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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

January 8, 2022



Prez says: Happy New Year Woodturners! Welcome to 2022.

Last year was a terrible year. Covid variants, inflation, insurrection, supply chain issues, gas prices, lumber prices.

Last year was a great year. Grandbabies, and great grandbabies being born, in person meetings resuming, being able to see friends and family again in person, being able to do some limited travelling. For me, I still have my health (relatively) a woman who loves me and is so much more than I will ever deserve, a healthy family, and good friends. Sometimes you just have to take the fact that you are still standing, for the victory that it is.

If you were not able to make the Christmas Party last month, it was a scaled back affair from previous years, but was fun. Special thanks to Dennis Lorenz, David Chrisp, Bill Preston, Ken Wurtzel and others for putting it all together and taking it apart at the end. During that meeting/party, all of the existing club officers were confirmed for the coming year, and are listed in the heading of this newsletter. Let us be clear on this point. The officers serve the interests of the club. If you have a question, comment, suggestion or complaint, then reach out to an officer (it doesn't have to be me) and let them know. In one form or another it will be addressed. It serves no good interest for some to harbor an issue that no one else knows about.

It is that time of year when we starting harping on (uh...reminding) yes, reminding you about club dues. If you have paid your \$36 for 2022 then Thank You. If not, then it's time for you to remind your spouse of the small cost to have you out from under foot for a few hours once or twice a month. My wife considers it a medical expense. She says it is a preventative measure for **her** mental health. See Ken Wurtzel the Club Secretary, and Walter Tate the Club Treasurer, at the check-in table to get it done. Cash or check only please. No credit cards or Bit Coin. (I write that like I know what Bit Coin is).

Something I have never mentioned in the newsletter and really haven't heard anyone talk about in the last couple of years is the AAW. The American Association of Woodturners. It is the national organization and the ETW is a Chapter of the AAW. Membership is of course optional, but there are a number of benefits to new members such as their extensive video library and electronic copies of the magazine American Woodturner. At present, an **electronic** membership is \$50 a year. Meaning you aren't going to get American Woodturner in print and in your mailbox. It is also a requirement of Club Officers to be a member of the AAW.

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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.

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: 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

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 Brian Schrader

"I don't always name my pieces. I chose to name this piece. It is called "Shrapnel". Nothing hurt but my pride."



These four are from ETW's Facebook page



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)

It's also, always appropriate to remind the membership about the Beads of Courage Program and the fact that the ETW is an important contributor. If you don't know what the BoC is then ask me, David Chrisp the program chair, or just about any other member. Fair warning, if you ask me, then you are going to be there awhile as I pitch HARD for that team.

Our demonstrator this month is Kelvin Burton. Bill Preston will touch on that later in the newsletter. If you haven't seen Kelvin demonstrate then you are going to enjoy it, and learn something. He will also make you ask what part of Kentucky produced that accent. His demos are always well worth watching and worthy of your time investment.

Lastly, if you haven't checked out the newish ETW web site, that is also worth your time. We have a feature that let's anyone reach out to us for information about our club. I'm happy to report that in the last couple of months we've had about 8 people reach out about joining the club, or at least wanting to come by and see what we are about. So, if you see somebody sitting next to you that you don't know then make them feel welcome.

Our attendance to meetings, due to Covid, of course is down as is to be expected. Members moving away, moving on to their next adventure or next interest, and going home, makes our membership numbers 'fluid'. New folks coming in not only boosts our numbers, but they bring new challenges, opportunities, and thinking that any organization needs in order to remain relevant and lively. So, if you are a new member and I haven't said it to your face, or you are visiting us for a 'look see', then WELCOME! Come on and let's spin some wood together.

Hope to see you this Saturday, January 8 at the meeting. In the meantime, Keep Turning, Keep Learning and God Speed.

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Mike Connolly

Demonstration Topics – 2022 Bill Preston, Program Co-chair.

Demonstrators are in place for the months of January and February. Thanks to Kelvin Burton for stepping in to fill the January slot with a demo on turning a "**Winged Bowl**". Several variations are possible for a winged bowl and when I communicated with Kelvin several days ago he was not certain which variation he would do, but he said he would be headed to his shop the next day to do some experimentation. So, plan to be present with us in January to see what Kelvin will have for us – I know it will be a great demo! Then, in February, Dennis Lorenz is planning a demo on the basics of "**Segmented Turning**". Again, I am not exactly certain what his demonstration piece will be but I know it will be well done and enjoyable as always. Dennis is not only a great turner and demonstrator but he always adds a bit of humor to his presentation. You will not want to miss this one either.

For March and the following months we need your suggestions and recommendations for demo topics you and other club members would like to see. Dennis Ford and Paul Coppinger (depending on COVID issues) have offered to provide demos later in the year – possibly July and/or August. ***We know from Show & Tell presentations there are a number of outstanding and creative turners in our club who may not have demonstrated in the past but who have specialties that would make great demos...***we really would like some of you to share your talents with the rest of us. Or if you are aware of a turner in another Texas club who would be able to travel to Tyler to provide us a demo, please let me know. Contact me (cwpreston@aol.com or 903-806-6772) or Dennis Lorenz (dlorenz67@gmail.com or 903-865-6745) so we can add you or a recommended turner to the schedule. Hopefully we will continue to be able to have In-Person meetings at the TJC facility in 2022, but their willingness to host non-college groups probably will be determined by the number of Covid cases that occur in East Texas (especially Smith County) in the next few months. Even if we have to return to the Zoom format for meetings we will still need local volunteers to provide demonstrations. I'm looking forward to hearing from some of you soon. ***Hope all have a great year in 2022. Happy New Year!!!***

Tips for new demonstrators Dennis Ford

Just as there are many styles of turned wood, there is also a wide variety of demonstration styles. Some attempt to cover the whole process from selection of wood to finished product, some focus on a specific portion or technique and rush through other steps (or do them ahead of the demo) to allow more time for demonstration of the targeted technique. There is no single path to a successful demonstration (and no single description of a successful demonstrator).

It is not necessary to be an “Advanced Turner” to be a good demonstrator, only to be more advanced than the “target audience” in the subject being demonstrated. Many times I have demonstrated for a group when someone else in the group had more experience and/or skill at whatever I was demonstrating at the time. The target audience is those turners who have less experience in some technique, they are the ones who will learn the most (sometimes the demonstrator learns the most while putting the demo together).

Do:

- Decide what the focus of your demo will be. Time is limited, some things may have to be left out or done quickly with little discussion so that you can fully cover what you are trying to convey.
- Organize your demo to match the sequence of operations for what you are making.
- Organize your materials and tools so you minimize hunting for an item in the middle of your demo. This is much easier to say than it is to do, but it is important.
- Consider doing some of the less interesting steps ahead of the demo. This can prevent boring the audience with repetitive work and will allow more time to show the critical portions.
- Demonstrate safety. There is always some danger in what we do and we each have different levels of comfort with that danger. With experience we learn to minimize that danger when necessary. Those watching the demo may not understand why certain safety gear was chosen or why it was considered necessary for one step and not necessary for some other step.
- Expect to get questions like: “have you tried doing it this way?” or “Why did you do it that way?” Some of the time, those questions will open a new path for you and some of the time you can save someone the trouble of trying something that won’t work. Most of the time, it is just another way of doing things.

Don’t

- Try to show off how good you are, the point of a demo is to help others.
- Spend excessive time sanding or fussing about perfection. Striving for perfection is a good thing but it takes a lot of time and can be boring to observers. It is a good idea to say “I would spend more time on this step at home” at certain times and move on.
- Try to be someone that you are not. If you are a funny person and enjoy jokes, then tell some jokes (family safe). If you rarely tell a joke, this is not a good time to start.
- Expect every thing to go exactly like you practiced it at home. To some extent, we have to “go with the flow” and be willing to laugh at ourselves.