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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

November 3, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m.

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 3, 2007**
(1st not 2nd Sat.)
Regular Club Meeting
Norm Dixon
- November 9-10, 2007**
Wooden Wonderland
Tyler Rose Garden Cntr.
- November 28, 2007**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- December 7-9, 2007**
The Woodworking Show
Arlington, Texas
- December 8, 2007**
Regular Club Meeting
Open
- January 2, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- January 11-13, 2008**
FL Wood Turning Sym.
Eustis, Florida
- January 12, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
- January 25-26, 2008**
TN Woodturners Sym.
Nashville, Tennessee
- January 30, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- February 9, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
- February 20, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- March 1, 2008**
(1st not 2nd Sat.)
Regular Club Meeting
- April 2, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- April 12, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
- April 30, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- May 10, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
- June 20-22, 2008**
AAW Symposium
Richmond, Virginia

SCTJCW = Steering Committee Meeting @ TJC West Campus

The Prez Says:



Hello Turners,

I went to Lowes yesterday and had a good laugh. It is almost Halloween and they not only have Christmas stuff but also spring seeds. I thought it was funny.

Our October meeting was our first "Club Day". Lots of chips were made and lots of visiting went on. Walter Tate, **Ed Heuslein, Tom Crosby, Paul Coppinger, Mike DeLong** brought their mini lathes in for folks to turn on. **Cecil Cox** brought the Club mini lathe from the storage shed. Thanks, guys. This is not easy. The lathe has to be loaded in their truck, unloaded at TJC, moved into TJC, set-up. Then at the end of the day do it all again.

One of the vendors at the SWAT Symposium had Anchor Seal for sale at \$14.95 ---for a quart. A gallon was \$39.95. I didn't see anyone buying any of it. Sure makes our \$9.00 a gallon look real good.

We would like to sell about 30 gallons or so of our Anchor Seal before the end of the year. This is to make moving the remainder easier. I am not going to be the Anchor Seal guy after the first of the year. If you would like to serve the Club by doing this, please contact **Charles Brooks**.

We hold election of officers at the November meeting in accordance with our By-Laws. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers at the October meeting:

- President -----Charles Brooks
- Vice-president – Paul Coppinger
- Secretary -----Bill Holmes
- Treasurer -----Archie Stivner
- Librarian -----Tom Crosby
- Programs -----Ken Terrell

We will ask for additional nominations from the floor.

You can renew your membership starting with the November meeting. Dues are \$36.00 for the year.

Bill Holmes will have the forms and take your money and give you a membership card for 2008. Yes we now have membership cards. They aren't fancy but will identify you as a member of ETW.

The Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the 2008 scholarship. You have till February 15 to get your application in to ken Terrell. The application and program information can be found on the Club web-site.

Our December meeting will be a Club Christmas Party. We will have drinks and eats. Please bring lots of turnings even ones that you have brought before as guests will not have seen them. Yes spouses, etc. are invited. We will have a signup sheet at the November meeting. We will have our normal monthly raffle, our fourth quarter raffle and the Christmas raffle. In addition we will have about 40 door prizes.

See you Saturday November 3(don't forget we are meeting the first Saturday for November) At TJC West at 9:00 AM. — **John**

2008 ETW Membership Drive

Membership renewals for 2008 will commence at the November 2007 regular meeting of East Texas Woodturners. Annual dues remain at \$36.00 per year for the period 1st January 2008 to 31st December 2008. Membership renewal forms will be available at the next several club meetings, along with 2008 club membership cards – **Bill Holmes**



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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 either 903-592-6009 or at jd138@dishmail.net Thanks

Looking for a lathe: I am looking for either a Powermatic or Rockwell Delta, heavy duty lathe. 903-683-4961 or 903-721-1118 Thank you, KL Snodgrass snodkis@msn.com

Shopsmith For Sale: 1989 Shopsmith Mark V Model 510 Home Workshop System. Has standard five tools (table saw, drill press, horizontal boring, 16" X 34" wood lathe with standard 5 piece turning tool set, 12" disk sander with original owner's manual). Also has dado, router, and hollow chisel mortiser attachments. Has extra arbor (5/8") to accept "off the rack" saw blades as well as a Shopsmith "Shopmate" clamping system. Used very few hours and in excellent condition. \$850.00 Contact Cecil Cox (903)882-5311 or coxcecil@yahoo.com

Jet Mini-Lathe For Sale: Standard 6-speed model (not variable speed) with stand and originally supplied accessories (faceplate, live center, etc.) Contact Jose Alanis at 903-825-2825

Woodworking Tools For Sale: Grizzly 6" jointer/planer comes with extra set of blades. Also, Craftsman 13" thickness planer with stand and retractable casters Both of these were bought new in late 2002/early 2003, and both machines come with owner's manuals and instructions. Kevin Stevenson 903-570-1724 (CELL) or 903-825-1105 (HOME) Kevin@unitedcountrylakepalestine.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 see John Leonard. Between meetings if you need some call John at 903-592-6009.



Another good Show & Tell

SWAT Comments

I previously solicited comments from ETW members on their experiences at the recent SWAT Symposium. The comments I received were very enlightening. Most of them were complimentary, but a few were critical. Some contributors pointed out things I had not noticed, and a few comments caused me to rethink my own experiences. Since the same themes were constant in many of the submissions, I have chosen bits and pieces from each contribution so as not to be too repetitive. I offer a big **THANK YOU** to all that took the time to contribute. - **Editor**

“I made my first trip to SWAT this year. I found it to be an extremely enlightening experience. The Instant Gallery was chock full of outstanding turnings which gave me several ideas to try in future turnings, (whether or not I can make them work will be the question). The demos that I attended were great. I learned a lot of techniques that I had not thought of or seen demonstrated before. The demos were geared for everyone from basic novice to advanced.” – **Cecil**

“Two rotations in the AM and two in the afternoon with wasted hours between. Very poor use of time.”

“Sound system sucked. One rotation I left because it sounded like an echo chamber. This was the only rotation I attended all day Saturday.. rest of the day was spent in the Instant Gallery. Attended two rotations on Sunday. The last one was just fine -- need more like it.”

“Sound at the Saturday night banquet was poor while attempting to show the Gary Roberts video. Shown twice and still could not hear a word.” – **Don**

“I thought the regional demonstrators were as a group better prepared, and had great demos on a goodly variety of topics. Much better than previous years. The lead demonstrators presented a wide variety of topics that made my decision of what to attend difficult and I was not disappointed in any that I saw. Made me wish we had a couple of more days.”

“The vendor variety was by far the best I have seen at SWAT (Paul did an outstanding job) and they had some good new stuff along with the usual normal stuff. I spent more than I should have but got some great new toys.”

“I like the format of three rotations on Friday and Sunday and four on Saturday. I also like the hour between rotations. Gives me time to rest my brain and visit the vendors again.” – **John**

“The negatives - Only one for me, the audio needs some improvement. It was pretty hard to understand the demonstrators in some of the rooms.”

“The positives - This is the biggest bang for the buck in the country for woodturners. This is the second largest symposium, second only to the AAW. It is one of the cheapest events in the country at \$150... There were 20 demonstrators and 49 rotations to choose from. I saw some of all the 5 leads as well as several of the regional turners. I learned at least one thing from all of them... Fortunately the price of admission also included a copy of ALL the handouts supplied by the demonstrators, so I have the info for everything, including what I did not see.” - **Tom**

“The rotation schedule with all of the National Leads being on Saturday and Sunday created the issue of being able to attend only eight of 30 demos but was only fair to our Regional Leads. The food was the best in the past few years.”

“The Instant Gallery was again a huge success with a wide range of turned items and a word of thanks goes out to the members of ETW that assisted in setting up, tearing down and staffing the Gallery, they did a great job once again.” – **Ken**

“This was my first time to attend SWAT, and I went for the whole program. I found the Instant Gallery to be an excellent source of ideas from some fairly simple to extremely complicated that I brought back some pictures to ponder for future use. All the demonstrators were excellent from the national to the local. There was enough repeat programs to see most, but not all the topics of interest. The confidence boost from seeing the different demonstrations and being able to mentally follow their actions and tell myself that with practice (and another tool) I could do that was great.”

“The break time was dangerous with all the vendors there. It was a good chance to see first hand some different tools, and pick up some needed supplies. The fellowship during the meals was also good to get to know fellow local members and some visiting, Turners seem to be a very friendly group and more than willing to give help or share their experience. I'm looking forward to 2008 in Waco.” - **Tom**

East Texas Woodturner's 2007 Program Schedule

Nov. 3, 2007	Norm Dixon	“Branching Out”
Dec. 8, 2007		Club Christmas Party

October 2007 Meeting



A first-time turner getting her feet wet



A good time to try something new



Making some chips fly



“Hands-on” instruction was common



Possibly an “Empty Bowl” in the making



Good fellowship

A note from your Librarians:

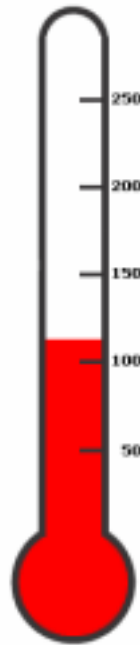
We have been taking care of the library for some time now and have a few things to pass on to you. This club has one of the most extensive woodturning libraries in Texas. It is woefully under utilized. We have items on just about every type of turning there is, many of which are seldom if ever checked out. We usually have at least 50 members at every meeting, however we seldom have more than 25 items checked out. But this is not 50% of those present, because most of those that check items out check out the 3 items allowed per person, instead it is 9 or 10 people.



We will continue to try to provide you with the best library available. As always if you have a suggestion for an addition we will acquire it if possible. We hope you will take advantage of this great resource.

Please, make an effort to return the items you check out the following month. Others may be waiting for the good one you have sitting at home.

Your librarians **Marjorie** and **Tom**



2007 - 2008

As of the October 13, 2007 club meeting, 27 ETW members have contributed 117 items for the Empty Bowls project. This year our goal is to generate 300 items, not specifically “just bowls”. Each item submitted will receive one chance to win a turning block of wood each month and some months we may be able to have more than one block for the drawings.

Please start turning out the bowls, hollow vessels, platters, pens, etc. that you plan to submit.

Ken Terrell

East Texas Woodturner’s Supporters

The following businesses have graciously provided support for the activities of the East Texas Woodturner’s club. Please show your gratitude by giving them your business when possible.

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<p>Craft Supplies USA 1287 E. 1120 S. Provo, Utah 84606 1-800-551-8876 FAX: (801) 377-7742 http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/ Monday–Friday, 7:00am to 6:00pm, MST</p>	<p>Packard Woodworks P.O. Box 718 Tryon, North Carolina 28782 1-800-683-8876 FAX: (828) 859-551 http://www.packardwoodworks.com/index.html Monday–Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm, EST</p>	<p>Johnson Wood Products 34897 Crystal Rd. Strawberry Point, Iowa 52076 563-933-6504 Wood Turning Blanks, Bowl Blanks, Sculpturing and Carving Blocks, Fancy Gunstock Blanks, Special Cuttings</p>

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