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The Turning Times is published monthly as an information source for members of the East Texas Woodturners (ETW). ETW is a chapter of The American Association of Woodturners (AAW) and is committed to serving woodturners in the East Texas area surrounding Tyler, Texas. The ETW Chapter joins with the AAW in its dedication to providing education, information and organization to those interested in woodturning.

Meeting at TJC West

January 10th, 2009

The Prez Says:



Hello ET Turners, I hope everyone had a great and happy Christmas and New Year's holiday. Last year was a good year for the club and I'm looking forward to another great year.

What a great way to end our '08 year with a fantastic Christmas Party. I have heard nothing but positive comments about the party and now it's time to thank a lot of people. A **Big Thank You** to the **Steering Committee** for excellent planning of the event. Another **Big Thank You to Ken Terrell** for getting the menu of food together and a **Double Big Thank You to Wayne and Joyce Smith, Wayne** for picking up the food, and **both** for the extraordinary work managing the food area. A **Big Thank You to Joyce Smith and Kay Leonard** for bringing in the Christmas decorations. A **Big Thank You to Jack and Peggy Day** for coming in at 8:00am to pass out door prize tickets, and a **Big Thank You to Paul Coppinger, Mike DeLong and John Lenoard** for securing door prizes.

To all that helped in the Setup and all the members that also stood by and helped with the Clean Up, **Thank You.**

Everything worked out really well, and we were able to get out with a few minutes to spare.

The only drawback to the party was that the isles to the "Instant Gallery" were too crowded. The solution to this problem is already in the works to be eliminated for next year so that we will not be bumping shoulders trying to see all of the pieces.

Norm Dixon will kick off the new year with his demo on "Assembled Pieces". Part of the demo may be Norm strutting around telling everyone about winning "Best of Show" at the Wooden Wonderland Show. Congratulations Norm.

Everyone is reminded to check on "Programs" at our website or in the newsletter for demo dates and early newsletters, especially for the first quarter. The **FIRST** meeting is **Jan. 10th**, **Second** meeting will be **Jan. 31st**, **Third** meeting will be **Feb. 14th**, and the **Fourth** meeting will be **April 4th**.

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Congratulations

To Steve and Rachel Hagler on their beautiful wedding in Longview on January 3, 2009.

Calendar of Events

- January 10, 2009**
January Club Meeting
- January 21, 2009**
ETW SC Mtg. TJC Rm 101
- January 23-24, 2009**
TAW Sym., Nashville, TN
- January 31, 2009**
February Club Meeting
- February 7-8, 2009**
Desert WT Roundup
Mesa, AZ
- February 14, 2009**
March Club Meeting
- March 21, 2009**
Learn-2-Turn, TJC Rm 104
- April 4, 2009**
April Club Meeting

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CLASSIFIEDS

Classified Ad Policy: Classified ads run for 3-months unless the editor is notified they are no longer needed. At the end of the 3-month period, the ad will be dropped from the newsletter unless specifically renewed prior to the period expiration.

For Sale: Woodturning Aprons – Made of material that sheds those pesky shavings - \$25.00. Please contact Kay Leonard at 903-592-6009 or at jdl1938@gmail.com

Anchor Seal: The Club has Anchor Seal end grain sealer for sale at most Club meetings. It is available in 1 and 2 gallon jugs at \$9.00 per gallon. To obtain it, pay our treasurer, Archie Stivner, and then see Cecil Cox. If you need some between meetings, call Cecil at 903-882-5311.

For Sale: Parting Tool Post - 1"x8" cold-roll steel tool post with 45 and 30 degree bevels cut to allow close cutoffs. \$10. Contact Paul Coppinger at 903-638-6008, paulcop68@thecoppers.net

For Sale: 1950 Craftsman 2-speed scroll saw. 24" throat; 16" x 16" table; ½ hp motor; shop made stand; original manual included. \$125 Charles Brooks 903-216-5564

For Sale: Jet Mini Lathe with stand; new bearings, curved tool rest. \$150. Harvey Ramsey 903-561-1401

For Sale: Barracuda 2 Chuck System. Four Jaws, 1" X 8 Thread. Brand new, never used, paid \$170.00 plus shipping, will sell for \$150.00. Dave Dischiavo 903-438-0226.

For Sale: Jet 12-36 variable speed wood lathe with normal accessories plus a mobile base. \$400 also a Wood Smith with band saw, jointer, and table saw accessories.... \$1100. Please contact Mitch Gray at 903-312-9196 or mitchgray@suddenlink.net.

For Sale: New Jet model 1014-I mini lathe (still in the box). Not variable speed, but has indexing head. Retail price is \$374.99, will take \$200.00. Contact Cecil Cox coxcecil@yahoo.com 903-574-3293 cell or 903-882-5311 home.

For Sale: Oneway Chuck. Fits 1x8 thread spindles. #2 Jaws and Woodworm Screw. Like New. Lists for \$205.00, but mine could be yours for only \$100. Contact me at 903-834-3838 or email heuslein@earthlink.net First come, first served.

Prez Says continued...

We will have a "Learn to Turn" day on **March 21st**. This is all due to Spring Break and Easter weekend as TJC will be closed.

The **Setup/Clean Up** volunteers for January 10th are: **Jeff Long, Myron Friend, John Lenoard, Wayne Smith, Mike Connolly and Tom Landry.**

Keep a sharp tool and let the chips fly, – **Charles**

2009 ETW Membership Drive

Membership renewals for 2009 are underway. Annual dues remain at \$36.00 per year for the period 1st January 2009 to 31st December 2009. Membership renewal forms will be available at the next three club meetings, along with 2009 club membership cards. – **Bill Holmes**



ETW 2009 Program Schedule

Jan. 10, 2009	Norm Dixon	Assembled Pieces
Jan. 31, 2009	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
Feb. 14, 2009	Robert Trimmell	Creative Natural Edge Vessels
Mar. 21, 2009	Membership	Learn To Turn
Apr. 4, 2009	Charles Brooks	To Be Determined
May 9, 2009	John Leonard	Tormek System Review
June 10-12, 2009	Jimmy Clewes	Classes @ Paul Coppinger Shop
June 13, 2009	Jimmy Clewes	To Be Determined

East Texas Woodturner's Raffle Items

Tickets can be purchased for each raffle at the monthly club meetings and are priced at \$1 each or 6 for \$5

January 10, 2009:

(Monthly items are subject to change based on availability)

General Food Finish	Renaissance Wax
Salt & Pepper Shaker Kit	Beall Tap: 1¼" x 8tpi
Potpourri Pewter Tops (2)	Air Grinder

First Quarter 2009 (Feb 14th): Beall Buffing System with added set of 4" wheels & 1qt. of Waterlox Tung Oil

Annual 2009 (December): Oneway Talon Chuck with added set of Step Jaws and a \$50 gift certificate

Editor's Note

This edition marks some milestones for *The Turning Times*. It is the first edition published using new software designed specifically for publishing newsletters. While this software will allow much more flexibility in *The Turning Times* design, the learning curve will dictate that changes will be slow and minor at first. I ask you to be patient as I climb this learning curve. The end result should be a nicer newsletter to view and an easier one to publish. **Continued on page #5...**

Decembr 2008 Christmas Party



[A Brief Look At Creating A Website](#)

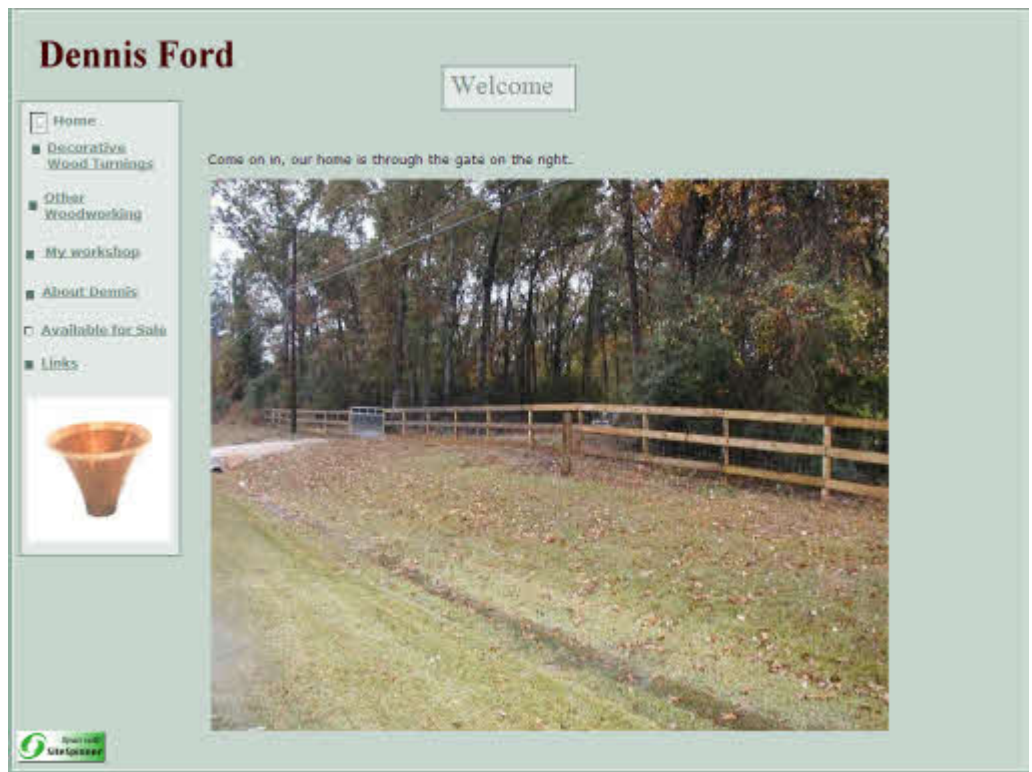


For some time I had considered putting up a web site to show my

woodwork but I did not want to spend a lot of time learning HTML code. After hearing a few more times that I should have a web site, I became interested again. I learned that you don't have to know HTML to build a web site, there is software available that does the coding for you. After doing only a small amount of research, I downloaded a free trial of "*Site Spinner*" software from www.VirtualMechanics.com.

After trying this software for a few hours, I purchased the license (\$49.00). I used this software to build my web site; <http://denniswoodart.com>.

Between work, holiday travel and shop time there has been limited time for work on my web site and the site shows a lack of polish, in spite of that, I have received several compliments. Having used only this one software for building a web site, I can not compare "*Site Spinner*" with other software offerings. I can recommend "*Site Spinner*" for those who are comfortable with computers but do not know HTML. – **Dennis Ford**



[Tom's Take On New Clewes' Videos](#)

[BACK TO BASICS WITH JIMMY CLEWES](#)

This is exactly what it says, BASICS. It starts with what is a lathe and goes on from there to finished projects. It covers health and safety, lathes, chucks, tools, sharpening, abrasives and finishes. Jimmy does his usual great job explaining everything and shows how to turn a bowl, candlestick and pen.

A great DVD for the very new turner and those that never got a good start on turning.

[TURING THE WORLD WITH JIMMY CLEWES](#)

This is a 3 DVD set. Jimmy travels and turns in Norway, Scotland and Nevada.

- **Vol. 1** - In Norway Jimmy demonstrates turning a wooden spoon and a Norwegian Beer Bowl. Some of you may want to try this one, even if someone else turns it.
- **Vol. 2** - In Scotland Jimmy turns a Celtic shield wall hanging. I found this very interesting and will probably try one. He also turns a traditional

spurtle, a stick for stirring porridge. He shows a different way of shaping a skew. I tried it and it works as well as the traditional method, but I did not see any advantage. There is also a look at a modified pole lathe.

- **Vol. 3** - Jimmy goes to Nevada to make a wooden Bangle bracelet with silver inserts. This would make a nice gift. He also shows how to turn a southwest bowl with turquoise inlay. There is a visit to a Native American gallery to discuss form and shape.

As usual these are a great DVD full of lots of information and clear descriptions of what is happening. However since these are shot on locations and not in a studio, the quality of the video images are not always up to the quality of his studio work. The exception is the southwest bowl that is done in a studio.

We will have a limit of one of these DVD's per checkout so that more people can see them.



I hope this helps – **Tom Crosby, Librarian**

Editor'e Note continued...

Another change to the newsletter will be in the way it is published on the club website in the future. In the past the newsletter has been published in two versions; a HTML version that can be viewed directly on the website using any Internet browser, and a "pdf" version that can only be viewed using a "pdf" viewer such as [Adobe Reader](#) or [Foxit Reader](#).

Without giving you a lot of jibberish about the newsletter creation process, the bottom line is the "pdf" format is easier to create and more accommodating of the various types of equipment our membership uses to view or print the newsletter. It is also more secure than the HTML version in that Internet "bots" can't mine the newsletter for email addresses to use for spamming. Therefore, beginning with the **January** edition of *The Turning Times*, the "pdf"

version will be the only version published for the website. If you don't have a "pdf" viewer on your computer, you can get one by clicking on one of the links below. These viewers are widely used on the Internet and you will undoubtedly find other uses for them in the future.

As always, I welcome any constructive comments regarding the newsletter and I am always appreciative of submissions from the membership. You are the newsletter staff and I encourage you to participate.

Thanks – **The Editor** (Mike DeLong)

Adobe Reader - **FREE** (Apple & Windows)
<http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

Foxit Reader - **FREE** (Windows Only)
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