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Visit us at www.easttexaswoodturners.org

Zoom meeting **August 21, 2021**



Prez says: Hello Woodturners!

Its August so you know two things right away. It's HOT, and SWAT is the last weekend of the month.

I've been saving my lunch money and allowance in order to be able to buy things I don't need, to impress people I don't like, with money I don't have. Think of it as Spring Break for Woodturners, but without the alcohol, and with plenty of adult supervision. Some of us look forward to it every year. If you haven't registered there is still time to do so though I'm sure hotel space is at a premium. In thinking about it, there as many reasons not to go to SWAT as there are to attend. Covid Delta Variant being the most prevalent at the moment. We don't check roll at SWAT. I look forward to seeing folks that I haven't seen face to face in over a year and a half. Come, hang out with fellow woodturners, spend a bunch of money, buy your club president expensive gifts, it's all good. Stay at home and say, "Maybe next year", is equally good. (You can just send cash to the club president) In the famous words of Beyonce "You do you, Boo." (If you don't get the reference ask a granddaughter. Right after she rolls her eyes she'll tell you about it) We would love to have you attend. HOWEVER, be prepared for the SWAT Leadership or the City of Waco to pull the plug because of Covid. I sincerely hope that it doesn't happen but nowadays who knows?

Hopefully you plopped down your \$45 last month for the AAW Virtual Symposium. I did, and I have to say it was worth the money. I picked up several really good tips, techniques I'd like to try and resources for supplies. I was also able to go back and replay the videos to solidify what I saw, or to just see a section a little more clearly. I found the vendor's attempts at 'deals' to be sadly lacking and I didn't spend any money with them. I just like to hold a tool before I plunk down my money. The good thing is that Nick Agar and Rebecca DeGroot who were demonstrators for the symposium will be demonstrating at SWAT, along with some other high powered nationally known turners. It should be a good symposium.

In Beads of Courage news, the Steering Committee in our last meeting, unanimously voted to suspend the Gift Certificate drawing as an incentive for turning in Beads of Courage boxes. The overall consensus was that if we're not doing it for the kids, then we have lost sight of the goal. Everybody wants to be recognized for their contribution. Some more than others. But maybe your momma told you the same thing mine told me. "If you do a thing in order to hear Thank You, then you missed the opportunity to have just the tiniest bit more of God's Grace". A smart woman my momma.

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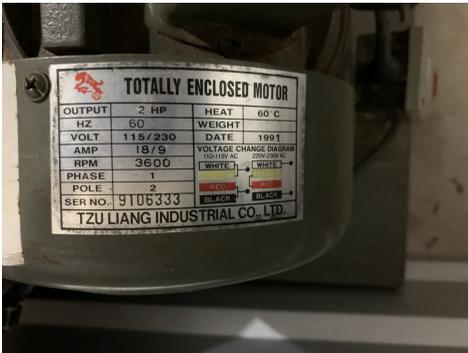
Classified Ad Policy: Classified ads run for 3-months unless the editor is notified they are no longer needed. At the end of the 3-month period, the ad will be dropped from the newsletter unless specifically renewed prior to the period expiration.

Personalized Turning Classes

Paul Coppinger - Mineola - 903-638-6008
paulcop68@thecoppingers.net

LESSONS: Woodturning classes my shop.
Please call afternoons for more info 903-216-5564. cbrooks@suddenlink.net
Charles Brooks (Whitehouse, Texas)

For Sale: A very nice dust collection motor and a few sections of flex ductwork. Asking a \$100 which is a real bargain. Would need to be picked up at my shop in Henderson. Phone 903-806-6772. Bill Preston



Custom tooling; I am set-up to make 1-1/4" 8tpi and 1" 8 tpi faceplates, can make other Imperial sizes (no metric threads). Steel faceplates up to 5" diameter - \$20 each. I also make Handheld and Arm brace style hollowing tools in various sizes.

Dennis Ford 936-676-9652

For Sale: 6 foot long x 1-1/2" square boring bar with free standing trap (same setup that Frank Sudoll use for deep vessels) \$100

Bradford Pear blank. Perfect for large basket weave. 9" thick, 13 - 14" diameter \$35

Mesquite log piece 9" width 14" tall \$35

Mesquite block well cured 12" x 12" x 11-1/2" \$50

Porter-Cable plate joiner \$50

Black and Decker variable speed finishing sander \$40

Charles Brooks 903-216-5564

Free Wood: I was contacted by a very nice lady about some Black Walnut that was cut down August 2. So, this wood is very green. She lives in the Knoll Wood subdivision which is on Old Jacksonville Highway, just South of "Fresh", in Tyler.

If you are interested in this wood please contact her directly. Her name is Diane Knowles. Her phone number is (903) 561-5492; email mercyk@yahoo.com

ANCHOR SEAL FOR SALE

The Club has Anchor Seal end grain sealer for sale at most Club meetings. It is available at \$15.00 per gallon. To obtain it, pay our treasurer, **Walter Tate**, and then see **Dennis Lorenz**. If you need some between meetings, contact Dennis at 903-565-0651 or dlorenz67@gmail.com

Pictures of recent Work

John Wood:

Hackberry vase
collaboration with
cattle brands and
lacquer finish

Dyed Ash with
turquoise inlay and
lacquer finish



John Dove

Mike Connolly



Dennis Ford: Pine hollow forms



East Texas Woodturners Fact-Sheet

We meet once a month (usually on the second Saturday) at 9:00 AM at Tyler Junior College West, room 104. At our monthly meetings, there is a show and tell table, an open library (hundreds of DVDs and books), a raffle for tools and/or gift certificates, and a demonstration. Oh, yeah – there is always lots of discussion and opinions – don't be afraid to ask!

Please visit our web page at <http://www.easttexaswoodturners.org/> - also, find us on Facebook – look for East Texas Woodturners. Take a look at the “Mentor Program” on our web page to see contact information on 15 mentors that will help you with turning situations. There is also information on ETW's vast library resources (see “Library”). And for dues information, click on “Membership Form”.

Also once a month (usually one week after our normal meeting), a lot of us gather at Paul Coppinger's shop in Mineola for MOST (Mineola Open Shop Turning). This is a come-and-go “hands-on” event, where you can turn on one of seven mini lathes, ask questions, or just watch. See “MOST Day” on the web page.

ETW participates in the “Beads of Courage” program – this is a national program where kids undergoing various medical procedures (usually cancer) are awarded beads for these procedures and need a container for their beads. See <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/> for additional information.

SWAT (Southwest Association of Turners) has an annual symposium in August – it is a 2-1/2 day event usually held in Waco at the convention center. The 2019 meeting had about 1000 attendees, 50 vendors, a variety of demonstrations, and a gallery of beautiful turnings. See <http://www.swaturners.org/> for more details and cost information.

Member discounts are available from several vendors – please ask the vendor if a discount is available. Please remember that most discount lists are usually updated only once a year, after the dues are collected in the Spring.

Have questions? See the Newsletter for club officer contact information.

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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.

Craft Supplies USA

1287 E. 1120 S., Provo, UT 84606
1-800-551-8876
FAX: 801-377-7742

<http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/>

Hartville Tool

13163 Market Ave N Hartville, OH 44632
800-345-2396

<http://www.hartvilletool.com/>

Johnson Wood Products

34897 Crystal Rd., Strawberry Point, IA 52076
563-933-6504 CST

<http://www.johnsonwoodproducts.com/>

Klingspor's Woodworking Shop

3 Locations in North Carolina
1-800-228-0000 EST

<http://www.woodworkingshop.com/>

Packard Woodworks

P.O. Box 718, Tryon, NC 28782
1-800-683-8876
FAX: 828-859-5551

<http://www.packardwoodworks.com/index.html>

Rockler

584 W Interstate 30
Garland, TX 75043
(469) 329-0971

<http://www.rockler.com/retail/stores/tx/garland-store>

Thompson Lathe Tools

5479 Columbia Road North Olmsted, OH 44070
440-241-6360 CST

<http://www.thompsonlathetools.com/>

Woodcraft

Suite 145 601 W. Plano Parkway Plano, TX 75075
(972) 422-2732

<http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=317>

Woodline.com

111 Wheeler St., LaVergne, TN 37086
615-793-0474 CST

<http://www.woodline.com/>

Wood World

13650 TI Blvd. #101, Dallas, TX 75243
972-669-9130 CST

<http://woodworldtx.com/>

East Texas Hardwoods

Pittsburg Texas
Joe Hallonquist
Cell- 936-577-4306

Carter & Son Toolworks

Woodturning Tools 206-878-7672

<http://www.carterandsontoolworks.com/>

(see Dennis Lorenz or Paul Coppinger for discount code)

Prez says (continued from page 1) Speaking of Beads of Courage, we are going to spot-light that program in our September Meeting Demo! If you have a BOC box to contribute to a child then send Kelvin a picture of it for show and tell! We have been optimistic (perhaps overly so) that we could meet in person back at our TJC haunts in September. That is 100% up to the college. With the Delta Variant surging, that may not be possible. If not, then we will continue our ZOOM programming without missing a beat. The 'show' will go on regardless, so turn that BOC and show it off in person or on ZOOM next month! If there is something you want to see in the demo like segmented or stave construction, interior finish, exterior finish, decorations, etc, then reach out to me and let me know. I promise to pass it along. We'll include it if we possibly can.

This month's demonstration is by our own Pen Master Danny King. I'd like to get a show of hands as to how many people started their woodturning 'adventure' by turning a pen, and then how many people Danny has taught how to do it correctly. My hand would be the first in the air. Meet us the **THIRD Saturday of this month, August 21**, for the ZOOM meeting that you all get invited to every month. Haven't been to a ZOOM meeting yet? Do something different this month and give it a try. We moved the meeting because our "ZOOM Guru" Ken Wurtzel was out of pocket until the day of the meeting and it just isn't fair to ask him to set up everything as he just came back into town. We start signing in at about 8:30 and the meeting starts promptly at 9:05. (I wait for late arrivals and check their ticket stubs)

In the meantime,

Keep Turning, Keep Learning, and Godspeed

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Mike Connolly

SWAT

August 27, 28 & 29th at Waco Convention Center <https://www.swaturners.org/>

The demonstration schedule is posted on SWAT website, there are some really good turners with interesting demonstrations this year. There will be 34 vendors selling wood, turning equipment, supplies etc. We will have about 2/3 as many people as in 2019 - not as crowded but a still lot of fellow turners to visit with. Remember that it is possible to see the Art Gallery and Vendors without paying for registration (The registration fee covers the demonstrations and lunches). You can spend lots of money at SWAT or very little, the choice is up to you.

I hope to see lots of you at SWAT. Please consider helping with the Art Gallery, East Texas Woodturners is responsible for the SWAT Art Gallery. In 2019, we had over 600 items displayed including Beads of Courage boxes, regular Art items and "Three for One" donations. This year I am expecting a record number of Beads of Courage boxes. I assume the number of regular art items will be less than in 2019 as the total attendance will be less.

Dennis Ford
SWAT Art Gallery Chairman

Turning Pine Dennis Ford

I was asked to turn some items from a Pine tree that had sentimental value to a nice lady. I had a great deal of artistic freedom in this project and the pieces did not have to be alike. Pictures of the finished items are shown on page 3. This was a paying job and will cover my SWAT expenses.

Nearly all pine trees in East Texas are Southern Yellow Pines (Longleaf, Shortleaf, Loblolly & Slash are in the Southern Yellow Pine group). For turning, these are all about the same. I divide the wood into three categories: sapwood, heartwood & "fat lighter". Pine sapwood is soft and difficult to cut cleanly when fresh, just about impossible to cut cleanly when dry. Pine heartwood is soft but can be cut cleanly with sharp tools. Both sapwood and heartwood dry quickly with very little warping and sand easily although the heartwood tends to gum up sandpaper (use sandpaper with sterates to reduce this problem).

"Fat lighter pine" is saturated with resin, turning it is very different, it is easy to cut cleanly but has it's own issues. The shavings stick to each other, your floor, your shoes etc. The last time I turned some, I was standing on a 3/4" + thick layer of shavings that were stuck to the bottom of my shoes. I was able to sand it by wet-sanding with mineral spirits (dry sanding failed miserably). It is pretty but not fun to work with.

Pine will not become my favorite wood but I will turn it again, don't be afraid of trying it.

To: Club President & Leaders

I am Alan Stratton. I host a Christmas Ornament Challenge every year. Coming up is the 10th annual challenge. I would appreciate your help in spreading word on the challenge. And, there is something in it for the club.

To enter, all the participant needs to do is:

- * Complete a Christmas or holiday ornament. Ornaments from other faiths are also welcome.

- * Take or compose one still picture featuring the ornament.

- * Enter their information and upload the picture at www.AsWoodTurns.com/challenges during the month of November. The challenge closes when November 30 closes. The ornament may utilize any craft- it is not restricted to woodturning.

As we did last year, we will ask for a club affiliation. For the clubs with the most people entering the challenge, I will offer an interactive remote demonstration at no charge.

More details are at www.AsWoodTurns.com/challenges or www.OrnamentChallenge.com

The challenge is a lot of fun and a great way to help celebrate Christmas or the winter season. Personally, I love the diversity that I see.

Thank you

Alan Stratton

www.AsWoodTurns.com

Just a note about the addition to the classified ads section of "Looking For".

Last month I said I was looking to buy or borrow a hook tool. Four members of the club contacted me about it and not one wanted to sell a tool. Two of them gave me hook tools they either made or had no intention of ever using again. The other two let me borrow theirs so that I could compare them. Two things about this should occur to you.

- 1) The 'looking for ' section really works.

- 2) The generosity and fellowship that is alive and well within our club.

Mike Connolly