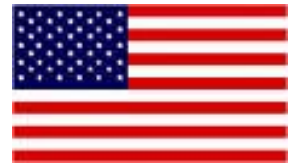




Turner's Talk



Steve Van Voorst, Editor

** September Demo: Larry Sefton on Bleaching/Dyeing **

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- Slide show of 2006 AAW Symposium

Ryan McMullen

September 30th meeting

- Election of Board Members

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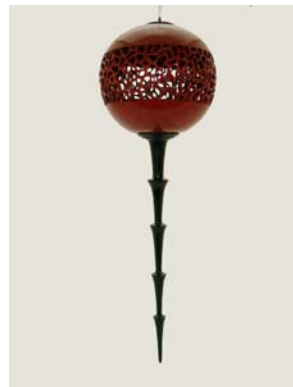
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Finishing Your Art

By Joan Kelly

If you attended the August meeting, you may remember Larry Sefton's bold red Christmas tree ornament with the pierced band on the hollow sphere. Many of us, including our guest demonstrator who reviewed the instant gallery, were impressed. Larry has volunteered to share his knowledge on finishing, especially his methods for using dyes and bleaches, at the September 30th meeting.



Larry's presentation will cover processes that he has discovered to make holly look really white, remove wood color and prepare wood for dyes and stains, to ebonize wood, plus an easy dyeing process. He will also talk about how to make a piece feel very smooth and the effects of different finishes on wood. He has

created a materials list as well as other pertinent handouts.

Rounding out the morning will be a slide show of highlights of the recent AAW National Symposium in Louisville, Kentucky. Ryan McMullen, MSWG treasurer, will be our tour guide with his collection of photos. Don't miss it!

Larry, a MSWG member for two years, turned his first piece at the age of 13, a belt pulley for a kit winder. Other things occupied his time until 2003 when he took a pen turning class and purchased a Jet mini lathe. After a class at John C. Campbell Folk School in 2004, he bought a Powermatic 3520. He has continued to expand his turning knowledge with classes at Campbell and has won awards at the Mid-South Fair. The work of Frank Sudol and Bihn Pho inspired him to learn to use dyes and other non-traditional finishes.



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MSWG MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 26, 2006

The meeting was brought to order by President Cassandra Speier at approximately 9:00 am. Cassandra welcomed the members in attendance as well as Joe Ruminski the featured Demonstrator.

Agenda Topics:

Cassandra asked for approval of the prior general meeting minutes that had been posted in the newsletter. A motion to approve was made and seconded with subsequent approval.

Finance:

With Ryan McMullen not in attendance Cassandra provided an accounting of the club's finances. There was a balance of approximately \$4100, which was approved. The financials were then posted on the bulletin board for member review.

Facility Mgmt:

Mike Kelly indicated Bob Speier had purchased an overhead minicam for demonstrations purposes.

Old Business:

Cassandra reminded the members that a bylaw change was being made in regards to term limits for Board members. She then referred to Bob Speier who read the change to the members "Term Limitations shall limit Directors and Board Members to no more than two consecutive terms of two years each. A past Director or Board Member may run for a position on the board after a one-year hiatus." A vote was taken for approval of the change, which was granted.

New Business:

Cassandra explained to the members that Mike Kelly (1st VP) was leaving the area to pursue employment in North Carolina. Cassandra graciously thanked Mike for his devoted help over the years and presented him with a memento turned by Michael Mocho. Mike briefly explained his future plans and thanked the members.

Cassandra explained to the members the changes being made to the board, which included Chuck Ludwigsen being moved to the 1st VP position and Keith Burns being moved to the 2nd VP position. Matt Garner will fill the open Board Member position.

Demonstration:

Cassandra introduced Joe Ruminski from the North Carolina Woodturners as the weekend's demonstrator.

The attendance on Saturday was 37, with 27 returning on Sunday.

Submitted by Robert G Speier, Secretary MSWG

President's Corner

By Sandi Speier



For those of you who attended the August two-day meeting with demonstrator Joe Ruminski you know first hand it was a great event! Joe is a skilled turner and teacher! With twenty plus years as an elementary school teacher and principal he has successfully transitioned his past experience to the world of woodturning! One of his "key tips": Use open ended wrenches as calipers for sizing tenons. Wrenches are very accurate and have well rounded ends so they won't be as apt to catch as traditional calipers."



Not only was the August meeting a wonderful learning opportunity, but we had great fun, too! Everyone seemed relaxed and happy! We seem to be really coming together as a team, and I want to thank each and everyone of you for the part you have played in our growth as a club over the last nine months!

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Lending Library

The Mid South Woodturners Guild is fortunate to have 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 attend the next meeting, please contact Ryan McMullen at 201-1501 to arrange to get them to him in advance. Checkout will start at the end of the business meeting.

Shop Talk

..... Jim Mitchell



By Don Wilcut

Jim retired from Banking after working in various positions at the Detroit Bank and Trust (now the Comerica Bank) for 32 years. He has been turning since 1996 and he says the greatest influence and deciding factor for him to continue turning was Dana Curtis* , one of the founding members of the Mid South Woodturners Guild.

Jim's first lathe was a Delta 4 speed model and he now has an old Delta variable speed model 46-541P with outboard turning capabilities.

Jim joined the Mid South Woodturners Guild about 1997-1998. He says he doesn't have a favorite wood and he turns all kinds. I saw his gallery and I can attest to that statement. He says he would like to go to various symposiums around the country and see differ-

ent demonstrations to change his turning path somewhat.

Jim took an Intermediate turning course at Craft Supplies at Millers Dale near Buxton Derbyshire England with Jimmy Clews, several years ago as well as another course in the South of England with a member of the English Turning Guild. He also spent a little time with Alexandra James Mutch, a well known turner, in Scotland last year. He, it turns out, has influenced his work quite a bit.

He doesn't have any specific goals, but will probably spend more time on vases and hollow vessels.

*** Quote from Jerry Wagner's "Shop Talk" article May/June 2006 MSWG Newsletter...**

"Dana, almost by himself, got the Craft Movement going in Memphis and surrounding areas. In the

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 30 (5th Sat)

Monthly Meeting
Larry Sefton
Finishes

October 28

Turning Fest
Joel Benson's Shop

November 18 (3rd Sat)

Monthly Meeting
Bob Speier
Vacuum Chucks
Election of Board

December 9

Christmas Party

early 1960's he studied with several English turners, among them a Mr. Peter Childs. Mr. Childs was sort of the 'Father of Modern Turning' at the time. Dana became a 'disciple' of Childs. He was also shown the value of the English turning chisels as well as holding devices. He imported all of that material and started to teach woodturning as well as woodcarving. He also started the Memphis Arts and Craft Assn., known as MACA, here along with a Mrs. Mimi Dann."



August ~ Instant Gallery



Glen Alexander



Glen Alexander



Glen Alexander



Glen Alexander



Rick Gillespie



Rick Gillespie



Rick Gillespie



Joan Kelly



Joan Kelly



Larry Marley



Swann Parks



Swann Parks

August ~ Instant Gallery



Dennis Paullus



Dennis Paullus



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Holmes Phillips



Terry Reynolds



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Larry Sefton



Larry Sefton



Bill Shaw



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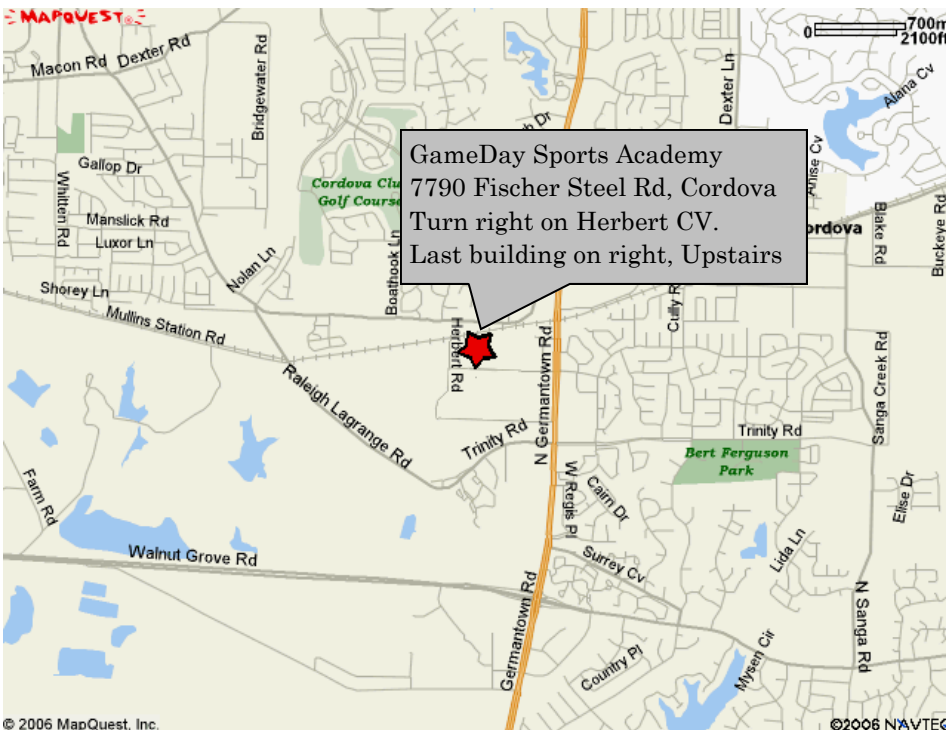


Heather Yeomans



Steve Yeomans

Meeting Location



“Success never crowns those afraid to try.”

Unknown

Meeting Format:

Club Business	9:00—9:30 A.M.
Demonstration	9:30—11:30 A.M.
Cleanup	11:30—12:00 P.M.
Raffle	12:00 P.M.

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 4th Saturday of each month at 9:00 A.M. at GameDay Sports Academy, 7790 Fischer Steel Rd, Cordova. Annual dues are \$25.00. Address inquiries about the Mid South Woodturners Guild to *Sandi Speier, 8736 Johannesburg Dr., Germantown, TN 38139*. Please send newsletter items to *Steve Van Voorst (svanvoorst@aol.com)* and website items to *Chuck Ludwigsen (chuck@ludwigsen.org)*.

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President's Corner



September Meeting – The September meeting has been moved from the 4th Saturday to the 5th Saturday. It will be held September 30th at GameDay Sports Academy. We have a great demonstration planned with Larry Sefton showing off his turning talents as well as how to dye and color turnings. Be sure not to miss it!



President's Challenge –

The President's Challenge for the September meeting is to turn a goblet. According to Webster the definition of a goblet is "a drinking glass with a stem, base and no handle." Here is a very elaborate example (courtesy of the 2005 AAW Instant Gallery and Courtland Smith). Of course, I am not expecting anything this ornate but let's see if we can challenge ourselves to 1) Actually turn a goblet; and 2) Bring it to the September meeting to share with our colleagues.



Board Positions –

Elections will be upon us very soon....November. We have three positions that will be up for replacement. I hope that in the last few months the current Board members have demonstrated a renewed commitment that the Board is an extension of the members and serve only to further the goals and objectives of the Guild. As such it will be very important for all club members to play a role in the upcoming elections. I have requested volunteers for the Nominating Committee...four club members

and me. Ray Tanner graciously has offered to join and so I am looking for three more supportive souls to assist in choosing the next round of members who wish to be elected to your Board. Please call me or e-mail me sometime this month. The time commitment will be minimal...we can get together after the September meeting to conduct our business.



Have a great September...celebrate the first day of fall on 22-September!

"It is not answer that enlightens, but the question..."

Eugene Ionesco

2006 Board

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