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**June, 1995 Meeting** Our regular June meeting was held on June 25, 1995 at the Woodcraft Store. There were 22 at the meeting.

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Meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of each month at Woodcraft Supply 12511 Olive St. Rd. (Dierberg Heritage Center)

1PM to 4PM

Bring a guest or a friend!

**Door Prizes** Francisco Navarro, Gary Johnson, Mike Lach and Dean Hooks each won a wooden turning block donated by Woodcraft.

**Show 'n Tell** Tom Tyler brought a natural edged apple wood bowl that was oriented from a crotch producing an interesting grain pattern. Dave Wahl discussed the class he attended with Michael O'Donnell at Arrowmont. Michael stresses being able to turn either right handed or left handed so that you can stand at a safer position relative to the spinning work. Dave also showed a very thin poplar bowl and a very interesting hornbeam bowl which had a natural edge and resembled a flower in shape. Dean Hooks showed a small lidded box made of ironwood, also known as hornbeam. This box used super glue for the finish. Fletcher Hartline brought a bowl full of turned wooden balls that he had made. Gary Johnson showed a reversible hollow form made of white oak, walnut and padauk. He also brought a letter opener with a steel blade from a letter opener purchased at Office Depot. The handle was of turned EBONEX rose which is a rosewood substitute. Binh Pho brought a beautiful turned kaleidoscope and stand that he has produced for a client.

**Joy-of-Turning Symposium** You won't want to miss this highlight event scheduled for September 15 and 16. Be sure and send in your registrations early to take advantage of the reduced prices.

**Announcements** The Tennessee Association of Woodturners; Annual Symposium will be held August 5 and 6 at the Appalachian Center for Crafts. Several of us are planning to attend. The Woodturning Center is hosting a conference entitled "Alternatives Form and Spirit" on August 4, 5 and 6 at Collegeville, Pennsylvania. Tom Tyler is developing an interesting design for our club logo, and he will be working together with

Dean Hooks to make shirts and patches available for our club members.

Program--Turning Spheres Fletcher Hartline demonstrated a method for turning spheres. A block of wood is first placed between centers and turned down to a cylinder. The diameter of the cylinder is measured using calipers and that dimension is transferred to the length of the cylinder. A center line is placed on the cylinder, and then a gouge is used to carefully turn the shape of the ball leaving small spigots at the drive end and tail stock end. Next a cup is turned into a block of wood mounted to a face plate and another wooden cup is turned and mounted to a live center. These cups are then used to drive and support the ball during the rest of the process. The rough-turned ball is positioned between the cups at 90 degrees from its original axis. Very light cuts are made to remove the spigots. The ball is then turned to various angles and touched up as required. This process is pretty much the same as described in the June, 1995 issue of the American Woodturner in the article written by Christian Burchard. Thanks Fletcher for your fine demonstration. We enjoyed it.

Next Meeting Our next meeting will be July 23 at the Woodcraft Store from 1 to 4 p.m. The program will be "Turning Goblets" by Ken Schaefer. We will also have a report from those that attended the AAW Symposium in California. For the Show 'n Tell our challenge is to bring a wooden ball that you have turned. Since we may have a croquet match and picnic later on the year, it might be a good idea to turn a croquet ball. According to Dave Skinner, the right diameter is 3 5/8".

Hope to see you all at the meeting on July 23, 1995.

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