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**Meeting at Tyler Junior College**

**December 11, 2021**



**Prez says:** Happy Holidays Woodturners!

The Season of Giving is upon us, and after the year we've had a little joy can go a long way. So, Let's PARTY! The ETW Christmas Party is this Saturday, December 11 at our usual room at TJC. We are changing from our usual start time for this one event to 10 am. Sleep a bit later or just be that much more awake, but we are starting later than usual. If you haven't signed up with David Chrisp yet to let us know you are coming please do so. (or, email or call me and I will get you listed) The menu is nothing fancy, finger foods, but we of course want enough for everyone. Given that Covid is still a concern we expect attendance to be lower than years past, but we are trying to get as close to normal as circumstance will allow. We will have a monthly raffle and a yearly raffle. Here's a twist for you. If you bought a yearly raffle ticket in January or February of 2020, just before we shut down in person meetings because of the pandemic, then your name goes into the yearly raffle drawing. Yes, Walter Tate has faithfully kept those tickets all this time against just this event! AND because you don't have to be present to win you may be getting a call from us saying we have your prize and need to make arrangements for you to get it. This years Annual Raffle Prizes are a Weecher Power Carving tool donated by Woodcraft, and a Nova Chuck. Two different prizes, two different winners.

There will be no Show and Tell this month, but, as tradition dictates, we will have tables set up to display members work. If you have a particular piece that you like that you turned this year, even if it's one you had in Show and Tell, bring it along and let everyone including the spouses, admire it again! A Christmas theme with ornaments and reindeer and snow men (and women) will be the centerpiece. While we may be lacking this year in a catered meal, massive wood give-aways, and complicated drawings, I promise good fellowship and laughter will be in abundance along with gratitude to spend time with friends. Also, due to the nature of the gathering, there will be NO ZOOM access to the party. I'm sorry about that, but as much as we would have to move and re-position cameras, it would just make the watchers ill and produce a gaggle of noise.

On the business end of the meeting is the annual election of club officers. All of the club officers have offered to continue in their posts for the coming year. They are: President, Mike Connolly, Vice President David Chrisp, Secretary Ken Wurtzel, Treasurer Walter Tate, Librarian John Dove, IT Chair Kelvin Burton, Program Co-Chairs Bill Preston & Dennis Lorenz, SWAT Liaison Dennis Ford.

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### Personalized Turning Classes

Paul Coppinger - Mineola - **903-638-6008**  
[paulcop68@thecoppingers.net](mailto:paulcop68@thecoppingers.net)

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

**For Sale:** 14" Delta-Rockwell band saw, this is an unusual version of a very common saw. It has a gear box that allows high speed for cutting wood and four slow speeds for cutting metal. The paint and on-off switch have been changed but otherwise it is in original condition. \$400  
Dennis Ford **936-676-9652**

### Failing eyesite Sale:

Grizzly 10" Contractors Table Saw, Delta 4" floor model Jointer, Craftsman 10" Radial Arm Saw with Cabinet and Ryobi 10" Planer. Lots of extras/accessories.

Over 75% less than retail. \$500 - a great package deal

**Tom Criswell (903) 509-1042**

**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](mailto:dlorenz67@gmail.com)

Dennis Lorenz

REMINDER - Please bring any turned tops to the Christmas party and they will be distributed to the Toys for Tots campaign.

THANK YOU!

Note from editor

Our librarian is employed full time and will likely need some help with the Library duties. If you are willing to help, please let him know. If someone would like to have the job, I bet he would be OK with that.

Dennis Ford

Pictures from ETW's Facebook group



## 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.

### 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/>

### 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)

If there are challenges to these positions, or you would like to serve in any of the capacities, I urge you to contact me before the meeting so that I can present it to the membership before the vote.

Speaking of membership, it is the time of year that we start reminding people to renew their membership by paying their dues. \$36 for a years membership is a bargain that you won't find in most clubs, and is the vast bulk of the operating budget every year. So, Pay Your Dues, early and often.

As this newsletter will come out before the fact, David Chrisp will be taking a load of Beads of Courage vessels to Children's Hospital in Dallas on Wednesday, December 8. Please take the opportunity to further burden his sleigh with a BOC box. Also, don't forget to give Dennis Lorenz your spinning tops for Toys for Tots. Both of these are great programs that allow us to give back to our communities and maybe put a smile on the face of our most important members.

Next month our club meeting will be on January 8, 2022, when we hope to welcome back, in person, the incomparable Paul Coppinger to the demonstrator's post. Paul will be showing us some finishing techniques, and if you are new to the club then you will see why I consider him the best demonstrator and teacher in the club. Don't miss it!

We hope to see you at the Christmas Party, but if not, then we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Keep Turning, Keep Learning, and Godspeed.

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Mike Connolly

## Making Funeral Urns Dennis Ford

I have made several Urns, mostly by request and have even sold a few at a local funeral home. A hollow form that meets a few requirements can be an Urn.

It needs to be large enough - I make them 200 cubic inches or larger internal volume. It is easy to measure the volume after the vessel is turned. Fill the vessel with a material like rice, beans or kitty litter, then pour that material into a straight wall vessel where simple math converts height to volume. Calculating the volume before the vessel is turned is more of a challenge. I usually make a vessel as large as the blank allows and then decide if it is suitable for an urn. This is a piece of 6" PVC that I use to measure the volume that has filled the urn.



The opening needs to be large enough - I have had a couple of complaints when the opening was about 1-3/4" diameter. The funeral home had struggled to get the plastic bag of ashes through the opening. Now I make the opening 2.5" diameter or larger.

It can not have large voids, I recommend filling small voids and not using vessels with large voids.

It needs to have a lid, some people make them with threaded lids - I do not. Most of the Urn lids I have made fall into two categories; small to blend in with the vessel shape or with a finial (usually a cross).

Sample Urn pictures on the next page



This Elm hollow form was made to become an urn, it does not have a lid yet. Height is 12", max diameter is just under 7". It's internal volume is about 230 cubic inches.

This was a custom made urn for a lady whose woodworking husband had passed away. She wanted the urn made from some of his wood stash. Walnut, Mahogany and Rosewood



This walnut urn is one that the funeral home complained about the opening being small

This mesquite hollow form became an urn, its opening is only a little bigger than the walnut urn above. I did not get complaints on this one but the opening is border-line too small

