

# The Mid South Woodturners Guild



## Turner's Talk

Bob Speier, Editor

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### What's Coming up ?

By Joan Kelly

## Keith Burns

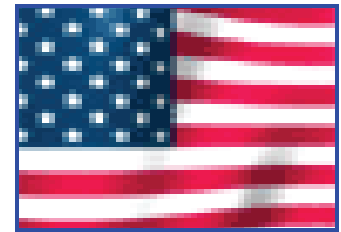
and his Flat Top Hollow Forms



Keith Burns will step up to the lathe in September and share his techniques for turning his trademark flat top hollow forms with exclamation point finials. Keith has gained recognition and respect in the woodturning community for his vision, fine craftsmanship, and artistic flair. Inspired by Binh Pho to develop one's own style and then to build on that, Keith has made numerous variations of the box. Let's hope that, in addition to the basic turning tips, he will elaborate some on the thought process and the artistic growth that have resulted.

Recently Keith initiated a collaborative effort with a couple of friends who enjoy the World of Woodturners web site.

He sent them each one of his finials and challenged them to "put something under it." The resulting products received rave reviews from other fans of WoW. This kind of creativity is contagious. Keith's demo is bound to be an inspiration to all members of MSWG, beginner to highly experienced.



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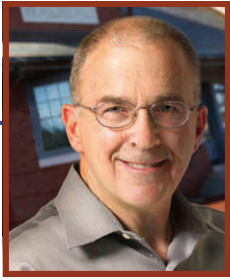
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**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS**



## President's Corner

By Larry Sefton



Dave Hout, our recent professional demonstrator, may not be one of the big name woodturning artists but he is an outstanding woodturner and instructor.

Members that did not come for both days missed out learning good basic turning techniques, processes, and tool sharpening.

I received comments such as, "thank you for bringing him in and he is just what we needed," "best instructor I have seen," "I would love to take more classes from him," "his teaching style is at my level." "I have learned so much I just wish I could remember half of what he said," and more. I personally did not hear *any* negative comments. Bottom line is that Dave is a professional all the way.

Many thanks to each of you who were involved in making the demo weekend a success. A special thanks to Rick and Polly Stone for hosting Dave and Debbie Hout and opening their home for the Saturday evening reception for MSWG members and spouses.

On a related topic: The suggestion has been made that we (MSWG) trade demonstrators between clubs and that I should contact the other clubs to coordinate the exchange of demonstrators. I think this is a great idea. But, before I make contact with other clubs I need to know who would be interested in traveling to other clubs and doing demos (the proposal would be for reimbursement and a host for one or two nights). By this time you should have been contacted by email asking for additional information from all who are interested in participating as a demonstrator for another club.

WOW! Elections for MSWG are coming up again. This year there will be three board positions up for election. As a reminder, the by-laws are set up to have 3 or 4 board positions open up each year and then the new board chooses the president for that year.

The current board is now taking nominations/volunteers. Please contact me or anyone on the board if you are interested in running for the MSWG board. Best method of contact is by e-mail. As a reminder, elections will be at the November 22, 2008 general meeting. The open board positions are for a 2 year service term.

Reminder to mark your calendar now for the upcoming MSWG activities: September 27, 2008 general meeting; Bartlett Festival following the September general meeting (MSWG will be doing demos that afternoon); Octoberfest on the October 25 at Joel Benson's; General Elections on November 22, 2008; and the annual holiday potluck meeting on December 20, 2008. Keep watching the newsletter and your e-mail for more information about these events.



Our President, Larry Sefton, has been very hard at work negotiating a deal with Hartville Tool for a club discount program. Not only will members get a 20% discount the first year of the deal but MSWG gets credit for the sale and a Club rebate at the end of the year. Now that's a deal. This Editor has purchased from Hartville over the years and has always been satisfied with the transactions. Actually their the reason we have so many OneWay Talon chucks. They're a first class act folks. This is a done deal and more information will be provided at the next meeting on Sept. 27th (the Keith Burns Demo weekend). Below is the link to their website, check it out.

<http://www.hartvilletool.com/>

**MSWG MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 24th & 25th, 2008**

**Larry Sefton, President**, called the meeting to order at 0900 a.m. He introduced the featured Demonstrator, Dave Hout.

We had 48 members present in the morning, 30 members in the afternoon, one new member and one visitor. Sunday August 24th 2008 we had 30 members in the morning and 29 in the afternoon.

Larry covered the logistics portion of the meeting and thanked Sandi for hard work with the refreshments.

Larry reminded members that the demonstration will end around 4:30 P.M. Reception at Rick and Polly's house at 06:30 P.M.

No shop tour for August

**Don Wilcut- Secretary** asked for and obtained approval for last meeting minutes.

I briefly discussed the plans to try to put the member roster, with photos, on the web site. I envision having the roster on the site, password protected. Only you as a member can access the roster. Only the secretary of the club, 'the keeper of the master roster', can make changes to the roster.

**Matt Garner-Treasurer** presented the treasurer's report. We received \$120 from last month's raffle, and \$50 for new members. Expenditures were \$626.82 for this month. This included Rent for the meeting room, rent for the upcoming 2 day event, grinder cart, a club banner and refreshments.

**Bill McMillen-Board Member**-Briefed the members on the status of the library and informed the members that he would have a complete report on the status of the library materials at the next meeting.

**Dennis Paullus-Vice President** briefed the members present on future demonstration:

**September 27, 2008** Keith Burns will demonstrate hollow form boxes with his 'famous' final.

We will skip the September shop tour.

**October 25, 2008**-Oktoberfest at Joel Benson's Studio located at 5050 Hwy 194, Rossville, TN.

**November 22, 2008**-Bill Siler will be 'turning thin'.

**December 20 2008**-Christmas Party, Board approved the auctioning of the bowls from the "Mid-South Perspective" project.

**January 24, 2009**-Jerry Fairburn/Terry Reynolds, will do Embellishments and carving.

**Rick Gillespie** reported the Delta Fair will be 9 days over 2 weekends (August 29, 2008-September 7, 2008). A form was passed out for the needed demonstrators for the Fair. Demonstrators should bring wood and tools to use.

Bartlett Festival will be Friday evening, September 26, from 6 to 10 P.M. and on Saturday, September 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (**after** our meeting)

**David Hout** put on an excellent demonstration consisting of Metal Spinning process, bowl turning, chucks, tailstocks, and a short explanation on the use of the grinder using the Wolverine sharpening system. He covered an easy way to sharpen the bowl gouge using the Vari-Grind system.

12-15 couples had a wonderful time at the Stone's reception for the Hout's on Saturday evening.

Don Wilcut, Secretary



# Shop Talk

By Bob Speier  
with

*Emmett Manley in Lakeland TN*



I had the great pleasure to spend a few minutes with Emmett in his shop last month. Emmett, like so many of us, has turned his two car garage into a nice shop. He started in 1985, "I sold my 1985 Mercedes convertible and used the space and the proceeds to set up my shop. Starting from scratch, my itemized spreadsheet reveals that approximately \$6,000 was required. This is a lot cheaper than a bass boat and I don't have to purchase gasoline." He really does have the spreadsheet on what he's spent if anyone's

interested in seeing it.

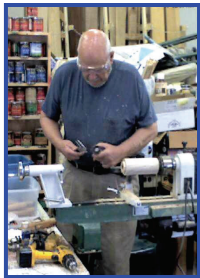
Emmett "started woodturning three years ago, in the summer of 2005, when he joined the Midsouth Guild. Bought a OneWay 1224 lathe in November of 2005. I am going to John C. Campbell Folk School for my 4th visit this December. Hershel Miller has helped me a great deal. I also watch video tapes, read a lot of woodturning books, and monitor woodturner chat rooms, especially WoodCentral."

Emmett "like's to experiment with different woods and techniques. My interest is mainly traditional woodturning -- making useful items. I have almost no interest in making items where most of the time is spent working off the lathe -- the wood is my emphasis. My embellishments are limited, mainly simple inlays and writing on wood.."

Emmett has property south of Somerville that he travel's to at least once a week. He says the property supplies him with all the green woods he can turn. Emmett and his wife Rilla are proud to display his turning throughout the house as seem below. The photo over the mantle is a fond remembrance of John C. Campbell and "Morning Song."



# What Others Were Doing !



For those that didn't get a chance to visit **The WoodWork Shop** at their grand opening for their **Rockler** collaboration above are some of the Midsouth Woodturning providing demo's to help support the cause. This concept of **The Woodwork Shops** is a great advantage of the Memphis area. Lets all be sure to support our local business's. Look for more exciting things in the future. *Continued on page 8*

# Delta Fair



*Best in Show*  
Bob Speier



## A Word from an AAW Director

### Tom Wirsing

It's August already. Summer is drawing to a close. School will soon be back in session. The weather will turn cooler, and our focus will turn from outside activities to inside. Many of us will be spending much more time at our lathes over the coming months and attendance at AAW Chapter meetings will increase with the change of seasons.

All AAW members know what they like best about their membership but some chapter members may not yet be AAW members and may wonder what benefits await them when they do join the AAW. If someone does not join AAW, the result may be they do not get as involved, may not learn as fast as they could, may not get "hooked" on woodturning, and may not become contributing members of your AAW chapter. What a lost opportunity that would be.

There are eight primary benefits of membership in the AAW. Following is a brief description of each benefit:

- . 300 AAW Chapters in North America and around the world which are a great place to meet other woodturners, to share ideas, and to learn. They have monthly meetings with demonstrations and many other activities

- . AAW Journal: American Woodturner is The Journal of the American Association of Woodturners with high quality, full-color publication with a wealth of information for woodturners with articles on all aspects of woodturning and is published quarterly

- . AAW Resource Guide: Lists all AAW members with contact information and lists all local chapters, with addresses and meeting times as well as information on Chapter Best Practices, the AAW Member Web Site, Star



Chapters, 20th Anniversary Chapters, AAW bylaws, AAW Board of Directors, educational materials such as books and videos, lathe safety guidelines, and a host of other things and is published annually

- . AAW Symposium: World's largest gathering of woodturners with approximately 60 world-class demonstrators, a trade show with every major manufacturer of lathes, tools, and turning supplies and accessories in the

world, an instant gallery with hundreds of the world's best wood turnings, a Youth Training Program, with lathe/equipment give-away's to participants, a banquet and auction of selected woodturning's from the Instant Gallery and much, much more. The 2009 Symposium in Albuquerque June 26-29, 2009

- . AAW Website: [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) which is a great source of current information about the AAW and contains contact information for every AAW member world-wide, contact information for demonstrators, a guide to all local chapters, meeting times, locations, and contacts. It has current events, a gallery of current work, membership information, and much, much more.

- . AAW Forum: [www.aawforum.org](http://www.aawforum.org) which is an interactive web site for AAW members where you can interact with woodturners from around the world. It is a great source of current information where you can post your questions, comments, information about your woodturnings, photos, etc. and seek information about woodturning resources

- . Machinery, tools and supplies

- . Wood

- . Publications **continued on pg 7**

**AAW continued,**

Educational Opportunity Grants: Almost \$100,000 in grants given away this year for individuals, clubs, schools. They are for any qualifying educational opportunity. See the AAW web site for details

. AAW Liability Insurance: Liability insurance for Chapter sanctioned events. See the AAW web site for details  
Anyone who wishes to join the AAW may become a member simply by visiting the AAW web site at  
<http://www.woodturner.org/org/mbrship/> and signing up.

To see a presentation on the Value of Membership in the AAW, You can view either of two versions. One is in Microsoft PowerPoint format at  
[http://www.woodturner.org/info/news/letters/AAW\\_Value\\_Proposition.ppt#276,1](http://www.woodturner.org/info/news/letters/AAW_Value_Proposition.ppt#276,1), Slide . The other is in PDF Adobe Reader format at  
[http://www.woodturner.org/info/news/letters/AAW\\_Value\\_Proposition.pdf](http://www.woodturner.org/info/news/letters/AAW_Value_Proposition.pdf) .

**Upcoming Events**

**September 27th** - Keith Burns demonstrating his infamous Flat Top Lidded Box, a must see.

**October 25th** - OctoberFest at Joel Bensons

**November 22nd** - Bill Siler turning thin walled bowls

**December** - Christmas Party

**2009**

**January** - TAW Symposium in Nashville

<http://www.tnwoodturners.org/symposium.html>

**May** : Utah Woodturning Symposium

**June** : AAW Symposium, Albuquerque, NM

***Tips & Helpful Ideas***

*Need to find a tool or wood  
click on "Helpful Links"  
to find your source*

***Helpful Links***

***Coloring Turned Wood***

*by Cliff Goosmann*

*a member of Ohio Valley Woodturners*

Last month Joan Kelly and her mentor Joe Ruminski signed up for a class with Jimmy Clewes at Arrowmont. As it turned out at the very last minute Jimmy was unable to teach the class. Joe and Joan were asked to step in and take over. One of the topics in the agenda was coloring of turned wood. One of the students mentioned he had published a article on the topic and offer it to Joan for future reference. Cliff emailed Joan the PDF file in turned email it to this editor. The file was too large to publish in the newsletter so I had Trey put it on the clubs website for reference. Please take the time to read the article as it is very informative. Below is the link to the file. Thanks Joan for your continued support of the newsletter. Happy turning!

[http://www.midsouthwoodturners.com/resources/coloring\\_tip.pdf](http://www.midsouthwoodturners.com/resources/coloring_tip.pdf)

Rick Gillespie ran across this tool review and thought the members would be interested in this cool drum sander.

<http://www.woodworkersjournal.com/wwj/index.cfm/free.toolpreview>

## *What Others will be doing !*

September and October look to be busy for some members of the Club. Joan Kelly will be at the Clanjamfry Scottish Festival at Evergreen Presbyterian Church on Sat. Sept, 20th selling her ware's. She'll be demonstrating as well at the Harvest Festival at the Memphis Zoo on Sept. 27th.

I pretty sure Dennis Paullus and Rick Cannon will be at Pink Palace on Oct. 2-5.

Good luck to all of you and keep us posted.

One thing to keep in mind, when these folks are out there doing their thing their always supporting the Midsouth Woodturners Guild, kudos to you all.

## *Christian Bros. University*

*By Joan Kelly*

The Mid-South Woodturners Guild's new permanent collection of woodturning is now in the hands of archives director and gallery curator Brother Robert Werle. CBU is delighted to have the collection, especially since the MSWG show last year was one of Brother Vincent's favorites. (Brother Vincent was the president of the university who died tragically in a car crash several months ago.) They will be photographing each piece in the collection and writing up a press release within the next couple of weeks. The plan is to send publicity to the Commercial Appeal and to do a feature for the CBU magazine which goes out to alumni and other supporters. As promised earlier, the collection will be displayed in the upper level of the library near the entrance. Having this collection on display in the university setting is a great reflection on the Mid-South Woodturners Guild as we continue striving "to provide information and education ... for all who are interested in turning wood."

## *A message from John Hill AAW Chapters & Membership Committee*

The AAW Chapters and Membership committee wants to pass on educational information to our members.

This fall is a perfect time to hone your woodturning skills with a one-week hands-on class with one of several great teachers. There are still a few openings in the world-class wood studio at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN. for the fall 2008 classes.

Classes are available with Warren Carpenter, Marilyn Campbell, Linda Van Gehuchten, Mark Gardner, Joe Ruminski, and Alan Hollar. You will advance dramatically both in skills and creativity when you have personal instruction instead of just continuing to make the same mistakes. You may have invested a lot of money in tools and equipment but the thing that you really need is a whole week of personal instruction to make it all complete.

Go to

<http://www.arrowmont.org/> and click on the different woodturning classes to learn more about the teachers, the class descriptions and to register.

Good luck.

John Hill - AAW Chapters and Membership Committee

johnhill6@verizon.net

**In the spirit of the November elections both Presidential and MSWG Board Members don't forget to put in your nominations for the three positions coming up on our board. Here a chance to make a difference.**



## Classifieds

### For Sale

30" pedestal Fan \$115  
 Sears Shop Vac \$65  
 Other items include  
 Gas cans and a drill rack

Jerry Fairburn 901 487-5963

### FOR SALE

## Buffalo 14" Bandsaw

- Extra blade
- Recently replaced guides
- Tires less than a year old
- W/ mitre guide
- Replacement tension screw
- Model # BP-VBS-14



**\$120 obo**

Joseph Voda @ 907-0685

Free standing  
 dust collection head. In  
 Good condition but  
 dusty Retail for \$48.00  
 at Hartville Tools

Selling for \$25. Go to  
 Hartville Tool item  
 # 15650 for more details.  
 Contact the tool man Bob  
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 @robtSpeier@aol.com



## Response to Dave Hout

Ray Tanner said in an email to our President "I would like to send Dave a simple thanks as I thought his presentation the best we've ever had. He knew his material, demonstrated and explained it well and answered all questions."

"Secondly, at one point he demonstrated use of a #2 morse taper with a male threaded end (to be inserted into the tailstock ) which would hold the chuck removed from the headstock with the bowl still in place. It is used to precisely center an almost finished bowl (which has no center mark on its bottom) so that it may be chucked again on the headstock and the original bottom tenon turned off and the bowl completed. My question is: was this only for use with a vacuum chuck or will it also work when the 3" ID piece of pvc pipe with protective foam is used over a headstock chuck?"

Many of the same type of comment were heard throughout the weekend: "thank you for bringing him and he is just what we needed," "best instructor I have seen," "I would love to take more classes from him," "his teaching style is at my level," "I have learned so much I just wish I could remember half of what he said"

MSWG members contacted BSA Troop 255. The good news is we ended up with two students for part of the two days. The best part is that a youth from Troop 255, Keaton Irving, was so interested that he joined the club as a youth member and is planning on returning at our next regular meeting. He also made contact with several members. Success! He wants to learn to do piercing.

Thanks to the Program Committee for a great job.

## *Just a little Humor*

Thought I would let you know what I've been up to since I retired . . .

Yesterday I was at my local Wal-Mart buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pets and was in the checkout line when woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had - an elephant? So since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff an Irish Setter's butt and a car hit us both.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. Wal-Mart won't let me shop there anymore.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.

*from Mike Zinser TAW Board Member*

# Happy Turning !