



# WEST TENNESSEE WOODTURNERS

## NEWSLETTER



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### 1ST MEETING HELD AT NEW LOCATION



On February 11, 2010 West Tennessee Woodturners held their first meeting at Cecil Cravens' new woodworking shop, also known as the "Brother Dave Gardner Building". Cecil and John Bonner had worked hard getting things organized to accommodate the club. Bob Hobbs, Kirk Smith, and Chuck Jones moved the club lathe and other paraphernalia to the new location earlier. After a little shuffling around to get oriented the meeting went quite well. There is a wide variety of equip-

ment in the shop including four lathes. That alone should keep any woodworker's interest for a while.

After the business meeting Chuck Jones set about doing a demonstration of turning a peppermill using a "Crush Grind" mechanism. Due to the length of the blank, he used Cecil's Delta 1642 lathe. Things went well until a little malfunction caused the quill to spin in the tailstock and almost drive the headstock off the other end off the lathe. After it happened a second time several members got involved in determining the cause. That proved to be more exciting than building a peppermill. It turned out a small pin had come loose and backed out during the storage and moving of the lathe. The main lesson learned is that once one loses the attention of a group of woodturners, it's hard to recover.



Chuck provided a handout with instruction on the steps to making the peppermill. If anyone feels compelled to make one and has trouble with the instructions see him and he will be happy to help.

### CHANGE IN MEETING DAY AND TIME

During the business meeting it was decided that overall Saturdays would be a better meeting day than Thursday nights, because it should be easier to get demonstrators from outside the area.

Starting with the next meeting the club's regular meeting date and time will be the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. That means the next meeting will be **SATURDAY MARCH 13 AT 9:00 A.M.**, at the Gardner Building.

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#### OFFICERS:

- *President:*  
**Bob Hobbs**
- *Vice President:*  
**Kirk Smith**
- *Secretary:*  
**Chuck Jones**
- *Treasurer:*  
**Bill Smith**
- *Librarian:*  
**Bill Wyche**

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## FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Bob Hobbs called the meeting to order.

Members present were Kirk Smith, Bill Smith, Nick Matos, Dale Kee, Chuck Jones, Kenneth Ferrell, Wayne Cathey, Paul Reed, Bill Wyche, Steve Kee, Cecil Cravens, Wayne Carter, Bob Hobbs, and newest member Bill Kearns. Visitors John Bonner and Linda Kee.

Bob Hobbs commented on how much he and Chuck Jones enjoyed the Tennessee Association of Woodturners' Symposium in Nashville.

Sanding Glove catalogs were passed around.

After discussion it was decided that the club regular meeting day would be changed to the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 A.M.

### BUY—SELL—TRADE

I am offering my custom made carbide tools for \$120.00 each. I have just developed the Ultimate Hollowing Tool by Smithbuilt Tool Co. I will post pics of both soon. The hollowing tool works great and is available for \$170.00 each. Sorry all orders must be prepaid as I engrave your name and ser. # on each one.

Kirk Smith

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### FREE WOOD

I recently cut down a very large box elder tree on our property. The tree was dying and very hollow (aren't all box elders?) so I'm not sure how good the wood will be, but there is a lot of it. I cut one piece out of what was left of the stump wall and it was very nice. If you are interested in some of it "come see us".

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### NICK MATOS' FINISHING FORMULA

Since several has asked, here is the formula for the finish I'm using on most of my pieces. Mix equal parts of Raw Tung Oil, Boiled Linseed Oil, and Semi-Gloss Poly Urethane. Wipe a good coat onto the piece and let it sit for 5-10 minutes then wipe it all off using a clean cloth or paper towel. Wait at least 24 hours before applying the next coat. This mixture can also be bought already mixed from Rockler [www.rockler.com](http://www.rockler.com). It is known as the "Sam Maloof Finish".

Good luck, Nick



PICTURES FROM FEBRUARY MEETING



Cecil Cravens  
Dodecahedron Lidded Boxes



Kirk Smith  
Purse Mirror  
Osage Orange  
Friction



Nick Matos  
Vase  
Apple



Bill Smith  
Eggs  
Walnut & Maple  
Wax



Bill Smith  
Bowl  
Osage Orange  
Shellac & Wax



PICTURES FROM FEBRUARY MEETING



Bob Hobbs  
Bowl  
Holly  
Tung Oil & Lacquer



Bob Hobbs  
Bowl  
Elm Burl



Bob Hobbs  
Hollow Form w/ Finial  
Holly & Walnut



Wayne Carter  
Clock  
Cherry