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Important dates to remember:

July Meeting – July 6

Saturday Turn In – July 10

TAW Symposium –

Jan 28 - 29, 2011

President's Message

As I write this, in a few days, it will be Father's Day! For us woodturning fathers, it could mean a few additional tools or a chance to add some books to the turning library! I hope you fathers all get something that brings a smile to your face and warmth to your heart - even if it is a tie! I know that this special day will bring more than a little joy to my memory bank!

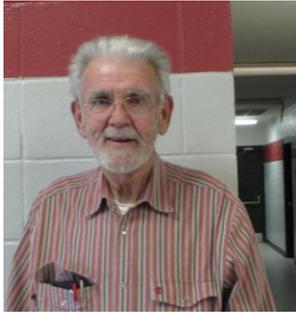
Speaking of memories, this evening (Friday, June 18) I attended the Marine Corps Officer Commissioning Ceremony of a young man who I have known since he was 10 years old. This young man has always been special, a leader in his school class, an Eagle Scout an Honor Student at UT and now a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps! As a teenager, he spent many hours chatting with me while I turned - usually after raiding my refrigerator! The memories of those hours with turning as a back drop are special to him and me. My hope is that he has a brilliant career in the service to our nation and that he arrives safely back on our shores to many years of peace and prosperity as he continues to serve others in some capacity. This ceremony and young man's first assignment gave me an idea that I need you to help me accomplish!

As an officer his first roll will be as a Platoon Commander, he will be leading a group of 40 enlisted Marines - that is a total of 41 people. I would like you to help me send him off to Officer Training with a gift of a pen for him and one pen for each member of his platoon. Those 40 pens will not be handed out until he takes his first commanding role - (in year 2 I think), but it would give him something to carry with him as a symbol of those he will lead while he is in training. If possible, I would like the pens by the September meeting. Please send me an email (rsandusky@comcast.net) with the number of pens you can donate to this special young man, 2nd Lieutenant Sterling T. Perkins, USMC.

I have been reviewing our website, www.tnwoodturners.org, its design, layout and functionality. I quickly arrived at a conclusion - We can do better! Our website is our first line of introduction to perspective members and the general public. We are given a few moments to capture the visitor's attention and get them to spend some time getting to know us and finding useful information about our club, its programs and events. Of course it will have to be able to load quickly, but there is a ton of new functionality that is available out there on the Internet that we can take advantage of. The Officers and Board of Directors are all in agreement that we can do better. We are asking web designers to take a look at what we have, consider where we should be and then help us get there! This process may take a few weeks to accomplish, but I am sure that we will have a website that can incorporate woodturning videos, a member's gallery, a library of woodturning articles, updates from our TAW Facebook Forum Group and many other possibilities. We hope to have a new direction for the website in a few weeks. When we make the changes, you will be notified! I am sure you will be pleased with the results of this effort!

The heat is rising so remember to drink lots of water, take frequent breaks and stop when you feel you are pushing your limits! Happy Father's Day and Happy Independence Day - be safe and have fun! – **Ray Sandusky**

Club Meeting—Tuesday July 6



Jesse Foster will be the TAW July demonstrator and will be showing us platter techniques from the Frank Penta class he took at John C. Campbell. Several years ago my wife saw a bed pattern in a book and asked me if I could make one. I told

her I needed a lathe in order to do that and at that time I did not have one. A short time later I learned that my neighbor did have one and I asked him if he would show me how to use it and could I borrow it to make the bed. He allowed me to do this and it was my first experience with a lathe. Later in 2003 several of us began a wood working club to learn all aspects of woodworking. Later we began to concentrate only on turning. As a result can say I have been turning for 7 years. I don't consider myself a good turner but I sure enjoy doing it as well as learning. I have been teaching a deaf person to turn and he has turned some pretty good looking items and in the meantime he is teaching my sign language, which I think is a pretty fair deal. The class at John C. Campbell was my second class.

Saturday Turn-In

The next Saturday Turn-In will be **July 10** at the TBCH workshop from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. If you need help with a project or sharpening a tool come by and someone will be there to help you.

2010 Tentative Schedule and Calendar of Events

Club Projects

September 24, 25 & 26, 2010 – TACA Fall Craft Fair

November 20 & 21, 2010 – Centennial (High School) Holiday Show

November & December (dates TBA) – Sales for TBCH Christmas Fund

January 28th & 29th, 2011 – 23rd Annual Symposium

Club Meeting Programs

July 6 – Jesse Foster – Frank Penta session – Turning, Detailing & Finishing Platters (TAW Scholarship Class)

August 3 – Stephen Campbell – Bobby Clemons session – Firewood to Fine Bowls (TAW Scholarship Class)

September 7 – Ron Ferreira – Small Finial Box

Saturday Sessions (8:00 am to 1:00 pm unless otherwise specified)

These sessions are conducted to help with turning issues you may be encountering. Hopefully we will have enough established turners to help each newcomer attending. We want to have the seasoned turners provide guidance on tool sharpening, chucking, proper tool use and any other questions that arise. Please join us. **ALSO, PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE CHANGED THE DATE FOR THE SATURDAY SESSIONS FROM THE THIRD SATURDAY TO THE FIRST SATURDAY AFTER THE MONTHLY MEETING**

July 10
August 7

Club Sawdust Trail –We have not had a shop visit in several months and are looking for shops to visit, please volunteer your shop for a Saturday morning visit.

American Woodturner Journal

The AAW American Woodturner Journal is now available online to AAW members. For more information, or to join the AAW please go to www.woodturner.org.

Minutes of the Meeting –June 1

Ray Sandusky called the meeting to order. There were 37 members present. Ray Stansell and Jim Lindquist were visitors. Raffan week was a big success. We are looking at other potential visiting demonstrators. Revised bylaws were approved. Mike Zinser reported that the TACA craft fair demonstrations were a big success. The TAW donated the honorarium back and gave TACA an additional \$250.00. Brian Clarry gave an update on the 2011 symposium – the TAW web site has been updated. We are looking for someone to donate 5 or 6 plastic milk crates to the library.

June Demonstrator



Mike Zinser introduced the June demonstrator, Barry Werner. Barry was the recipient of a TAW scholarship and chose to attend the Mark Gardner class at the John C. Campbell School. He demonstrated the turning process that he uses to make a small hollow form with handles. Barry also explained how he applies surface treatment with different tools. The use of Fiebings leather dye was also discussed.

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Instant Gallery



Mike Zinser – Maple platter / Dyed platter



Andy Woodard – Cherry / Maple bowls



John Lucas – Poplar platter / Lidded acorns



John Lucas – Ornaments / Table with boxes



Raffan demo pieces
Don Thompson – cherry bowl



Barry Werner – sharpening system / demo pieces



Jim Mason – Pecan platter / Chestnut hollowforms



Jim Mason – Chestnut hollow form / Pear crotch hollow form

Turn for the Troops

The Woodcraft store in Franklin will sponsor Turn for the Troop in 2010. Last year over 3000 pens were turned by various woodturning clubs. Our troops are still in harm's way and appreciate the pens that are provided through the Turn for the Troops project. If you would like to turn some pens that will be given to the Turn for the Troops project please stop by the Woodcraft store in Franklin or come to a TAW meeting and pick up some pen kits. The TAW will be sponsoring some pen turning activities at the Saturday Turn Ins this summer.

Save the Date

January 28th and 29th, 2011



Tennessee Association of Woodturners
23rd Annual Woodturning Symposium
Radisson Opryland Hotel
Nashville, Tennessee
Molly Winton
Michael Mocho
Bill Grumbine
Stuart Batty

Detail available at www.tnwoodturners.org

Turning Southern Style XVI

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 XVI". This year's event will again be held at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge near Helen, Georgia, on September 17-19, 2010.

This year's featured turners include:
Alan Lacer, J. Paul Fennell and Stephen Hatcher.
For additional information and pricing, please visit
www.gawoodturner.org.

Tennessee Association of Woodturners Events

We have participated in our first 2010 TACA Craft Fair at Centennial Park and anticipate being there again for the Fall Craft Fair in late September. We will make information available as we learn more. TAW will be selling wood turned and other wood items for the Baptist Children's Home Christmas Fund again this year. We have been accepted at the Centennial Holiday Show, Centennial High School, Franklin, TN, again this year. We will be talking to both The Factory and the Lebanon Outlet Mall to secure additional venues for selling. If you have knowledge of any other places we may be able to set up our display to sell, please contact Mike Zinser at 615/292-8652 h or 615/480-3025 c or mike.zinser@yahoo.com with the contact information.

Please start turning Christmas ornaments and any other turned items you wish to donate to the effort. We usually sell in November and December.

Woodworking Links

American Association of Woodturners

www.woodturner.org

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN, www.arrowmont.org 1-865-436-5860

Duck River Woodturners Club, Columbia, TN
www.duckriverwoodturners.com

Tri-State Woodturners Club, Chattanooga, TN
www.tristatewoodturners.org

Woodturning Resources

www.woodcentral.com

John C Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC
www.folkschool.org

Appalachian Center for Crafts, Smithville, TN
www.tntech.edu/craftcenter

Wood Central

www.woodcentral.com

Sawmill Creek

www.sawmillcreek.org

Woodcraft

www.woodcraft.com

Got Wood?

www.turningblanks.net

John Jordan

www.johnjordanwoodturning.com

Ghosts in My Shop

Since I came through that door
I think, what am I am looking for ?
Why did I come in here
I have forgotten the reason, I fear.

I am always wanting to know,
Where did that chisel go.
I remember...with utmost care
I put it down right there.

What was that measurement I took?
Was it 35 or 36 inches? Let me look.
Now I misplaced my ruler.
Wait a minute while I pursue her.

What did I need that ruler for?
I already measured that shop door.
Oh! Now I remember
"twas a Christmas gift in December.

Seems I am always losing some thing.
It's worse in winter than in spring.
In the last few days, here is what I lost?
Wrenches and chisels, etc, at great cost.

Overnight, I have had bowls & vases crack
Right after I put them on the rack.
Is what I am witnessing a mirage?
No, there is a ghost in my garage?

He never attempts to flee
Because I can feel him watching me.
I replace the lid after I apply finish.
And he opens the can, causing it to diminish.

At times I feel like such a fool
Soon after I sharpen a tool.
He slips into my tool box
And dulls it...sly as a fox.

Hope he doesn't find you.
He will put shavings in your shoe.
Mischief...he makes it a career
Only to play a trick and disappear.

Leave a finished item overnight
And he will put a tool mark in plain sight.
He even dulls my slightly used sandpaper.
Only a ghost can pull such a caper.

Many times while I am turning a bowl
Bark is thrown at me...by a ghoul.
Many times there is a barrage
Of little ghosts in my garage.

Is it coincidence or fate?
That the frequency has accelerated of late.
As soon as I lay a tool down
It's gone before I can turn around.

He's not confin' his activities to my shop.
And I tried several times to make him stop.
He's now invaded my insurance work.
I'm bombarded by his little quirks.

Sometimes I don't sleep a wink,
Thinking what will I do with that little fink.
Be warned, when I catch that little sucker
I am having ghost for supper.

Jim Mason

Woodturning Class

Pat Matranga is teaching a one week class at the Appalachian Center for Crafts July 18th-23rd. The class is called 'Platters and bowls with decorative rims and inlay". It is an intermediate level class but does include building skills with the bowl gouge and skew. The phone number at the school for more info is 931.372.3051 and Pat's is 615.886.7100. It is a nice place to take a class. You can drive back and forth if you don't want to pay the room and board. It is about an hour from the Nashville airport.

TACA

May 10, 2010

Dear Tennessee Assoc. of Woodturners:

Thanks for joining us last weekend at the TACA Tennessee Craft Fair as demonstrating sponsors. Our public love watching woodturning & no one does it w/ more enthusiasm & knowledge than the fabulous TAW folks! Thanks for coming out & delighting us again w/ your amazing talent!

We'll look forward to having y'all join us again soon!

All best,
Hannah

From the Editor

Articles are due **Friday July 16** for the August newsletter and should be submitted to woodwackerjeff@aol.com .

Members Projects - If you have a woodturning project that you would like to showcase to our club members, you can send me detailed information about your project with pictures.

Members Questions and Answers - Members are asked to submit wood turning, finishing, and tool questions for our resident experts to answer. There are no dumb questions, someone else in the club may have had the same question.

Classified ads for woodworking related items are free to members. Send detailed information with pictures.

Wood to turn – Do you have wood, need wood or know about wood that is available for turning? Let me know and I will pass it along

Classifieds

For Sale –General Maxi-Lathe VFS+, Low hours, speed 41-3800 rpm, digital variable speed control, sliding and rotating head stock, out board turning, ¾ Hp, 32 “ bed with 12 “ swing. Heavy duty stand, Face plate, drive center, live center and knock out bar. Retail Price \$850.00 SALE PRICE \$ 495.00. Call Monte Richards 500-5029 or 778-4986

Wood for Sale - I have many species and sizes of turning wood available, in log, half-log, bandsawn blanks, and rough-turned bowls. I also have many sealed and part-dried blocks, bottle stopper blanks, and pen blanks for sale. Respond to me via email artisin@gmail.com.- Fred Wray

For Sale – Powermatic 3520A lathe in good condition. Price \$2000. For more information contact Chris Gill chrisgill@malakoutiarchitects.com



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The Tennessee Association of Woodturners is a local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Our purpose is to provide a meeting place for local turners to share ideas and techniques and to educate the general public regarding the art of turning. The TAW meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, off of Franklin Road in Brentwood, TN and periodically sponsors local exhibitions and demonstrations as well as an annual symposium