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Visit us at www.easttexaswoodturners.org

Meeting at First Christian Church **March 14, 2026**

East Texas Wood Turners,



First off, a big THANK YOU for the awesome show and tell participation last month. I didn't get a final count of how many of us participated but it was defiantly one of our highest numbers ever! Thanks for the inspiration that will lead to some perspiration as I try and copy your work. I hope the time change is treating you well; I'm a big fan of the late sunsets, in case you were wondering? The time change is also kind of the unofficial kick off to the ever so fun pollen season, so let the watery eyes and runny noses commence. Also make sure you're wearing green on the 17th for St Patrick's Day, you definitely don't want to be pinched.

The registration window is open for this year's SouthWest Association of Turners (SWAT) symposium. The dates for the event are Friday 28 August – Sunday 30 August 2026 and the location is still at the Waco convention center. This year an extra demo rotation has been added bringing the total to 10 rotations. This will be accomplished by starting the demonstration rotations at 8:00am on Friday. The opening ceremonies and comments will be conducted in conjunction with lunch on Friday. This year's duel will feature Trent Bosch and Laurent Niclot. The SWAT website (swaturners.org) has links for symposium registration, the rotation schedule, lead and regional demonstrators, vender info, and much more to include hotels in walking distance that have a special rates for SWAT. If you don't mind a short drive, hotel rooms can be found at a cheaper rate by looking outside the down town / Baylor University area.

I'm not going to go into the details on last month's steering committee meeting but the highlights are... - we are on financially solid ground, - our social media followers is up to 865, - we are making a Tri-fold to help advertise our club, - green light for club logo gear, - we will continue supporting the Rose city craft fair and the combat warrior pens programs, - looking into a demo booth at the East Texas state fair, - host a learn to turn event, - still working on putting together an in- house turning class for our members.

Last March we talked about safety, specifically focusing on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for our eyes, ears, and lungs. This year I also want to talk safety but from a different point of view, fire detection and prevention. Do you have a smoke detector in you shop; does it also detect Carbon Monoxide? How long is it good for? I'm willing to bet you have a couple in your house, why not have the same protection / warning system in your work shop. Along that same line, what's your plan if you do have a fire? Not all fires are the same, according to

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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.

For sale:

Porter Cable Variable Speed, 2hp Plunge Router With Vermont American Table and 27 Shaper/Router Bits (most unused). All in excellent condition **\$200**

Personalized Turning Classes

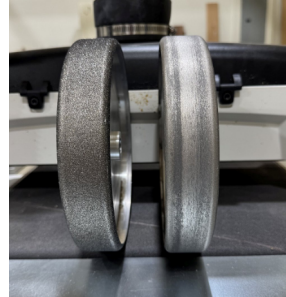
Paul Coppinger - Mineola - **903-312-3052**
paulcop68@thecoppers.net

Paul Coppinger 903 312 3052

I have a older 14 inch Delta Rockwell bandsaw **free to a good home.**

Call Ric Moss **903 243 3438** also black walnut limb size in 3 to 4 ft length I will share.

For Sale: 2 CBN wheels, one 80 grit and one 600 grit. Would like to sell as a set. Asking \$200 for the pair. David Chrisp **903-918-6062**
If I don't answer, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.



ANCHOR SEAL FOR SALE

The Club has Anchor Seal end grain sealer for sale at most Club meetings. The cost is now \$20 for members or \$25 for non-members per gallon. **Dennis Ford** is the person to get it from, pay our treasurer, **Dennis Lorenz**. If you need some between meetings, contact Dennis Ford at **936-676-9652** or dennis@denniswoodart.com **Note that Dennis Ford lives in Lufkin not Tyler**

Mineola Open Shop Turning Day

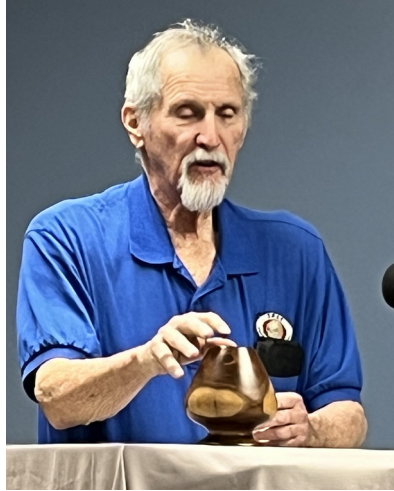
The next MOST day is scheduled for:

March 21 , 2026

Turning, Fun and Fellowship

If we are not having fun, we are not doing it right

February Show & Tell Pictures



East Texas Woodturners Fact-Sheet

We meet once a month (usually on the second Saturday) at 9:00 AM at The First Christian Church, Tyler in the Conference room. At our monthly meetings, there is a show and tell table, 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.

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 2025 meeting had about 830 attendees, 50 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.

Member discounts are available from several vendors – please ask the vendor if a discount is available. Please remember that most member/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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East Texas Woodturner's Supporters

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)

Shop Tip Anchorseal storage by Dan Fliegel



With the spring storm season right around the corner, you never know when you might have a good opportunity to score some high quality turning blanks. In order to keep them from cracking you need to seal the end grain. I made this anchorseal storage / spreading container that makes the proses less messy. Start with a large mouthed snack container (I know a guy that will help devour said snacks if needed). find a old paint brush that easily fits in the container, extra clearance is beneficial because it will keep the mess inside the container. With the paintbrush touching the bottom of the container mark the handle where the lid screws on and drill a hole in the middle of the lid that size. Using the handyman's secret weapon, A.K.A. duct tape, secure the paint brush in the lid from the outside. Shake up your large container of anchorseal and then dump about a quart in this container, ensure you leave room for the space that the brush will take up. With the lid screwed on it can easily be shaken up. The lid also acts as a shield when applying it; refill as needed.

The club sells Anchorseal for \$20 a gallon. To get some... let Dennis Ford know that you want a jug so he can bring it to the next meeting, then pay Dennis Lorenz and its yours.

Craft Supplies USA is a wood turning vendor most of us have used. In addition to supplies, tools etc. they have a lot of useful tips, videos and helpful advice. Check out this link: <https://woodturnerscatalog.com/blogs/blog> There are a lot of interesting things, don't expect to view it all in one afternoon. One that I found interesting is under "Buyers Guide" and is called "Comparing wood turning tool steels". It is a few years old but is still accurate.

Here are some of our local wood-turning clubs with links to their web site and meeting details. They are listed in order according to distance from our meeting location.

Hunt County Woodturners

www.huntcountywoodturners.org

2nd Thursday of the Month meeting starts at 7:00pm
Wesley United Methodist Church
1200 Joe Ramsey Blvd E Greenville, TX 75402 (84 miles)

Woodturners of North Texas

www.wntx.org

Last Thursday of the Month meeting starts at 6:30pm
Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club, 6013 Craig St, Fort Worth
TX 76112 (134 miles)

Dallas Area Woodturners

www.dallaswoodturners.com

3rd Thursday of the Month meeting starts at 7:00pm
Wood World, 13650 TI Blvd, Ste 101, Richardson TX 75243
(106 miles)

Golden Triangle Woodturners

www.goldentrianglewoodturners.org

1st Monday of the Month meeting starts at 7:00pm
The Center for the Visual Arts, 400 E. Hickory St, Denton TX
76201 (139 miles)

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to goggle. Fires in the United States are classified into five main types (Classes A, B, C, D, and K) based on the fuel source to determine the proper extinguishing method. Here are the 5 classes based on fuel type:

- **Class A** – Ordinary combustibles (carbon-based solids) like wood, paper, cloth, trash, rubber and some plastics
- **Class B** – Flammable liquids or gases, including gasoline, oil, grease (non-cooking), solvents, alcohols, propane, butane, paints and lacquers
- **Class C** – Energized electrical equipment such as wiring, motors, computers and appliances
- **Class D** – Combustible metals, such as magnesium, titanium, sodium, potassium, and lithium
- **Class K** – Cooking fires involving vegetable oils, animal fats or grease

Looking hard around my shop and counting the dozen or so hand tools that have rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, a fire in my shop could be every class except K. If your shop also doubles as your garage or storage shed for yard equipment you probably have a lot more class B combustibles than just your wood working finishes. At its simplest form the fire triangle consists of three essential components – fuel, heat, and oxygen that must be present for a fire to ignite and persist. Removing any single element will extinguish the fire.

What is your plan if you have a fire? Make sure you have supplies for s'mores? Run around like a chicken with your head cut off? How big does it have to be before you call 911? Water is only effective on class A fires and could actually spread the fire of the other classes. It can also result in your electrocution. That would be horrible for those of us that have pace makers. Fire extinguishers are available for each class (including multi-classes) and can be very effective when used correctly. The acronym **PASS** represents a four-step method for using a fire extinguisher, it stands for...**P**ull the pin, **A**im at the base of the fire, **S**queeze the handle or lever, and **S**weep from side to side. Multi-class fire extinguishers commonly labeled as A-B-C fire extinguishers are readily available available in sizes from 2.5 to 20 pounds and are considered the all-around standard for home use. (Depending on the type of extinguisher the weight is usually a measurement of the firefighting agent not including the weight of the container). Although they don't have a true "expiration date", all fire extinguishers have a shelf life, as most have a 10-12 year lifespan (some types up to 15-18 years), even rechargeable models need service within that time; age alone causes internal degradation, pressure loss, and chemical settling. While a pressure gauge in the green might look okay, it's a false sense of security; the internal agent can solidify or leak rendering it useless when needed most. Even though I have stayed at a Holiday Inn Express in the past, I don't consider myself an expert on this subject. Knowing that we have club members that work or have worked as firefighters, I would like them to weigh in at the next meeting if I missed anything or if I'm off the mark on any of this.

This month we are having a remote demo from Carl Jacobson the owner of Niles bottle stoppers. He will be demonstrating how to set up and use his offset jig that someone will also be taking home as a quarterly prize. You can learn more about him on his YouTube channel @CarlJacobson or on his website www.nilesbottlestoppers.com.

As always... We can use some free labor setting up and packing up the room and our meetings are open to family, friends and guest so invite them.

Keep Turning, Dan – Out

Additional Show & Tell pictures

