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AAW 2021

Meeting Info:

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

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Aug Demonstrator



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An official AAW chapter

Frank Bowers

Our demonstrator this month is a very popular presenter, Mr. Frank Bowers, who is the owner of F.B. Woodthings, Inc. where he turns for fun and profit. Frank's talent earned him a place in the 2001 Juried Exhibition sponsored by Highland Hardware. He also teaches at the John C. Campbell Folk School and is an active member of the Georgia Association of Woodturners.

Frank's demonstration Saturday will be on turning a three sided bowl with feet. Frank has demonstrated for our club many times in the past and does a splendid job. You are encouraged to attend and bring a friend to the meeting this Saturday.

Frank Bowers is a funny man. He has lots of stories, which he'll tell as he is introducing you to the craft of woodturning. His storytell-



ing creates a relaxed atmosphere that makes learning fun. Seeing a three sided bowl often makes people wonder how that can be made. Frank will show you how you can make a bowl like this that will have people guessing how it was made. Don't miss this in-person demo this Sat. Aug. 21 at 1:00



July Demonstation





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Tri-state Woodturner Mentors

President's Corner

I'm looking forward to another in person meeting this week. Let's hope and pray we do not loose this privilege again due to the virus. Please remember to bring you turnings to the meeting for show and tell. It is always great to see some of the beautiful pieces you all turn out.

Do not forget about the AAW symposium coming to Chattanooga in 2022. The symposium is scheduled for June 23 – 26, 2022. This will require a lot of support from out club with many volunteer positions needing to be filled. Please review the

list of volunteer lead positions on our web site and start thinking about positions you may be interested in supporting. Please let me know of any positions you are willing to support.

Finally, do not forget about our Pens for Troops challenge with the Nashville area. Also, it is not too soon to start making Christmas ornaments for the Chattanooga Area Food Bank Project. Be safe and keep those lathes turning!



TSW club meeting is

Aug. 21st (1:00)

At Horsin'Around

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 will 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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Ending Balance





Beginning Balance July		3,714.53
Income		150.00
Dues	80.00	
Raffle	70.00	
Expenses Demonstrator	200.00	200.00

We have all seen the typical inside-out turning which are fascinating and fun to make. Recently a different approach to this was observed using only two pieces of wood turing a candle holder with a heart. If you would like to see this check out this web-site. It's not new but rather different from what is often presented. https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=F68Sp9dFALs

Currently we have about 100 pen kits available from Woodcraft that are free to you for making pens for the troops. Pen blanks have been donated so all that is needed is for turners to commit a little time to turn a pen and donate it to the project. This will be a meaningful gift for on of our military folks that serve our country to protect our freedom. Just a few would be very helpful. We are in a contest with the Nashville area turners to see which Woodcraft store will produce the most pens for the troops this year. The Woodcraft store in Chattanooga has been very generous giving us gift certificates every month. This is a way we can help them in addition to showing our appreciation to our military personnel.

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TSW Club Challenges

following indicates the number submitted

	Novice	Confident Turner		Novice Turner	Confident Turner
January	Utilitarian	Utilitarian—4	July	Not Wood	Not Wood—6
February	Spurtle or Dibble	Stool—2	August	Jar Topper	Salt/Pepper shaker
March	Bowl	Bowl w/embellish—2	September	Tool Handle	Nut Cracker (Soldier)
April	Napkin Ring	Urn—2	October	Bottle Stopper	Unique Xmas Ornam't
May	Honey Dipper	Ring for a person - 2	November	Trivet	German-style Ring
June	Magic Wand—1	Flower Pot –3	December	* * Silent Au	ction Item * *



Safety Tips

When it comes to safety we are all ears—Right? Well, we should be because it will have some very personal effect on us. Let's think about what we hear when turning. Do you listen to music when turning? I know some turners do not so they are more attentive to the sounds of turning.



If you follow Ron Browns weekly emails you will recall he talked about this issue this past week. He described several sounds and asked what his readers would do if they heard such a sound. The point was any unusual sound needs to be investigated immediately. Even if music is playing in the background, (you wouldn't want it blasting so loud you could not hear what was happening with your turning) you want to be alert to any changes of different sounds from the turning.

That change in sound, a knocking noise, or a clicking might indicate danger ahead if not addressed. Is it a void in the wood, a foreign object uncovered inside the wood, malfunction of the lathe or something else that could present danger to you? Don't push through even if you are almost finished. It may not take long to discover the cause but it could save a lot of time and pain in the long run. God gave us two ears let's use them for our own safety.

Recruiting new Turners

Do you meet people that have an interest in turning? Occasionally I meet people who express interest in starting woodturning. We all know the value of getting good accurate instruction when starting so a person will be safe and avoid having to unlearn bad habits. My response is to encourage people become a part of TSW where they will receive good instruction. Brochures are available if you want to share them with people interested in turning. You are always welcome to send their email address to John Dekle so he can send them our monthly newsletter.



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What does it mean to be the Symposium Host?

It is an honor to be selected as the host city and club to host this international event. Honestly, it also means a lot of work to make it a successful event. AAW would not have selected us to host this event if they did not believe we could do it. Let's show them and all attending we are capable of the task.

There could easily be 15-1600 people attending the 2022 Symposium. If you have ever been involved in large conventions you know this is a very daunting task but if we all pitch in and help it will be an exciting adventure and very rewarding.

How can you help?

There really is something everyone can help with and it will take all of us to do this successfully. On the TSW web site is a list of all the lead positions. Someone is needed to volunteer for each of these plus volunteers to help them. PLEASE look over the list and find your place. Then let Jim Dvorak know how you will help. (423) 883-2212

AAW Symposium

The AAW Symposium is a tremendous opportunity to attend. Often it is expensive, having to travel to it plus a hotel and the registration fee but it is very worthwhile attending. The benefits are extraordinary. Due to covid-19 the in-person symposium had to be cancelled and is being done on-line via Zoom as it was done last year. Not quite the same as being at one in person but excellent demonstrations and it will be valuable for all who attend. You are highly encouraged to register and take advantage of this. It will also give you a small glimpse at what we will experience next summer here in Chattanooga as we will be the host of the Symposium.

http://www.tristatewoodturners.com

This link will take you to the web site where you click on the tab for the Symposium.

There you will find the positions needed to be filled.

You can either be a lead person or helper.

Dates: June 23 - 26, 2022

Mark your calendar now Reserve these dates You will be needed

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Donation Project Focus

Challenge for you: Donate an interesting Christmas Ornament

The Woodturning community is very creative coming up with some of the most unique items. You may feel you are not an artist or have the capability to be creative, but with a little effort you too can discover something new and creative. A benefit of Show and Tell is the ideas others gain from seeing the turnings displayed. Copying isn't the same as being creative. You could see an item and it will trigger a thought of how you could make an object using a technique or method someone else shared to come up with something a little different.

Here is an example of how this might work. I saw an ornament turned and then a small chain was attached with a charm hanging from it. That idea spured the creation of numerous variations. One variation was to take a key, stamp the letters JOY on it, hang it from a wooden ornament and a new decoration was created. A while back a store closed out and I found some clear round plastic rings for 10 cents available. Now what could be done with those bracelet sized rings? How about an ornament? Some Leopardwood was turned thin to glue around the ring and a Christmas item hung inside will make a creative decoration. I do not consider myself a very creative person and especially not artistic but with a little thought things like this can be done.









There are a lot of people around us less fortunate than we are and we have the opportunity to help them by making Christmas Ornaments. How is a Christmas Ornament going to help someone in need? I'm glad you asked. Around the holidays ornaments donated by TSW are sold in local banks and other establishments. The proceeds from these sales goes directly to the Chattanooga Food Bank. We can and have provided substantial funds to this organization who in-turn help so many in our community that are in need.

Donating a little time and effort to create these ornaments can really bless your life, knowing you helped someone else. Wood turners are typically known for their generous spirit and willingness to help others. This is a way you can carry on that image. Being generous and helping others always makes people feel good about themselves.

One of the neat things about ornaments there is so much room for variety. The sky is the limit—you can hardly go wrong with what you make. Now that is not to say junk is acceptable. Remember people will be spending money on these so we want to give them something of value that they can treasure. I've seen ornaments made by TSW folks and they are usually very nice that people will buy and treasure. Look online for ideas if you need some help.



This page Created by John Dekle Pen below made by Ron Plumley \downarrow







← Pens made by Jerry Bowman



←Turned by
Doug Spohn
Pens made by
Charles →
Abercrombie



← Tops , Pens for the Troops →and Bowl made by↓ Les Isbell





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Show and Tell





These items were made by John Lucas

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A picture of items
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