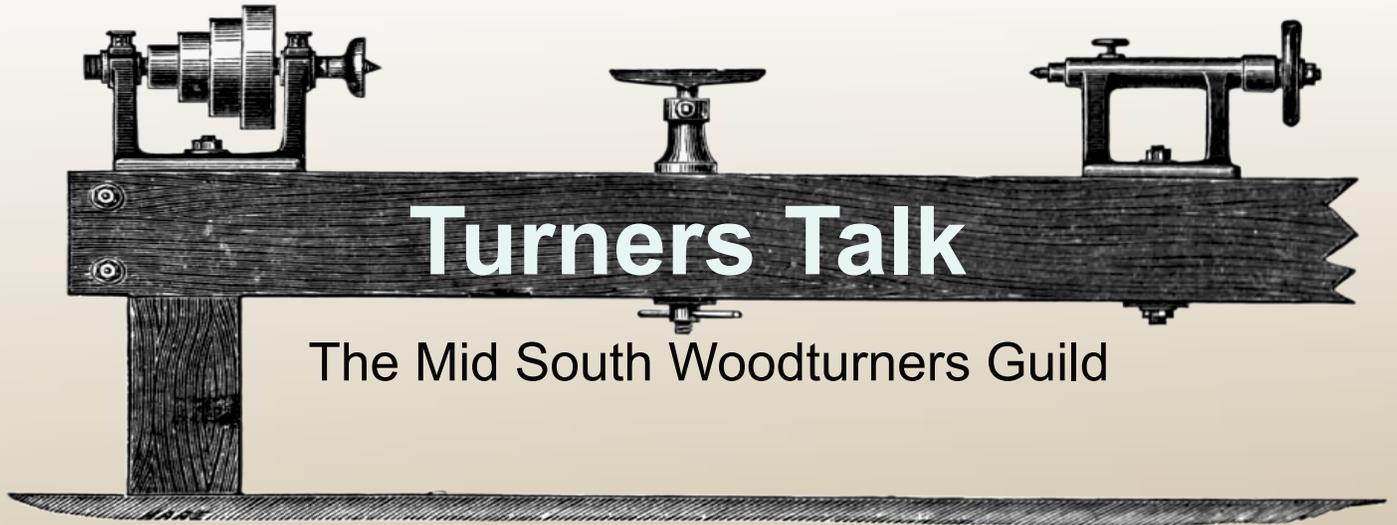
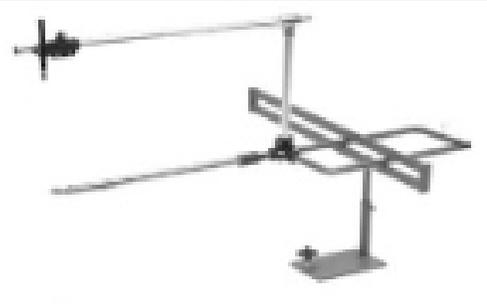


June 2020



MEET THE *Man* Lyle Jamieson

Via zoom Meeting!





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**June Meeting Guest
Demonstrator:**

Lyle Jamieson



If you missed last month's ZOOM demo with Glenn Lucas, what can I say, everyone attending enjoyed the hospitality offered by Glenn and his wife Cornelia, as they welcomed us into the new shop and school, which is still under development

This fact did not impede the presentation Glenn provided. The Dublin Viking bowl he demonstrated was fascinating in its own right, along with the tie to the ancient Irish history it represents.



When Mike asked if we could get the demo piece for our December Education auction, Glenn said he would provide a finished one for that purpose. (You have to admire a demonstrator who goes the extra mile!)

Be sure to join this month's demo with Lyle Jamieson.

President's Corner



By: Mike Maffitt

Hey Good Folks of MSWG,

I hope you are keeping motivated in your own shops. I have been working with my grandson doing mostly flat-work items. I helped a friend build the carcass for his bee hives and I have finished up the lathe boxes for the club. I also made a group of door stops for our church from some scrap wood I had laying around my barn. I branched out and bought a 3D printer and I have been having a great time playing with that and learning all the technology involved in making that contraption work. Amazing stuff. Also, very useful and a great addition to any shop, seeing the ability to create needed parts and jigs for your projects and tools.

This waiting around to get our group going again seems to be dragging on forever. I am sure you have heard, if you had interest in the events, that a lot of regional symposiums have been cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Several of our members had plans to head to Waco, TX for the SWAT Symposium but our hopes were dashed as they announced the event's cancellation. I know these are trying times for all the AAW affiliated clubs, but we are trying to make the best of it with online presentations like our club had last month.

The AAW has announced that its symposium will be broadcast online. Wow, that is an amazing blessing to all the folks pining to see demonstrations. You must be an AAW member to participate, so if you have been on the

fence about joining AAW, this is a great opportunity to join our parent organization and realize all the great benefits that they have to offer. If you consider buying a dvd from one of these great artists, it will cost you about \$30 each, you can pay for your membership in less than two demos. Plus, you get monthly magazines and grant opportunities. The entire event costs only \$20.20 to sign up for and you have two weeks to watch all the videos. You cannot beat this deal.

This month we have a gentleman named Lyle Jamieson who has one of the better-known hollowing systems in the industry that he has developed. He is easily found at most of the regional symposiums and AAW events selling his hollowing system and often demonstrating for the event. I bought my Jamieson system from a symposium and it is a great product. Lyle does some amazing work, like hollowed out human forms, with his system and I am sure it will be a very interesting demonstration.

What is in the future for MSWG? In July we have our last planned online event featuring Trent Bosch and in August we have Frank Bowers from Atlanta scheduled to demonstrate at the Bartlett Station Municipal Center. I saw talk on the news about Shelby County backing up to phase one of the COVID plan, so I don't know what the future holds for our face to face meetings. We also have our own Skip Wilbur scheduled for September and he will be demonstrating a platter with an inset piece. We may start meeting again with hands on classes as I see other clubs trying to keep

President's Corner (cont'd)



By: Mike Maffitt

members involved, so we will talk that out among the board and see what the feeling is with having small group events.

I will send out a ZOOM invitation to the Lyle demo mid-week so please be looking for it. We have only had about 40% participation in these events. If anyone wants to attend but is not sure how, please send me a text, email or

phone call and I will do my best to help you get up and running. Please don't be afraid to ask for help.

I can't wait to see all of your smiling faces this coming Saturday.

Mike Maffitt



Remember the universal motto of all volunteer organizations:
"If EVERY ONE does a bit of the work; NO ONE does all the work!"

Contact A Board Member To Join The Team!

- * Board of Directors
- * Meeting Refreshments -
Set-up/Clean-up
- * Meeting Room-
Set-up/Tear-down/Clean-up
- * Committee Chair-
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“How can I Help?”

“Have You Met Our New Member(s)?”

By: Ray Tanner



This is our current card design.
Keep a few close at hand, so you are ready to invite our “next, new member”!

Welcome to our newest MSWG member!

Kris Clinton, a private investigator who specializes in re-employment evaluations. Kris recently joined our guild, due to a demo she witnessed at The Woodwork Shop (one of our club sponsors). She is a beginning turner and is looking forward to acquiring her first lathe to use in her garage-cum-shop.

As a child, she learned about refinishing furniture from her mother and has recently taken some turning lessons from a close friend. Other hobbies of Kris' include reading, travel, gardening, and cooking - sounds like she has a full life! She previously resided in North Carolina; has taught some, enjoys public speaking, and has management experience, as well.

Welcome, Kris, to the Mid-South Woodturners Guild. We hope to provide opportunities for your development as a turner and that you will enrich our group with your talents.



**Mid South
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A Founding Member Update: Johnny Johnson

By: Ray Tanner



On May 22nd of this year John R. Johnson, one of our founding members, celebrated his 100th birthday. About two years ago he stopped woodturning, but stays active making Zentangle diagrams (repetitive figures often involving only straight lines) and other detailed pen and drawings. John's philosophy holds that to enjoy life one needs a goal every day. If



you stand outside and knock on John's window (he is currently restricted to his assisted living room at Kirby Pines) you will most often find him working, there where the light is strong. He will look up, smile and be delighted with a 'socially-distanced' visit and raise the window for a chat.

John was born in Martinez, CA, but grew up on a farm in Cleveland,

Georgia. Completing his few years of formal schooling (finished 4th grade) and 'put to the plow behind a mule' he soon learned farming was not for him. Early radios were often just a galena crystal, a "cats whisker" and a pair of earphones, but John moved on to building and operating a ham radio station which involved diodes, capacitors, resistors and learning the Morse code. At the beginning of WWII this served to get him into the Army Air Force (bypassing boot camp), wherein he was flown over much of the African continent setting up radios at local airports in case the military needed them. In 1946 John took flying lessons and much later built and flew two ultralight planes.



He joined the Civil Air Patrol and retired as supervisor of the Memphis unit. Through self-study and various organized courses, he became a licensed professional engineer. He is widely read, with an enormous vocabulary and an insatiable curiosity, and has traveled over

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the entire US and much of Europe in his later years.

There are few topics which John does not know something about. Currently he is hindered by defective hearing and frequently must search for the correct word.

Because he recalls a great deal of the Bible, he sometimes is asked to stay quiet or leave religious classes because he raises so many questions. For his 91st birthday he wanted to fly one more time. So, he rented a plane with an instructor (who never touched the controls) and greatly enjoyed it.

After retirement, John and his wife spent many winters living in an RV near Phoenix, Arizona where he set up a small shop, turned and sold items. He has turned hundreds of stair banisters, thousands of clock case finials, numerous bowls, weed pots, and offset items during

his 65 years at the lathe, never using a sharpening system! He was a master at making adapters, wooden chucks, and special jigs to hold his work. At one time John got into miniature turning and did many objects within objects, often using a jeweler's lathe. His large bowl lathe was a converted horizontal milling machine. His favorite lathe for many years was a Delta, rescued from the Lazarov Scrap Yard by his friend John Williams.



In the mid-nineties John moved the small, cramped Hobby Shop at Kirby Pines to a new, larger location and set about outfitting it with a wide variety of machine tools for both flat and turned work. He served as the supervisor of the shop until 4 years ago; this included deciding which residents were qualified to use it safely.



Instant Gallery

Compiled by: Joseph Voda; Photos by:

Due to the COVID-19 quarantine issues, I, as editor, have no item photographs for publication. So, I am offering a novel solution to this. Being able to produce a nice photo of your turned work is an integral part of the woodturning process.

Using your digital camera, or your phone's camera, take a picture of your piece(s) arranged as a "still-life". Some of the latest phones have what is called "portrait" mode. This allows you to make the background blurred, or "fuzzy", to help focus the viewer's attention on the subject.

As this is summer, you likely have some flowering plant(s) in the yard, or some nice greenery. If you would rather use something other than plants/flowers, or if you don't have the feature mentioned above, keep the background simple. Grab a small curio table with a lace runner, some bricks, or a cinder block, and set it up under a shaded area - no bright backgrounds please! Maybe drape a piece of material (blanket, place mat, or similar item) under and up behind your work. Be creative and let your inner Ansel Adams run wild!

Still need help visualizing how to take an interesting photo? View a [Southern Living](#), or similar magazine, or website, for ideas. You can even call me and I will help you get started with your photography skill. (First come, first served!!)

Do not wait until the last days before the next meeting to submit photos. Send me your pictures (josephvoda@hotmail.com), as soon as you produce them. Unless you want to feature one item, multiple pieces in a single picture is fine. Just remember, the sooner I get your photos, the better. Don't wait until a few days before our next meeting to send them in.

Let's have some fun with a personal challenge to add, or improve, this skill

Upcoming Events

2020 - 2021

2020

(* = Monthly meeting date moved, ** = Special demonstration event date moved.)

- June 27 Lyle Jamieson ZOOM Demo, Jamieson Hollowing System
- July 25 Trent Bosch ZOOM Demo, TBD
- August 22 Frank Bowers ZOOM Demo, TBD
 - August 28-30 SWAT Symposium, Waco, TX (www.swaturners.org)
- September 19* Skip Wilbur ZOOM Demo,
 - September 25-27** Pink Palace Craft Fair, Audubon Park Memphis
(Friday 9 am-8 pm; Saturday 9 am- 8 pm; Sunday 10 am- 5 pm)
- October 24 Oktoberfest Harvey Meyers, Basket Illusion Platters
2021 Board of Director Nominations Due To Vice President By End Of This Day!
- November 28 **TBD**
Board of Directors Vote At Monthly Meeting
- December 12* Guild Christmas Party and Educational Fund Auction [@ BSMC]
(9:30 am - 12:30 pm)

2021

- January 23 **TBD**
- January 29-30 Tennessee Association of Woodturners 2021 Symposium
(Kimberly Winkle, John Beaver, Glenn Lucas, Tom Wirsing)
- February 27 **TBD**
- March 27 **TBD**
- April 24 **TBD**
- May 22 **TBD**
- June 26 Avelino Samuel, TBD

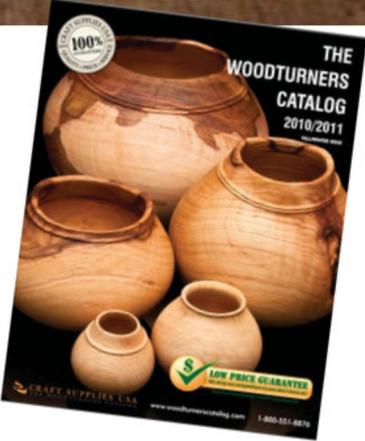
Mentors Program

All members of MSWG are invited to contact the following mentors to learn a new technique, improve their turning skills or turn something different. Mentors are volunteers and do not charge.

Contact information is on our website under Members Only and the Roster. Sessions should last no longer than 3 hours and be scheduled at the convenience of the mentor.

Benson, Joel		Wood Selection, Turning Green Wood, McNaughton Coring, Chainsaw Sharpening/ Maintenance, Chain Saw Use/Safety
Cannon, Rick		Segmented Bowls
Maffitt, Mike		Bowls, Platters and Lidded Boxes
Sefton, Larry		Milk Paint, Make Your Own Pyrography Unit, Hollow Forms
Stone, Rick Stone, Rick		Finials, Bowls (incl. Natural Rim), Boxes, Spindles, Carving, Finishes, Pyrography, Making Tools, Turning Tool Basics (incl. Sharpening)
Tusant, Jim		Bowls, Hollow Forms, Pyrography, Carving, Dyeing, Tool Use, Finishes
Wilbur, Skip Wilbur, Skip		Bowls, Hollow Forms, Goblets, Finials
Wolfe, Bob Wolfe, Bob		Bowls, Hollow-forms, Platters, Embellishment

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