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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.

Visit us at www.easttexaswoodturners.org

Meeting at Tyler Junior College

August 6, 2022



Hello Woodturners!

Ah, where to begin. There is a lot happening this month in the world of woodturning. We return to club meetings this month having had to skip last month due to room scheduling issues and Holidays. We do the same next month with **NO MEETING in September**. We'll try and make the **August 6** meeting special to make up for it. Buy double your usual raffle tickets and we will double the prize outlay. Also, because there is no meeting next month, then the Quarterly Raffle will be held at the October meeting.

Next on the calendar is **M.O.S.T**, which Paul tells me **WILL be held this month on August 20th**. Please remember that this is a morning only offer, from 9 am to noon, at which time Paul turns out the lights and locks the doors. Directions and more information are generally provided by Mike DeLong the week prior to M.O.S.T via email. Those of us who are regular attendees highly recommend it. Go one time. You will too.

August 26, 27, 28 is my credit card's favorite time of the year. Those are the dates for SWAT this year. **South West Association of Turners (SWAT) Symposium** in Waco Texas is purportedly the second largest woodturning symposium in the United States. Second only to the AAW National Symposium. 900+ woodturners all in one place, (the Waco Convention Center) for 2 ½ days enjoying Nationally Recognized professional woodturners, Regional Demonstrators, and lots of tools, wood, and accessories available for purchase. The credit card company sends me a thank you note along with my statement every year. Again, this year the ETW hosts the Instant Gallery where you will find the best representations of our craft on full display. Inspiration, appreciation, and just jaw dropping beauty contained in a relatively small space. Come help manage the exhibit under the leadership of Dennis Ford and Tim Casey and meet some of the best woodturners in the country. Let Dennis know if you can help, we would appreciate it.

The East Texas Woodturners have been invited to participate in the Rose Festival Arts and Crafts Fair held October 15-16 in Bergfeld Park here in Tyler. The Steering Committee agrees that this would be a good opportunity for community outreach to promote woodturning. To that end we have applied for and been accepted to participate and will have a 10' X 30' Booth. We had previously solicited the membership for small generators that we could borrow to power two mini-lathes where we would turn spinning tops for the kids and maybe demonstrate making smaller objects for just demonstration purposes. The response to that request was immediate and impressive and we will be borrowing that equipment.

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CLASSIFIEDS

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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)

Custom tooling available Face-plates,
swan neck hollowing tools, adapters etc.
Dennis Ford 936-676-9652

Surplus Audio / Visual equipment

Since the club has changed the Video and Audio equipment we are using, we no longer need some of the old equipment. We would be happy to give the equipment to someone that can make use of it. We have an Genrac 600 amplified audio mixer, some video switching equipment, some wireless microphones, etc. if interested please contact **Ken Wurtzel: 267-884-9326** (please leave a message since I don't hear the phone while in the shop).

For Sale: Grizzly G1014z sander as pictured, 9" Disc, 6" X 48" Belt. Works just as it should. I have replaced it with bigger/better and don't have room for two. \$300 cash, OBO. You come get it, I will help load it.

Mike Connolly mjconly@hotmail.com
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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**

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

Mineola Open Shop Turning Day

The next MOST day will be August 20, 2022

Turning, Fun and Fellowship

If we're not having fun, we're not doing it right!

Pictures of recent work (via email)

Bowls by Ken Wurtzel



Micheal Tate: Norfolk Island Pine, finished with gloss poly.



Dennis Ford: weird Sycamore platter



Worth Holmes It is about 7" wide at the feature ring and 15" to the cross, made of maple and paduka.

It is for a dear friend, Jan Aiken, who I've known for about 10 years...I sing with her husband.



John Wood: Holly with pry and ink, Large Pear bowl



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 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.

Mentor List

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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/>

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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/>

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

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

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(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/>

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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)

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There is however a fly in our collective ointment. There are no tent rental vendors in the immediate area that we are willing to pay. (They want too much money) So, we are soliciting the membership once again for tented pavilions 10' X 10' that we could "string together" to make one long tent. We would tarp all four sides at night to secure equipment and turned items, and to provide some shelter in case it rains. I have one pavilion that I will donate to the cause, we need two more. We could also use volunteers to help set up and take down the booth along with manning it during the festival. (You don't want to leave me there alone, otherwise interest may drop in our craft, even among members) You would be able to display items in the space and sell them if you so choose. Let me be VERY clear on this point. WE (the ETW) will not sell your items for you. As a Non-Profit, we cannot, nor will we, act as anyone's agent in the sale of any item. You can sell the item while you are manning the booth, you can print information and have the buyer contact you directly. But we cannot handle any part of the transaction. It really is as simple as that. We are using the SWAT instant Gallery as our model.

Lots of items on display, some of them are for sale, but only directly from the artist/turner/craftsman. More on this event later.

Thanks for reading this meandering attempt to keep you informed, (or at least proof of life on my part)

Hope to see you Saturday. In the meantime, Keep Turning, Keep Learning and Godspeed

Do Chara, Mike Connolly

The Great Wood Disposal Event 2022

As part of our preparation to return to New Zealand I realize there is no way on earth I am going to turn 10% (or even 2%) of the wood in my shop. I am proposing an event when y'all can come shop for whatever you imagine you might get around to turning some day! We could do this one at a time or as an offshoot of an event, say on your way home from MOST, let me know what you think - if you are interested.

All items will be available either free or for a suggested donation. I have a significant variety to choose from that have been acquired in many different places, including Aussie burls, NZ Kauri, Hawaiian Mango and Koa and many local woods.

When this is over I may do the same with some tools that likely have gotten buried under all the wood!

Call me if you are interested or have questions - 903-780-7590.

Kelvin Burton

August demonstration pre-view

Dennis Ford

The demo this month will be about selecting and using crotch pieces for turning. This demo will be about turning an odd shaped platter but crotch wood can be used on bowls and vases also. These "legs" are multi-axis spindle turnings.



SWAT News / Art Gallery

Dennis Ford

As of Friday (7/29/2022) evening, there were 823 registered attendees for SWAT this year, that is quite a bit more than we had last year. This will be the 30th SWAT event (including some that were called “Texas Turn or Two”). If you have dreams of winning a Robust American Beauty lathe, buy some SWAT raffle tickets (it could happen, Worth won one a few years ago).

We will have separate tables for “new turners” at SWAT’s Art Gallery. There are no rules about what “new turner” means, if you want your items to be on the “new turners” table, we will put it there.

Please pre-register your gallery items (link is on SWAT website under Art Gallery, shortcut [here](#)). That will make the check-in process faster and easier in addition to allowing us to print a label instead of a hand written label. Please pre-register Beads of Courage that you display at SWAT for the same reasons (link is on SWAT website under Beads of Courage, shortcut [here](#))

Critique at ETW meeting

We plan to set up a critique table in addition to the regular “Show & Tell” tables this month. If you want to hear an opinion on what makes a specific piece of yours good AND suggestions that might make the next one better, put that piece on the “Critique” table. If you have a piece that you consider perfect, that is not the best choice for the critique table. If you get suggestions that you like, try them out. If you get suggestions that you don’t want to try, no worries.

My expectation is that we will all benefit from this program. I have agreed to be one of the people doing the critique this month (hope to have some help). Please listen and give me a critique on how it goes / how it could be better. I am not sure how often we will do this but guess that a few times per year would be good.

Dennis Ford