

The Mid South Woodturners Guild



Turner's Talk

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President's Corner By Larry Sefton



For those attending the May 24th MSWG meeting, we all learned something to improve our tool sharpening skills and techniques, as well as information about equipment selection. Bob Speier provided something for every skill level. A big thank you to Bob!

I was apprehensive as to whether the inaugural open shop after May's general meeting would be a success or a total flop. I'm happy to report that it was outstanding! At least 21 members visited with the last member leaving about 3:45. One member chose not to make the morning meeting but came for the open shop. Everyone took away new ideas, and I for one, got many very good improvement suggestions. For example: the correct way to coil a band saw blade and store it safely. For me the improvement suggestions I received were well worth any hosting effort. Next month's open shop host will be Steve Yeomans.

At the last member meeting, we passed around a list to gather suggested meeting topics and we got good some ideas including use of the skew, sanding, use and purpose of common used turning tools, power carving on finished bowls, and game calls. These all truly great ideas and represent how each of us in the club can learn from others. These suggestions got me thinking about how many of us could name some or all of the traditional spindle-turning profiles (basic

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- ### MSWG Board of Directors for 2008
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**"What's Coming
Up"
will be back next
month**

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MSWG MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2008

President Larry Sefton called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM; there were 43 members and 2 guests. Minutes from the April 26, 2008 general meeting (provided in the newsletter, and posted on the bulletin board) were reviewed, no changes were made, and subsequently approved.

Matt Garner, Treasurer presented the financial budget and stated the following status: on 4/26/08 \$2535.10 we had expenses of \$100 rent and \$114.68 flowers. we had a income amounts from the raffle \$84 and dues \$25 and Hout Demo fees \$90 leaving us with \$2519.42 in the general fund and \$1672.93 in the educational fund.

Thank you to everyone that brought in raffle items. Without your donations our raffle/donations it would not be such a success. This month anyone that purchased a raffle ticket also received a white (fine grit) Smith Arkansas Sharpening Stone. Nancy Boatwright won the David Hout free demonstration certificate.

Steven Yeomans, 2nd VP, talked about upcoming demonstrations.

- June 28, 2008: Jim Adkins, Basket Illusion Technique
- Annual Swap Meet: will not be held. Negotiations for use of the parking space near the building failed. We will continue to have the sale table at the meeting and the "items for sale" section in our MSWG newsletter.
- July 26, 2008: TBD
- August 23-24, 2008: Dave Hout (flyer passed out at the meeting had the wrong dates) - reminder youth are free of charge for reasonable numbers.
- September 27, 2008: TBD
- October 25, 2008: Octoberfest
- A clipboard asking for suggestions on meeting subjects and professional

demonstrators was sent around to the members.

CBU - July 26 Judging - Brother Robert has replied that they would put together some publicity about the donation and would probably feature the turnings on the main floor of the library in conjunction with the opening of the Ross Gallery show in August. Everyone is to bring their piece to the meeting on July 26 or drop them off at Larry Sefton's before that date. The judging will be at Larry Sefton's the afternoon of July 26. The current judges are Peter Sohngen, Dennis Paullus, and TBA (Don Wilcut is working on a third jury member).

Mid-South Perspective - Dennis Paullus; encouraged people to bring in their bowls. He is still working on a venue for display.

Discussion about shop tours: This month's open shop will be at Larry Sefton's. Next month will be at Steven Yeomans'.

Discussion about mentoring opportunity at Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Double "B" Boys Ranch near Millington; club is in support.

Rick Gillespie talked about the Delta Fair and had hand outs. MSWG will be demonstrating the first Saturday and Sunday of the Delta Fair.

Bartlett Festival - Friday evening, September 26 from 6 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday, September 27th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. MWSG will be demonstrating after our meeting on Saturday the 27th.

Dennis Paullus will be our main representative and coordinator at the AAW Symposium in Richmond. He also plans on talking to potential demonstrators for next year.

Bob Speier did training and demonstration on tool sharpening followed by a short video clip on David Hout.

Meeting adjourned, raffle held and open shop followed at Larry Sefton's.

Submitted by Larry Sefton - President

President's Corner continued

woodturning 101). I know I cannot. By the way I looked them up in a book and they are: ogee, V-cut, fillet, flat, bead, cove, hollow, and swell.

In order to do our art and craft, we each need to practice and truly understand the basics. You will be seeing more in the future on skill building.

And finally, don't forget to register for the 2-day demo in August with guest turner, Dave Hout.

*UPCOMING EVENTS*2008June 28th - Jim Adkins - Basket

Illusion Technique

**Open Shop to follow at Steve Yeomans**August 23rd & 24th - Dave Hout Host of Woodturning Techniques on the DIY*MidSouthWoodturners.com*

If you didn't get a chance to see the Instant Gallery at the May meeting click on to our Website and see the current and past Galleries.

www.midsouthwoodturners.com*Great News*

Over the past few months there has been some very interesting things in the works. A few months ago Sandi Speier was notified that someone had nominated her to run for a position on the AAW Board. Phone calls were received and interviews were had. Eighteen candidates were interviewed for the fall ballot of six nominee's to fill three positions on the board.

Thursday evening Sandi was notified she had been selected to fill one of the six positions on the ballot. Over the next few months Sandi will be canvassing the Tri - State area for support. Her Statement of Intent and photo will be in the fall issue of "The American Woodturner" along with the other five candidates. Sandi asks for your support in this endeavor and help in getting the word out to fellow turners and members of AAW.

Richmond Update

If your going to the AAW Annual Symposium, this update may be of importance to you.

"Please note that your ticket to the Banquet and Auction is not included in your registration. The AAW did this because it is anticipated that the registration number will exceed the number of places at the Banquet. If you have not purchased Banquet tickets, you'd be well advised to do so in advance – call the AAW office. Please note, however, that if you wish to attend the ceremonies, presentations and the Auction, you can do so without buying a Banquet ticket – provision is being made to accommodate you."



Shop Talk

with **John Williams**
in Bartlett, TN

By Bob Speier

I had the pleasure to visit with John Williams at his home in Bartlett, TN like I've done on several occasions before. This time I had an ulterior motive, to have my new wall clock, which I had just finished, tuned up. Before we got started Tate Thomas show up to help clean up a pile of wood left after a day of log cutting. What a guy!

John originally started turning to facilitate his passion for clock repair back in the early '70's. In early 2000, or so, John along with Glenn Alexander and Lee Chandler, rebuilt the grand clock in the Methodist Church in downtown Memphis. His passion for tools is obvious, as seen in the pictures of his shop. He also has a metal lathe, which provides endless help for his that's why I was there. John has been a great of my new passions, clock building. I build 'em and John helps me get them running properly. He has developed quite a little business in the clock repair world. John is also the local representative for the national clock association and is responsible for putting on their annual symposium each year in Tunica.



Quite a show! I know, I attended the symposium this year.



John turns almost anything and turns them well as seen by his Plumb Bob collection in the photo on the left. Those on the right he turned out of brass or wood the others he collected.



We didn't get into it but John also has a standing booth at the Memphis Flea Market. His 3rd double garage houses all the things he sells. Like they say "if you want something done give the job to a busy man."

Thanks John, it's always a pleasure.

July Shop Talk & Open House will be at Rick & Polly Stones

What Others Are Up To

Steve Yeomans is holding an Open Shop @ 1:00 PM Sat. June 28th. This is a second of a new project the club will put on monthly and tied in with Shop Talk in the future. Don't miss this opportunity.

Don Wilcut just returned from the Utah Symposium. He says it's one of the best symposium's he's ever been to.

There is an entourage going to Richmond for the AAW Annual Symposium that includes but not limited to, Bob & Sandi Speier, Dennis Paullus, Joel Benson & Matt Garner

Thanks & Welcomes

- We all need to thank new member Joseph Voda for not only joining the club but for filling in on the responsibilities of taking gallery pictures and video taping the demo's when needed. More members like that is what we need, thanks Joseph.
- Thanks Larry for starting the new Open House project for the Mid South Woodturners.

Open House

For those of you that missed Larry Sefton's Open House, you really missed something. Many of Larry's tools and aids are self made and I might add work very well, like his tailstock hoist.



If you want to see inside the shop below you'll have to come to the next Open House at Steve Yeomans in Germantown. Steve lives near Germantown High School at 3564 Germanwood Rd. 38138 just off Poplar Pike.



If you'd like to host an Open House at your shop contact Larry or Steve to set up a date.

Classifieds

Links to help you out



Alignment Jig for tablesaw, jointer, drill press you name it. This system has never been used. Includes dial indicator, jig and video for setup. New is \$133.50; selling for \$75. Contact Bob Speier @ robtspeier@aol.com or 756-9315 Check it out at: <http://www.ts-aligner.com/>

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AAW Summer 2008 Journal

Here’s the place to get rid of those things hanging around your shop collecting dust. Turn them into cash so you’ll have money to buy the stuff I put in the Classifieds or to purchase other things you don’t need.



GAWoodturners

The Georgia Association of Woodturners



Just a reminder - registrations are still being accepted, but we anticipate selling out for this event. Don't miss this great opportunity - register now. If you have already registered, thank you. You should have received email confirmation if you provided an email address with your registration form. If you have not received a confirmation, and you are sure you registered, please send email to symposium@gawoodturner.org

Turning Southern Style XIV

The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW), dedicated to providing education, information and organization to those interested in woodturning, will be presenting its annual symposium, "Turning Southern Style XIVu201D;. This year's event will again be held at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge near Helen, Georgia on September 19-21, 2008.

Each year the GAW sponsors this event, which features some of the world's leading woodturners and turning artisans. This year's featured turners include: Jimmy Clewes, David Ellsworth, and Bonnie Klein. Also featured are Nick Cook, Phil Colson, Gorst DuPlessis, and Dave Barriger.

Instant Gallery

The instant gallery will return as a favorite and we invite each participant to display up to four pieces of his/her work for all to enjoy.

Vendor Area

As always, the vendor area will be well stocked with tools, wood, and all other woodturning related supplies and equipment.

Saturday Night Dinner and Auction

Prior to our auction, there will be a banquet dinner on Saturday evening. As always, all proceeds from the auction support continuing education in woodturning through our scholarship program. We encourage all who participate in the symposium to donate a piece to our Saturday Night Auction to benefit the scholarship fund.

For Further Information: please visit www.gawoodturner.org

You are encouraged to register prior to August 1, 2008. Refunds for cancellations will be given up to September 1, 2008. Registration is limited to 200, so act quickly.

To register:

Visit www.gawoodturner.org. Print and complete the registration form and mail it, along with your check, to: Georgia Association of Woodturners, c/o Harvey Meyer, 5174 Waterford Drive, Dunwoody GA 30338

If you would like a brochure, visit www.gawoodturner.org or contact: Harvey Meyer Symposium Chairman, The Georgia Association of Woodturners symposium@gawoodturner.org (TN)

Tips & Helpful Ideas

The AAW Lathe Safety Guidelines

1. Safe, effective use of a wood lathe requires study and knowledge of procedures for using this tool. Read and thoroughly understand the label warnings on the lathe and in the owner's/operator's manual.
2. Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses that include side protectors and a full face shield when needed. Wood dust can be harmful to your respiratory system. Use a dust mask or helmet and proper ventilation (dust collection system) in dusty work conditions. Wear hearing protection during extended periods of operation.
3. Tie back long hair, do not wear gloves, loose clothing, jewelry or any dangling objects that may catch in rotating parts or accessories.
4. Check the owner/operator's manual for proper speed recommendations. Use slower speeds for larger diameter or rough pieces and increased speed for smaller diameters and pieces that are balanced. If the lathe is shaking or vibrating, lower the speed. If the workpiece vibrates, always stop the machine to check the reason.
5. Make certain that the belt guard or cover is in place. Check that all clamping devices (locks), such as on the tailstock and toolrest are tight.
6. Rotate your workpiece by hand to make sure it clears the toolrest and bed before turning the lathe "on". Be sure that the workpiece turns freely and is firmly mounted. It is always safest to turn the lathe "off" before adjusting the tool rest.
7. Exercise caution when using stock with cracks, splits, checks, bark, knots, irregular shapes or protuberances.
8. Hold turning tools securely on the toolrest and hold the tool in a controlled but comfortable manner. Always use a slower speed when starting until the workpiece is balanced. This helps avoid the possibility of an unbalanced piece jumping out of the lathe and striking the operator.
9. When running a lathe in reverse, it is possible for a chuck or faceplate to unscrew unless it is securely tightened on the lathe spindle.
10. Know your capabilities and limits. An experienced woodturner may be capable of techniques and procedures not recommended for beginning turners.
11. When using a faceplate, be certain the workpiece is solidly mounted. When turning between centers, be certain the workpiece is secure.
12. Always remove the toolrest before sanding or polishing operations.
13. Don't overreach, keep proper footing and balance at all times.
14. Keep lathe in good repair. Check for damaged parts, alignment, binding of moving parts and other conditions that may affect its operation.
15. Keep tools sharp and clean for better and safer performance. Don't force a dull tool. Don't use a tool for a purpose not intended. Keep tools out of reach of children.
16. Consider your work environment. Don't use lathe in damp or wet locations. Do not use in presence of flammable liquids or gases. Keep work area well lit.
17. Stay alert. Watch what you are doing, use common sense. Don't operate tool when you are tired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
18. Guard against electric shock. Inspect electric cords for damage. Avoid the use of extension cords.
19. Remove chuck keys and adjusting wrenches. Form a habit of checking for these before switching on the lathe.
20. Never leave the lathe running unattended. Turn power off. Don't leave the lathe until it comes to a complete stop.

**Time to start thinking about the
Delta Fair
August 29 - September 7**

It appears the Mid South Fair is off to Tunica next year. Consequently the Mid South Woodturners is gladly supporting the Delta Fair & Music Festival. Delta Fair was a big success last year. To date it's unclear how involved MSWG will be in the Delta Fair but this Editor is encouraging the members of the Guild to get your turnings and or woodworking project ready to enter the competition. There is money and blue ribbons to be won in all Wood Craft categories. Listed below are the categories available to enter. Let's show the community of Memphis just how talented the members of the Mid South Woodturners Guild really are. If you have questions about the Fair contact Rick Gillespie rickg@wmn.net or 901 619-6308



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Category - WOOD CRAFTS -W

CHAIRMAN: Mac McCoy

Premiums: 1st - \$7.50 2nd - \$5.00 3rd - \$3.00
 Best of Show - rosette & \$25.00 Given by: **Colco Fine Wood**

<p>W 1 bird house - not over 12"x12"</p> <p>W 2 duck decoy carving</p> <p>W 3 picture</p> <p>W 4 plaque</p> <p>W 5 scroll design - up to 3 items</p> <p>W 6 wood accessory - tray, book ends, etc.</p> <p>W 7 wood boxes - jewelry, etc.</p> <p>W 8 wood carving characters - animal, cowboy, famous</p> <p>W 9 wood craft - any item not listed</p> <p>W10 wood turning - hanging items (Christmas ornaments, etc.)</p> <p>W11 wood turning - hollow forms natural finish - urns, vases</p>	<p>W12 wood turning - natural bark edge bowl - not over 16"</p> <p>W13 wood turning - round rim bowl not over 16"</p> <p>W14 wood turning - spindle turned candlestick, rolling pin, etc.</p> <p>W15 wooden toy - no larger than 18"</p>
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for the July meeting

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Turning !