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Jeff Brockett, from Nashville, demonstrating how to turn a square bowl at our May 23rd meeting. This was another great demonstration with lots of learning opportunities.

Our own Rick Stone will be making a spatula with a steam-bent blade and a ladle with a steam-bent handle using a microwave and jigs. This promises to be a very interesting demonstration as well, so don't miss our June 27th meeting.

President's Corner



Good Morning everyone. Our May meeting was a good event. Just a recap, we had a great demo by Mr Jeff Brockett turning a square bowl. It was very entertaining and informative. We had a good turn out on my first presidents challenge and Jim Tusant won the \$25 prize as voted by the membership. There was a pretty good turn out of donations to the AAW empty bowls and the Beads of Courage Boxes. I think it was a good time had by all.

This month one of our members, Rick Stone will be demonstrating for us and I'm sure it will be well presented and instructional demonstration. I look forward to it. In July, David Rush from Nashville will be doing a natural edge bowl. In August, Andy Woodard, also from Nashville will be doing boxes. September is still open. October is our annual Oktoberfest event. Planning is still in the works. November is still open, and December will be our Christmas party. (date to be determined)

I wanted to give a quick update on the Pink Palace Demonstration event. I have signed the contract with Pink Palace so it is confirmed that

we will be demonstrating there October 9,10 and 11. I am really looking forward to this event because it goes along with our mission statement (to provide Information, Education and Organization to those interested in Wood Turning). This is finally going to be a club event and we will be demonstrating and talking to the Public. We do not usually get to do that. I'm hoping you all are going to be excited about this as I am. Meetings will be taking place soon about the details that will need to be worked out to organize this event. Again I want to stress that every club member can be involved in this in some way. There will be many opportunities to the membership. One thing that we need to start doing is to start getting a stock pile of finished products ready. I have been asked what will be

By:
Dennis Paullus



good products to sell at Pink Palace? Well that is a good question and my answer is anything that is made on a lathe is good. Bowls, platters, boxes, pens and pencils, tops, hollow vessels, rolling pins, bangles. If it is turned on the lathe it is ok.

Also there is the Memphis Empty Bowl event coming up November 8th, we had a great turn out last year with 82 bowls donated by the membership. This is another donation opportunity for us and it is a very good organization. If this is something you want to be involved with please start turning your bowls now. Bowls should be approximately 7" dia x 3" deep. They will also accept larger bowls for donations too, for silent auction. Donations will need to be turned in no later than the October meeting . We will start accepting bowls for this event at any time starting now.

Well again it looks like we are always asking for donations from the membership, and we do. It is a good excuse to get in your shop to do some turning. You can gang up together and spend some time with your fellow members. You can learn new projects, you can teach new techniques. So it looks like we are going to have a busy year . Start turning now.

One more thing we had such a good turn out with the last challenge that it was suggested by a couple of members at the last meeting that we have another challenge . One that is a square bowl like Jeff Brockett showed us how to make. So the challenge is using a 8" x 8" x 2" piece of wood of any species, make a square bowl. Jim Tusant has offered to donate some blanks suitable for this challenge at the June meeting or any wood that is 8x8x2. This will be a two month challenge so Sept will be the turn in meeting and

Note from Jaime Wilson, Empty Bowls 2015 Director

Hi Dennis!

We're gearing up for the 2015 Memphis Empty Bowls Project, which will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2015. Last year, thanks in part to the stunning donations of the Midsouth Woodturner's Guild, we raised over \$22,000 to fight hunger in Memphis and Shelby County. This year, we hope to surpass that number, so we would certainly appreciate your help! I encourage you to check out a recent national article on our efforts, which featured a photo that included some of MWG's donated bowls, and another photo featuring one of your members at the event: <http://mashable.com/2015/05/27/art-of-fighting-hunger/>.

Just like last year, any soup-size bowls (or any other bowl or non-bowl pieces, for our silent auction or art sale) that you or the Woodturner's Guild could donate would be enormously appreciated. We consider "soup-size" to mean that a bowl is around 7" in diameter and at least 3" high. We hope to get our donations in by the beginning of October. As we move closer to the event, if you guys have a ballpark number of soup size bowls in mind as your goal, it would be a huge help to us as we plan.

I can't tell you what a blessing it was for us to have the work of the Woodturner's Guild as part of this event. Please spread the word and perhaps the article to your members if possible. Thanks so much, and have a great week!

Jaime Winton, Director, Memphis Empty Bowls Project www.memphisemptybowls.com
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General Meeting Minutes

MIDSOUTH WOODTURNERS GUILD
General Meeting, May 23, 2015

Call to Order 9:05 AM

Dennis Paullus: President

There were 47 members present when the meeting was called to order.

Old Business/New Business

1. Dennis said he was glad to be back.
2. Two visitors were recognized, Jim Lekman and Jeff Holland.
3. The Beads of Courage bowls will be sent to Nashville. If there are any late bowls, it is believed some of the attendees who will be driving can take them to Nashville.
4. Dennis mentioned we will be looking for Empty Bowls submissions. The event in Memphis is scheduled for Nov. 8th. Last year we submitted 82 bowls, and he has already received a few toward this year's total.
5. The President's challenge is due today. Seven bowls were submitted and voted on. After close voting, Jim Tusant's submission was the winner of the \$25 prize.
6. Dennis reminded everyone of the plans to have a booth at the Pink Palace Arts and Crafts show on Oct. 9th. Details will follow but it's something that everyone can get involved with one way or the other.
7. Richard Hiller thanked everyone who brought back overdue books and DVDs. He also identified the items which have been submitted to the library.
8. The financial report was submitted and presented to the membership.

The program for the meeting was a presentation by Jeff Brocket on turning square bowls.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 PM

Submitted: Rich Williams
Secretary

Wood Spin

Cicadas

How can I possibly connect cicadas with woodturning? Well, it is going to be a stretch but let's remember that cicadas are found on and under trees, they live for years off of sap from tree roots, and that their shed exoskeletons are found on trees. Trees are our source of wood and therefore the connection is established and I can continue this somewhat off topic.

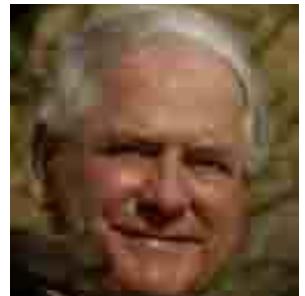


For those of us who tromp around in the woods, we have been treated (?) to an abundance of cicadas this spring. When I encountered a different cicada "song" a few weeks ago I realized there must be more than one species of cicada and was I correct -- an internet search reveals that, world-wide, approximately 3,000 species have been identified and more are likely to be discovered. Some 150 species and subspecies make North America their home.

There are a lot of myths and misinformation about these insects, so let's review some facts. The loud "song" is the mating call of a male cicada with different species producing different calls. When a large group of cicadas synchronize their calls -- known as chorusing -- the noise level can literally be deafening. Decibel levels of 120 (or more) have been recorded which is about the same intensity as a jet aircraft taking off 100 feet away, and approaching the pain threshold for humans.

After successful mating, the female will lay several hundred eggs in slits she makes in the bark of trees. The eggs hatch into nymphs that fall to the ground and burrow underground, usually 6-18" deep but sometimes as deep as eight feet. Some species hatch every year, and most hatch on a 2-5 year cycle, but some operate on a cycle of 13 or 17 years, and these tend to be the larger "broods."

By:
Emmett Manley



Wood Spin cont.

When something triggers their instinct, the nymphs, who have been through several size stages underground, emerge from the ground, climb up a nearby tree, shed their final exoskeleton and prepare for mating thus completing their life cycle. During the years the nymphs were underground they lived by sucking juices from plants, especially tree roots, but usually not to an extent harmful to the host tree.

Other questions we can answer include, "are cicadas harmful to humans?" Well, they don't bite or sting -- it is theoretically possible that one could confuse an arm with tree bark and insert their proboscis under the skin, but such is rare. Also, "are cicadas the same as locusts?" No, locust is a term properly applied to swarming grasshoppers, although cicadas are known as locusts in some areas. As would be expected, colorful local names for cicadas exist as Redeye, Harvest Fly, Heat Bug, Dogday, Green Grocer, Black Prince, etc.

Since we are into cicadas, let's devote a few lines to another insect, the huge solitary wasp known as the cicada killer. These digging wasps look like King Kong hornets, really scary. Fortunately, cicada killers are fixed on mating and capturing cicadas and are not aggressive to humans. There are few reports of cicada killers stinging humans and, when they have, the stings were reported to be mild. These wasps attack and paralyze cicadas, which they drag to their underground burrows, laying eggs on the still living cicada which the hatched wasp larva use as a food source until they transform into adult wasps.



There are vastly more cicadas each year, even small brood years, than cicada killers, so the populations of cicadas is not in danger. In fact, cicadas are important food sources in parts of the world and, along with crickets/grasshoppers, are likely to be important as future protein sources in the United States.

Bon appetit!

Upcoming Events/Deadlines

Events

June 27	Rick Stone - Spatula and Ladle with steam -bent handles
July 25	David Rush - Natural edge bowl
August 22	Andy Woodard - box demonstration
September 26	TBD
October 24	Oktoberfest Meeting, tool sale and swap
November 28	TBD
December	Annual Christmas Party and education fund raiser.

Deadlines

June 26-28	AAW Symposium - Pittsburgh
Ongoing	Pens for Troops

Please contact a club board member if you would like to volunteer to present to the club, or if you have suggestions for future events.

**We need volunteers and or ideas for guest demonstrators!!!
Please contact a board member with your ideas.**

Skip Wilbur



Moveable Box



Jeff Bennett



Shaving Brushes

Instant Gallery

Johanas Nemanis



Instant Gallery cont.

Mark Maxwell



Rosewood

Mike Maffitt



Pine



Box Elder

Instant Gallery cont.

Paul Sherman



Beads Box

Dennis Lissau



Instant Gallery cont.

Dennis Paullus



Bead Boxes

Instant Gallery cont.

Dennis Paullus



Instant Gallery cont.



The Challenge for the May meeting was to create something incorporating the natural edge of an interior defect from a tree. Entries were voted on by the attending members. The creating turner was not known to the voters at the time of the vote. Six beautiful entries were received.

See the next page for the winning entry.

President's Challenge

Winning Entry

Jim Tusant



President's Challenge cont.

Mentor 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, Chain Saw Sharpening/Maintenance, Chain Saw Use/Safety
Cannon, Rick	Segmented Bowls
Hosier, Jerry	Basic Stone and Wire Inlay, Woodturning Basics (Beads & Coves), Use of Spindle & Bowl Gouges
Maffitt, Mike	Trembleurs, Offset Turning
Manley, Emmett	Basic Woodturning, Green Wood Turning, Tool Handles, Natural Edged Bowls from Limbs, Bottle Stoppers, Bangles and Napkin Rings, Ring Stands, Osolnik Candlesticks, Hand Mirrors, Stick Pens, Madcap Mushrooms, Eggs, Dippers, Wine Bottles, Miniature Birdhouses, Kitchen Dippers, Mallets, Simple Salt & Pepper Shakers
Paullus, Dennis	Tool Use, Turning Safety, Hollow Vessels, Bowls, Boxes (Friction Fit or Threaded), Spindle Turning
Pillow, Wright	Inlaying: Marquetry, Inlace, Epoxy
Seaton, Sam	Rose Engine Carving
Sefton, Larry	Milk Paint, Make Your Own Pyrography Unit, Hollow Forms
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
Voda, Joseph	Spindle Turning (e.g. Ornaments)
Wilbur, Skip	Bowls, Hollow Forms, Goblets, Finials

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