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Visit us at www.easttexaswoodturners.org

Zoom meeting **May 8, 2021**



Prez says: Hello East Texas Woodturners!

Welcome to the month of May. The time of year for flowers, weddings, anniversaries of weddings, and general Springiness..(?) We have come to terms with the plant losses from the “snowpocolypse” and are sad that some of our long time favorites did not survive, including a Chinese Tallow that we’ll take down later in the early summer. It is, as Elton John sang, The Circle of Life.

A lot of people commented on last month’s demo of “Log to Bowl” by Ken Wurtzel. Most of what I heard was “Excellent Demo”, “Very Detailed”, “Great Demo for beginning turners”. I particularly liked the camera work set up by Ken and executed so well by Bill Preston. It showcased some our recent technology acquisitions that will benefit the club for years to come. Also a “Thank You” goes out to Danny King. He is always willing to lend a hand and is only a phone call away. All agreed it was a job well done, so thanks Ken for your efforts.

Moving forward, this month’s demo is an ”Interactive Remote Demonstration” from Todd Raines, a turner from the Allan TX area. His demo is a “Piston Box”. I’ve read a bit about it and it sounds intriguing, I’m looking forward to it. We will open the zoom meeting at about 8:30 for everyone to join, and start the meeting promptly at 9 o’clock. We’ll do announcements (such as they are), open the floor for announcements, and do “Show and Tell”. If you have a piece you’d like to talk about then send a photo to Kelvin and when it comes up in the meeting unmute yourself and tell us ‘stuff’. I still am blown away by some of the pieces presented and by the talent we have in our club. Just keep going.

As many of you know from trying to do it, SWAT, at the time of this writing, is not open for registration. Additionally, they have no firm date when they will be taking registrations. With the CURRENT policy of the Convention Center, they are only going to allow 75% occupancy. That percentage can change a lot between now and the end of August, but, once they do open for business, I urge you to sign up as soon as possible if you plan to go. I don’t have a recommendation for area hotels, but keep in mind it is also generally the weekend Freshmen Parents at Baylor are moving their little darlings into dorm rooms. They don’t generally book rooms however until said darlings graduate from High School. Yes, I have booked my room with a cancellation date of the 25th at no cost. (No, I’m not staying at the Convention Center Hotel whose SWAT rate is higher than I can get thru the internet. We cut down the **Money Tree** in January)

We did have a meeting last month in my shop as planned. I am calling it **C.H.A.T.** (**Chapel Hill Area Turners**) A name my wife coined. When I pointed out that most of the attendees did not come from Chapel Hill she pointed out, and rightly so, that if they were turning or talking turning in Chapel Hill then they were Chapel

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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
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

May Demo

Todd Raines will be doing the demonstration on "Piston Boxes"

Check out his web page at:

<https://ntrwoodturning.com/>

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 Br \$40ooks **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

Pictures of recent Work

John Wood 11" Hackberry fruit bowl
with Wipe On Poly finish



Kelvin Burton Tasmanian Myrtle



Dennis Ford Hackberry BOC container, Osage box and Maple burl hollow form



Brian Schrader Emerging bowls and circular templates



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

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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)

then they were Chapel Hill Area Turners. No, I didn't argue the point. Foolish is not part of my name. Anyway, we had six turners which is a comfortable number for my shop, two lathes, big and little, and a lot of good fellowship. If you haven't tried the Group Initiative then give it a shot. If you can't find a "CHAT" group let me know. Like Paul's **M.O.S.T.**, we always have room for one more.

In other developments, Ed Heuslein let me know that he has the pen kits in house for the **Combat Warriors Program** that we do every year just before deer season. If you are not familiar with the program, it is an event put on every year for disabled Combat Veterans by Satterwhite Log Homes in Longview. The event goes for three or four days and they take these veterans out to deer hunt. They equip them, house them, feed them, and really do it up big. The last night they have a big banquet for them and every year they are each presented a pen turned and laser engraved by the ETW members commemorating the event. It's a great event, and we are honored to be a part of it.

ALL OF THAT TO SAY, we have 15 kits for the members to turn if they want to. Before anybody raises their hand....These are single barrel kits that do not lend themselves to artistic expression. In other words, they (all the pens) need to be fairly uniform in appearance. It helps the engraving process and as these vets compare their pens (and they will) we want them to know that the next guy got a pen very similar to their own and that one isn't 'better' than another. You also have to be able to put on a CA finish. However, if you need help with that there are plenty of folks available to lend a hand. I don't know if we need 3 turners or 5 turners to produce the 15 kits. I know that people have volunteered to ED to be a part of the effort and Ed readily admits he can't remember exactly who those people are. I do know we don't need to try and coordinate 15 turners to turn very similar pens. So....Here's the deal. If you want in on this thing then send your name to me expressing an interest. Even if you have done this in the past, you still need to "apply". (This ain't a job interview, it's a drawing of names out of a hat. Literally!) Let's set a date of Memorial Day (seems appropriate) to have all the names to me. We'll draw the names and announce the turners in next month's newsletter and the June meeting. We have plenty of time to get the pens turned and engraved and we are not rushed to finish in time. Let me hear from you.

Lastly (hey, you're tired of reading and I'm REALLY tired of writing) you may have noticed the header on the newsletter listing the officers. After an exhaustive amount of junk emails sent to almost all of us, and solicitations from scammers to send gift cards to the president of the club (Bill Preston mostly) it was decided to take emails and phone numbers off the header. I know that scammers are using my email address for their nefarious schemes. (just trying to keep you awake here) I asked (and so did some other officers) Dennis to put mine back up there. I felt like you had a right to be able to get hold of the club 'leadership'. I'll tell you now that I will **NEVER** solicit you for gift cards, or anything of the like. It will be for cash only and in small used bills, hand delivered to a secret location in the Florida Keys. Keep Turning, Keep Learning, and Godspeed.
Do Chara,
Mike Connolly



Use lathe to assist with your yard work

Brian Schrader

I was tired of attempting to hand wind line onto my line trimmer. Mounting the bobbin on the lathe frees up my hands to dress the line as it wraps on the spoil.

Woodturnin' and Blacksmithin'

Paul Coppinger

For some time, I've wanted to marry woodturning and blacksmithing. Obviously, you can't put wood and metal in a coal forge; the wood will burn up. (Kinda like the Icelander that saw people cooking hot dogs and sausages on the recent volcano lava, so he tried to fry bacon and eggs in a skillet--the skillet melted.) But anyway, combining wood and forgings will let one compliment the other in design or function or both.

Since the COVID isolation started over a year ago, I have been setting up a blacksmithing shop...you know, where all that turning wood was piled in front of my shop. I've had a coal forge, a hand-cranked blower, a 338# anvil and a pole vise for years but had to build a side-draft hood to handle the coal forge smoke, securely mount the anvil on a log base and mount the pole vise to my building. In addition, I built a variable speed 2"x72" belt sander and a roll-around tool rack to hold hammers, tongs, swages, punches, etc., and to hold my 3-burner gas forge on top. The rack can be rolled into my shop for security. Then a friend



Fig 1. My Finished Blacksmith Shop

My first attempt at marrying turning and blacksmithing was making 14 forged stands to hold a wooden spoon and/or scraper while cooking. These were for early/late Christmas gifts. The dish on the stand collects any drippings from the spoon or scraper. See Fig 2.



Fig 2. Wooden Spoon and Scraper Stand

The stand was made by combining a hand-hammered dish and twisted and forged 3/16" square stock. The dished end of an elm log was used to form the steel dish with only a rounding hammer. The finish was simply flat black paint from a rattle-can. See Fig 3.



Fig 3. Forged Stand

The scraper was made from katalox and poplar. After dimensioning both woods, each was run through a drum sander. Then the poplar blocks were glued to each side of the katalox strip to make a sandwich on one end. To turn the scraper, the glue-up was positioned with the sandwich on the tailstock end of the lathe, being careful to center the tailstock point exactly in the middle of the sandwich. The blade end of the scraper was put into a Talon chuck, not in the jaws like you would to hold a tenon, but into the slot between the jaw bases. The blade had to be centered in this slot. Then the handle was turned, the end of the blade was beveled on a belt sander and the entire scraper finished with mineral oil to be food safe. See Fig 4.



Fig 4. Katalox and Poplar Scraper

My next project to marry these two crafts will be combining a bowl or hollow vessel with some sort of blacksmithing. Still thinkin' on this; more later.