



WEST TENNESSEE WOODTURNERS



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NORM FOWLER DEMONSTRATION



Norm Fowler came through with another great demonstration at the June meeting. He showed all the steps he takes to make a lidded box. At the same time he pointed out several variations that others choose and noted that there is always more than one way to approach any turning project. The tips and techniques that Norm shares during his demonstrations are always interesting and useful, particularly to those of us that are not as experienced in woodturning.

Norm did a bowl making demonstration only a couple months ago and readily agreed to fill in this time after a change in the demo schedule was necessary.



Our club is very fortunate to have individuals within the local club, as well as from other clubs in the area, who are willing to step up and share their skills with all the members.

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DALE KEE WILL DEMONSTRATE IN JULY

At the July meeting Dale Kee will show how to turn one bowl blank into many when he demonstrates the use of his core saving tool. These tools are becoming very popular with woodturners who do not like to see beautiful wood become shavings when they hollow out a large bowl blank.

Dale is a member of West Tennessee Woodturners. He has been turning about two years. During that time he has been aggressive in his efforts to learn and improve his skills. As evident from some of pieces he has brought to the Instant Gallery he has advanced rapidly.

RAFFLE CONTINUES TO BE VERY ACTIVE

If you haven't carried home some nice turning wood lately you either haven't been buying tickets or you have been having a really back streak of luck. The supply of wood from members and gift certificates from supporting businesses has been great. Your continuing support, both in donating items and purchasing tickets is appreciated and is helping to build funds to support the club.

MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING

Bob Hobbs presided over the meeting on June 12, 2010.

Those in attendance were Chuck Jones, Steve Kee, Robert Reeves, Dale Kee, Ryan Kee, Nick Matos, Carol Griffin, Jerry Dawson, Al Stables, Tom Thompson, Bob Craig, Fred Gerson, Kirk Smith, Bill Kearns, Ken Ferrell, Bill Smith, Bill Wyche, Bob Hobbs, Cecil Cravens, Norman Fowler, Paul Reed, and John Bonner.

Bob opened the meeting by welcoming members and visitors.

He noted that the club has just completed its first year of existence.

Bob Hobbs recounted the many advantages of membership in the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) and encouraged all local members to join the AAW. Bill Kearns, who recently moved to Tennessee from Florida where he was a member of "Tri-County Woodturners" and is a long time member of AAW added supporting comments.

A discussion took place about the issue of distractions during demonstrations. Several points of view were expressed. While no official action was proposed, it was generally agreed that we should work toward accommodating everyone's need without being disruptive or disrespectful to the demonstrators.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 10—Regular Meeting. Dale Kee demonstration—coring bowls.

August 14—Regular Meeting. Cecil Cravens demonstration—inlays.

September 11—Outdoor Meeting and Lunch

Joel Benson chainsaw demonstration.

At Chuck & Glenda Jones' Farm (more information later)

October 9—Regular Meeting. Bill Kearns demonstration—bowls from scrap.

November 13—Regular Meeting.

December 11—Christmas Party

—Bulletin Board—

Free Wood

There are still several Persimmon and Paulonia logs available at Chuck Jones' farm. There is also lots of heavily spalted pecan (tool sharpening not included). If you'd like some of this wood come on by or contact Chuck at 731-695-6709.

Custom Built Tools

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 kirkpsmith@aol.com

Madison County Fire Department – Station 11

The first Saturday of October is our annual fund raiser. We sell the absolute best pulled BBQ, BBQ half chickens and BBQ Bologna ever. Jeff DeLaney is our Master Cooker and his food is second to none. Everyone is encouraged to attend to help support MCFD Station 11.

Thanks to all, Lt. Kirk Smith

JUNE INSTANT GALLERY



Salad Bowl w/Utensils—Osage Orange/Bois d' Arc
Mineral Oil Finish
Jerry Dawson



Left: Bowl—Box Elder—Lacquer Finish
Right: Bowl—Gum—Lacquer Finish
Ken Ferrell



Pens
Carol Griffin



Finishing Jig
Nick Matos



Two bowls—Rolling Pins
Al Stables

JUNE INSTANT GALLERY



Bowl—Hackberry
Nick Matos



Bowl—Beech
Al Stables



Bowl—Maple
Al Stables