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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.

**Zoom meeting**

**April 10, 2021**



**Prez says:** Hello East Texas Woodturners!

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and that you and yours are doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances. Crisis here, tensions there, Covid, Stimulus, Immigration, 'bubble, bubble, toil and trouble' and my biggest worry is what to tell you in "The Prez SAYS". I count my blessings every day, I hope you do to.

There is news on the SWAT front, but I'm going to let our own Dennis Ford bring you up to date on that event.

Beads of Courage Chair, David Chrisp, Danny King and I had a great trip to Children's Hospital in Dallas and David has the scoop on that a little later.

News from TJC where we meet under normal circumstances is that we will likely not be able to use the space again until the fall. August at the earliest, but more likely in September.

So.....

It's come time to implement the small group meeting idea put forth a couple of months ago. With more people becoming vaccinated, especially in our age group (over 55 is what I meant, give me some slack here) it is arguably safer for small groups to meet without a lot of risk. Now, I would be happy to let you think that I am the first guy to think now is the time to get started on this, but that just wouldn't be true.

Jim Swann and his happy band of fellow turners up in Holly Lake Ranch (North of Hawkins) are already down the road planning their get togethers to trade ideas, techniques and probably a fair number of turning "war stories". I know that a lot of turners are visiting other shops in ones and twos. I really enjoy getting out of the house and going to other members shops, and I enjoy visitors to my shop just as much. Now is the time to step up my (our) game! Pick a day that initially works best for you, and invite 4 to 6 turners over to your shop and follow the HLR outline. If you are not comfortable having folks over to your shop, and I know some of you are not, then think of a buddy who has a big enough shop and make him think it's his idea! Geographic location works great to start your list, and doesn't make anybody go out of their way to come over, once a month or so, to learn something or teach something about our craft. Turn a pen, a bottle stopper, a small bowl. Sharpen some tools, start a Beads of Courage Box, trade wood. Folks, it's what we can do right now, and right now is every bit as important as it is when we are all able to meet together and share some time. Maybe you don't need it. Maybe you know somebody who does.

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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](mailto:paulcop68@thecoppingers.net)

**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)**

**For Sale:** Powermatic 3520C wood lathe. (New price about \$4000.00). \$2000.00

Delta 10" Table Saw model Delta 10" Professional 36-650. (New Price about \$600.00) \$300.00

Rigid 13" Planer model 7P1300. (New price about \$460.00) \$200.00

Grizzly Band Saw Model G0555. (New price about \$1100.00) \$500.00

Contact Denny Burd at **903-850-2737**.

**For Sale:** Pen turning equipment, 13 sets of bushings, drill bits, two mandrels, pen hardware, 75 pen blanks (some exotic, some native, some resin) see pictures on **page 7** \$100

**Charles Brooks 903-216-5564**

**For Sale:** I have a 1950's model Rockwell Delta table saw with a 6 inch Delta jointer.

Table and jointer are on the same stand. This is a heavy duty unit made in the USA. 220 volt. I want **\$400.00** for it.

**David Largent 903 852 7928**

**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**

**Wanted:** My son-in-law is looking for either a floor or bench top model drill press. If you hear of anyone wanting to sell their drill press, have them call me at **903-521-0729**. Thanks **Don Cutler**

## 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)

Pictures of recent Work

John Wood Holly with pryo and ink, Pear with beads and inlay



Kelvin Burton Kuari Platter



Michael Gable "Inspired by Cidy Drozda demo"



Dennis Ford Cake stand (I repaired this did not make it), Hackberry pot partially copied from John's Holly piece, Elm "Shrink" boxes



## 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 2015 meeting had about 850 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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## 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)

Prez says (continued from page 1)

I'll be reaching out to turners in my area (Chapel Hill) about whether they would be interested in coming to my shop and maybe spin some wood. I encourage you to reach out to the turners in your area, club members or not, and doing the same thing.

If you can't find anybody to come to your shop to talk and do some woodturning, then you call me. I'll come. I'll bring my own tools, my own wood, and every kind of woodturning "war Story" you care to listen to, true or not. Or you can join my group. If I have to have multiple groups it's ok with me. I like to turn a lot more than I like to write. And sometimes, you just need to have the guy shut up, and turn.

Reach out to me and let me know what your progress is in this initiative, or if there is a way I or any of the club officers can help. To a man, I promise they will do all they can.

This month's demonstration duties fall to a very experienced turner, our Club Secretary, Ken Wurtzel. The Title is "From Log to Bowl". I'll let Bill Preston explain that further when he introduces Ken, LIVE from The Wurtzel Workshop, Saturday morning, April 10 at 9 am. Our ZOOM meeting starts at 9 but you can start signing in at 8:30 or so and watch me drink coffee for half an hour before my entertaining and informative monologue.

BTW...turned something recently you're proud of, not so proud of??? Send it to Kelvin in an email (kelvin.burton@burtonclan.us) and let's see it on Show and Tell on Saturday. Unmute your mic and tell us what's what about the piece. (Some of us do learn from your mistakes)

Stay safe in and out of the shop.  
Keep turning, keep learning, and Godspeed.

Do Chara  
Mike Connolly

## SWAT

SWAT stands for Southwest Area Turners and is an annual symposium that happens in Waco Texas during late August. It was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID.

During the last SWAT Directors meeting, a decision was made to proceed with having a SWAT symposium this year. Registration should open on or about **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. The date is August 27, 28 & 29<sup>th</sup>. Due to COVID, it will not be exactly the same as before. At this time **many details are not yet worked out** but unless the Waco Convention Center changes their rules again, there will be some differences:

- The convention center is open at 75% capacity - meaning we will not have room for over 1000 attendees (+ vendors, spouses and walk-in shoppers) like we had in 2019. I expect that registration will be restricted to online only and may fill up before August. **Register early at <https://www.swaturners.org/>**
- We will likely have to wear masks and there will be lots of hand sanitizer stations around.
- Meals may be different, the convention center has dropped some food vendors, including the one we had in the past. Not sure if we can get them back. The cost of meals may cause the registration \$\$ to go up slightly. I don't think we will have buffet style lunches with everyone standing in line and serving themselves but there will be food.
- Hotel cost has gone down!!
- Since AAW has cancelled their symposium this year, we may see more people from long distances.

Many things will be the same. The "National" demonstrators and the "Regional" demonstrators are all lined up. There will be lots of vendors selling all the things woodturners need (and many of the things we want). The Art Gallery will have lots of beautiful turnings for inspiration. By the way, East Texas Woodturners set-up and manage the gallery and we will need some help with that.

I will keep you informed as details are worked out but don't hold your breath or wait for all the details before registering.

## Beads of Courage

A quick word from your V P. On March 16<sup>th</sup> Mike, Danny, and myself delivered 31 Beads of Courage boxes to Children's Hospital in Dallas.

Needless to say, they were very appreciative of our work and thanked us on behalf of the club. Thanks to all who made boxes. If anyone has boxes that are ready, please contact me, and I will make arrangements to meet and pick them up.

I would like to have at least 20 when we make our next delivery. If anyone needs beads or help, do not hesitate to reach out and I will try to get you what you need.

David Chrisp

**Charles Brooks 903-216-5564**

