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On The Cover...

Mark Maxwell had his "thinking cap" on last month. Using one of Mike Maffitt's 3-D printed Guild logo badges, he created a nice collaborative work. Nice job, Mark!



President's Corner



Welcome to the summer months. Spring has been very mild, but this is sure to change. These are the vacation months so stay safe during your travels and make sure to stay hydrated during the warmer weather. Several of us will be out on vacation during the next few meetings, but you can stay connected to club activities by visiting the Website. We are surely blessed to have one of the best websites in the entire AAW family. This is all due to the efforts of Larry Sefton, our Webmaster and Club Secretary.

This past month we enjoyed Trent Bosch's demonstration of his Mountain Bowl. If you missed this demo, it is available via Vimeo for members only. You should have received an email with the access link to this demo. It is amazing to me the learnings and reminders of turning safety tips, techniques, and tools. For me, the biggest learning/reminder was how to control tool bouncing while turning. It seems counter intuitive that bouncing is caused by pushing the gouge too hard against the piece while turning versus barely holding the bevel against the piece while cutting. Riding the bevel with a light touch makes a huge difference. For our June meeting, the demonstration is by our own Sam Dawson showing how to stabilize wood and turn bird calls. Click the following link for more details. [SAM DAWSON](#)

For June our President's Challenge is to turn a lidded box or vessel. We have had fair participation in the President's Challenge, but I'd like to see what each of our members can do with these product ideas. You can participate, even if you cannot attend the meeting, by sending a photo of your item(s) to photos@mswg.club and include your name and any special notes you want to add.

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President's Corner



We are also interested in what you've turned recently. Please bring your Instant Gallery items to the meeting to share. Each item should have a tag filled out to identify who turned the item, and other information about the turning. The tags are available on the website by clicking the link: [INSTANT GALLERY TAGS](#). Tags will also be available at the club meeting.

Last month we had a Turn-In to support Pens for Troops. Please also consider turning a Wig Stand for West Clinic Cancer Center. They need over 15 stands a month to meet their demand. The club will provide you with a stipend of \$5 per stand to help offset material costs. Let's try to exceed the need and get those wig stands turned and delivered at our upcoming meetings. (A late note: Ms. Maclin, our WEST Cancer Center contact, was especially impressed by one recent stand which had been painted PINK. She hopes to see more!)

Earlier this month AAW had their Symposium in Louisville and their Virtual Symposium. For those of you who subscribed to the virtual version, the videos will be available for the next month. You should have received an email from Larry Sefton on June 2nd with the link (If you need the link again, please contact Larry).

To all members, don't forget we have a MENTOR program. This program is supported by members who are willing to share their knowledge of turning with other members at no charge (note that a few of the mentors offer in-depth instructions for a fee). If you need or want help with skills, techniques, or consultation of equipment selection, do consider using this program.

For more information on the Mentor Program, click the [Members Page](#) and look for members with a Gold Mentor Ribbon on their photos.

Bob

This Month's Meeting



Demonstration:

"Wood Stabilizing and Duck Calls"

Demonstrator:

Sam Dawson (MSWG)

"Come for the stories and stay for the information!"

If you have ever pondered what you might want to add to your list of capabilities—think no more!

Part 1

Wood Stabilization



Sam Dawson will answer all our questions about *Wood Stabilization*.

- ◇ **Who...** can do it?
- ◇ **What...** is it?
- ◇ **Where...** can I find out even more information?
- ◇ **When...** can I get started? (Do I need hands-on training?)
- ◇ **Why...** is it a good feature to add to my skill set?
- ◇ **How...** much does it cost to get started?

Part 2

Duck Calls



Sam will explain why he has found this product to interest him as a "maker" and why they sell so well..

And so much more!

Noteworthy...

Of Special Note:

Last month, one item was not photographed for the Instant Gallery. I can't help but add a mention of it here, as it embodies one of woodturning's most fun areas: "Collaborative Works"

Tom Clayton, one of our newer members who never really got into turning, but is an avid woodworker, glued up some stock, and enlisted Rick Stone to turn it into a walking cane.

The body is canarywood and bloodwood with a cap of ebony.

Nice product, guys!

I expect Tom to have the cane with him this month, so look him up for a close look at their work.

Ed.

P.S. Maybe this could be a future President's Challenge!?!



Noteworthy...

Published Yet Again....

Larry Sefton is featured in the recent edition of AAW's American Woodturner with another **Tip** for woodturners.

Do you have a good tip, would you like to be paid for sharing it with AAW members?

Click here: ["AAW Published Process"](#)



"Look Ma, I made the Big Time!"

It seems a couple of our more "photogenic" (err, ingenious) members, attending the 2024 AAW Symposium in Louisville, KY, found a way to post their "WANTED" mugs on the AAW journal's cover.

Lookin' Go-o-o-o-d!



How Can I Serve My Guild?

Remember the universal motto of all volunteer organizations:
“If *EVERYONE* does a bit of the work, *NO ONE* does all the work!”

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Meeting Room Monthly Actions	
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Raffle: Prep/Execute/Clean	FSBO Table: Prep/Execute/Clean
<i>Please See the Additional Opportunities on Our Website</i>	

As the motto above states: the success, *nay the very existence*, of a volunteer organization rests on each member in its roster!

No matter if it is a social club or non-profit group, the individuals gather to support a subject of mutual interest to all.








Get involved:

“you reap what you sow!”

Learn More: [Volunteers](#) | [Mid South Woodturners](#)

Welcome Our 2023 Members!

These individuals have joined our Guild this year!
Shake a hand and get to know them over a “latte’.”

January Bill Siler (Returning) 	February William (Mike) Bledsoe 	February Ken Burnette 	March David Jones 
April Thomas Dorough (Returning) 	April Revo Reeves 	April Rick Mayfield 	

This is a new year and with it comes a new opportunity to spread the word that the Mid South area has a woodturning club.

- A Chapter of the *American Association of Woodturners*:

The Mid South Woodturning Guild!

Join the Board in helping to fill the chart above with new faces and names. Talk about your woodturning journey to potential candidates and invite someone to attend a monthly meeting.

Then, be your guest's host when they show up, and introduce them to

MSWG - For The Record

Items of importance to the Guild's operation and record-keeping.

Mid South Woodturners Guild **PENS FOR TROOPS**

The "Pens For Troops" Program is administered by Sam Dawson, who held a member Turn-IN event on **May 13**. Avi Pelc hosted the event in his personal workshop behind his house at 3955 Altruia Drive, Bartlett, TN.

Sam reports that a mix of 3 "new or recent" joined in with 7 current members to complete a total of 35 pens. 2 of the new members had never turned a pen, along with others who had turned very few.

"The allotted time for the event even allowed for a detailed review of techniques to make turning pens more appealing.", says Sam.

Click here: ["May Pen for Troops photo essay."](#)

MID SOUTH WOODTURNERS GUILD **WIG STANDS FOR CANCER**

Last month's meeting brought in four Wig Stands for Cancer. On the Thursday following our meeting, I delivered them along with the ones from the April Meeting to the West Cancer Center.

MS Maclin was especially taken with one painted pink. As everyone, by now, knows, PINK is the color of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

MS Maclin asked that if we could provide more stands in that color, it would be a LARGE boost in patient morale!



Be creative, enjoy the work, and THANKS for your support!

MSWG Instant Gallery

Last Month's Work by Guild Members

[Click Here: Larger Instant Gallery Images](#)

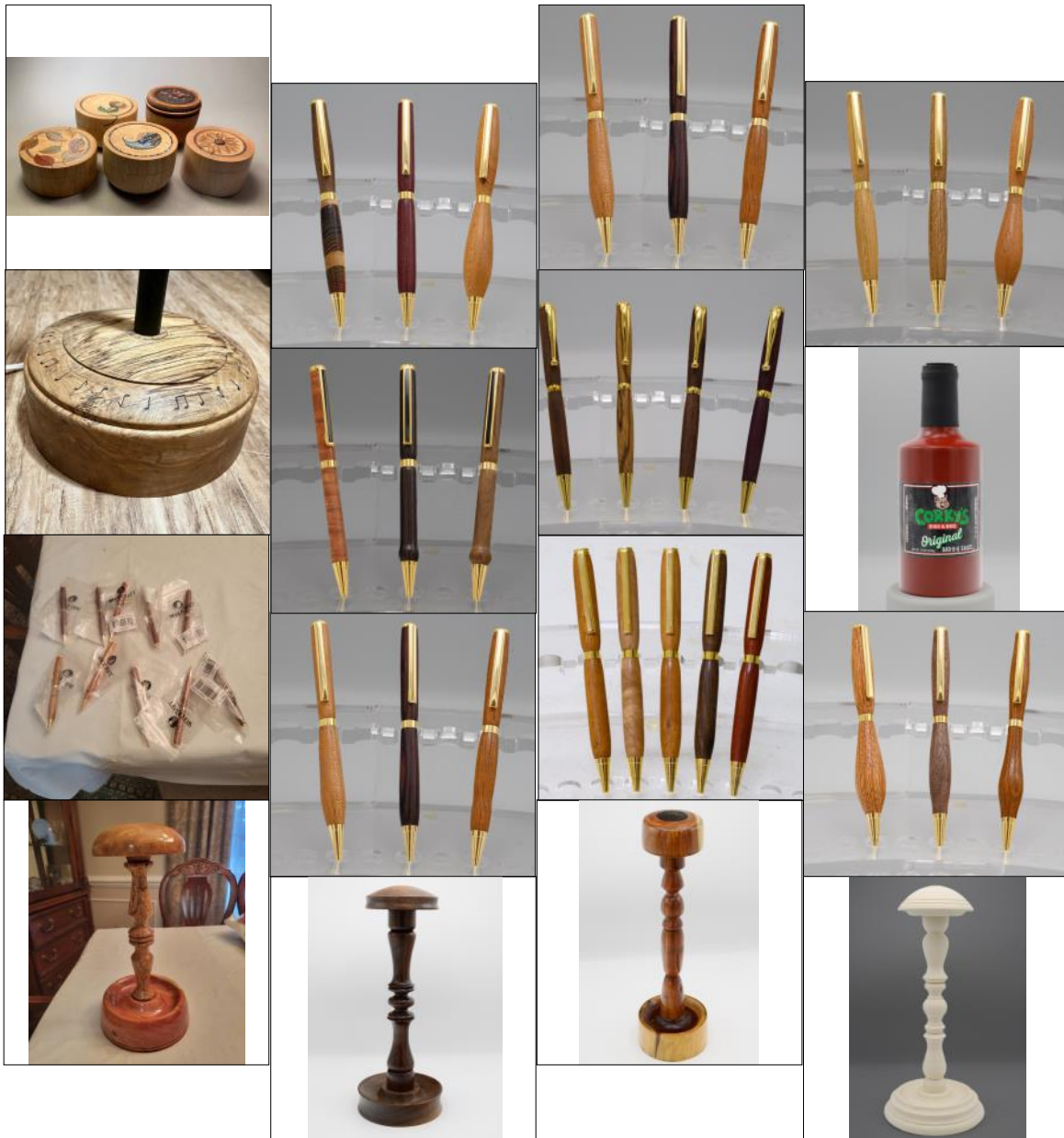


MSWG *President's Challenge*

Last Month's Work by Guild Members

The Challenge:

Turn an item in the theme of "Memphis-In-May" or substitute either 3 Pens or 1 Wig Stand"



[Click Here: Larger Images](#)

Last Month's Meeting



Our May meeting featured Trent Bosch via an IRD - Interactive Remote Demonstration.

In this version of his popular, decorative utility bowl-demo, he added instructions to show a technique he uses to expand the possibilities of a utility piece, to make it more decorative.

Drawing inspiration from his environment in Colorado (with all its prominent mountains) he modified his interpretation of the calabash bowl. This demo took us through making the bowl, beading the bowl, laying out and carving the mountain ranges. During all this, he still found time to include instruction on wood prep, tool sharpening, finishing and a myriad of other techniques.

Trent is known for presenting a well thought-out and professional demo - and we received nothing less.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, Trent allowed us remote access to a recording of the IRD for a month. Access to members-only is available via an email sent to all by Secretary Larry Sefton. Check your email for June 14, which contains the needed password.

Don't forget to check your "Junk" or "Trash" folders. If you still can't find it, contact Secretary Sefton.

Noteworthy...

AAW 2023 Symposium Instant Gallery

Here are some photos from the 2023 AAW Symposium in Louisville, KY.

Several of our members attended the annual symposium and sent their choices of memorable images from the Instant Gallery.

If you have not attended a national symposium - ask them about their experience and consider developing a "newbie" group-trip next year.

It is a good way to get to know fellow members faster!

2023 Attendees Included:

In Louisville, KY:

Rick Cannon, Matt Garner, Jeff Brann, Skip Wilbur

By Virtual Attendance:

Sam Dawson, Bob Wolfe, Larry Sefton, Joseph Voda, Richard Hiller, Matt Dennis, Masanori Igarashi, Rick Stone, William (Bill) Smith, Bill Bleau



(I still have trouble believing this was turned!! Ed.)



[Click here for more and larger pictures.](#)

Coming Events

“Save the 4th Saturday of each month, 9AM to Noon, for MSWG demonstrations!”*
 (* = Meetings may be moved due to conflicting events - monitor schedule closely!!)

Jun 24 MSWG Monthly Club Meeting @ BARTLETT STATION MUNICIPAL CENTER

Demonstrator: Sam Dawson

Demonstration: Wood Stabilizing and Duck Calls

President's Challenge: "Lidded Turning"

Jul 15 MSWG Turn-IN Event @ AVI PELC'S HOME SHOP, 3955 ALTRUIA RD., BARTLETT, TN

WHAT: Service Project Build Event—Wig Stands for Cancer 9am - 4pm

WHO: Any MSWG Member TOOLS: 5 lathes MORE: Material Provided

On Site Lunch Break: Pizza and Sodas or Water

Jul 22 MSWG Monthly Club Meeting @ BARTLETT STATION MUNICIPAL CENTER

Demonstrator: Craig Timmerman

Demonstration (IRD): "Turning a 'Torus' Vase"

President's Challenge: "Serving"

Aug 26 MSWG Monthly Club Meeting @ BARTLETT STATION MUNICIPAL CENTER

Demonstrator: Larry Sefton & Jonathan Marrero (MSWG)

Demonstration: "Woodturning and the Internet"

President's Challenge: "Textured"

Sep 1-10 DELTA Fair & Music Festival @ AGRICENTER Internatinal

Demonstrator: MSWG Members (TBA)

Demonstration: "Intro to Woodturning Basics"

Sep 16 MSWG Monthly Club Meeting @ BARTLETT STATION MUNICIPAL CENTER

Demonstrator: Skip Wilbur

Demonstration: "Turning & Embellishing Holiday Gifts"

President's Challenge: "Plate, Platter or Tray"

Sep 22-24 Non-MSWG Event Pink Palace Craft Fair @ Audubon Park, Memphis, TN

Demonstrator: MSWG Members (TBA)

Demonstration: "Intro to Woodturning Basics"

Oct 28 MSWG Monthly Club Meeting @ BARTLETT STATION MUNICIPAL CENTER

Demonstrator: MSWG Members (TBA)

Demonstration: TBA

Annual Presentation of Nominees for Board of Directors (CY 2024)

President's Challenge: "Bird House"

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