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Meeting at Center Point Energy Entex, 7008 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX

February 14, 2004 9:00 a.m.

## THE PREZ SAYS

How about that Bill Berry! Was that a great demo or what? Bill sure did more than just give some ideas for bowl edge treatments. He gave some valuable information for new turners and some positive reinforcement for the more experienced. No matter how much you know it is always good to hear that you have been doing it right. He also proved that it doesn't have to be thin to be good, especially bowls.

### REMEMBER FEBRUARY IS BASIC TURNING MONTH

We start with a demo by Steve Green, on basic turning, at the regular meeting on Feb 14 and follow that up with a Basic Turning Seminar on Feb 21. Be sure and make your plans to attend both of the events. These seminars are becoming more popular with every one. We will need to know how many are planning on attending so we can have enough wood and we need to know if you will be wanting the box lunch. If you plan on attending the seminar and are not going to be at the regular meeting please let Mark or me know by the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Your Steering Committee continues to work hard to improve your club. You will note some changes in the meeting format in the future. We plan to try some new things, some may work and some may not. We will depend on you to let us know what you like and what you don't.

We will limit business to only important notices. After recognizing Guest we will have Show And Tell. Please continue to bring as many pieces as you like for the Show table but would you only bring 1 or 2 for the tell table. We are

going to try something different for the Tell portion. We will have a moderator at the table instead of having everyone come up. The moderator will identify the turner and ask a couple of questions about the piece and then ask for questions from the floor, which the turner will answer.

After the Tell portion we will draw for the wood and have a break until 10:15. By doing this we are hoping to have additional time for individuals to gather around the tables and discuss all of the turnings. Pictures of the turnings will be made during the break for those that would like them posted on the web site.

For the Show and Tell we have two pieces of wood for this month, one from Rockler and as usual one from Woodcraft

Bring money for the raffles! We will start our yearly raffle this month, the prize is a OneWay Stronghold Chuck with an extra set of jaws and the insert to fit your lathe, this is a \$360 item. You know you just can't have too many chucks and this is one of the very best. This will be the second month for the Mr. Strong Vise, donated by Rockler. If you don't have one of these you are really missing a useful tool. The regular raffle will have a Bedan tool, which makes a great large parting tool and excels in turning beads, a bottle of thin CA glue, a \$15 gift certificate from Craft Supply, Credit card hone, and a can of wax. I'm still waiting for your want list for raffle items.

Looking forward to see each and every member on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Tom

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### Next Meeting

9:00 a.m. Saturday February 14, 2004

At

Center Point Energy Entex

7008 S. Broadway

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Guest Demonstrator: Steve Green

## January Meeting



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## Steve Green Bio

- Four years in the military as an aircraft mechanic
- 25 years in public education as a teacher of Industrial Arts and Processes
- First woodworking experience at age 14 in a high school agriculture class
- 1972 - first wood turning experience
- 1980 - first wood carving experience

In addition to teaching, I, as many do, operated a part time business of Furniture Repair and Refinishing. "I think of myself as a woodworker with no specialty."

## Steering Committee Meeting February 5, 2004

Members present Tom Crosby, Mark Anthony, Ed Heuslein, Ken Terrell, Joseph Armstrong, Archie Stivner, John Leonard.

Discussed publication and distribution of the newsletter. Drafted new agenda for monthly meetings. Discussed ways to interest more people in our club. Discussed S.W.A.T. instant gallery. Discussed upcoming shows and exhibitions. Reviewed the demonstration schedule for 2004.

## Ebonize a Turning

I was playing around with doing some way to blacken the inside of a turning and decided to see if I could obtain a black or nearly black interior without using paint or shoe polish.

Some time ago I read in a book of a method to ebonize wood. It follows:

1. Pour some vinegar into a plastic or glass jar of sufficient size to cover the piece of wood you plan to darken.
2. Place some 4-0 steel wool into the vinegar and let it sit for an hour or two.
3. Apply the mixture to the workpiece. Within a few minutes the wood became black as the mixture soaked into the wood.

I suggest the use of a brush or rag with latex or rubber gloves to apply the mixture. This mixture will also darken your fingers.

If you get the mixture on your hands, it can be neutralized with lemon juice.

Tom Criswell

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## Beginning Turner's Seminar Saturday, February 21, 2004 9:00 a.m. thru ?

This is an excellent opportunity to receive some hands-on experience from several of our mentors on the same day in one location.



A few weeks ago, Paul Coppinger and I were privileged to spend the day with Ed Heuslein as part of the East Texas Woodturners mentoring program. Though both Paul and I have been turning for several years, we each felt a little inadequate when it came to turning bowls. We asked Ed to help us with this matter, and he graciously invited us to his shop for a day of mentoring.

Throughout the day Ed showed us the "hows" and "whys" of bowl turning, complimented with a lot of hands-on instruction. The day was filled with good fellowship, several revelations on my part, and a lot of wood chips on Ed's floor.

If you haven't taken advantage of the club's mentoring program, I urge you to do so. There is no better way to gain a lot of knowledge and satisfaction in a short period of time – not to mention making a new friend.

Mike DeLong



These are pictures of some of our club members cutting wood at our new wood cutting site. Pictured are Ed Heuslein, Walter Tate, Ken Terrell and Tom Crosby. We took cypress, sycamore, osage orange, hackberry and walnut. There are other kinds of wood also.

If you need more information, let me know.

Mark Anthony



The 13th annual 2004 SWAT Symposium will be held on October 1, 2, & 3, 2004 at the [Mayborn Center in Temple TX](#)

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### Editor's Corner

As you can see from this issue I received a great response regarding input. I would like to thank everyone who has submitted articles. If your article does not appear in this issue, then check future issues. Thanks to our members, this is one of our most interesting newsletters.

This will be the last issue that will be mailed. Beginning in March, a copy will be available as you enter the meeting. It will be in the area where you purchase your raffle tickets. Also, I regret that these printed copies will be Black & White. My color printing equipment finally gave out. If you have email, you will continue to receive the newsletter as you have in the past.

I strongly encourage everyone to attend the Beginning Turner's Seminar on the 21<sup>st</sup>. I attended a year ago, and left with much needed knowledge and experience.

Did you notice our Mentor Program in action on page three? Connecting with a Mentor in our club is exactly that easy. Just call them.

Recently I have had the privilege of sharing my shop with one of our members. No, I didn't clean up or plan anything. We simply made the time to visit, talk and share experiences. What started as a get together of two people with a common interest ended with the beginnings of a new friendship.

Now, I don't know about the rest of you, but I would like to know the location of the wood cutting site in Mark Anthony's note.

Please stop and let me know how you like our newsletter. Also, let me know of any ideas you may have to make it better.

See you on Saturday,  
Joseph Armstrong

## ***TAKING THE WOBBLE OUT OF GRINDING WHEELS***

If you have grinding wheels that tend to wobble or flutter left to right while spinning on the shaft, here is a trick to try.

1. Unplug the grinder.
2. Remove the grinder wheel cover.
3. Loosen the nut securing the wheel just a bit, just so the clamping pressure is relieved from the wheel.
4. While holding the wheel and inner flange washer in place, turn the outer flange washer no more than ¼ turn – either way.
5. Re-tighten the nut.
6. Plug in and turn on the grinder and check the side-to-side wobble of the wheel. If the wobble is less or more, repeat the above procedure until you have the least wobble possible.
7. Now, do the same thing with the inner flange washer on the inside of the wheel.
8. Once you have found that “sweet spot” of the wheel; the spot where the wheel and washers fit in a manner to limit, if not almost eliminate, side-to-side wobble of the wheel, retighten the nut and replace your wheel cover.
9. It will probably be necessary to re-true the grinding face of the wheel because you have slightly changed the wheel orientation on the motor shaft.

Plagiarized from an article in the August 2002 issue of Minnesota Woodturners newsletter authored by Steve Tiedman, as well as a conversation with John Leonard, East Texas Woodturners.