



# 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.

**Meeting at TJC West**

**April 18, 2020**



**WOODTURNERS....challenging, unusual, and difficult times in which we currently live, but then life seems to be always challenging and calling us to be the very best we can possibly be even we the plans we carefully make suddenly change.** I am not sure when, or if ever, we

have had to cancel a monthly meeting due to a worldwide pandemic virus but such is the case for our March meeting. Hopefully we will be back on schedule for our next meeting which is to be on April 18 with the demo by a very talented turner from the Atlanta, Georgia area. This is one meeting you really do not want to miss and surely the TJC facility will be open and available by

then....but we will have to wait and see. In June we will have another great turner who will provide a remote/interactive demo using new technology equipment recently purchased. Don't miss that meeting either, or any meeting for that matter. In the meantime I hope all of you and your family members are doing well and have avoided any serious illnesses or accidents. Since many public facilities are closed and we have been advised to stay at home as much as possible now would be a great opportunity to spend time in the shop turning some of those items we have avoided turning or not had the time needed to try....so go make some shavings and be safe.

Last month your club president provided the demo and the following month the club meeting was cancelled. I knew things would go downhill when Kelvin persuaded me to show my skills, or lack thereof, before a group of very talented turners. Though perhaps from my demo a few learned the process of making a winged angel and will attempt one or more before the next Christmas season arrives. In my own shop I have turned several more angels since the demo and each time the process is a bit easier or my skills improve. Nothing new there....the more we practice or work at our craft the better we become.

A special thanks to Danny King and Ed Heuslein for their time spent in turning 10 very attractive pens we will present to Dr. Juan Mejia, President of TJC, and 5 members of his staff who helped coordinate the Presidential Mace project for the college. The new mace and the previous one were both made by ETW members. The staff members at TJC appeared very appreciative of the ETW efforts so we had the pens made to give to them which we believe will be beneficial for public relations and help solidify our relationship with the college. 1

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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@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)**

### Upcoming events:

Regular Meeting March 21, 2020 **Canceled**  
Steering committee meeting March 21, 2020 (video conference)  
April 16 & 17 Hands on Classes with Mark Sillay  
Regular meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> with Mark Sillay demonstrating

**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:** I have 2 antique lathes, 1 Parts lathe that I am interested in selling at this point. I also have some other wood working equipment, modern and antique that I may start to sell shortly. Frank Kay 2509 Balsam St. Longview, Tx 75605 [rlfmkay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rlfmkay@sbcglobal.net)

### Note from Rockler store in Garland TX

Garland Rockler has instituted a program to support the Guild. Besides each member getting a 10% discount, the store will track those sales and each time we have 20 members make purchases, Rockler will cut the club a \$20 gift card. I hope that will also help the club provide additional benefits for their members. **Bill Gebhardt** Garland Rockler Manager

### ANCHOR SEAL FOR SALE

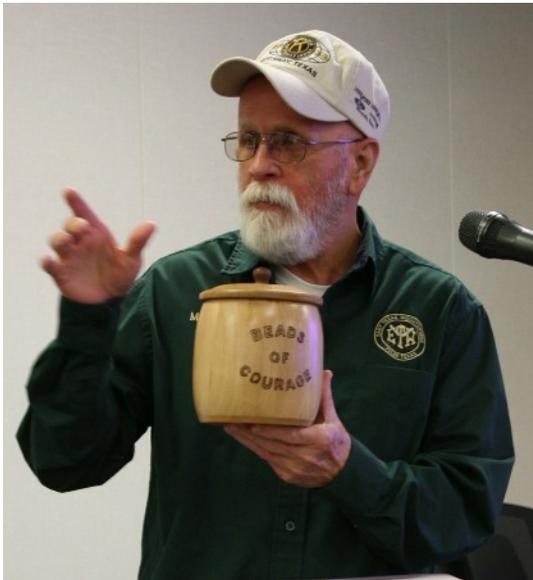
The Club has Anchor Seal end grain sealer for sale at most Club meetings. It is available at \$15.00 per gallon. To obtain it, pay our treasurer, **Walter Tate**, and then see **Dennis Lorenz**. If you need some between meetings, contact Dennis at **903-565-0651** or [dlorenz67@gmail.com](mailto:dlorenz67@gmail.com)

### Free - Small blanks

Several small hollow form blanks of Mulberry, 5 - 6" cubic & 6" round x 6" long. They are coated with Anchor Seal and do NOT include pith. There are also a few blanks of other woods about 6" diameter x 4" tall.

**Dennis Ford**

# 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 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)

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Thanks to the club members who helped with both mace projects. Too, thanks to ETW members who purchased one or more items in the Silent Auction we held during the meeting in February.

As we move further into the year, please consider making plans to attend the SWAT symposium in Waco in August. SWAT is the acronym for the South West Association of Turners which is an association of more than 20 woodturning clubs from several states that sponsor the event. Two of our club members, Dennis Ford and Kelvin Burton, serve on the SWAT board or steering committee as our representatives and both donate a lot of their time to producing a very well run and informative event. There are always many great demonstrators present in addition to lots & lots of vendors of woodturning supplies and they normally sell at discounted prices during the event. So a trip to Waco is well worth your time even if you just go for 1 day during the 3 days of the event (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday).

In October the Trinity Woodturners Council plans to hold another 2 day hands-on learning event in the DFW area. Five clubs in the North Texas area are members of the Council and sponsor this event. DFW is not that far away and the event provides excellent small class hands on training. Four training sessions are offered each day with different skills or projects taught in each class. Off the lathe sessions are also available demonstrating wood burning, carving, texturing, and painting. A number of vendors will be present at this event as well.

Again, stay well, safe, and go turn some wood!!! Hope to see you all in April.

### **April Hands on Classes** (Kelvin Burton)

For 2 days in April (16th & 17th) Mark Sillay will be teaching a class on Tool skills including his Wood Slicing technique as well as Offset turning. Included will be a project to make an offset Twig Pot. He will also demonstrate how to apply a CA finish to your turnings.

The cost of a one day class is \$100 which includes wood. The classes will fill up very quickly as there are only 8 openings on each day! You can email Kelvin now ( [kelvin@burtonclan.us](mailto:kelvin@burtonclan.us)) to book your slot!

Mark has a number of videos on Youtube, just search for either Mark Sillay or Mark Silay (some are misnamed!).

Membership in the East Texas Woodturners has many advantages. Beside the obvious ones of paid demonstrators, the library, education and fellowship, we have the support of several retail and mail-order suppliers. These vendors not only provide us with group benefits (raffle items and turning blanks) but also discounts for our individual members. Your membership dues are due at the beginning of the year.

In April I will send our membership list to the mail-order vendors. Rest assured that the list I send out does not include your email address. I can only include those who are members in good standing. Please send your check, made out to ETW, to me by the end of the month. Also please enclose a filled in Membership Form (attached to this newsletter). My ability to read you handwriting will limit the accuracy of our information. My address is:

Ken Wurtzel

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Bullard, TX 75757

## Beads of Courage from Mike Connoly

I get asked a lot about the guidelines for Beads of Courage boxes, so I thought it appropriate to include them in this month's newsletter. Please **PAY ATTENTION** to what the guidelines are. I would hate for any of our contributors to the program not have their box used because they didn't conform to the minimum guidelines.

I met with Melinda Goff, the program administrator at Children's Hospital in Dallas, and she was just ecstatic that we were contributing directly to the program. Three different departments use the BOC boxes. Pediatric Cardiology, Trauma, and Oncology. This program covers a lot of ground, so they need all the help they can get. With the wet season upon us you're staying in the shop anyway. Put a BOC on the lathe and let's help out a kid.

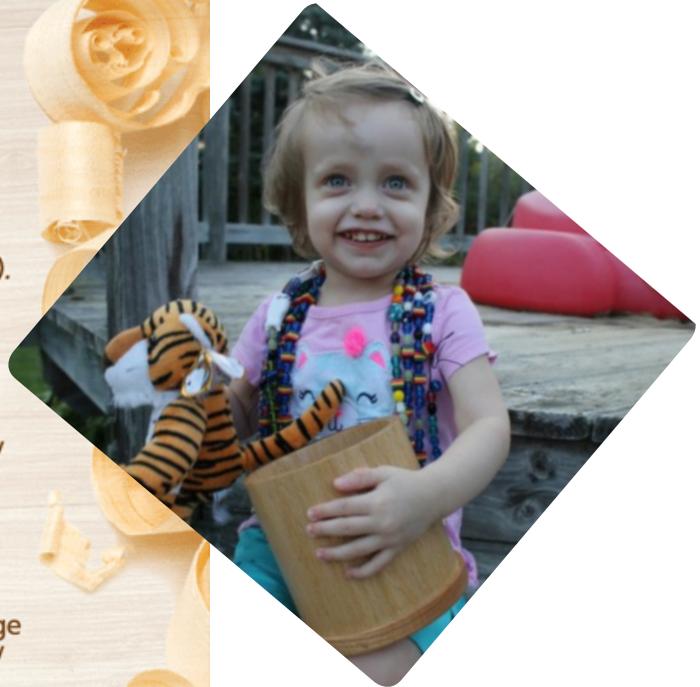
### BEAD BOWLS/BOXES GUIDELINES:

Beads of Courage members may receive thousands of beads. It is desirable for your boxes to hold them all. As a result, turned or rectangular lidded boxes need to be large. Larger is better! *Recommended interior dimensions for turned boxes are: 6" diameter (5" min.), 5" height (4" min.). Recommended interior dimensions for flatwork boxes are: 4" x 6" x 4".*

**Box bases** should be wide enough so the box is stable and does not tip over easily. Lids for Beads of Courage boxes should be easy for small or ill children to remove or lift. Any finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate so they don't break. Avoid excessively elaborate designs that may easily break or be damaged; remember, hospital rooms have limited storage space.

**Finishing of boxes is extremely important!** Beads of Courage members who receive these boxes are susceptible to germs/infections/mold. Bowls that have not been properly sealed can harbor mold. Please take the time to ensure you are using a safe finishing process that does not contain toxic materials. Also do not use finishes like linseed oil that take a long time to outgas.

**All kinds of wood are beautiful!** Please refrain from painting Beads of Courage boxes. Instead, highlight the beauty of the wood with clear varnish, a stain, and/or burning.



Show & Tell (continued)

