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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.

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**Meeting at Tyler Junior College**

**June 4, 2022**



Hello Woodturners!

Well June is busting out all over and my wife's gardens are just hitting their full stride. I wish my turnings could match their depth, breadth and beauty, but I think my lathe would have to be MUCH larger, and the operator more skilled than he will become in this lifetime. But, you just have to keep trying to be better today than you were yesterday. It's all about growth. (See what I did there?)

I hope you had a good Memorial Day Weekend. We had our annual Gathering of the Clan at my house on Saturday with lots of food, laughter, and kids splashing. There were also moments of reflection of what the holiday is meant to celebrate. We do not mourn our nations war dead. We celebrate their sacrifice made in the cause of freedom that we may continue this grand experiment of democracy. They may not have agreed with my views, or me with theirs, but they gave their lives in order for me to have the right to be wrong. For that, they have my eternal respect and gratitude.

Well, in May, Ron Howe from Cedar Hill showed us his method for turning and decorating bird houses. I remembered his comment that he gave a 100% guarantee that a hummingbird would never nest in it. When I repeated his statement to my wife (who is a hummingbird aficionado) she nodded at me sagely, and said, "Well of course not. Haven't you been paying attention?" I shut up and went back to the shop.

This month we begin meeting on the 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY of the month. It will be that way thru the end of the year. So, we meet this coming Saturday, June 4, starting at 9 am, at the TJC West Campus. Our demonstrator this month is a mystery, but probably only to me. I'm pretty sure that Bill Preston told me who all the demonstrators were for this calendar year, and I have managed to forget to even write it down. Join me on Saturday, and we can be surprised together!

If you weren't in attendance last month, Danny King won the SWAT Scholarship for this year. As a representative of the ETW to SWAT, I don't think we could find a better candidate. Congrats Danny!

In other business, a reminder to show up early for meetings and help set-up equipment and stations, and then stick around after-wards and help put it all back again. We do need the help and it is greatly appreciated. We also need that Beads of Courage vessel you've been meaning to finish and donate. They say the road to hell is paved with good intentions. Park the semi you're driving and turn a BOC. It'll make you feel good.

A reminder that there is no monthly meeting next month due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday.

Until we meet again, Keep Turning, Keep Learning and Godspeed.

Do Chara, **Mike Connolly**

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### Personalized Turning Classes

Paul Coppinger - Mineola - **903-638-6008**  
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**LESSONS:** Woodturning classes my shop.  
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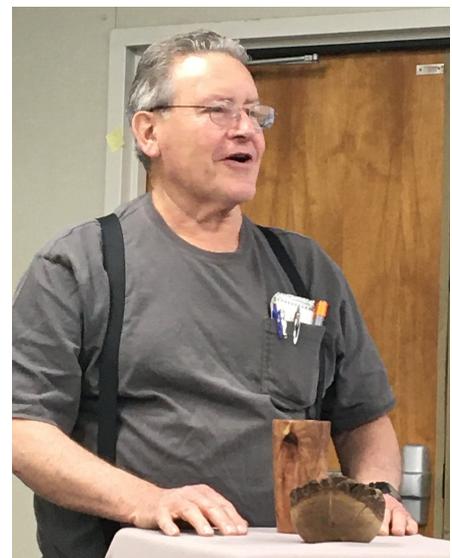
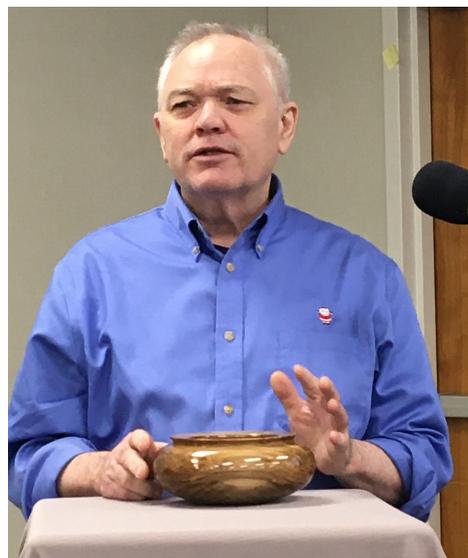
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Charles Brooks **903-216-5564**

## 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)

# May Show & Tell



## 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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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  
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### East Texas Hardwoods

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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)

## East Texas Woodturners – Demonstration for June 4, 2022

Kelvin Burton will be our demonstrator this month. He will be showing us how to make a Manta Ray Winged Vessel.

This will be a preview of his demonstration for SWAT. It is a challenging project to make it look right but has the appeal of “how did he do that?” until you see how it is done.



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### **SWAT News**

The SWAT website now has pictures and information about most of the Lead and Regional demonstrators. Some have information about what they will be demonstrating, personal websites etc.

East Texas Woodturners is responsible for the SWAT Art Gallery. Dennis Ford is the Art Gallery chairman, Tim Casey is the back-up. We will need your help, mostly for set-up Thursday, check-in of art Friday morning and check-out of art Sunday. It is my goal that helping in the Art Gallery should not interfere with your attendance of demonstrations or spending of your money in the Vendors area. With that goal in mind, the last few years we have avoided having fixed schedules where volunteers are committed to helping at certain times. I plan to continue the “no schedule” system. We are able to do this because of our great volunteers. I would like to know who is going to SWAT and who plans to help in the Art Gallery. If either applies, please send a note to [dennis@denniswoodart.com](mailto:dennis@denniswoodart.com) and let me know.

If you have questions or suggestions, I would like to hear them.

Dennis Ford