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Turner's Talk

By: Steve Heathman

May's Meeting is on the 21st Terry Reynolds - Putting the Foot to the Bowl

"This month's TURNING demo: Turning the power OFF"

By Steve Heathman



Housed being moved cuts power to April's demonstration

Mike was going to demonstrate lidded candy dishes for our April meeting but unfortunately a house that was being moved ended up causing a power outage during our demonstration.

We all spent the extra time discussing the gallery pieces and eating doughnuts. I have to say that our Gallery is getting better each month. Not only can you find the traditional turned and segmented bowl but also unusual carved



Photo by Don Wilcut

pieced called "Minotaur II" shown here on the left by Mathew Bostick .

For those who haven't attended a meeting in a while we started a new program. One piece of wood from the raffle will be picked prior to the raffle and the person that wins that piece of wood has to agree to bring a finished product back to a meeting within two months. If you



April Raffle Items

Photo by Don Wilcut

bring back the piece within two months, you will receive five raffle tickets for the raffle that month.

Larry Marley was our first winner. He turned a lidded vessel shown below out of Ambrosia Maple and brought it to our April meeting.



Larry Marley and Mike Kelly

Photo by Howard Malone

SHOP TALK:

By Don Wilcut

I spent 22 years in the US Army prior to retiring in 1976 and working for the private sector managing equipment maintenance operations in Baltimore, Maryland, El Paso, Texas and West Palm Beach Florida. Laura and I finally settled in Central Florida where she went to the University of Florida. After graduation, IBM recruited her and we finally made it to Memphis, TN.



While living in Central Florida I acquired a Shopsmith to do some working projects around our newly built home. I soon learned that by spinning wood on the Shopsmith and sticking some tools to it, I could get some round stuff. I then found that I could also bore or cut holes in the center while the wood was still mounted on the Shopsmith.

Wow, this was really something. One problem I faced was the Shopsmith would tend to walk all over my garage floor if I put on anything larger than a grapefruit. We went to our first symposium put on by Georgia Woodturners at Unicoi State Part in Northeast Georgia. There I saw some real turners turning on real lathes. They had mostly Powermatics, Generals and a couple of Sorby's. I could only afford a Sorby at the time. I still use it, but I've upgraded it with a 2 HP variable speed configuration.

I joined the Midsouth Woodturners Guild about 5 years ago. I found an application at Colco's on one our trips to Memphis prior to moving here. The meetings were held upstairs at Colco's.

Nick Cook from Atlanta was the one person who inspired me to stick with and enjoy woodturning. While on a trip to Atlanta I had a day instruction, given to me by Laura, with Nick. I guess the most important thing he taught me was to

sharpen my tools and especially how to correctly use the Skew. I now have sharp tools and use the Skew quite extensively.

My favorite wood, I guess from turning it first, is Pecan. I know most turners will say Cocobolo or some exotic wood that costs lots of money but I still favor pecan.

If I had it to do over, I don't think I would change a thing about my turning experience.

My turning goals are to turn a variety of stuff. I'm now getting into more texturing and scorching of my pieces.



I feel like if a Seasoned Professional Turner can turn lots of great stuff I can turn a little bit with practice.

HELP WANTED

As always, I am looking for articles from you the turner for our Turner's Talk newsletter. If you have been to another club meeting, woodturning event, turned something you would like to share or have any ideas, please let me know at the meeting or email me at: heathman@earthlink.net.

Thanks,
Steve Heathman
Editor of Turner's Talk

APRIL Meeting Minutes

By Steve Foldenauer

As a result of a power outage, our meeting this month was limited to the business meeting and eating a few donuts. Hershel called the meeting to order at about 10:00. John Stubblefield gave the Treasurer's report. It was accepted by the members. The minutes from the March meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.

To date, 69 members have renewed their membership and we have 11 new members. Our annual dues are \$15 and you must be an AAW member. Please renew your membership if you have not already done so. Any members that have not yet joined AAW should do so as soon as possible.

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

The controller for the club's lathe has been sent into Baldor for repair or modification. They advised us that they found low voltage faults in the unit. We have increased the gauge and shortened the length of the extension cord. Unfortunately, since the entire church was without power, we were unable to test the unit.

Hershel reminded the members of the 2005 AAW Symposium coming up in Kansas City, Kansas on July 22-24. If you plan to attend, it is important to register before May 15, 2005 if possible. After May 15, the cost to register goes up by \$30.

As a result of the July AAW Symposium, our local meeting date will have to be moved to July 16, 2005.

Other upcoming events with woodturning interest are:
TAW Symposium.....August 12-14
Goat Days.....September 9-11
Mid South Fair.....September 10-11 (for turning in exhibits)
Broom Sage Festival....September 17
MSWG monthly meeting...September 24
Woodturning demo at
Mid South Fair.....September 24 from 1-8 p.m.
September 28 from 2-6:30 p.m.
Pink Palace Craft Fair.....October 6-9
Milan Fall Festival.....October 14-15
MSWG monthly meeting....October 22

Due to the power outage, Mike Kelly (this month's demonstrator) will show us how to make Lidded Candy Dishes at a later meeting.

Future club demonstrations include:
May 21: Putting the Foot to a Bowl by Terry Reynolds
June 25: Turning Pens by Chuck Ludwigsen

August 27: Deep Vases by Dennis Paullus

See you all in May.
Steve Foldenauer, Secretary

Raffle Notes:

Participating In the raffle each month is important. Your donations help support club functions such as monthly refreshments, prizes and lunch for our October Turning Festival. Plus, there's always the chance that you'll win that - prize piece of wood - or another useful item.

Donating to the Raffle:

Thanks to following individuals:

Mike Kelly Norm Fowler
Ryan McMullen John Johnson
Dennis Paulus Ray Hailey
DuPree Cooper

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 great.



Bill Leake won the raffle this month. If he brings this piece of Koa turned in the next two months he will earn five free raffle tickets.

SHOP TALK

By Don Wilcut



Robert Speier

Robert Speier was in the Hospitality Industry (Restaurant and Hotel) for many years prior to retiring and taking up the hobby of woodturning. He has been turning for approximately 5 years.

Bob has a special situation in his turning studio, Sandi (his wife) also turns. They tend to feed off each other and encourage each other to do better. They have taken to attending classes and symposiums across the country both to learn and entertain themselves.

Initially Bob bought a Jet Mini lathe for Sandi and they now have 1018 Oneway and a Stubby.

They both joined the MSWG as soon as the turning bug bit (about 4 ½ years and have enjoyed the whole experience.

Bob says he does not have a favorite wood but I know for a fact that he loves to turn both Cocobolo and Mesquite.

He tells me that if he could change anything about his turning experience he would have loved to have had a mentor that was really interested in guiding someone through the turning passion.

I also know that in addition to woodturning, Bob is also an excellent woodworker. I've seen evidence of that in a Humidor, a canoe and an excellent crafted Grandfather clock he made.

His goals are to turn quality pieces and to have peers appreciate the efforts.



Robert Speier

Instant Gallery Notes:

What have you been working on? What demonstration have you seen or tried? The Instant Gallery isn't just for finished items! Bring a mistake and we'll try to help you solve some techniques and/or share the do's and don't with other members. Remember, the way the "expert" does it—may not work for you. Try new ways until you feel comfortable with the shape, cut or technique. 18 members had items displayed in our last instant gallery.

Norm Fowler

Larry Marley

Larry Sefton

Terry Reynolds

John Stubblefield

Dennis Paullus

John Ginski

Ryan McMullen

Joe Griggs

Ray Hailey

Matthew Bostick

Keith Burns

Bill Shaw

Eddie Mitchell

HUGE Gallery! Unfortunately, I was not able to include all of the pictures in the newsletter. Check out the web page in the April gallery for additional pictures not published in the newsletter.

Instant Gallery

Our Instant Gallery had numerous items. All very beautiful and exquisitely turned.
The following is a sample of the items in our gallery



LEFT: Larry Marley
Ambrosia Maple Lidded Vessel

FAR LEFT: Norm Fowler
Box Elder Bowl

RIGHT: John Stubblefield
"RHYTOM" Walnut/Holly

FAR RIGHT: Ray Hailey
Walnut Bud Vase



Far Left: Matthew Bostick
"Minotaur II"

Magnolia/Brazilian Ipe

LEFT: Ryan McMullen

Osage Orange Vase

RIGHT: Keith Burns
Segmented Maple and Wenge



FAR LEFT: Keith Burns
Segmented Cherry

LEFT: Bill Shaw
Walnut Vase

RIGHT: Joe Griggs
Spalted Maple Hollow Form



LEFT: Norm Fowler
Persimmon Hollow Form

RIGHT: Dennis Paullus
Elm Bowl



LEFT: John Ginski
Various Threaded Boxes

FAR RIGHT: Terry Reynolds
Gum NUTS AND BOLTS

RIGHT: Terry Reynolds
Gum NUTS AND BOLTS



FAR LEFT: Eddie Mitchell
Pear Bowl Pyro Stained bottom

LEFT: Eddie Mitchell
Pear Bowl Pyro stained top

FAR RIGHT: Larry Sefton
Box Elder Bowl

RIGHT: Larry Sefton
Box Elder Hollow Form



AAW Youth Program

In keeping with our mission of "fostering a wider understanding and appreciation for turning among the general public", The American Association of Woodturners has declared this June to be "Youth Month". It will be dedicated to the teaching of woodturning to young people. In an effort to create a new generation of woodturners, local chapters are encouraged to focus their meetings on teaching "hands on" the craft of woodturning to as many young people as possible. Getting youth interested can be a challenge! Consider involving other organizations including your local 4-H clubs, Boy and Girl Scout organizations, church groups, and local schools (art and shop classes). To effectively create a lasting enthusiasm for turning, we recommend at least 3-5 separate lessons be employed combining some review of the previous lesson as well as covering some new techniques. Simple projects such as twig pots, tops, pens, or yoyo's seem to be easily completed in a session and give the youth both an appreciation for turning and the satisfaction of taking home a completed project. Remember: Safety during all sessions should be stressed.

To further encourage a growing "Youth movement", the AAW will create an instant gallery at the Overland Park Symposium especially for youth to display their work. All entries to the instant gallery will be included in a drawing for a prize to be announced at the symposium. Additionally free entrance to the symposium can be arranged for a youth 10-17 when accompanied by an attending registered adult. Contact the AAW office to register youth. We will have continuous hands on sessions, some with world-class turner Bonnie Klein. Twenty complete turning outfits, including Jet Mini-lathes, chucks and tools will also be given to some of our lucky attending youths.

We hope every chapter will see the importance of involving our youth and passing the knowledge and joy of turning to our next generation.

Let me know if you have any questions or additional ideas concerning this very important idea. We will be posting your pictures and efforts on the AAW web site from time to time, so pass your efforts along to me via email at your convenience.

Sincere Thanks,

Gary Lansinger
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EVENTS OF INTEREST

By Steve Heathman

There are several events coming up in the next few months that might be of interest to Turners.

Steve mentions them in the Minutes on page three. All the events allow us to show off our work, promote our club and Wood Turning.

One local event that will be close to all of us is the Mid south Fair in September. Hershel mentioned the fair at our last meeting and how the wood workers had a great turn out.

In August we will be handing out entry forms for those who wish to enter their work. We have some very talented turners in our club and from what I have seen in the Galleries we should be able to blow away the other wood workers.

I take pictures every month of your work. These pictures could very well be put on the cover of the AAW magazine. I encourage each of you to enter a piece. Lets show off our hard work, promote our club and wood turning.

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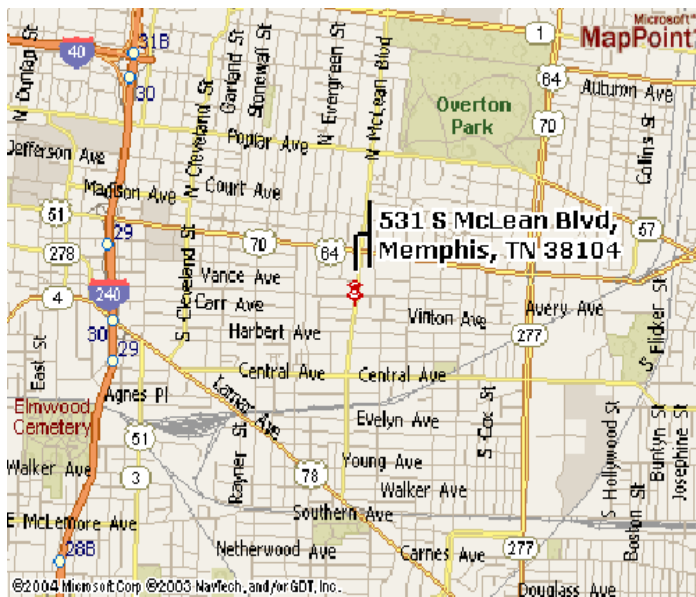
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The Mid South Woodturner's Guild is a not for profit organization formed to promote and encourage the art of woodturning and in doing so promote and encourage the art and craft of woodturning in general. Membership is open to any individual and includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter. Meetings are held monthly at Central Christian Church, 531 S. McLean Blvd., Memphis, TN, on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:30 am. Annual dues are \$15.00. Address inquiries about the to Mid South Woodturner's, c/o Hershel Miller, 4875 Black Gum, Millington, TN 38053. News letter items should be sent to Steve Heathman, 115 Haley Lane , Atoka, TN 38004 or heathman@earthlink.net. Send Web site items to Chuck Ludwigsen at chuck@ludwigsen.org



Meeting Format:

Club Business: 9:30 - 9:50 a.m.

Demonstration: 9:50 - 11:20 a.m.

Raffle: 11:20 - 11:30 a.m. - Items donated by members

Meeting Schedule:

May 21st: Terry Reynolds - Putting the Foot to the Bowl

June 25th: Chuck Ludwigsen - Pens: From Setup to Finish and Beyond

July 16th: Mike Kelly - Lidded Candy Dishes

Member News:

Membership:

To date, 80 members have joined/renewed their membership. Our membership goal for the year 2005 is 100+.

April Meeting:

Total not posted in minutes.

Classified:

Dennis Paullus: VACUUM PUMP FOR SALE

New Gast 1/4 HP vacuum pump complete w/ gauges, hose and bleeder valve.

Regularly \$349 w/out accessories.

Asking Price: \$200.00

Contact Dennis: 901-829-2404 (home) or 901-301-5669 (cell)

Keith Burns: Rockwell (Delta) Model 46-200

Rockwell (Delta) Model 46-200, 4 speed, 1/2 HP, 115 v, 12" x 36" Lathe for sale. Ready to run and it runs great. Keith rebuilt this lathe about 4 years ago and it has all the parts, tail stock, tool rest etc. Asking \$500.00 Call Keith at home 901-853-6219 or at work 901-774-8830.

Please forward your items for sale, trade, or free to Steve Heathman at heathman@earthlink.net or call (901) 837-3720. Items will be published in the newsletter for one month only. Deadline for entry is the 5th of each month.



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