



# Between Turns

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## Gary Smith - Bracelets...

Gary demonstrated how he turns his bracelets. If you missed the demonstration check out the set of Gary's bracelets in the display cabinet.



The following article is taken from the techniques section of the club website, written by Gary Smith.

In honor of my father who was turning wooden bracelets

in the 1950's on a spindle lathe with a 3 step pulley, spur center, dead tail stock center and home made tools.

In 1993, when I retired, I had more time for wood working. Having my father's

old lathe I thought I would try turning. This demo is the evolution of the turning that my father did.

First is to **work safely**. Wear a face shield or at least safety glasses and respect your lathe.

The tools will be described as we go along. Use what ever tool that works best for you.

Sizing bracelets: Inside range from 60 mm to 80mm. After determining the inside diameter add about 20mm for the outside diameter.



Gary's Bracelets made from a burl.

## Upcoming Dates

2010 Meetings :

July 11	August 1	September 12	October 3
November 7	December 5		

- The Next mentoring day will be held on July 31 at 9am.

- The July Mentoring Workshop date will be posted at the July meeting.

- July 11th John Irvine Off-Set Bangle Demonstration

-August 1st Annual Club Picnic

Pictures from the  
Binh Pho Demo  
June 2010



Here are some pictures of Binh's thin wall turning, piercing, and air brushing.



# Gary's Bracelet Demo-

# Part 1



I use a 3 1/2 in (about 90mm) template with a center hole.  
Select your wood and draw the circle and mark the center.



Cut the circles out on a band saw.



Mount the block to the lathe using the front of the chuck jaws as a jamchuck. True up the outside to the desired diameter.



True up the face of the block to the desired width, marking the center with an indentation.



Fill any cracks or voids with CA glue.



With a compass set to 1/2 the inside diameter draw a line to mark for the parting tool.



Use a narrow parting tool that has a modified tip.



Part in just over half way, opening the kerf as you go.



Turn the blank around and repeat.  
True up the face, mark center and mark the parting line.



Part in until the core is free.

# Gary's Bracelet Demo-

Part 2



With a 3/8" round nose scraper clean up the inside. Tilt the tool handle down to give a shear scraping cut. Turn blank around and clean the other half. The blue tape is a depth gage so I don't go in to far.



A piece of a small tire tube is cut and put over the jaws of the chuck to protect the inside of the bracelet. Note: I also use a larger piece to protect my hands and tools from the chuck.



Insert the bracelet over the jaws and expand (not to tight) it doesn't take much to hold it.



Shape the outside and inside edge, turn around and do the other edge. Sand until you're satisfied. I do not finish on the lathe.



Put on one or two coats of sanding sealer and hand sand. With a 3 prong spring holder I spray 2 to 3 coats of lacquer.



# Demonstrators Wanted



Anyone willing to demonstrate at the monthly meeting can contact Tom or Pete to schedule.

We have a number of talented members, so please feel free to share your talents with the club. There are some really interesting projects that members bring in each month for the show and tell table. Many of the club members would be interested in seeing how these projects are created.



**Mentor**

**Workshops are a good place to try a new project.**

## MAW Mentors

If you would like help getting started in woodturning or help with working out a problem, feel free to call any of the names listed. As always, there is no charge to members of the Michigan Association of Woodturners.

Tom Mogford .....	810-629-6176
Pete Buccellato .....	248-634-7622
Bill Magee (Pen Turning) .....	734-981-6117
John Becker (Mugs, Goblets, & Pipes) ...	248-851-0437
Gary Smith .....	810-636-7167
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## Photo's

Photographs for this months "Between-Turns" were provided by Jeff Scott & Gary Smith.

If you have digital photo's that you would like to have considered for use in the newsletter, please send them to the editor at:

Jeffatwayne@yahoo.com



## Mailbag...

# KLINGSPOR'S WOODWORKING SHOP

Klingspor provides our club with a 10% discount on all non-powered regularly priced items. You can order over the phone or on the web at: <http://www.woodworkingshop.com/>

Members can order online or call 800-228-0000 and set up a user name and password with one of the service representatives or create one themselves online. We also have a Club Listing on their website.

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To keep the quality high and price low it will continue like it is... each handcrafted by me... one at a time.

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## The MAW is accepting submissions for the Club Newsletter and Website...

What would you like to read about in the club's newsletter "Between Turns"?

What would you like to see on the club's website <http://www.michiganwoodturner.org>?

Are you willing to write an article for submission please let Jeff know. Possible topics: woodturning, metal turning, wood-working, product reviews, or instructions for your latest project.

With your help we can help make the newsletter and website a better resource for our members.

Send your submissions, suggestions, or requests to Jeff at [jeffatwayne@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffatwayne@yahoo.com) or see me at the meeting.