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HERSHEL MILLER—WOODTURNING FUNDAMENTALS



Hershel Miller combined a discussion of some very basic woodturning fundamentals with good visual aids on a flip chart, and some lively hands-on work on the lathe for his demonstration at the club's February meeting. He packed a lot of useful information into about two hours and held the groups attention for the entire time, which is not an easy feat for anyone. There are several newer turners in the club who benefitted greatly from this presentation, and many of the more experienced turners commented that it was a good refresher for

them also.

Hershel has about twenty years of woodturning experience and is clearly a student of the physics and science behind it. Those who saw the examples of his work that he brought to the meeting and have seen his displays at regional craft shows understand full well the extent of his capability.

We appreciate very much the time he put into preparation and his travelling from Millington to Jackson to share his knowledge and experience with us.

A TRIP DOWN SOUTH

It's 3:15 AM on Thursday Feb 3rd 2011. Bill Smith is walking out of his house. Why? We're heading to FLORIDA. The time for the Florida Woodturning Symposium has arrived.

It took us about 14 hours to make the 814 mile trip to the Yale Baptist Center where the symposium is held. We arrived at the center about 5:45 PM (Fl. time). We hurried to the cafeteria to have our evening meal, the cafeteria closes at 6 PM. Our next venture was to seek out a wood vendor. We proceeded to buy all the Norfolk Island Pine that he had. The funny thing about this was that the symposium hadn't even started yet.

BY BILL KEARNS



Rudy Lopez and Bill Kearns

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MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the president, Bob Hobbs.

Guests and new members were introduced. There were twenty-three members and five guests present.

Our guests included Skip Wilbur, President of Mid-South Woodturners Guild and Emmett Manley, a very active member and newsletter contributor at the MSWG.

Bob discussed the mentoring program and explained that the requirement that all participants be current members of both our local chapter and the national American Association of Woodturners (AAW) is so the activity will qualify for the liability insurance provided by the AAW.

Skip told the members about the Dale Larsen demo scheduled at the MSWG meeting on February 26. Additional information is available on the MSWG website and in their newsletter (which is also on the website).

The Woodwork Shop in Memphis has offered all WTW members a "Once a Month" 10% discount on purchases. Membership cards will be available at our next meeting. They have a copy of our roster, so if anyone wishes to take advantage in the interim it should not be a problem if you tell them you are a member of WTW.

Members were reminded that we all need to be especially careful that we do not disturb any of Cecil Craven's tools or material. Please do not use, move, or remove any of these items without Cecil's permission. Cecil has been very generous in allowing the club to use his shop and we must be extremely careful with his property.

Bob introduced Hershel Miller, our demonstrator for the day.

MARCH DEMONSTRATOR—KEITH BURNS

Many of our club members know Keith Burns and admire all his work, especially his beautiful hollow forms and finials. He was one of the first turners to demonstrate at our newly formed club back in 2009 and has agreed to return to demonstrate "Hollowing Through a 1/2" Hole" at our March meeting. If you are not familiar with Keith's work visit his gallery at woodturnersamerica.org.

A TRIP DOWN SOUTH

Friday, I had a hands-on turning class with Rudy Lopez who is the President of my Florida club. We turned a natural edge winged bowl. It was easier than I thought.

Saturday was spent watching such notable turners as Malcolm Tibbets, John Jordan, Beth England, Curt Theobald and Molly Winton display their talents. Bill got to meet some of my friends that I remembered and also some that I didn't remember. OH WELL, I guess memory is an age related problem. The vendors were plentiful and Bill and I did not let them down (\$\$\$).

Sunday morning, the last of the demonstrations were held. At 1 PM it was time to check out and point the truck back to the land of Davy Crockett and Bufford Pusser. The food was good and the camaraderie was great.

Bill, you were a great traveling partner....let's do it again next year.

Bill Kearns

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Winged Natural Edge Bowl—Turned by Bill Kearns

—Bulletin Board—

Lathe For Sale

Delta Mini Lathe with stand. Limited use — practically new.

\$300

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Handmade Tools

Nick Matos builds a variety of small handmade tools using O1 tool steel. They are priced at \$25-30 including a hardwood handle. You can see examples in this month's "Instant Gallery" photo section. If you are interested contact Nick at 731-584-5970.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 26—Dale Larsen all day demo at MSWG

March 12—Regular Meeting. Keith Burns, Hollowing Through 1/2" Opening

April 9—Regular Meeting. Larry Sefton, Building a Woodburner (Tentative)

May 7—Regular Meeting. Skip Wilbur, (Tentative)

June 24-26—AAW 25 Anniversary Symposium—Saint Paul, Minnesota

FEBRUARY CHALLENGE WINNER(S)

Last month it was noted that the judges had a difficult time deciding the winner of the Nick Matos Challenge, this time it was so tough they chose two winners. The challenge was a perfect sphere 3 1/2" in diameter. Chuck Jones' sphere was chosen for meeting the basic requirements, but they decided they should declare a tie because Jerry Dawson's embellished sphere was so creative and absolutely adorable.

We should thank Nick for coming up with the idea and donating the tools for prizes, and thanks to his wife Sue for assisting him.



INSTANT GALLERY



Nick Matos - Candle
Maple Burl - 10 Coats Wipe-on Poly



Steve Kee - Covered Bowl
Poplar & Cherry - Poly



Nick Matos - Ball
Gum Burl - Watco Danish Oil



Nick Matos - Ball
Cedar - BeesWax



Jerry Dawson - Bowl
Magnolia - Poly



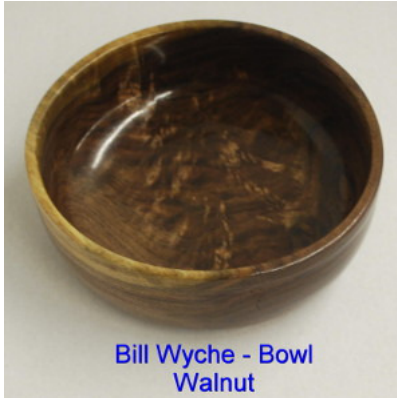
Jerry Dawson - Bowl
Cocobolo - Poly



Jerry Dawson - Ball
Poplar & ? - Poly

Photos courtesy of Jerry Dawson

INSTANT GALLERY—CONTINUED



Bill Wyche - Bowl
Walnut



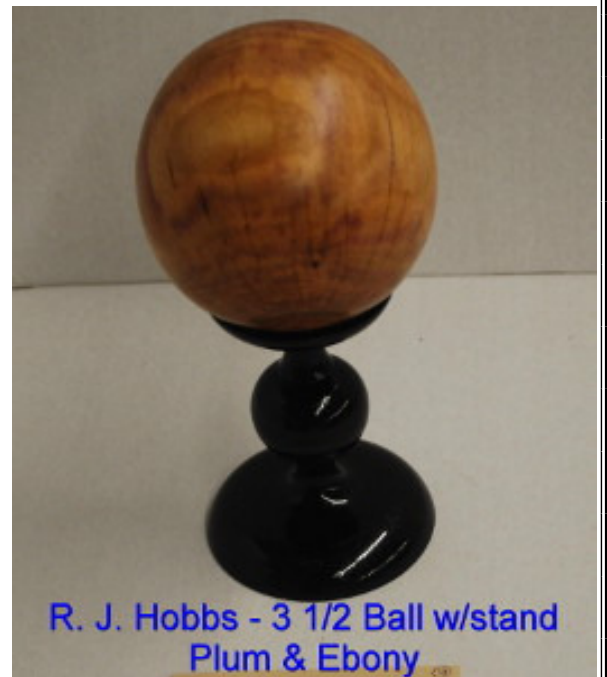
Bill Wyche - Goblet
Bradford Pare



Chuck Jones - Platter - Walnut - Oil



Al Stables - Practice Items - Iron A Class at John C Campbell



R. J. Hobbs - 3 1/2 Ball w/stand
Plum & Ebony



Norm Fowler - Bowl - Persimmon

INSTANT GALLERY—CONTINUED



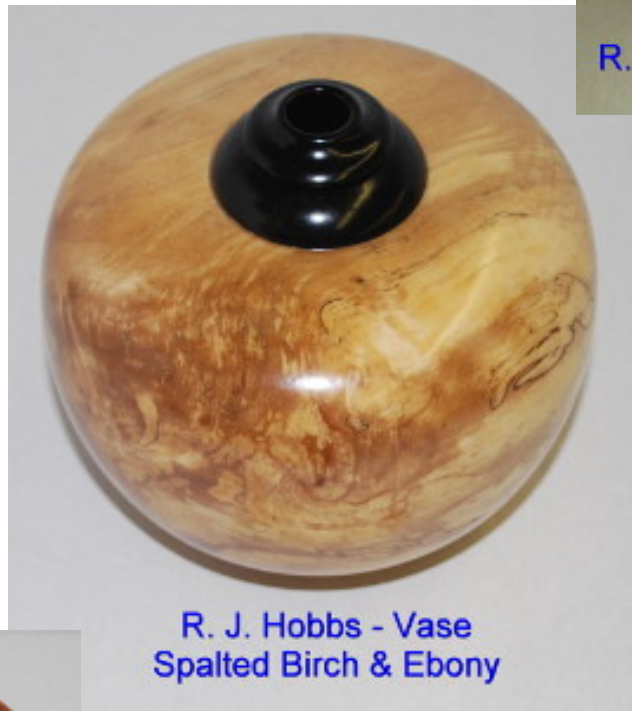
Norm & Louise Fowler - Pillow



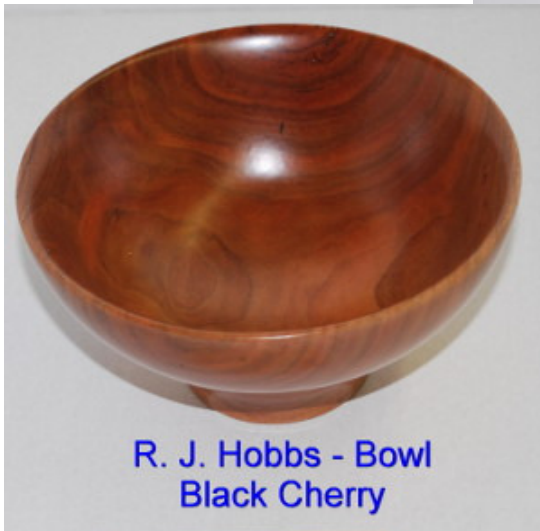
R. J. Hobbs - Goblet
Osage Orange



R. J. Hobbs - Vase
Black Cherry, Yellow Wood



R. J. Hobbs - Vase
Spalted Birch & Ebony



R. J. Hobbs - Bowl
Black Cherry

INSTANT GALLERY—CONTINUED



Carol Griffin



Kirk Smith - Plate
Corian Counter - No Finish



Chuck Jones



Chuck Jones



Chuck Jones



Nick Matos - Tools

CHALLENGE



DEMONSTRATION



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