



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

Feb 13, 2021



Prez says: Hello Fellow Woodturners,

I hope this months newsletter finds you and yours in good health and with an optimistic outlook for the coming weeks and months. There are changes afoot everywhere I look lately. National news, local news, neighborhood landscape and in my own back yard. Have you ever heard that change is the only constant? That Change is the only thing that never changes? For me, this is a deep thought for a shallow mind. However, change can be a good thing. It gives us perhaps a new perspective and a new opportunity to have an open mind. This can be especially helpful when seeing a new turning technique, a new way to use an old tool, trying something you've "been meaning to get around to that". Have you found that having less social obligations has allowed you to move your turnings in new directions? While I do miss the social interactions I knew before Covid, it has given way to me following up on some of those things I've "been meaning to get around to that". Having spoken with some of the membership, I know others who are pursuing other facets of woodturning that they previously didn't have time for. Silver Linings come in all shades.

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I was glad to see in the latest edition of American Woodturner an article about cleaning up your shop. I have long held that a clean(er) shop space is not only safer, but a lot more fun to work in. An organized space allows you to find things easier, cuts down on your frustration, and allows you to concentrate on the task at hand. Clutter can become dangerous taken to excess. (The same can be said of ice cream) Just be aware that if you were to clean up your shop, organize a bit more, that your shop time might prove to be better on many different fronts. Yes, I know. The mantra "It works for me" is alive and well and living in multiple hazardous woodturners shops. Here's where that opportunity for change comes in.....

Another change being made this month is that I am passing the reins of the Beads of Courage program off to our Vice President David Chrisp. It is not that coordinating the delivery of the BOC boxes, or encouraging/pleading with/haranguing/guilt tripping the membership hasn't been fun. (I really enjoyed the haranguing part) but having the same guy do it for longer than two years becomes boring and tedious. A different approach with a new face may provide a better, more consistent result. I will continue to lobby for the program at every opportunity and will continue to contribute boxes, but let's let someone else have a shot at making the program the success I know it can be.

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
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LESSONS: Woodturning classes my shop.
Please call afternoons for more info 903-216-5564. 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: 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

Demo Preview: "Pith Centered Hollow Forms"

This demo will be about wood selection and process details for rough turning an end grain vessel and drilling out the pith before drying. It will also cover the process to finish the piece after it dries (and warps).



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

Pictures of recent Work

David Chrisp Beads of Courage



Dennis Ford



Michael Gable: A recent project for a donation to Shreveport Regional Arts Council for a fund raiser.



Dennis Ford



Dennis Ford



John Wood



John 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.

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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

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440-241-6360 CST

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

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Suite 145 601 W. Plano Parkway Plano, TX 75075
(972) 422-2732

<http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=317>

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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)

Be sure to tune in to the Zoom Club Meeting this Saturday. New and exciting information will be shared and this month Dennis Ford will have the demonstration duties. Dennis' topic will be End Grain Pith Centered Vessels.

A parting observation. I am well aware that it is incorrect to end a sentence with a preposition. It is simply a rule I choose not to follow because I don't have to.

Keep Turning, Keep Learning, and Godspeed.

The Giving Tree

A very popular book, especially for parents and grandparents to read to young children, is The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein. It's been around now for more than 57 years and I am a fan of not only that book, but books that have a clear inspirational message for young minds. That is not what this article is about.

As many of you know, in the middle of January we removed a large Box Elder tree from our back yard. I say large because at it's widest point it had a 58" diameter and was right at 64 feet tall. The Box Elder is actually a type of Maple tree, with soft wood and no commercial value. In fact, it is actually considered little more than a weed and a nuisance by most gardeners.

Watching the Tree Service take it down was both fascinating and frightening. The fellow literally out on a limb holding on with one hand, and a chain saw in the other, made me wonder if my home owners insurance would cover "crazy". I'll admit there were times when I acted more like a frightened child watching a horror movie, peeking through my fingers to see what would happen next. I didn't have a heart condition when he climbed the tree. I may have come away with one by the time he was done. Grandson Ethan perspective of the trunk:



This is a picture of a pair of Channel Lock Pliers that was in the center of the trunk about 12" off the ground level of the tree. You might see the notch in the bottom of the handle where the chain saw hit it. It took two large steel wedges and a sledge hammer to split the trunk far enough down to pull the pieces apart and find this "treasure". How old the tree was, how the pliers became embedded in it are both questions I can't answer. But, simple fact is that Nature finds a way to adapt and overcome obstacles man puts in it's way. You Go Girl!

Now I am consumed with the need to process some of this wood into rough turnings that can be dried and re-turned into various bowls, vases, hollow forms, etc... While I have never seen so much rust on my tools, lathe, table saw, and band saw, I am struck by the beauty of this wood.



It has a fair amount of 'flame' generally associated with Box Elder. This red stain is produced by the tree's natural defenses when wounded, and is thought to inhibit the growth of fungus. Unfortunately, I am told the bright color will fade over time. The other feature of this wood is that it is highly figured. I believe it is Fiddlebacked. I can't (won't) testify that this feature is common throughout the tree, but it has been prominent in the pieces I have rough turned. I have taken all of the wood I intend to from this tree, and club members have availed themselves of the opportunity for free wood. If you would like to have some of this wood then by all means come and get it. The logs are mostly manageable size, though there are a couple that are still quite substantial. (BIG Bowls possible) I have a chain saw and am more than willing to lend a hand. By the end of February, all of it has to be gone. I have other plans for that part of the property.

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Mike Connolly

SWAT news

At this time SWAT is in limbo for 2021 due to COVID

We should have a decision by April on what SWAT will look like this year. It may be online, in person or a hybrid of the two. Restrictions by the Waco Convention Center and health safety considerations will drive this decision. Online registration normally opens in early March but is delayed for now.

Shop Picture

Charles Brooks: A new stand for mini lathe with extension (extension purchased from Mike Connolly).

