



# THE TURNING TIMES

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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**

**July 15, 2020**



## Prez says:

**Woodturners...as always, I hope each of you and your family are doing well, staying safe, and free from illness or injury.** Difficult for me to realize another month has past and that we are already into August, but we do have a great remote demonstration planned for this month, Saturday, Aug 15. **Thanks to Kelvin Burton who has lined up nationally recognized turner, Cindy Drozda,** who will demonstrate the best methods to approach turning burl – what to do and what not to do. Her remote demonstrations have been rated as some of the best available in the U.S. so we hope you will sign in on Saturday and see/hear what Cindy does with a chunk of burl. Club Secretary, Ken Wurtzel, will send an email to all members a few days before the meeting providing information on how to sign into the meeting on Saturday. Hope you can be with us. There is no additional cost to be a part of the meeting – this event is included as a part of your ETW annual dues so there should be no excuses for not joining. I recently was given a section of tree trunk (Black Gum) with a large burl, or maybe two burls, that I hope to turn after watching the demo. I have included a photo of the piece currently sitting on the entry porch of my newly completed shop building. My first challenge with the piece will be starting my chain saw and removing the burl in the best way possible and preparing it to go on the lathe.

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**A couple of friends helped me construct the new shop from the slab up. We started framing the walls in March and I began moving into it the first week in July.** I'm still trying to find the proper place for all the tools and equipment I moved from my garage which has been serving as my shop for many years. I am enjoying the extra space and not having to move one tool to get to another while stepping over several others in the much smaller garage space I was using. If anyone happens to come through Henderson in the next few months and has time to stop for a few minutes, I will be glad to give you the grand tour. I will include photos of the interior next month after the set up is complete.

**Again this month we will have the Photo Gallery of turned/carved pieces prior to the actual demonstration.** if you have a recent creation to show and to tell about, please submit a photo or photos of it to Kelvin Burton by Thursday, August 13, in order to allow time for Kelvin to prepare a video of the items prior to the Online meeting. I know all of you are great turners who need to share part of your efforts with us, and I hope several have a BOC box ready for Mike Connolly to take on his next trip to the Children's Hospital in Dallas.

## 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@thecoppers.net](mailto:paulcop68@thecoppers.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: 6" Craftsman Bench Grinder**  
\$40 Don Cutler 972 521 0729



**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**

## 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)

### Upcoming events:

Online meeting Aug 15 - Cindy Drozda demonstrating

Online meeting Sept 12 Worth Holmes demonstrating

Online meeting Oct 10 Marvin Melton demonstrating

### Making a center marking tool

Dennis Ford

I used a home-made tool to locate the center of a piece on a face-plate during a recent demo and have been asked to explain how to make one of these tools. This tool is used to put a center mark on a piece while the piece is mounted on a face-plate (or chuck).

Start with a piece of dry hard wood approximately 2" x 2" x 4" long. Turn a tenon and mount it in your chuck. 1: Turn to shape matching the OD to fit inside the threads of your face-plate. 2: Leave a short shoulder that matches your lathe spindle (1-1/4" or 1" for most of us). 3: Square up the end and drill a lengthwise hole using a jacob's chuck in the tailstock (3/8" hole is a good size). Make the hole deep enough that the hole will be exposed after parting the piece off. 4: Part off the piece leaving a short section to hold in your hand (3/4" long?).

I use a "Transfer Punch" from Harbor Freight (a set of them is not too expensive).



Fred Clause



Unknown wood and not completely dry but slightly spalted. The design is a Jimmy Clewes type I saw him demo. It's as heavy as it looks and will probably crack around the knot down in the bottom of the bowl.

Kelvin Burton



Bill Preston



A selection of pieces from my recent class with Dr Seri Robinson

Dennis Ford



Mullberry Hollow Form



My new shop and the burl wood

## 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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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)

***At some point in the future I know we will again be able to have the “traditional” group meetings at TJC West Campus***, but none of us know for certain when that will be...in the meantime, keep on turning, keep participating in the Remote Demos, stay in touch with woodturning friends, be safe, be careful.

### **Beads of Courage Program**

On Thursday August 6 the East Texas Woodturners delivered 39 Beads of Courage Boxes to Children’s Hospital in Dallas.

From Canton to Lindale to Longview to Lufkin to Tyler, the membership stepped up and helped fulfill a need for a sick child.

If there is a higher calling than that, I honestly don’t know what it is.

In this calendar year, there will probably only be one more delivery to Dallas for our boxes.

Because the annual Christmas Party is not going to happen this year, perhaps you can put on your Santa hat early and make a BOC box (or three) that we could deliver in December? It seems a no-brainer.

The Steering Committee is looking into having a drawing in December to give Gift Certificates to the folks who donate BOC boxes this year, same as last year. One box, one of your names in the hat. 20 boxes, or 40 in the case of Marvin Cade so far this year, then 20 times your name in the hat. It’s not meant as anything other than a mild incentive, and a BIG Thank You. Provided the SC approves the drawing, I will do it myself at the December ZOOM Club Meeting, with no sleight of hand or other tomfoolery!

(You guys quit fooling around with Tom!) (Smothers Brothers, circa 1968)

I keep an active list of who has contributed and how many boxes, if your name isn’t on the list, then why not?

My old adage.

If not Now, then When? If not You, then Who?

Keep your tool sharp,

Do Chara,  
Mike Connolly  
Vice President

### **Something New**

This month, we will offer "door" prizes. We are starting small with only two - a nice burl (donated by Worth) and a Thompson tools gouge.



## Brain Schrader



I took inspiration from Dennis Ford's demo last month. I worked on Form and I worked on hollowing. I watched what Dennis showed us on using a Jamb Chuck to finish the base of the hollow form. I am not as innovative as Dennis, so I used a purchased system rather than a homemade jamb chuck. First, I carefully dug through my wife's purse and found enough coin to purchase components from Don Doyle at Rubber Chucky. (I actually executed that pirate operation a year ago, but had not used the Chucky, to date.)

The photo illustrates the Rubber Chucky all thread shaft with a Morse taper inserted in the spindle. The end of the rod has a neoprene cylinder that is used to grip the hollow form against the live center in the tail stock. Once I had the hollow form aligned and secure, I lightly advanced the neoprene cone down the threaded rod to lightly hold the opening of the hollow form to make it run on center.

The wood is African Elm with a wax finish.

## John Wood

### Dennis Lorenz



Cremation urn out of Brazilian Walnut.



Texas Ebony, Magnolia with acrylic painted rim and Magnolia dyed brown

## The August Zoom meeting demonstrator will be Cindy Drozda

Maximizing Burl Figure: Cutting into a burl is like cutting a gemstone. To make my vessel the best art piece possible, I want to cut the burl so that the figure is placed to advantage on the form. This presentation explains what I have learned about the anatomy of a burl, and how to cut it to show its best figure on your turnings. I will make a natural edged burl bowl, showing how I orient the piece on the lathe to get a balanced edge, turning and sanding the unsupported edge, and reverse chucking of a piece with an uneven rim.

Check out Cindy's website:

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