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

May 10, 2003 @9:00 a.m.

Notes from the Prez

My fellow woodturners, I hope you enjoyed the April meeting. I always learn something when Gene and Peggy do a demo. What a great couple and what great talents. Also what patience, if you haven't tried turquoise inlaying you can't fully appreciate the time and skill involved, Believe me it doesn't look that good by accident.

It seemed to me that everybody enjoyed the show and tell more than we have in quite a while. Thanks to John Lenoard for suggesting that we go back to letting the turner discuss his work and answer questions about it. I think that as long as we keep it to just a piece or two per person we will have time to continue doing it this way. So be sure and bring something for show and tell, it doesn't have to be great art, it doesn't even have to be finished, bring something to ask for suggestions about what to do with a piece. I did, and got some interesting ideas that I can use for other pieces as well.

If you haven't sent in your registration for the TTT please do so at the earliest you can, it will be a big help in making a successful symposium. This year's gathering will include a banquet for Sat. night, Aug 30, 2003. Dinner menu includes salad, roast beef or marinated chicken, rosemary potatoes, stir fry vegetables, rolls/butter, apple or cherry pie or ice box cake, coffee or tea. All this plus entertainment for only \$15 per person.

There will be a 2 for 1 Raffle, you buy one ticket and you get two chances to win. One drawing will be at the Banquet, this prize will be a turning donated by some of the better turners in Texas. So far there are 18 turnings to be given away. The second drawing will be for other prizes including a Powermatic Lathe !!.

The raffle for this month will be a 3/8 spindle gouge, swing arm light, #2 Morse taper cleaner, can of wax, and \$15 gift certificate from Craft Supply. We start a new 3-month raffle for a Beall Buffing system, and don't forget the Christmas Raffle for the complete Wolverine sharpening system including a slow speed grinder.

Be sure and be there to see what Brooks and his new stooge have in store for the Prez this month. We have had verbal abuse (slander) and threats of criminal prosecution based on trumped up charges. Is physical assault next? Speaking of stooges isn't there supposed to be three of them? I wonder where Larry is.

See you there,
Tom

THE HARDWOOD BARN

WOODWORKERS DAY

Anyone interested in joining us for our monthly WOODWORKERS DAY is welcome. Traditionally held the **third Saturday** of each month **from March through November**. We provide an informal atmosphere for those of you who turn wood just for the pleasure of it. Whether you want to bring your lathe and give demonstrations, just watch, or ask questions (remember, the only dumb question is the unasked one). Come join us. **Chef Lois** will again be on hand to delight you with her culinary cuisine, which is hot dogs and hamburgers. So if you find yourself with nothing to do come make sawdust with us and make some new friends. If nothing else the tall stories fly along with the wood shaving. We are located in **Mt Enterprise on Hwy. 259 South**. We start around 9:00AM and end around 2:00PM.

May Meeting:

Charles Brooks will present "carving"
Show & Tell give away wood:
Maple Burl

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APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Gene & Peggy Kircus- Wonderful



Next page: Howard Murray's Segmented bowl made from 155 pieces. Tom Criswell won, Tom Crosby's Spalted sycamore vessel. Mesquite pumpkin box and Spalted bowl. Beautiful but don't know who did these. Walter Tate won the quarterly drawing of the bowl gouge.





Tom Criswell



Howard Murray
Walter Tate



At the meeting: We approved the changes to the bylaws and copies passed out to the members. There were 44 members present. Raffle items will continue as is. Charles teamed with Joe to keep

Tom in his place. Charles has hired Joe to watch his backside from Tom. Continuing saga! John Leonard fixed raffle as he won 2 items. Ha! Ha! **Big Thanks** to Ed and Tom for the Drum for the raffle tickets.

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SAFETY TIP: If you use your band saw to cut off lengths of round stock, like tree limbs, be sure to use a sled. Don't try to hold it by hand only, just a little turn of the limb and you can ruin a blade or a finger or hand. If you don't have a sled make one. Take a piece of ½ " plywood about 22" square, then cut a piece of 2X4 diagonally lengthways and put the pieces together on one end of the plywood with the narrow sides together. Make a guide out of some hardwood to fit the miter slot on your table and fasten it to the bottom of the sled. Put the sled on the saw and cut a slot to about 3-4 " past the 2X4s. Then when you need to cut a limb or dowel or anything sort of round just put it in the grove formed by the 2X4s and push it into the blade. Since you will be holding the piece with both hands you will see the reason for the size of the sled, you can use your belly to do the pushing. I have used this to cut pieces as small as 1" up to the largest that will fit under the frame of the saw.

Submitted by Tom Crosby

WANTED: Donations for young missionary going to Mexico in August. Has Lathe, needs tools. If you have any spare turning tools, contact Paul Coppinger 903-569-9780 pac@cox-internet.com
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