

## TRI-STATE WOODTURNERS



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(Horsin' Around fac.)

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# Cuts and Scrapes

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MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

## Frank Bowers



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## May Demonstrator

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 will do an interesting demo on Saturday at the TSW meeting discussing the value and use of carbide tools. 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, and he'll tell you many of them while he is introducing you to the craft of woodturning. His storytelling creates a relaxed atmosphere that makes learning fun. Don't miss this great opportunity this coming Saturday!

# TSW Meeting Sat. at 1:00

# April Meeting with Jared Bruckner



Jared presented a fascinating and informative demo on how to make an emerging bowl from gluing blocks together, turning the bowl, then splitting the blocks and finishing the bowl with a consistent rim. He also showed a variety of bowls and some really nice finished products. The complete notes he provided for Cuts and Scrapes last month give detailed info on making one of these bowls.



Gluing the blocks together then splitting them apart after the first turning



Mounting the bowl for turning in the Cole Jaws

Samples of some beautiful emerging bowls





# President's Corner

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I want to thank Jim Dvorak for leading the last meeting. It was nice to be able to get out of town that weekend. I also appreciate Jim leading the effort on the Beads of Courage project. He took time out of his day to deliver all the boxes our club made to the hospital. That was a big success. Let's keep this going, it helps the attitudes of so many kids and parents. How hopeless it must feel to be in that situation, but your turnings create a wonderful bright light into their lives. Thanks you.

Remember the May's president's challenge is a goblet. The more you participate the more likely you'll win a special prize at the end of the year. And we'll have a drawing at the meeting for challenge participants to win a Woodcraft gift certificate. I'd like to thank all that participate in the challenges. I feel our club has a good turnout toward this effort.....and it's fun!

I hope some of you were able to check out some of the woodturning forums I provided. I do think you'll enjoy becoming involved in that community.

Remember when you drop your things off for the Presidents Challenge or Show and Tell, fill out a provided form that will have your name, type of wood and finish on the piece. This will help during the Show and Tell segment as well as John as he does our newsletter.

Finally, shop safety: Last year John and I had a sawdust session on pen making and sharpening. I thought the sharpening session would be more about the different methods, but I was surprised at how it turned more toward the actually task of sharpening. If you don't know or are not confident in sharpening your tools, contact any of the TSW's Officers and they'll connect you with someone that will show you what to buy and how to sharpen you tools. Why is this in the safety segment? Because dull tool are very dangerous. You'd think the opposite, but with a dull tool you push harder and that can cause accidents. Keep your tools sharp, it makes the hobby a real pleasure.

**NEW MEMBER MENTOR:** Are you new to wood turning or at least have an interest in it? TSW club is providing an opportunity for you to learn from an expert turner who has provided instruction and guidance to many in the club and others. Ed Lewis opens his workshop on Saturdays and would love to help you. Contact him at (423) 344-7295. There is no fee for this instruction from an excellent turner & teacher.

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# Treasurer's Report



# The Web

Starting Balance	4,652.04
Income:	93.00
Wood Raffle	46.00
Snack collection	7.00
Dues	40.00
Expenses:	0.00
Ending Balance	4,745.04

In sync with Josh's comments here are couple web sites you can check out on sharpening.

#1 Doug Thompson at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttYyulsM7wg>

#2 Carter and Sons (short and to the point)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZ6trllHF68>

Hopefully one of these will be helpful to you



## AAW SYMPOSIUM

JUNE 14–17, 2018

PORTLAND, OR

It is a long way off in the future but to attend you may need some lead time to plan. It is a great experience to attend the AAW International Symposium. Portland is a long distance from TN but if you have another event out there you might want to consider combining them.

## TURNING SOUTHERN STYLE

SEPT. 21–23, 2018

DALTON, GA

Distance is no excuse for not attending this Symposium as it's only 30 miles from Chattanooga. In one week-end you can gain a wealth of information on turning. This might be a good time to put this on your calendar for this fall. You can stay in Dalton or drive back and forth daily. Register at: <https://www.gawoodturner.org/symposium/>



Mark your calendar now for the TSW annual Christmas dinner & silent auction  
 6:00 pm at Privateer Yacht Club

## 2018 Club Challenge

January	Spindle— 10 submitted	July	Utilitarian
February	Wall Art - 11 submitted	August	Plate
March	Scoop— 9 submitted	September	Celtic Knot
April	Beads of Courage —6 sub.	October	Snowman
May	Goblet	November	Inside Out
June	Natural Edge	December	Silent Auction Item



Ed Lewis has been turning for 42 years and has graciously offered to open his shop on Saturday mornings to help newbies. This is as good as it comes. Ed is not only skilled as a turner but an excellent teacher. Many TSW have gained valuable lessons from him over the years to where they are now very proficient. Call Ed at (423) 344-7295 or talk with him at the TSW meeting Sat. This is an official function of TSW.

# Delivering Beads of Courage Boxes from TSW

These are the first boxes they received and were enthralled with them. They had no concept of what a box looked like or the workmanship required. Maggie Akridge is the Beads of Courage Coordinator and is the second person from the left in the photo. She is part of the Cystic Fibrosis department that currently have 80 patients in that department alone. TSW members are encouraged to make boxes. It would be neat to get a box in each of these patients hands by the end of the year. Maggie was inspired to bring in Beads of Courage by one of their patients who was bemoaning the fact that they could not collect beads like patients in other facilities. That patient passed away before Maggie was able to get the program started. As a side note, Maggie will be using this photo for part of their publicity campaign and TSW should benefit from the publicity as well. — Jim



## CLUB CHALLENGE FOR MAY IS A GOBLET

NEXT MONTH IS SOMETHING WITH A NATURAL EDGE

BEADS OF COURAGE BOXES GLADLY ACCEPTED ANYTIME

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PENS FOR TROOPS SEE JOHN DEKLE

CA Glue has arrived—Emails sent to those who ordered and it will be delivered Sat.



Do you have a carbide tipped tool or want to learn more about them, then come this Sat. and pick-up some good info from Frank Bowers on these types of tools.

CUTS AND SCRAPES

# Interview with TSW Member



Welcome to The Pop shop where Larry Skaggs hangs out creating fantastic works of art. After spending most of his working career in the field of Christian Publishing and being the VP of marketing for Bible sales Larry moved to Chattanooga from Nashville, TN. An ad for a mini lathe got him interested in turning but that gave way to something much more substantial, a Powermatic 3420.

In 2004 Larry started turning and found a lot of help from Ed Lewis, as so many in TSW have been tutored by him. His turning has really moved forward to where he is producing some very good pieces of art. Look at this favorite a large Silver Maple bowl. A favorite thing to turn for Skaggs

would be bowls and his favorite wood is Box Elder.



CUTS AND SCRAPES



Larry enjoys yard work and has a beautiful property to show for it. He still finds time to spend three days or so in his very neat and well organized shop. His favorite turning tool would be Thompson gouges and he uses a Serious Cam-lock handle.



Finishes may vary depending on the wood but his primary finish is epoxy and Beall buffing.



Larry has two slow turners so he can apply epoxy to two projects at the same time. Most of his projects find homes with family and friends. His sage advise for new turners is to find a good mentor. It obviously helped Larry become an excellent turner.



# Club Challenge for April - Beads of Courage Box



Bev deYampert—Sassafras/Lacquer



John Dekle—Poplar & Walnut/Walnut oil

Les Isbell—Baltic Birch Plywood/Epoxy →

Jim Dvorak ↓—Cherry/Watco Butcher Block



# Club Challenge for April - Beads of Courage Box



Top four with cute stickers were made by Charles Jennings

Bottom three on right stack inside each other and spin—made by

Don Moore →



# Show, Tell & Learn - Instant Gallery



Items on this page  
Were created by  
Charles Jennings



# Show, Tell & Learn - Instant Gallery



↑ Made by Doug Spohn ↑



↑ Created by Les Isbell ↑



← Turned by Ed Lewis ↓



If these items inspire and encourage you in your turning, just imagine how yours could do the same for another turner at TSW. You are encourage to bring in items—you'll never know what impact they can have encouraging someone else if you never participate.

# Show, Tell & Learn - Instant Gallery



Items on this page were created by John Dekle

Your piece could have been featured here if you had brought it in. Don't make the people that submit work feel alone—Bring a piece to show soon - maybe next months challenge.



# Project/Tips

## Protect wood from chuck jaws

After trying several ideas for reversing a small turning and holding it in a chuck to finish the bottom, I devised my own method, which is simple and inexpensive. I had tried cloth, tape, foam, and electrical wire, but always ended up with marks on the turning from the chuck jaws. To solve this, I took some plastic tubing, which is available by the foot in a variety of sizes, and slid it on the chuck jaws.

For pin jaws I cut pieces the length of the jaws. For No. 2 jaws, I cut pieces long enough to cover each

jaw. I cut a slit in the tubing so that it can slip over each jaw. The tubing is thick enough to prevent the marks and also provides some holding power for the work piece.

For pin jaws I use 5/8" (16 mm) ID tubing and for the No. 2 jaws, 3/8" (10 mm) ID tubing. Other chucks may require different sizes.

~ Bill Fordney, Pennsylvania



This tip came from AAW. They are a tremendous resource for woodturners. If you are not an AAW member, consider joining and benefit from all they provide.