



Meeting Info:

Meeting location:
8361A Dayton Pike
Soddy Daisy, TN
(Horsin' Around)
At 1:00 p.m. Sat.
Feb. 17, 2024

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Feb. Demonstrator

Carl Cummins

Carl took up woodturning in 2011 as a principal occupation after retiring from a career in Information Systems. His initial interest was simply learning the craft, techniques, methods, properties of woods, and elements of design. Along this journey he has tried nearly every aspect of woodturning. Instead of specializing in one area, he continues to enjoy working on a large variety of projects, but with a few special interests. One area of particular interest is multi-axis turning. Inspired by the works of Mark Sfirri and Jean-Francois Escoulen, Carl enjoys the challenge of thinking beyond the typical single axis, making things that look impossible for a lathe.

Carl lives near Birmingham, Alabama. He serves currently as Treasurer of the Alabama Woodturners Association after previously serving as Vice President and President. In addition to doing demos at club meetings, he teaches hands-on workshops for AWA. He also teaches woodturning classes at Red Mountain Makers, a craft maker-space in Birmingham.

MULTI-AXIS WOODTURNING is a broad subject with many different approaches and methods. Trying all of



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them could keep a turner busy for many months. In this demo Carl will focus on multi-axis turning between centers as described by Mark Sfirri and Barbara Dill. Barbara has taken a comprehensive methodical approach to explaining options in four categories:

https://www.barbaradill.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/xx_MultiAxis_LR1018-1.pdf

Mark seems to have a more whimsical approach, yet all his works are well-planned.

<https://www.marksfirri.com/s/SFIRRI-CANDLESTICK-PDF.pdf>

Jan. Demonstration

Steve shared some about the equipment they use in their club for streaming events and internet related demonstrations. The he demonstrated making a wig/hat stand and the value for women going through cancer treatments.



Donation Projects



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Don't forget the opportunity to give to others by turning one of the donation projects; Beads of Courage Box, Pens for the Troops or Ornaments.



NEW MEMBER MENTOR: Are you new to wood turning or at least have an interest in it? TSW provides an opportunity for you to learn from other turners who are willing to give you personal instruction and guidance. There is no fee for this instruction for TSW members. Contact one of the listed officers who will guide you to select a helpful mentor for you.

The following sponsors give generously to Tri-State Woodturners and we want to encourage members to support them generously



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Treasurer's Report



The Web

Beginning Balance January		2,440.87
Income		1,089.00
Raffle	85.00	
Dues	320.00	
Ornament sales	624.00	
Silent Auction	60.00	
Expenses		566.00
Rent	216.00	
Demonstrator	200.00	
Christmas dinner	150.00	
Ending Balance January		2,963.87

The challenge for this month is a Heart. Last October Michael Anderson demonstrated turning a heart. If interested in turning one like that there is a full length article by him in the Feb. 2024 issue of *American Woodturner*. Congratulations Michael—good article.

A google search can yield a lot of options. One is Inside Out Turning by Dewayne Colwell . A Valentine heart shaped bowl can be found at: <https://youtu.be/XyiUAuOSFow>

You could also look for a Youtube video on turning a heart shaped bowl from a crotch: <https://youtu.be/PFwheTmEOuM>

2024 TSW Club Challenges

Each member that brings a “Challenge Piece” and signs it in at the meeting, for the month of the challenge, is entered into a drawing for a gift certificate. You may do what was demonstrated the previous month as well. Doing the challenges provides you with experience in trying something new and will give others ideas of what they can make. If you previously made the challenge, try making another one with some kind of improvement.

Month	Item
January	Something from scrap wood—8
February	Heart
March	Mug
April	Kaleidoscope
May	Tippe Top
June	Useful homemade Jig
July	Wig/Hat Stand
August	Flashlight
September	Natural edge Goblet
October	Ghost
November	Ice Pick

If you have questions contact John Dekle at (423)364-1268 or email - Turning411@Yahoo.com





Bradford Pear trees can be quite pretty in the Spring and they do make a nice wood for turning. John Steger, from Crossville, has about 30 of them he plans to cut down, up to 18' in diameter. If you are interested in some of this wood give him a call at 925-698-4995. John Dekle may go up to get some next week. If you want some he will get it for you and bring to the meeting Sat. Feb. 17. (Call John 423-364-1268)

IRD Interactive Remote Demo

Many AAW clubs have gone to streaming demonstrations called IRDs or they record their demonstrations so people can join the club demos online. Another advantage is to make the demo available for members after seeing the event live to help them make the item being demonstrated. How many times have you watched a demo and forgot how to make the item once you got to turning it. Often demonstrations have far more involved steps than you can remember, which is why I advocate for demonstrators to provide notes.

TSW have been talking about recording demonstrations for a long time but just have not gotten it done. This month the board and a few others got together and discussed what is needed to make this possible. We concluded there are three potential option available.

1. Streaming with internet a good internet connection making it possible to have interactive remote demonstrators for our meetings occasionally.
2. Stream our live demonstrations over the internet making it possible for people unable to attend to join TSW and view demos.
3. Record demonstrations and upload them to the internet or our website for members to watch later.

What resources are required to accomplish this?

- A. Initial cost of camera etc. up to about \$3000 (AAW does provide grants for projects like this plus some individuals may wish to help).
- B. Monthly fee for internet service.
- C. People willing to set-up and operate the equipment.



**Your Response
is NEEDED!!!**

What do you think?

Do you see potential in some of the options listed?

How do you feel about the financial requirements?

HERE IS THE BIG ONE

Would you be willing to help with the set-up and or operating the equipment?

(of course someone would show you what to do)



Safety Tips

Lathe speed is often a topic brought up especially by novice turners. What is a safe speed at which to turn? In a recent article by Ron Brown, he suggests, "I start slow then speed up until I don't feel safe. Then I slow the lathe down a little and make shavings." The size of the item being turned and the balance of it will make a lot of difference. It is wise not to turn faster than that with which you are comfortable. If the lathe is vibrating, turn the speed down. As the item being turned becomes more balanced the speed can be increased. The result in turning small items and finials often improves with speed. Slower speeds for sanding is usually the best .

Membership Dues are due ~ \$40

If you completed a membership form in the past please be sure all info is correct—If not fill out one and turn it in with your dues.

After Feb. 17 the membership list will be sent to Klingspor which allows members a discount from that company for the year.

See the last page of this newsletter for a membership form

Shavings Session 9-11 a.m.

Lathes will be set up in our regular meeting area so people can come early the day of the TSW meeting (February 17) and learn to turn ornaments like shown here. Doug Spohn and Jerry Schnelzer will give directions and provide help so you can turn this type of ornament. All the needed tools and materials will be provided for you. In order for them to have everything you need available you need to give them a call and sign up for this session. This will be a great way to get personal guidance and help improving your turning skills.

Call Doug at (423) 240-4386 if you want to attend!



Show and Tell



← Barton Crowell ↑



↓ Eric Schaffer →



← Johnathon George

Jerry Bowman →



Show and Tell



↑ Gary Gilpatrick ↑



↑ Les Isbell ↑



← ↑ →

John Dekle



Show and Tell



This page all created by Gene Payne



Show and Tell



Top items created by Jennifer Kirby



Bottom 3 items
turned by
Michael Anderson

Show and Tell

Kennie Schaffer turned
all the items to the right



This pen turned by Peter Holt

Seth Eichenberger
turned this vase →



Tri-State Woodturners Membership Form

PLEASE print or write legibly and complete each area - Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2:(cell) _____

Member's website (if you have one): _____

May the above info be placed in the club directory on line? (check one) Yes No

Would you consider yourself a: Novice Confident Advanced woodturner

Year you started turning: _____ Would you be a mentor? _____

Type of lathe(s) you own and use: _____

Year you first joined TSW: _____ Are you currently an AAW member?: Yes No

**MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK (to: Tri-state Wood Turners) with \$40 TO:
TSW C/O, Dr. John Dekle, 6310 Cedar Cove Lane, Harrison, TN 37341**

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do not write below this line

Dues paid	date:	Amt:	date form updated
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