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WOODTURNERS**

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**Meeting Info:**

Meeting location:  
Woodcraft of  
Chattanooga  
5824 Brainard Rd.  
Chattanooga, TN  
January 18, 2025  
at 1:00 p.m.

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**Christmas Party**  
**Saturday—December 14**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Privateer Yacht Club**  
**4713 Privateer Rd., Hixson, TN**  
 (Come at 5 if you can help set up)  
**Pot luck dinner (club provides meat)**  
**Bring your spouse and food you signed up for (otherwise bring salad, veggie or beverage)**  
**Bring something for the Silent Auction**  
**Plan on an enjoyable evening together,**  
**Great food and time to buy interesting things**  
**at the Silent Auction**

## November Demonstrator

### Michael Anderson



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Michael has been working with wood for many years, but started woodturning in late 2021. As soon as the power hit his lathe for the first time, Michael was hooked--since then, his table saw has primarily served as an extra workbench to hold his turning tools. Woodturning has afforded Michael a creative outlet and an opportunity to work with amazing materials from around the world. Michael primarily alternates between turning closed form bowls and sculptural pieces, and usually works with hardwood species sourced from the southeastern United States. When appropriate he showcases the natural characteristics of wood, but many of Michael's pieces are embellished after the turning is complete. He finds satisfaction in visual and tactile surface treatments and is intrigued with the variety of techniques available to alter the appearance of wood. Whatever the end goal, form is paramount, and Michael's enjoyment of the process is what keeps him motivated for the next project.



At the last minute Michael jumped in and saved the day. Our scheduled demonstrator had to cancel at the last minute. Doug made one phone call and Michael said sure I love to show everyone how to make a Hawaiian Calabash bowl.

# Donation Projects



President, Doug Spohn

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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



5824 Brainerd Rd., Chatt. TN 373411 + (423) 710-8001

Ask about their discounts for AAW club members



# Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance December 1604.74

**Income**

- Ornament Sales
- Dues
- Raffle
- Other
- Christmas Auction

**Expenses**

- Demonstrator 0.00
- Other

Ending Balance December

## 2025 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

Month	Item
January	Gavel or Mallet
February	Toothpick Holder
March	Off center
April	Napkin ring
May	Vase
June	Mirror
July	3 Penguins — Father, Mother, Child
August	Lidded box
September	3 Snowman — Father, Mother, Child
October	
November	Ornament





# TAW Symposium

**Tennessee Association of Woodturners**

**Fri. Jan. 31st and Sat. Feb 1st, 2025**

**Nashville, TN**

**Cost , Demonstrators, on web site**

**Held at the Marriott Cool Springs Hotel**

**Franklin, TN**

To register or for more info go to

[TAW 2025 Woodturning Symposium - Tennessee Association of Woodturners](http://tnwoodturners.org)  
[tnwoodturners.org](http://tnwoodturners.org)

**Next TSW Meeting will be  
Saturday - Jan. 18, 2024**

**Challenge for January  
is a gavel or mallet**



## Silent Auction

At the Christmas Party there will be a silent auction—all proceeds go to Tri-state Woodturners

So please donate items and plan to buy items there. It's a great way to do some Christmas shopping .

If bringing things, you can fill out a form there or do it ahead of time as the form is page 3 in this newsletter.

If you have questions about the Christmas Party or Silent Auction please feel free to contact Doug Spohn (423) 240-4386 or send him an email at [djspohn@epbfi.com](mailto:djspohn@epbfi.com)



# Show and Tell



**Jerry Bowman**



**John Dekle**

# Show and Tell



## Jerry Schnelzer

# Show and Tell



## Eric Schaffer



## Kennith Schaffer

# Show and Tell



# Charles Jennings

# Show and Tell



**Gary Farlow**



**Seth Eichenberger**

# Show and Tell



**Suzanne Ruckman**



**Jim Ruckman**



It seems like doctor offices constantly want me to fill out the same form I filled out the year before. Usually several pages.

I've noticed several members like filling out the TSW membership form as much as I like doing that at the doctor's office.

**Solution:** At the Christmas Party someone will have all the info on a sheet. PLEASE just look it over and see if there are any changes. Give that person the corrections if any. DONE! - That's pretty simple isn't it?

If we have a membership form for you previously, it will be available for you to confirm your information.

New members need to complete the Membership Form but I will try to keep it on file so they only do it once.

Why do we keep this info? Some companies require this for discounts they offer plus it helps us keep in touch with you.

**Thank You!**

