

# Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild

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## Meeting Location:

Northminster Presbyterian  
Church  
703 Compton Road  
513.931.0243  
Galbraith Road exit off of I-75  
West to Vine Street (Rt 4)  
North to Compton Road  
West on Compton to church

## Upcoming Events:

March	22nd
<i>Featured Turner: John Lucas Northminster Presbyterian (see directions above)</i>	
April	5th 12th 26th
<i>Home Shop Demos Contact John Lannom to put your shop on the tour</i>	
May	9th - 11th
<i>Appalachian Festival Coney Island - Club Demo</i>	
May	24th
<i>Annual Zeller Picnic and "TWINS" contest (entry form on page 8)</i>	
May - June	30th - 1st
<i>Summerfair Art Show Coney Island - Club Demo</i>	

# OVWG Newsletter

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)

## March Meeting Will Feature John Lucas

Join your fellow members in March for a treat. We will be hosting

**John Lucas**, the editor of the "Turners Tips" article that appears in each and every volume of "The American Woodturner." John lives in Cookeville, TN and is a member of the Upper Cumberland Woodturners in Crossville, TN, Tennessee Association of Woodturners in Nashville, the AAW, and the Highland Rim Chapter of the Tennessee Association of Craft Artists. His articles have been featured in the "American Woodturner", "Woodturning" out of England and "More Woodturning". He has demonstrated at various AAW Chapter clubs in the south as well as the Appalachian Center of Crafts in Smithville, TN. John is best known for turned hand mirrors that feature many types of inlaying, texturing and coloring techniques and inside out turning.

John is a full time photographer working at



... and you thought it was a Christmas ornament!

Tennessee Technological University where he photographs art work of all kinds on a daily basis. We have asked him to demonstrate his technique turning and decorating hand mirrors and



end the day with a presentation on how to photograph your work. Many of us are getting digital cameras that make putting your work on the computer very easy, if we could only capture good pictures.

The March meeting will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at our new meeting place, the Northminster Pres-

byterian Church at 703 Compton Road. Meeting time will be 8:30 am until 3:30 pm. The cost for the meeting will be \$10 which will again include a fabulous lunch, courtesy of David Morrical. See the sign-up for the meeting on page 2 of this newsletter. Mr. Lucas has agreed to critique our Show & Tell offerings, and we will also have a "non-critique" table, so make sure you put your things on the correct table. There will also be space for anyone that has something for sale (besides your truck Buzz!)



**NOTE:** This meeting is being held the 4th Saturday, instead of our usual 3rd Saturday meeting date.

John Lannom



More Show & Tell items from the February meeting.

## March Meeting Sign-Up

Where else can you get this sort of entertainment for 10 bucks? A respected artisan showing tips and tricks of both his specialties, a great lunch, Juan Morrical's delightful roasted coffee and homemade cookies and the camaraderie of other folks afflicted with the same addiction as you. Sounds like a deal! Fill out this form and mail your check (payable to OVWG) to:

**Bruce Gibson, 10047 Lakeside Drive, Cincinnati OH 45231**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, will be attending the OVWG meeting on March 22, 2003. Enclosed is my check for \$10 to include lunch and demonstrations.

### 2001-2003 Elected Officers

- **President:** Earl Choromokos  
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Demonstration meetings generally held the 3rd Saturday of the month  
8:30 am to 3:30 pm  
September through May

Annual Membership \$25  
(\$20 for AAW members)  
Includes monthly newsletter

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## Video System Shuffle

For anyone that wasn't at the February meeting, not only did you miss a great demonstration, but you missed the unveiling of the brand-spanking new



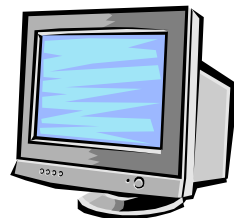
video system that the club has recently purchased. Two big monitors and a

first rate video camera really helped to let everyone see the intricate work being done by Binh Pho. This will be a great addition to our club and will benefit all of us as we keep growing and having more and more members in attendance.

**Chris Erwin** has volunteered to safe guard and transport this equipment for the club. Trust me, this is no small task - it's a

car load! Plus, Chris looks like the designated camera operator and he could sure use some help when he shows up at the meetings.

Kudos to the OVWG Board for this purchase and to Chris for making it all work smoothly.



## Local Gallery Features OVWG Member

Art On Symmes, a gallery located in Fairfield OH, just had their first show and it happened to center around the work of John Lannom. Owner Sherry Armstead said the response to John's work has been wonderful. The gallery had several articles in the Enquirer and the local Hamilton newspaper. Would have sure liked to have been there for the re-

ception and see Lannom in a bow tie! The gallery is just off Route 4, about a mile North of Jungle Jim's. Hours are 10-4 M-Th, 10-7 F and 10-5 Sa. The phone number is 513.844.2787 and they are also on the web at www.artonsymmes.com. The gallery has just been open since September 2002 and has 5 "artist in residence" studios and fea-



tures many mediums including clay, glass, wearables and paintings and watercolors.

Let's make sure John doesn't get too big of a head about this . . .

## Bruce's Blessed Bowls

So, you think you're a pretty good turner, huh? Well, here's one that's going to be tough to top regardless of where the story starts. This is taken from the 3/2/03 church bulletin at St. Bartholomew Parish on Winton Road: **Special Blessings - For the information of those of you who didn't attend the 5:00 Saturday mass, St.**

**Barts hand bells and new wooden communion bowls and chalices were blessed. You will be seeing the bowls and chalices at our Sunday liturgies. The beautiful and reverent vessels were made by our own Bruce Gibson. Not bad, huh?**



This note from Bruce: I started the project a year ago when I harvested the wild cherry tree from Gil Russ's place. I immediately turned all the vessels as blanks, coated them inside and out with green wood sealer and let

them dry/age for about 6 months. They were turned to final shape, sanded to 400 grit and given a light coat of diluted sanding sealer. They were then buffed with tripoli and white diamond using the Beall buffing system. Each piece received at least 3 coats of General Finishes Salad Bowl Finish inside and out, and only outside on the chalices. The inside of the chalices were sanded to 150 grit and coated with 2 coats of two-part epoxy. The outside of every piece was again buffed with white diamond after the finish had been given a couple of weeks to cure.

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*The 3 columns in the Totem Pole segment below represent the 3 states that our club serves. Can anyone pick out the column made in Kentucky?*

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## Totem Pole Update

Finished, at last! The OVWG section of the Arrowmont totem pole has been glued, turned, sanded and finished. Now, it just needs a ride South. Anyone heading to Gatlinburg in March please contact Joe Keeler and help give this thing a ride. Thanks to all who helped.



Totem Pole Turners (L to R): Jerry Bruns, Bruce Gibson, Pete Kekel, Mark Twigg, Joe Keeler & John Lannom. Not pictured: Lowell Converse & Keith Bundy.



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**Symposium 2003 Update - Instant Gallery News**

OVWG Members, now is the time to begin thinking about next Fall's symposium. We have a terrific lineup of guest and local turning artists on the schedule. Now it's time for all of you to do your part! I would love to see ALL of our members, regardless of their experience, represented in this year's Instant Gallery. This is a great opportunity to share and learn from each others work. Since space is limited, each of us will initially be limited to three pieces. Additional pieces would be allowed only if space permits. Begin planning now to turn that special piece to

share with your fellow turners.



We are enlisting the help of Bob McFalls and Buzz Holtkamp this year to set up a photo booth and take "Gallery Quality" digital images of all the Instant Gallery entries. These will be posted to our web site and they can also

be put into your very own Gallery on the Member's Page of the web site. This will be a great opportunity to get photos of your work onto the world wide web to show off to everyone.

Visit these sites to see Instant Galleries from:

**Turning 2001**

<http://www.ovwg.org/Symp01B.html>

**AAW 2002 Symposium Rhode Island**

<http://www.biosci.ohio-state.edu/%7Eawolfe/COW/AAW2002/albumindex.html>

Barbara Crockett

**Binh Pho Supplier List**

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## February Meeting Review - Binh Pho Featured Guest

For the full review of this meeting, complete with more pictures and drawings, go to our web site at [www.ovwg.org](http://www.ovwg.org)

I have read with great fascination many articles about Binh Pho in the American Woodturner and now he was actually coming to demonstrate



his techniques! Neither rain nor snow or hail was going to stop me from attending his scheduled presentation (actually it was a close decision - I nearly ended up on my teakettle while sliding down my ice-covered driveway to get the morning newspaper!)

Binh covered three main

topics;

1. How to turn a thin-walled bowl
2. Airbrushing and masking techniques
3. Perforation techniques

An essential part of the success of turning a thin-walled bowl is having a



light shine on the outside of the bowl. When you can just see the light shining through the wall you have achieved the goal of 1/16 to 3/32 inch wall thickness. The wall must be this thin or you will ruin the bearings on the high speed "dental drill" used for perforation. He emphasized over and over again that success requires lots of practice. He prefers to start out by placing the wood blank between centers (no

chuck yet). In this way he can easily change the position of the wood blank if he sees a defect in the wood. Binh showed us a homemade tool made with a round shank and a planer blade that he used



to smooth the outside of the bowl. Begin with a 6" bowl if you are a novice. Binh admitted to losing (cutting through the wall) one out of ten attempts and three out of ten times when working with a 14" bowl. Woods that he prefers to use for making a thin-walled vessel include Sycamore, soft Maple, Birch, Ash and Hackberry. The air brushing and perforation techniques are quite detailed. (Emphasize practice, practice, practice.) Be

sure and look at the web site to get all the detailed information that Ralph has compiled along with Binh's practical sense tips.



Note the list of suppliers provided on page 4 for the materials needed to get your start into this medium. This was a wonderful demonstration and I'm sure all in attendance benefited from having Binh Pho come to the OVWG and show his work.

Ralph Tedeschi



### OVWG MENTORS

If you would like help getting started or working out a problem, feel free to call any of the names listed below. As always, there is **NO CHARGE** to members of the Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild.

Northeast/Tri-County:	Earl Choromokos 513.771.5908
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	Dave Morrical 513.771.5205
Loveland:	John Lannom 513.683.3129
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	Joe Keeler 513.233.0493
Dayton:	Jim Burrowes 937.878.8051
	Lowell Converse 937.426.2646
	Renè Keyzer-Andrè 937.277.4717

Contact: Dave Morrical, Mentoring Chairman, with any changes, or if you'd like to join the great group of talented volunteers.

One cord of wood can make 7.5 million toothpicks!

## Video Tapes

### Message from the Librarian:

Some of our tapes have been checked out several months.

If you have one or more of them, please set it out where you will see it and bring it to the next meeting, or get it to someone who can bring it. If you're not sure, please look and make sure.

Thanks,

Joe Keeler (and all the members that want to see the tapes you have!)



## April Home Shop Demos



Gary Brackett turning in the OLD shop at the home demo in 2002.

The month of April is going to be very active for OVWG members. This is the month we are having home shop demos and if the past few years are an indicator, you won't want to miss any of these. If you plan to attend any of the demos from the list, you need to call and reserve a spot and get directions. As of right now we didn't have a list of the demo topics, but give them a call and get the rest of the details.

Here are the open shops and dates:

**April 5th - Saturday**  
**Dave Morrival**  
 513.771.5205

**April 6th - Sunday**  
**Wayne Reffner**  
 937.927.2760

**April 12th - Saturday**  
**Lowell Converse**  
 937.426.2646

**April 26th - Saturday**  
**Gary Brackett**  
 513.533.7474

Make sure and call first to get the starting times, demo subject and detailed driving directions.

A big **THANK YOU** to these folks for volunteering their time and shops for our enjoyment and education.

## Nominating Committee For 2003 Elections

This year there are 3 offices up for election in the OVWG. President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer are on the slate for 2003. The terms are for 2 years and are staggered with the 1st Vice President and Secretary to ensure continuity on the club board. The Nominating Committee is responsible for getting a list of qualified candidates and presenting it to the general membership to be

voted on. The Nominating Committee is led by chairman John Wake and members Lowell Converse and John Albachten. They can supply details about the open offices and the requirements for each. You can contact them directly with questions or to put your name in the hat, or to suggest someone you think would make a great addition to the board.

These positions form the

back bone of our successful club. Give it some serious thought if you're contacted. What a great way to get your ideas heard!



### *From the BYLAWS:*

*page 2, Article VI, paragraph A*

*. . terms of office shall be staggered to enhance continuity. President, 2nd Vice President & Treasurer shall be elected in odd numbered years*

*(2003 = odd)*

THE PURSUIT OF PERFECTION OFTEN IMPEDES IMPROVEMENT.

THE PRIME OF LIFE IS THAT FLEETING TIME BETWEEN BEING GREEN AND OVERRIPE.

TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT – DON'T TELL IT.

SOME DAYS YOU'RE THE DOG, SOME DAYS YOU'RE THE HYDRANT.

MIDDLE AGE IS WHEN THE ONLY THING YOU EXERCISE IS CAUTION.

**Silver Fox Says:**



## President's Letter

I am on the way to sunny Florida for two weeks, and thought I would write this note to include in the next newsletter.

This past weekend the guild had the pleasure of having Binh Pho as a guest demonstrator. A few firsts happened at the meeting. It was the first time we used the Northminster Presbyterian Church as our new meeting place. It was a great place to have a meeting. Plenty of close parking, close rest-rooms, and good acoustics. Thanks to Homer Buescher for helping secure this place. This was the first time we used our new video system. Everyone was able to see the fine texturizing and air brushing Binh does on his turnings. Thanks to Chris Erwin for his help in putting together the

system and acting as the Videographer. Forty members braved the inclement conditions to see Binh Pho demonstrate his masterful work. I don't know if most of our members will ever utilize his techniques, but it's good to know what is possible to do if you choose to go to the next higher level of turnings.

The totem pole section was brought to the meeting. It was very well done. Thanks to Joe Keeler, Jerry Bruns, John Lannom, Pete Kekel, Keith Bundy, Lowell Converse, Mark Twigg and Bruce Gibson. Good work fellas!

On Sunday, five members had a hands-on session with Binh and air-brushed and pierced to their hearts' desire. I was one of the students and am planning to try

to use the air brush and high speed tool I bought four years ago. All and all the weather was horrible, but the education was more than worth it.

Next month we will have a turner, John Lucas from Tennessee. John is a great turner who will appeal to all in our group -- beginners to masters. For those who missed our last meeting, this will be your chance to see our new facility and experience our new video and sound system.

Check out our new website ([www: ovwg.org](http://www.ovwg.org)). It is being updated daily by John Wake and Mike Nelson. The pictures of the totem pole and from the Binh Pho meeting should be posted.

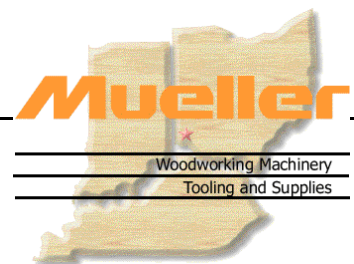
Keep on turning --- Earl



Does anyone recognize this cover boy?

*“Work produced in STUDIO sells for more than work produced in SHOP”*

*Binh Pho proverb*



## Mueller Adds More Turning Supplies

### Any Woodturners Reading This?

Mueller Tools has just started to carry the new JET (Crown) line of lathe turning tools and accessories, plus NOVA chucks, Dust-Bee Gone masks, vibration reduction gloves and other related products. Stop and see what's new during their two week Stock Sale (March 10th—March 21st). An all day turning demo is scheduled for March 11th featuring the new Jet 16-42 lathe. Don't miss it!

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\$5 Dollar Steaks - Read All About It!

Zeller Annual Picnic & Club Contest

Let's see, freezing rain, snow, blustery winds . . . Yup, must be time to get ready for the Zeller Steak Feed and Turning Contest. The odds for the bad weather are due to run out soon and let's hope this is the year. There are no promises that a croquet match won't break out, or that Jim Burrowes won't bounce another natural edged bowl off the rafters, but you can count on good eats and friendship along with some wonderful turned items on display. The contest this year is to produce a duplicate pair of objects. Twins! The objects will be judged on how well the two pieces match in dimensions, grain and overall artistic design. The matching pair of objects may be of any size and shape, made mostly of wood and spend most of its development life on the lathe. The objects should have a clear film finish. It is not permissible to use a duplicating attachment on your work. There will be gift certificates awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each of the three classes - Novice, Advanced and Master. There will be no entry fee for the contest if your paid reservation to the picnic is received before the meeting date. Otherwise, the contest entry fee will be \$5 in addition to the Picnic charge.



The charge for the Picnic is \$5 per person. Steaks, coffee and soda will be provided. Members are asked to bring a dish to share with others and their own eating utensils, including a steak knife.

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**SIGN ME UP!**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, will attend the Zeller Bash with \_\_\_\_\_ guests @ \$5 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contest Entry  NO  YES Class: Novice Advanced Master (circle one)

Fill this out and mail with appropriate fee to Bruce Gibson, 10047 Lakeside Drive, Cincinnati OH 45231  
(Make checks payable to OVWG)