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# Cuts and Scrapes

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MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER



## Meeting Info:

Meeting location:

Woodcraft of  
Chattanooga

5824 Brainard Rd.

Chattanooga, TN

May 17, 2025

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## *May Demonstrator* *Nick Cook*



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An official AAW chapter



Saturday will be a great day at Woodcraft.

Nationally known woodturner, Nick Cook will be presenting.

He has been at our club several time before and always puts on a great presentation. Nick lives in Marietta, Georgia, where he owns and operates his studio.

He grew up around his father's woodworking equipment and became interested in the art of woodturning in the mid-70s after several years in furniture design and manufacture.

A founding member of the American Association of Woodturners, Nick served six years on the board of directors, including one as vice president.

In addition to creating one-of-a-kind pieces and his staple gift items, Nick teaches and lectures on various woodturning topics, has written articles for several woodworking magazines, and produced two woodturning videos.

The primary materials that he now uses are maple, cocobolo, and tagua nuts. He employs a variety of woods, both domestic and exotic for his one-of-a-kind pieces. Nick's work is marketed in gift shops and galleries from coast to coast and is included in numerous corporate and private collections. You can also find Nick selling his pieces at craft fairs in the Southeast.

# APRIL DEMONSTRATOR

## MICHAEL ANDERSON

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.

Last month he presented a small lidded box with a twist. He turned a small lidded box with a rounded penny in the bottom of the lid that is a spinner.



# Club Information

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Next Months meeting will be on  
May 17, 2025

Next month's challenge is to make a vase.

If you have any ideas for a monthly challenge please let me know. Eric Schaffer  
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## TRESURE'S REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$3327.51
Income	\$735.00
Raffle	\$75.00
Xmas Auction	\$0.00
Dues	\$660.00
Expenses	\$100.00
Donation	\$0.00
Insurance	\$0.00
Guest Turner	\$0.00
A/V Equipment	\$0.00
Gift Certificates	\$100.00
Ending Balance	\$3962.51
A/V Special Contribution Fund	\$80.00

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# Donation Projects



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.

# 2025 TSW Club Challenges

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



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.

## Last Months Challenge





# Going Home



Jerry Lewis Bowman, 79 of Ringgold went home to be with the Lord on Friday, April 25, 2025 at his home. He was born on April 19, 1946 in Mansfield, Ohio to the late Robert Lewis Bowman and Rosie Mae Spohn Bowman. Jerry was a member of the First Baptist Church of Chattanooga where he had been a member for nearly 40 years and served as a Deacon. Mr. Bowman was a Mechanical/Electrical Engineer and had been a master woodcrafter.

He was preceded in death by his son, Matthew Bowman and brothers, George and Carl Bowman.

Survivors include his loving wife of 55 years, Nancy Bowman; daughter, Michelle (Carlton) Watts; brother, Don (Sue) Bowman; sister, Roberta (Fred) Herron; along with his grandchildren, Reagan and Jack Watts.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or First Baptist Church of Chattanooga.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, May 9th, 2025 at the First Baptist Church of Chattanooga with Pastor Thomas Quisenberry officiating. Interment will follow at Chatta-

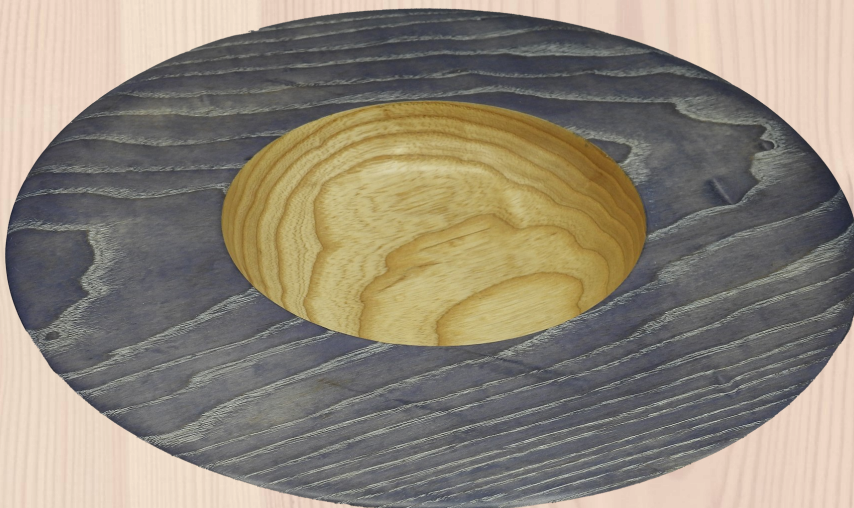


# Show and Tell



## Charles Jennings

Charles brought us some beautiful bowls again this month. He also made some custom napkin rings for our challenge and a Beads of Courage Box.



## Tim Mehling

Tim made the beautiful bowl to show us with the blue outer ring.



# Show and Tell



## Kennith Schaffer

Kennith's single napkin ring with a small bowl.



## Rodger Kent

Rodger made some great looking napkin rings to show us.





# Show and Tell



## Rual Manning

Rual did a great job on this spiral goblet, this hollow form lidded box and the Small vise. Plus the 2 Christmas ornaments.



## Jeff Brookman

Geff made this bowl and peb out of a piece of olivewood. And a bowl out of another splatted wood



# Show and Tell



## Nick Kovacs

Nick turn this unusual bowl and made these 2 lids for these jars.



## Michael Anderson

Michael brings us some of the strangest turnings. He has done it again with his mulit-color egg shape. And A mushroom shaped spinner.

