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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](http://www.easttexaswoodturners.org)

**Meeting at Tyler Junior College**

**December 9, 2023**



Prez says:

Season's greetings to all. Well we made it thru another year and it's time for our annual Christmas party. There won't be a demonstration this month, but there will be plenty of food and fellowship. Also, we have a lot of goodies to give away. We will also be electing officers for the next year. So, if you can please plan on attending.

As you know this will be the last time, we will be meeting at TJC. Starting in January our meetings will take place at First Christian Church in Tyler. TJC had always a great partner to work with, but this last year it seems like they have gone out of their way to make us as a club feel unwelcome. So, it is my hope that we will be moving on to bigger and better things in the years to come.

As mentioned above there will be no demo or show and tell this month, but if you would like to bring some of your work to show we will have tables set up for displaying it. Also, if you have any Beads of Courage boxes bring them also.

Our annual prize this year is a set of tools from Carter and Son tools and our quarterly prize is a Nova chuck with two sets of jaws.

Walter Tate will be retiring from treasurer after this month and Dennis Lorenz will be stepping in to take over this position. Thank you, Walter, for a job well done.

David Chrisp

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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.

ANNOUNCING!! A new website for one of our members. Please check it out at: [drdonswoodturning.com](http://drdonswoodturning.com).

Thanks, Don Cutler

Custom tooling, face-plates, hollowing tools, etc.

Dennis Ford 936-676-9652

### Personalized Turning Classes

Paul Coppinger - Mineola - **903-638-6008**  
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**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)**

### Meeting Schedule

December 9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday
January 13	New Location
February 10	New Location

## 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)

November Show & Tell Pictures





## 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 2022 meeting had over 800 attendees, 32 vendors, a variety of demonstrations, and a gallery of beautiful turnings. ETW is responsible for the Art Gallery 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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### 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

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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/>

### 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)



I demonstrated turning a waterfall bowl inspired by Cindy Drozda's art. This demonstration was for NW Louisiana Woodworkers in Shreveport. Big leaf maple burl with walnut pedestal and finial.

Mike Gable

### Proposed Program Mike Connolly

A Happy Holiday to you and yours. May it be safe, and full of the joy of the Season.

A large part of the season is dedicated to remembering those who don't have as much as we do, don't have the social/family/community contact that we do. Or enjoy the health that we do. We all have or had, or know someone who has or has had to deal with the big 'C'.

Some of us are very open about it, others prefer to keep those struggles private. Either approach to the fight is perfectly correct. It is a matter of personal choice. It is a fight though, and the larger your support group, the better you are to cope with the reality of cancer. Even if some of that support comes from people you will never meet, or be able to thank personally.

With some cancers, there really is no choice when it comes to downplaying the situation.

A case in point is with Breast Cancer. With a lot of treatments, chemotherapy is prescribed, and for most women they lose their hair and so have really no choice in proclaiming their battle.

"Ah vanity, thy name is woman", is a quote I remember but usually associate with frivolous expression of 'style' or makeup or fingernails when it comes to the fairer sex.

However, the hair loss due to chemo is not a blow to **vanity**, it contributes to a loss of **identity**.

I'm certainly no authority on the female psyche, but I am smart enough to realize the impact this traumatic event has on a woman's self image.

If you were at the November meeting, then you saw the wig stand I made. I indicated who it was for, and urged the membership to embrace a program like many clubs around the country have established as far as producing stands to donate to women who need a place to store their wigs correctly, or their caps, scarves etc. Having been follically challenged for the last 20 years or so myself, I was surprised to find that even in a warm house, people who have recently lost their hair are almost always cold, and require at least some sort of head covering.

In recent weeks, I have visited two wig suppliers in Tyler with wig stand in hand, and asked them if they would be open to giving away wig stands to women, especially those whose finances didn't need any more strain. Their answer was a resounding YES. I explained that as the stands are donated, that they are not allowed to sell them. Both shops were flabbergasted, and honestly a bit insulted, that I would even think that they would profit from a donation.

This kind of program would be unique to us. Unlike the Beads of Courage Program, which many know I advocate strongly, benefits children that receive treatment in the Dallas, Ft Worth area.

The wig stand initiative would be entirely local recipients, making a mark in our communities, in our neighborhoods, in some cases, in our homes. I urge you to consider joining this program to



the betterment of our community and our club. I am willing to collect and distribute any of the contributions to this program until such time as our Steering Committee can establish the program in further depth, which, frankly, will be based on the response of the membership to its establishment. (In other words, if you don't turn a wig stand, then this program dies on the vine.)

Dimensions, techniques, and more information is available on the American Association of Woodturners website, ([woodturner.org](http://woodturner.org)) search wig stands, then scroll down to WIT Calls, Projects, Grants and Opportunities click that and on the right side of the page under Projects and Opportunities is Wig Stand Project, go to 'read more' and read the article. It explains in detail the process with a lot of information.

My second stand goes on the lathe tomorrow. When are you turning yours?

Mike Connolly  
East Texas Woodturners