



TRI-STATE WOODTURNERS CUTS AND SCRAPES

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Meeting Information

The TSW meets the third
Saturday of every month at
1:00 pm.

Meeting Location:
Woodcraft of Chattanooga
5824 Brainerd Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

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January 17, 2026 Meeting Demonstrator – John Lucas

I've been working in wood since I started College in 1973. Even in these early days I was turning wood. I used my electric drill to make cabinet knobs and some handles for my files. I eventually graduated up to a Shopsmith and started doing segmented turning as well as other styles.

Around 1990 The Tennessee Association of Woodturners had a symposium at the Appalachian Center for Crafts. I was invited to be the photographer and it was my first exposure to other woodturners. I couldn't have been exposed to a better group. The demonstrators were Rude Osonlnik, John Jordan and Betty Scarpino. I was hooked and joined the TAW and the AAW that year.

I currently turn almost all kinds of work, from spindle, faceplate, and hollow vessels, to segmented, offcenter and inside out turning. I turn all sorts of materials from metal and bone to tag nuts and banksia pods. Of course no piece of wood is safe around me. I love to play with tools of all sorts and make many of my own. Woodturning is a wonderful

hobby and I hope to share it with you. For my demonstration I will show how I use iridescent paints and other techniques to embellish my work.



November Demonstrator – Carl Cummins

Carl Cummins was the November member's meeting demonstrator and showed us his techniques for turning multi-axis pieces.



Tri-State Woodturners 2026 Monthly President's Challenges

Bring your monthly challenge to the TSW meeting during the listed month. It will be submitted for the Challenge drawing for a \$20 Woodcraft Gift Certificate. Additionally, you can make a piece based upon the previous month's demonstration. Drawings are also held for donation pieces (Pens for the Troops, Christmas Ornaments and Beads of Courage), and for Instant Gallery pieces.

January	Bird House
February	Natural Edge
March	Weed Pot
April	Workshop (handle, mallet, tool etc)
May	Something Segmented
June	Lidded Box
July	Platter
August	Goblet
September	Bell
October	Ornament
November	Something for the Silent Auction
December	Silent Auction piece (donate for Christmas Party)

2025 TRISTATE WOODTURNERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 13 AT 6:00PM
PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB,
4713 PRIVATEER RD.
HIXSON, TN 37343



We will have a silent auction during the party. Please bring items to offer for the auction. Additionally, be prepared to bid on the various items. This is a pot luck dinner. The TSW supplies the meat and the members supply the sides. JOIN US FOR A GOOD TIME!

From the President

I am excited to see everyone at the Christmas Party. If you didn't attend last month's meeting don't worry, come anyway, bring a side dish (we only have one person bringing a starch and one person bringing bread) but don't fear, we have **seven** desserts coming! It's always been a fun evening to get together with your friends. Also, the silent auction is always a good opportunity to find some bargains.

We will cover a couple of administrative issues at the party, and we promise to make it short. We need to nominate members to become officers for the upcoming year, all positions are open, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Come with your ideas and your desire to become an officer. Additionally, we will quickly discuss that we are preparing a set of bylaws for TSW going into 2026.

2025 has been a good year for TSW and we look forward to even a better 2026.

Merry Christmas

November Instant Gallery Photos

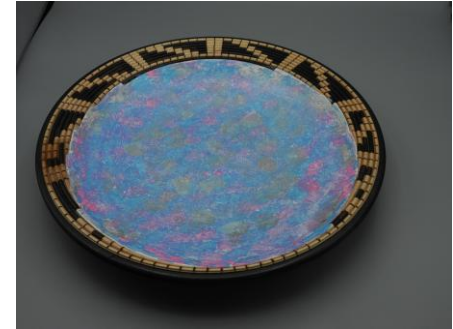
Charles Jennings



Eric Schaffer



Jeff Brockett



Jerry Schnelzer



Eric Schaffer



Les Isbell



Seth Eichenberger



Wayne Wilson



MEETING DEMONSTRATOR – CARL CUMMINS



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 the TSW and we encourage our members to support them.



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Time to Renew Your Membership!

Tri-State Woodturners 2026 membership dues should be paid before the January 17, 2026 member's meeting. Dues are \$60.00 and can be paid by cash or check. You can pay your dues at the December 13 **Christmas Party**, during the January 17 meeting or by mailing a check to:

**TSW C/O, John Fortmiller
6925 Autumn Lake Trl
Hixson, TN 37343**

From the Editor



I have agreed to take on the challenge of publishing the Tri-State Woodturners monthly newsletter. Do you have a project tutorial, favorite YouTube video, woodturning story to tell? Please feel free to email those to woodwackerjeff@aol.com. I welcome suggestions and comments concerning the newsletter. As a reminder the Tri-State Woodturners have a facebook group entitled: Tri-State Woodturners. Website address is www.tristatewoodturners.com.

Early registration for the TAW 2026 Woodturning Symposium closes December 31
For more information or to register please go to www.tnwoodturners.org.

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Financial Report - John Fortmiller

Beginning Balance	25-Nov	4,069.28	
Income		711	
Raffle		146	
Donation		505	
Dues		60	
Expenses		360	
Donation			
Insurance			
Guest turner		300	
A/V equip			
Gift Certificates		60	
other			
Ending Balance		4,420.28	
A/V Special Contribution Fund Balance		164	164