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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**

**March 5, 2022**



Hello Woodturners!

Welcome to the beginning of Spring come the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. It can't come soon enough for me. This piece was written in front of the fireplace while it sleets outside and the power is out. God sneezes and my lights go out. Go figure. **Our meeting this month is on March 5<sup>th</sup>.** TJC has Spring Break during our regular meeting time and the campus will not be available to us.

Hopefully you were able to see Dennis Lorenz's demo last month on segmented turning. As per usual, he did a fine job and with his typical sense of humor. You have to pay attention in order to get all the jokes, but it is well worth your time.

This month Dan Fliegel shows us how to get a board from a bowl. Wait, no, that's not right. What? A Bowl from a Board, yeah, that's it. Either way, it should be a good demo. Dan is an underrated turner and I think you'll be pleasantly surprised by not only his delivery but skill level as well.

As promised, this is my last reminder for paying club dues for this calendar year. If you've paid your dues, thank you, if not, please do so. Still have a light bill to pay. In other news, the Steering Committee has agreed to fund wood purchases for Beads of Courage boxes at least on a trial basis. We will be buying 4/4 Poplar and Beech and milling it for use in segmented and stave construction boxes. The idea is to make up 'kits' for the BoC boxes and give them to whoever wants them at the meeting. We will do 5 of each type. The kit will include the top and bottom pieces, the staves or rings for the body, and a piece for the lid. Also, we will supply a Beads of Courage bead and a card that you can fill out to go inside the box. Take the kit home and assemble it, turn it, decorate it, finish it and bring it back next month. Easy peasey. (A note here. By all means take a kit home. Turn it, decorate it, have fun with it. That's what turning is about. But if you take it, then you do have to do it, and bring it back.)

The ETW has also been invited back to participate in the Makers Faire held in downtown Tyler. Due to Covid, it wasn't held for the last two years, but will be on April 23 this year. This is basically a craft show for local artists and craftspeople from around the area. At present we plan to have at least two mini lathes up and running and giving away tops to the kids. We'll have a booth and will display other turned pieces to show to the public. If you would like to help with this community outreach then contact Dennis Lorenz, he is coordinating this event for us. Don't sit on the sidelines, jump in and help!

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### 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)**

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Porter-Cable plate joiner \$50

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Charles Brooks **903-216-5564**

## SWAT news

SWAT registration is scheduled to open March 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now open for the two Hotels nearby, go to <https://www.swaturners.org/> and there are links to register at either the Hilton or Marriot for the SWAT rate.

I have not yet compared the SWAT rate to regular rates but if you do that, remember that the SWAT rate includes breakfast at the hotel which is normally an extra charge.

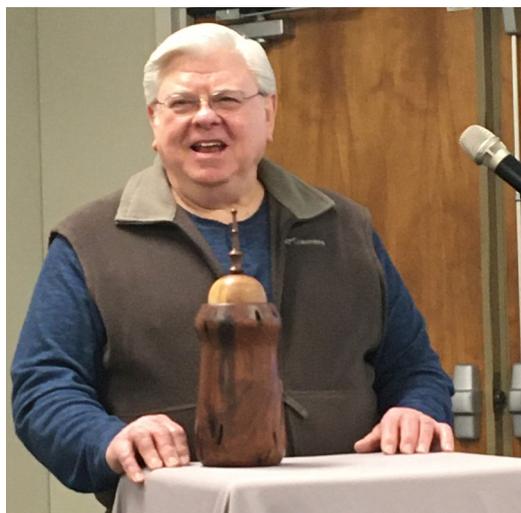
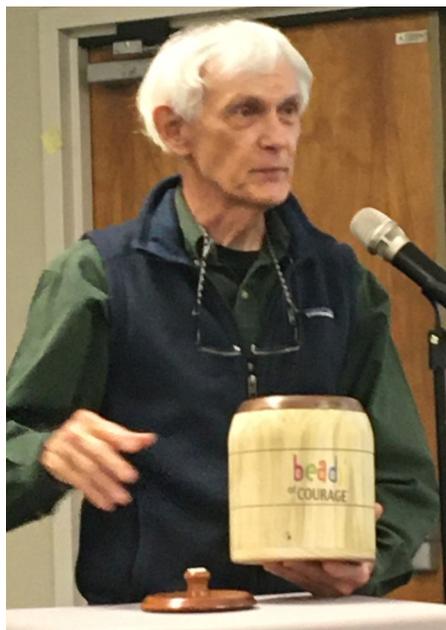
There is also an updated list of Lead demonstrators on the SWAT website. If you find bugs in the SWAT website, you now have a local person to complain to, BUT please consider that I am new at the job and learning my way around.

Dennis Ford

## 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)

# February 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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FAX: 801-377-7742

<http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/>

### Hartville Tool

13163 Market Ave N Hartville, OH 44632  
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<http://www.hartvilletool.com/>

### Johnson Wood Products

34897 Crystal Rd., Strawberry Point, IA 52076  
563-933-6504 CST

<http://www.johnsonwoodproducts.com/>

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<http://www.woodworkingshop.com/>

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1-800-683-8876  
FAX: 828-859-5551

<http://www.packardwoodworks.com/index.html>

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584 W Interstate 30  
Garland, TX 75043  
(469) 329-0971

<http://www.rockler.com/retail/stores/tx/garland-store>

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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

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### 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)

## Prez says (continued)

Lastly, like any other organization, sometimes there are things going on behind the scenes that you may not know about but have a positive impact on our club. For instance, Dennis Ford is the new SWAT webmaster! (Better him than me for oh so many reasons) Other good news is that we had four new members join our ranks last month! That's a reason to celebrate. We are working towards improving and expanding our website to include information for novice turners including lathe safety, tool buying, basic lathe operations. Things many of us do without conscious thought now, that used to frustrate us when we first started. We ALL started knowing nothing about woodturning. Someone like me still doesn't know nearly enough but I'm still learning. Our Mentor Program is going to get a fresh start and is not designed to teach, but to explain and inspire. We have well over five hundred years' worth of turning experience in our club. We need to use it to further our club. Former ETW President John Lenoard said something that has stayed with me for years. He said, "If you're going to be a member of this club then be an active member. Get involved. Step up, pitch in, hold an office, be on a committee, but do something. It just doesn't happen by itself. You have to help make it happen." We are blessed to have a number of members who do just that. Month after month after month. I'm pretty sure we don't say Thank You nearly enough. So, Thank You!

Somebody just kicked my soapbox so I'll crawl down now. It would fit better if I just cut the legs off of it.

Keep Turning, Keep Learning, and Godspeed.

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Mike Connolly

## ETW library / website

### Demos on the web:

ETW has an increasing number of videos available to members on our club Youtube channel. This includes the majority of Zoom recordings from club meetings and demos over the past 18 months as well as DVD's from the club library that have been uploaded to Youtube.

A full list of what is available can be downloaded from the website here:

<https://www.easttexaswoodturners.org/demos.html>

This is a password protected PDF file so you will need to obtain that password from the club secretary, Ken Wurtzel. It is the same password as we use for the club meeting Zoom sessions

Keep checking back as we continue to upload new content (and retire the DVD's).

Kelvin Burton

ETW needs your support for the **Tyler Makers Faire** (April 23, 2022).

We have been invited to participate this year - see <https://tyler.makerfaire.com/> for an overview of sorts.

In the past we have turned tops to give away and we want to do that this year as well.

How you can help:

1. Turn some tops - we will have blanks at the 3/5 meeting.
2. Sign up to participate on 4/23. We will have signup sheets at the 3/5 meeting.

Questions, contact **Dennis Lorenz** (469-865-6745 or [dlorenz67@gmail.com](mailto:dlorenz67@gmail.com)).