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

January 10, 2004 9:00 a.m.

THE PREZ SAYS

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a great Christmas and got lots of new toys.

Well a new one has come and an old one has gone. I hope that you enjoyed the 2003 East Texas Woodturners year as much as I did. If you haven't seen the schedule for 2004 on our web page you need to. Ken has again lined up an outstanding group of turners to provide us with instruction and inspiration. You can look forward to a fun and informative year.

The Christmas Party –Good food, good friends, fun fun fun. We had a great turnout and as promised a few surprises. Ken and Patty Terrell were recognized for their contributions to the Club. Ken was awarded a Lifetime Membership for years of dedicated service. Patty was presented with Christmas ornaments for her hard work in preparing the slide shows for the 2002 and 2003 parties. Bobby Barron was presented a vacuum pump for his tremendous effort in making our meeting place available and taking his personal time to open for us and assist in the setup every month.

We would be in a heap of trouble without him. Yours truly was once again honored? The famous (or is that infamous) Charles Brooks gave another glowing tribute to your Prez complete with 2 beautifully framed drawings. One of which is now hanging in the house and the other hanging in the appropriate place in my shop. I have now been roasted to a turn, or as one lady said, "I think you have been framed".

Due to the holidays things are running a little behind so I'm not sure what we will have for the raffle this month or for the yearly raffle, but we will know before the meeting. The three-month will be a Mr. Strong vise. This is a \$150 item donated by Rockler in Mesquite. When you go to the store be sure and tell them you are a member of the club and you can get 10% off. This is a wonderful store and they have a wide variety of woodworking stuff for turning and everything else.

Be sure and start the year off right by attending the meeting on the 10th. Bill Berry, one of the leading turners in Texas, will show us how to give our bowls some special edge treatments. I've seen him demo before and he does a really good job.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Tom

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Next Meeting
9:00 a.m. Saturday January 10, 2004

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Bill Berry Bio

Bill Berry was born in southwest Louisiana and got to Texas as soon as he could. After a career in the oil and gas industry, he retired in 1998. Bill began turning in 1991 after seeing a woodturning demonstration at a woodworking show in Houston. He attended the first Texas Turn or Two as a fledgling woodturner and has grown technically and artistically since that time. The lathe is a unique tool used to coax elegant silhouettes from a raw portion of a tree. It becomes an experience of the mind, hand and the eye coordinated with the movement of the body. Simple lines, fine detail and elegant finishes characterize his work. Bill turns and teaches in his shop in Deer Park, Texas. He has been an invited presenter for numerous workshops and symposia. *Gallery Square* in Jasper, Texas, represents his work.

Safety Note



I have found many Brown Recluse spiders in my wood pile. These guys blend in with the wood extremely well and are sometimes difficult to see. I found one when I had the piece on the band saw, a little disconcerting. The enclosed photo was taken 12/31/03 on some insulation on my propane tank. I found five Brown Recluse spiders on this small piece. The dead spider was lunch for the Recluse. These guys can leave a nasty wound when they bite and are best avoided. I wear gloves when browsing through my wood pile and am always looking for the small wispy white nest that are usually visible when the spiders are present.

A good web site for more information is

<http://citybugs.tamu.edu/FastSheets/Ent-1004.html>

Mark Anthony

WOODEN WONDERLAND SHOW REPORT

The combined participation of the carvers and turners made the "Wooden Wonderland 2003" the largest show in Texas again for the second year in a row. Kathy and I would like to thank the members of the ETW club who participated by exhibiting their work, those who helped by working the show, and then those who came by offering their kind words of encouragement

We would like to thank the following: Ralph Halvorsen, Steve Green, Bobby Barron, Don and Pat Walworth, Leon and Mary McLemore, Ann Blackmon, Regena Filak and Sue Kulager for manning the admission and raffle tables. I probably missed someone and I apologize if I did, and would like to say thanks for their help. A special thanks to John and Kay Leonard for receiving the applications and keeping up with tables, barbecues and box lunches, and everyone who donated door prizes for the Thursday night drawing.

Charles Brooks
Show Chairman

Thank You

To the members of the East Texas Woodturners, Patty and I would like to thank all of you for the Lifetime Membership Award that was presented to me Saturday night at the Christmas dinner. I doubt that I have ever been involved with a group that I enjoyed the friendships made, or the support and experiences shared any more than with the turners of East Texas. I truly believe that of the 15 chapters in the state of Texas, we have to be rated No. 1 and this is a direct reflection of the people in the club. I am looking forward to many more of the good times that we have had in the past. Thank you again,

Ken Terrell

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Member News

C.G. Fields' wife, Carolyn, reports that CG underwent Cancer surgery on 12/29/2003. The cancer was pretty well contained and he is recovering well. He is now in a room, feeling the tremendous soreness which he will have to deal with for quite a long time.

He is in Trinity Mother Francis hospital, room 5529. Phone is (903) 590-8529, should you like to get in touch. The hospital stay is expected to be about two weeks. The club is sending flowers.

Editor's Corner

As usual our members had a very busy month. Somehow between preparing for the holidays with our families, we all managed to have our Christmas party and participate in the Woodworker's show in early December.

The Christmas Party was fun. It was good to see everyone even though I got a late start. ETW presented Ken Terrell with a Lifetime Membership Award. In acknowledgement of Bobby Barron's efforts for the club, ETW presented him with a vacuum chucking system. And of course the ongoing saga between Mr. Brooks and Mr. Crosby. Look closely at the Christmas Party pictures.

I am excited with the plans for your newsletter in this coming year. One suggestion is to have more articles. I really like this idea as this has the potential to get more of the members involved. So if you might be interested in writing something for the newsletter, please send it to me for inclusion. I have already received several small articles which will appear in future issues. With the vast range of experience contained in ETW I am certain that we will see many interesting and informative articles. Mark Anthony is beginning this goal with his Safety Tip column.

Your submission may be anything which you desire to share with the rest of the members. A few examples, and I am just dreaming these up as I am typing, Finishes, your experiences in the shop as a beginner or more experienced woodturner, a funny story, shop safety, wood trivia, etc.

Let me know of anything that you would like to see in your newsletter.

See you Saturday,

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