that each of you attending the October Turning Festival came away with some new and inspiring ideals! The festival commenced with a "how to" on setting up a sharpening system and ended with an extensive program to recycling that piece of firewood into a nice bowl. Did you like the format this year or do you like the previous year format? Let us know!

#### **Nominated Board Members for 2006**

The following members have been nominated for the 2006 ballot of Board Members: Joe Griggs, Ryan McMullen, Joan Kelly, Don Wilcut, Sandi Speier, Bob Speier, and Keith Burns. More information on each of these candidates is inside. Ballots will be passed out at the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Each member will choose 5 of the 7 nominees.

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## October Meeting Minutes

By Steve Foldenauer

*The October meeting was held in conjunction with the October MSWG Turning Festival.*

President, Hershel Miller, called the meeting to order at 09:00. Hershel welcomed the club members and guests and described the format of the demonstrations to follow.

Refreshments included donuts, sodas and coffee and were provided by the club.

The October meeting was our last to be held at the church. The November meeting will be held at the new location in Bartlett. See the map in the back of the newsletter for address and directions.

Elections will be held at the November meeting. There are five board positions up for election and there are seven candidates for those positions. Each member in attendance will receive a ballot with the nominees listed. Each voting member will select 5 names. You must be a current member to vote.

After the October meeting, several members helped to relocate the club's equipment to the new sight. Our thanks to all those that helped.

**\*\*\* Important Note \*\*\***

**For 2006, the annual dues have increased to \$25.00 per year. This is necessary to cover the regular expenses of the club. This includes the newsletter, the website, refreshments, the use of the facility, and materials necessary for the meetings.**



Hershel Miller Photo by Howard Malone

## Raffle Item Donators

*The following members contributed items to the raffle table in August*

No raffle last month due to the Turning Fest. But stay tuned in November and bring those items you have saved up.

Also, the items turned by Bob Rosand at the October symposium will be auctioned to the highest bidder.

## **Raffle Participation is important**

Your donations help support club functions such as the monthly refreshments, prizes and the lunch for our October Turning Festival. Plus, there is always the chance that you'll win that prized 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 a great idea.

### Wayne Cathey

**was August's raffle winner**

If he brings his turned piece within the next two months, he will earn five free raffle tickets.

No raffle held in October.

## Video & Book Lending Library

The Mid South Woodturners Guild is fortunate to have such a wide selection of videos and books covering every facet of the woodturning craft. If you are a club member, visit the lending table and take advantage of the information available. You may check out up to three videos per month. All items must be returned the next month. If you are unable to make the next meeting, please contact Ryan McMullen at 384-6147 to arrange to get them to him in advance. Please return videos prior to the business portion of the meeting. Checkout will start at the end of the business meeting.

**Check out a video this month to carry you through December.**



# Mid South Fair ~ The Winners Are...



John Williams



Keith Burns



John Williams



Jim Tolbert



Joan Kelly



Chuck Ludwigsen



Keith Burns



Keith Burns



Joan Kelly



Chuck Ludwigsen



Jim Tolbert

*Not Pictured*

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*Larry Sefton  
1<sup>st</sup> Place, Hollow form*

*Larry Sefton  
1<sup>st</sup> Place, Natural Edge*

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# 2006 Board Nominees

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**Joe Griggs**

My wife and I live in Ripley, TN. I am a CPA and CFO/part owner of Rose Construction. I am an member and deacon of Curve Baptist Church. As a wannabee woodturner for 4 years, I enjoy turning Christmas ornaments, bowls, and vases most. Local wood clubs do a great job of helping new turners learn how to get started and how to work safely. If elected, I will work to keep our club moving forward and serving our great members.



**Ryan McMullen**

I am seeking a position on the Mid South Woodturners Guild board of directors. I have been a member for about 2 years, and in that time I have increased my skills immensely from the knowledge shared by other club members. I have been the club's librarian for about 8 months and look forward to the opportunity to increase my service to the club. I am a computer programmer by trade and hope to use my skills in promoting the club.



**Joan Kelly**

The Guild has been an important part of my turning education. I want to help the club inspire turners to achieve goals and enjoy the craft. I hope to add more recognized turners to our demonstration schedule. I first recognized my passion for turning at Arrowmont and quit teaching school this past year to focus on turning professionally. My education includes a BFA from Memphis College of Arts and teaching credentials from Rhodes College.



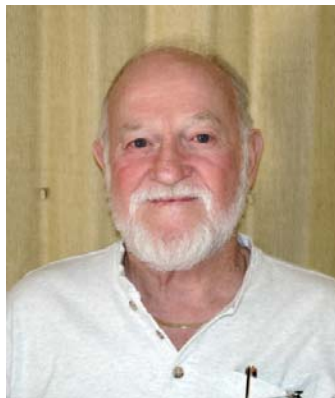
**Sandi Speier**

I am interested in serving the guild as a Board Member. I am a 20+ year healthcare executive with strong leadership experience. I have been "passionate" about woodturning since October 2000 when I was inspired by watching Dick Absher turn a baby rattle with captive rings into "art" at the Pink Palace arts Festival. As a Board Member I commit to open, honest, direct and supportive communication, focus on learning, and most importantly having fun!



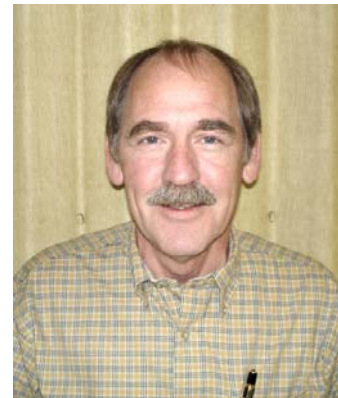
**Bob Speier**

I have been turning and a member for the past 5 years. I have extensive experience running a business and know how to make things happen in a friendly, open, and cohesive manner. I am a "can do kinda guy." My objective will be to make the club activities fun and develop camaraderie. I would like increased demonstrations by professionals and other clubs' members. I would urge more insight into the financials and board decisions to the club's members.



**Don Wilcut**

I have been a member for 5 years. I think I can serve in a most commendable way. I was Editor of the Newsletter and have some ideas of how to improve the club. I belong to the TN Association of Woodturners, Magnolia Woodturners and the AL Association of Woodturners. I hope to improve the club through scholarships, more experienced demonstrators, open general business meetings, a mentoring program, and contacting past members.



**Keith Burns**

I have been a member for a year and enjoy talking with other members. I am self-taught and have turned for ten years. I enjoy turning segmented pieces, and appreciate all forms and techniques. I believe this club gives all of us new ideas, information, and techniques to turn raw wood into attractive objects. I feel that serving on the board provides me a method to repay the MSWG members for the enjoyment that I have received from this group.

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### Membership Renewal for 2006

Please be prepared to renew your membership for 2006. Remember the dues for 2006 will be \$25.00. Your helping with this allows us to plan for a new year and get our 2006 membership roster up to date.

### October - Safety Note

If "Common Sense" is alive and present in your shop, you should have a long, enjoyable, and accident free future! Listen to that "inner voice" that warns you when you are not paying attention to good old "Common Sense" and accidents will be far and few in between!

### Instant gallery

October's Gallery was the best – impressive – professional in every respect! Thanks to each of you for sharing your work with the rest of us!

### Raffle

We need items for our raffle! Look around your shop and select some item that you have not had time to turn or some tool that you can't remember the reason you purchased and donate them to the raffle! Do remember that the raffle is the "life blood" of our club.

### November: Ornaments

You may have seen Bob Rosand turn a Christmas Ornament, but equally as impressive is Chuck's demonstration. Chuck will show his method of turning Christmas Ornaments and you just might think that his method is more down to earth and on your level? He will show you how to use some specialized tools and possibly the use of tools that you never considered using in this manner.

Cheers, be safe, and enjoy the Turning Experience.

*Hershel*

## 2005 Board

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## Member News:

### • Membership:

To date, 88 members have joined or renewed their membership. Our membership goal for the year 2005 is 100+.

### • October Meeting:

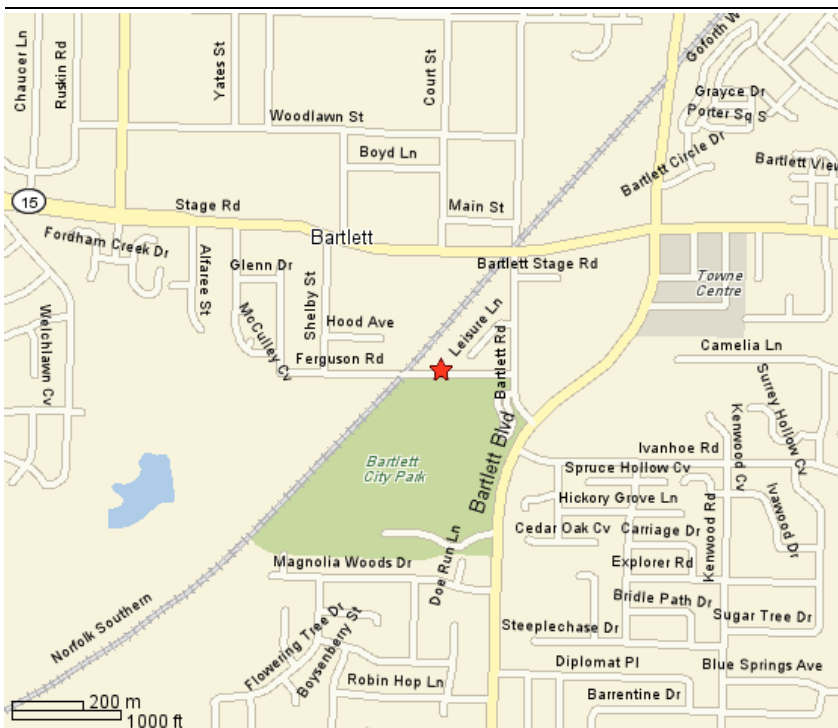
## Meeting Format:

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| <b>Club Business:</b> | 9:00-9:30am   |
| <b>Demonstration:</b> | 9:30-11:30am  |
| <b>Raffle:</b>        | 11:30-12:00pm |
| <b>Cleanup:</b>       | 12:00pm       |

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.

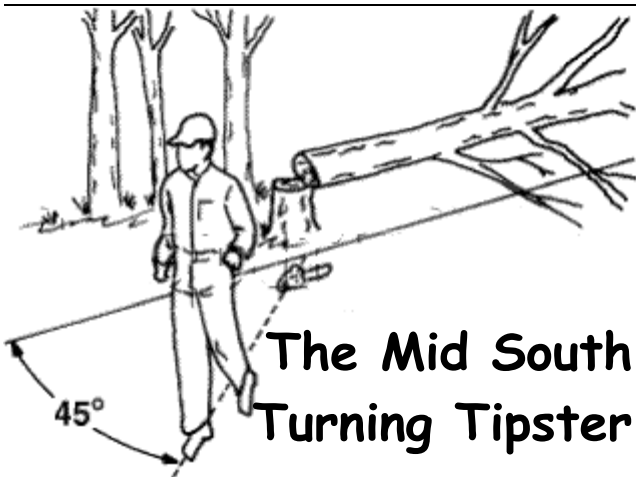
Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at 5790 Ferguson Rd, in Memphis. Annual dues are \$25.00. Address inquiries about the Mid South Woodturners Guild to *Hershel Miller, 4875 Black Gum, Millington, TN 38053*. Please send newsletter and web site items to *Chuck Ludwigsen (chuck@ludwigsen.org)*.

## Meeting Location 5790 Ferguson, Bartlett, TN 38134



## CLASSIFIED ADS:

Please forward your items for sale, trade, or giveaway to Chuck Ludwigsen ([chuck@ludwigsen.org](mailto:chuck@ludwigsen.org)) or call (901) 485-4851. Items will be published in the newsletter for one month only unless you let us know that it is still available. Deadline for entry is the 5th of each month.



Got any good turning or shop tips? Send them to the editor to have them included in next month's Mid South Woodturners Guild *Turner's Talk* Newsletter.

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Place the side of a ruler or straight-edge at the base of your bowl and role it along the side. If you have a flat spot in the curve, you will *feel* it, even if you can't see it.

*Chuck Ludwigsen*  
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