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

March 13, 2004 9:00 a.m.

## THE PREZ SAYS

Well February is over. Sorry we had to cancel the regular meeting but we just didn't think it was worth taking a chance on somebody having an accident trying to get there. Some places were pretty bad.

The good news is the New Turners Seminar was the best yet. Many found out about it on our web site and from the notice in the Tyler Paper There were about 50 people there, many of whom I did not know. We now have 11 new members and several are thinking about joining.

Walter Tate, Ken Terrell, Tom Criswell, Ed Heuslein, Norm Dixon, Mark Anthony and Tom Crosby manned lathes and John Lenoard gave instructions on sharpening. There were so many chips flying it looked like another snowstorm. Everyone that talked to me had good things to say. If you were one of the few that didn't show up you really missed something.

Since Steve Green was cheated out of his opportunity to do a demo he is getting a second chance. Steve will be showing various ways to mount things on the lathe, some sharpening methods, miniature turning and other interesting and enlightening tricks. This will be a great follow up for the New Turning Seminar.

This will be the last chance to buy the winning ticket for the three-month raffle, the Mr. Strong Vise. These things are very handy so be sure to get a bunch of tickets. I know it seems like a long time to Christmas but you only have 10 more chances to get tickets for the Stronghold Chuck with extra jaws, which will be awarded to some lucky person at the Christmas Party. For this month we have a Bedan tool, credit card hone, Titebond glue, Wax, and Turners Finish.

We will try a different method of doing the show and tell and meeting agenda like I promised last month. Everybody bring something to tell about and some things for the show table to talk about at the long break. Be sure and let one of the officers know what you think about the new system so that we can change it to be more like you want it to be. We still have two nice blocks to give away for this show and tell all you have to do is bring a piece and you get a chance to win.

All of our new members are especially encouraged to come and see what a regular meeting is all about. I'm looking forward to seeing each of you on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Tom

**Next Meeting**  
**9:00 a.m. Saturday March 13, 2004**  
**At**  
**Center Point Energy Entex**  
**7008 S. Broadway**  
**Tyler, TX**  
**Guest Demonstrator: Steve Green**

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**Anchor Seal**  
**Bulk AnchorSeal Purchases at the March Meeting**  
**\$7 per Gallon**  
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## Beginning Turner Seminar



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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 March 2, 2004

Members present Tom Crosby, Ed Heuslein, Archie Stivner, John Leonard, Steve Green

Agreed on sale of AnchorSeal. Discussed S.W.A.T. instant gallery. Discussed upcoming shows and exhibitions.

## Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

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## Last Chance To Order ETW Shirts

This will be your last chance to order club shirts until the fall.

In addition to Tees, Sweat and Polo shirts, there is now Green Denim in either long or short sleeve.

Please place your order with Tom Crosby during Saturday's meeting.

## Editor's Corner

I missed seeing everyone last month. But inclement weather is always a possibility in Texas.

I couldn't attend the Beginning Turner Seminar on the 21<sup>st</sup>, but I noted that attendance was outstanding. I look forward to meeting all of our new members and visitors. Please introduce yourself. You can't miss me, I will be the one in a bandage.

The March meeting is the debut of our new agenda. I feel that everyone will be better served with the new format. Please inform any of your officers with your views on the changes.

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

The following is an excerpt from an article in *Popular Woodworking*, November 1999, authored by Bob Flexner.

### **THE FOLLY OF FOOD-SAFE FINISHES.**

...Conclusion

The issue of food safeness in finishes is a classic case of the concept "validation by repetition." Consistent, long-term repetition in woodworking magazines of a food-safeness issue, despite the complete lack of supporting evidence, has led to a widely held belief in the woodworking community that food safeness is an issue.

It shouldn't be. No other segment of society treats it as such. A more responsible approach is as follows.

You can't be absolutely sure about the food safeness of any finish you put on wood. There could even be problems with mineral oil and walnut oil that we just don't know of yet. There could also be problems with raw linseed oil, pure tung oil, was, shellac, and salad bowl finish, because we don't know where these substances have been or what they might have come in contact with. None has met the regulations laid out by the FDA.

But, based on FDA regulations, the way finishes are made, the complete lack of any evidence to the contrary, and the countless other untested objects food and children come in contact with, there's no reasonable argument for avoiding the use of any finish.

If you are interested in reading the entire article, contact Ed Heuslein and he will LOAN you his magazine.

## **Library News**

### **Additions to the Library:**

New to the library are Compact Disks (CDs). We now have four different CDs for use on your computer.

1. AAW "*American Woodturner*" Volumes 1 thru 8
2. AAW "*American Woodturner*" Volumes 9 thru 16
3. Robert Sorby "*Specialist Woodturning Tools Part I*"
4. Woodcut "*Pro-Forme, Bowlsaver & Tru-Grind*"

We also have five new books available for your use.

1. "*Segmented Turning – A Complete Guide*" by Ron Hampton
2. "*Segmented Woodturning*" by William Smith
3. "*Turning Green Wood*" by Michael O'Donnell
4. "*Bob Stocksdale – Eighty-eight Turnings*"
5. "*Bandsaw Bench Guide*" by Mark Duginske

**March is the Last Opportunity To Pay Dues Without Being Dropped from the Membership Roll**

**If you can not attend this meeting and wish to retain your membership, contact Tom Crosby or Archie Stivner. Their contact information is on the first page of this newsletter.**

**April Meeting  
Saturday, April 10, 2004**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Center Point Energy Entex  
7008 S. Broadway  
Tyler, TX**

**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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### **Member Classifieds**

#### **For Sale**

Craftsman 12 inch bandsaw - \$195  
Delta Mdl: 22-540 12 in x 5.9 in Planer - \$195  
Crown 3/16" Diamond Parting Tool - \$30  
½" Round Skew - \$20  
Contact: John Leonard 903-592-6009

### **Raffle Items**

**Three Month ticket sales are low.  
The item for raffle this quarter is  
Mr. Strong Vise**

**All raffle tickets are on sale as you  
arrive at the meeting and during  
break.**

### **Newsletter Reminder**

**Pick up your newsletter at the front  
desk as you arrive. We are no  
longer mailing them.**

### ***New Members***

**Brendia Garrido**

**Jason Garrido**

**Weldon Ginsye**

**William Ginsye**

**John Hawkins**

**William Holmes**

**Jim Kinsel**

**Lee Lynch**

**Marshall Moore**

**John Stroud**

**Paul Tompkins**