

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 "Central Christian Church", 531 South McLean, Memphis, 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.

June 26th meeting: Eccentric Turnings, John Stubblefield

<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: Central Christian Church 531 South McLean Memphis TN.</p>
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Meeting Schedule:

June 26th—Eccentric turnings, John Stubblefield

July 24th—Mike Kelly, Natural Edge Bowls

August - To Be Announced

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:

Bob & Sandi Speier, Don & Laura Wilcut, and George & Jo Yohanek enjoyed a wonderful weekend in Gainesville, Ga. attending the Southern States Symposium event put on by several woodturning clubs from Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina.

Featured turners were, Trent Bosch, Gary Sanders, Binh Pho and Al Stirt. Local members of the participating clubs also demonstrated their skills by putting on additional demonstrations.

Bob and Sandi won a Woodturning scholarship to the John C. Campbell Folk School, located in Brasstown, North Carolina. This scholarship consists of a week-long period of woodturning instruction with the instructor they choose.

Check out our web site for photos from the event.

www.midsouthwoodturners.com

Instant Gallery

Norm Fowler	Terry Reynolds
John Wilcher	Matt Garner
Joe Griggs	Ryan McMullen
Chuck Ludwigson	Bill Siler

A Message From Carl Voss:

I would like to thank the 26 chapters that entered the AAW's first chapter newsletter contest. The newsletters submitted were really inspiring with all showing the imagination and talents of the respective volunteer editors. It goes without saying that editing the chapter newsletter is one of the most important tasks of any volunteer organization. And the AAW is no exception. The top three newsletter editors will receive award plaques at the Orlando Symposium. They are to be congratulated!

The winners are:

First Award OVWG Newsletter, Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild, Pete Kekel, editor <http://www.ovwg.org>

Second Award Minnesota Woodturners, , Bonnie McDermid, editor www.mnwoodturners.com

Third Award CAW Newsletter, Capital Area Woodturners, Jim Marstall, editor www.capwoodturners.org

Visit the respective web sites where you can see their fine newsletters. Also included in the final round were newsletters from Bucks Woodturners (Ed Lashen, editor), and North Carolina (John Uteck, editor).

Here are some characteristics that distinguished newsletters. Some of the chapters with good examples are noted in parenthesis.

*Contact information. Phone and e-mail addresses of chapter officers and committee chairs. (OVWG, Minnesota).

*Mentor list. Phone and community for woodturning mentors. (OVWG, Central Texas).

*Chapter calendar. List of chapter activities for upcoming months (OVWG, Minnesota). We all need more than one reminder of important events.

*Promote upcoming programs. Put a little sizzle in promoting demos and other chapter activities. Some chapters (Minnesota, Bayou, Loess Hills) include a MapQuest map to help members locate the next meeting. If you don't have a demonstrator or special program, you'll have to be more creative to get members to attend.

*New members. List new members, who will help integrate members into the chapter.

*Show and Tell. Your members will want to know the wood

species and size of the pieces shown. (CAW, Carolina Mountain).

*Photo captions. If you publish a photo of a member, be sure to include complete caption identification information. Minnesota Woodturners do an excellent job.

*Three- or four-column format. Our eyes read and have an easier time absorbing information on pages that have three or more columns on a page (Minnesota, OVWG). Popular software programs, including Microsoft Word, Microsoft Publisher, and PageMaker, include templates to simplify this task. If your newsletter is mailed, you may find it easier to print multiple pages on 11x17-inch paper, which simplifies handling (Bayou, Central Texas).

*Chapter website. If your chapter has a website, be sure to prominently promote the address (Bayou, Central Indiana, Nor-Cal).

*Chapter library. Promote new acquisitions to your library (North Carolina).

*Member activities. Names make news! Consider reporting member activities, including travel to woodturning classes and exhibit information (CAW).

One more suggestion: If you haven't already done so, please consider splitting the newsletter editing and newsletter distribution (mailing) into two separate volunteer opportunities. Your editor will appreciate the gesture.

The judges were Marlen Kemmet, WOOD magazine managing editor; Jan Svec, WOOD magazine project editor, and myself, Carl Voss, American Woodturner editor.

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May 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 April meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter. John Stubblefield then gave the Treasurer's report, which was accepted as given. A total of 48 Members and 2 visitors attended the meeting.

Shirts with the Guild's logo arrived and were on sale for \$30. We still have several shirts left and will be available for purchase at the June meeting.

Chuck Ludwigsen collected video tapes and books at the May meeting and will review them for quality, contact individuals that our records show have not returned material and make a complete inventory. Books and tapes should be ready for checkout at the June meeting. Chuck advised us of his plan to better organize the check-in and check-out of books and tapes. Material will be returned and checked in before the business meeting starts. Material may be checked out at the break and immediately after the meeting.

New AAW renewal forms have been received and are available at the business table.

We were a little short of Officers on hand this month and our Treasurer, John Stubblefield, single handedly took charge of the business table. Thanks for jumping in John.

We discussed our new meeting place, Central Christian Church, located at 531 S McLean Blvd. The June meeting will be our first meeting at the church. Maps were available. Jeff Bennett has taken the lead in finding this site and we all appreciate his efforts.

Donuts, sodas and coffee were provided by the club.

Our demonstrator this month was Brad McCollum who discussed and demonstrated how to turn hollow forms. He gave a great demonstration and provided us with a lot of information and ideas. Brad also discussed the importance of protecting our lungs and showed us the air filtering unit he uses in his shop.

The next meeting will be held on June 26, 2004 at the Central Christian Church. John Stubblefield will show us how to turn Eccentric and Off Center turnings.

Don Wilcut suggested that in the future we consider providing a scholarship or similar activity.

Activities for upcoming meetings will include:

July: Mike Kelly will show how to turn the Natural Edged Bowl.

August or September: Hershel Miller on Split Turnings.

October: Turning Fest

November: Norm Fowler will make Christmas Ornaments.

See you all in June.

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.

May raffle contributors:

Terry Reynolds	Norm Fowler
Swan Parks	John Williams
Terry Reynolds	Joe Griggs
DuPree Cooper	Jim Dunham
Joel Benson	Bill Leake

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.

Area Symposiums:

The Tennessee Association of Woodturners will have there annual symposium August 13th and 14th in Nashville. Information and a registration form are posted on our web site at: www.midsouthwoodturners.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 AAW:

Summer is finally here and its time to open the shop windows and doors to let the fresh air in while we're turning. It's also time for our annual Symposium, which will be in Orlando this year July 23rd through the 25th. I hope you and your chapters have the opportunity to come and join us for a weekend of sharing and fellowship. It is also time for AAW's summer grant application deadline, which is July 15th. Our website www.woodturner.org has detailed info and the application for our grant program. I have been fortunate to be able to serve on the EOG Committee since I have been on the AAW board and see our grant money go to such worthy endeavors.

For those of you who might not be familiar with the EOG (Educational Opportunity Grants), I would like to take this time to briefly share a little bit of it with you. At our symposium every year we have an auction that consists of donated turned items from our membership, which are auctioned off to fund the EOG. With these funds, the AAW offers grants twice a year (Winter & Summer) to individuals and Chapters. The purpose of these grants is to provide and continue education in the field of woodturning to benefit as many as possible.

Our committee looks forward to receiving your applications, and studying them and deciding where our funds will reach the farthest. In past journals there have been many very good articles written on how individuals and or chapters have used their EOG grants. Please take the time to read some of them, as you are thinking of how you could contribute to the continued growth of woodturning with an EOG grant.

In the near future AAW will be conducting another on-line survey, part of which will include some questions concerning our EOG program. Please take the time and share your feedback with us on this survey. If I can be of any assistance with grant information, AAW questions or just woodturning in general please feel free to contact me at mstleger@pentel.net and I will get back with you ASAP. Keep the Chips Flying!!!! Please forward this message to your chapter members.

In Service,

Mark St.Leger (AAW Vice President, EOG & Video Chair)



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Class Schedule

Joinery—Monday, June 21st, 6-9pm

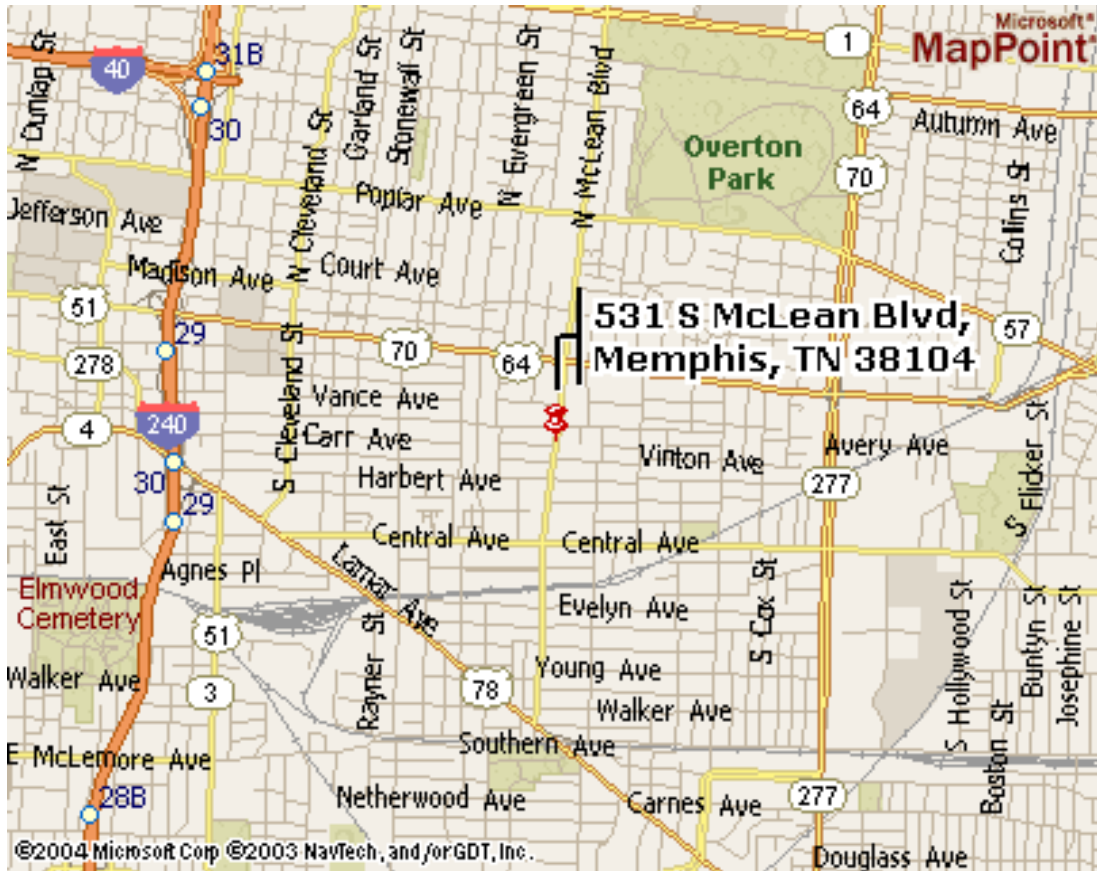
CNC Machining Demo—Saturday June 26th, 12 Noon

Band, Scroll and Jig Saw—Monday June 28th, 6-9 PM

Router/Shaper Basics—Monday July 12th 6-9 PM

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