



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

Sept 12, 2020



Prez says:

Woodturners, As always I hope all of you are doing well, staying safe, and finding lots of time to be in your shop turning a new inspiration, or maybe repeating an old one....Beads of Courage Boxes are always a great choice. Thanks to all members who have made one or more of those in the past several months. Marvin Cade always does a great job and always seems to be our leader in the number of BOC boxes produced so a special thanks to Marvin. Also, thanks to VP Mike Connolly for his persistence and leadership in keeping BOC at the forefront of our turning efforts. What better gift can we provide with our time and talents than to create a BOC box for a child or young person who every day faces a challenge to survive and live another day. Keep it up!!! We're doing great but can even do better if we try.

The Cindy Drozda interactive demo last month was outstanding. Her presentation showing us how to properly evaluate a piece of burl before placing it on the lathe in order to obtain the best presentation of the grain patterns was very helpful. The small piece she turned and dyed was beautiful. Cindy donated it to the club to use as we would like and with her permission the Steering Committee has decided to auction the piece to the highest bidder as a way to provide a little extra income to the club treasury so we can continue to offer remote demos from the very best national or regional turners. The auction will begin on September 12, the date of our next club meeting – virtually – and will continue through the month of September. Sealed bids for the piece should be sent (email or USPS) to Mike Connolly and the winner will be announced during the October demo (Oct 10). Photos of the piece are included in this newsletter and we will also display it during the September 12 demo. Bids will be accepted not only from club members but also from the public at large. We hope expanding the auction to the public will help create greater public awareness of and interest in woodturning and woodturners in East Texas. Final details about the auction will be announced at the September meeting....be there!

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Program Chair Kelvin Burton has lined up a great selection of demonstrators for the remainder of the year – September, October, November, and December. Due to COVID and the restrictions on building usage by TJC we will not be able to have the normal Christmas party event in December.

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

LESSONS: Woodturning classes my shop.
Please call afternoons for more info **903-216-5564**. cbrooks@suddenlink.net
Charles Brooks (Whitehouse, Texas)

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

Upcoming events:

Online meeting Sept 12 Worth
Holmes demonstrating

Online meeting Oct 10 Pat Carol
demonstrating

Safety

Dennis Ford

While putting this newsletter together, I was inspired by Mike Connolly's article to write about safety. You have heard all this before but it is worth repeating.

- Keeping your tools in good condition will go a long way toward avoiding equipment failures that might cause injury.
- Bandsaw - A woodworking friend told me you should treat a bandsaw like a rattlesnake that wants to bite you (I think this is an exaggeration but it can be a dangerous tool). A sharp blade and a smooth slick table makes it controllable BUT a moment of distraction can cost you some fingers or possibly worse.
- Turning wood that may come apart - I have turned some pieces with voids and will do it again so I will NOT recommend that others avoid wood with character but **use extra care**. Please examine each block before you mount it and stop ever so often to check for defects that might cause a failure. Some cracks are only skin deep and others go almost all the way through. If you think it **won't** come apart, treat the wood like it might come apart and **STAY OUT** of the **Line of Fire**. If you think it might come apart, perhaps the wood should be converted to **British Thermal Units**. Face-shields are good things but are not adequate if a large piece of wood flies in your face.
- Know when to Turn, Cut, Drill etc. When we are tired, angry or stressed is NOT the time to be using power tools. Focus on the task is a big part of staying safe, when it is difficult to focus, find something else to do. It is not always easy to walk away from the shop but it is much better to stop early and come back the next day than to get hurt and not be able to come back.

Pictures of recent Work

Cindy Drozda's piece from her demo last month (to be Auctioned)



Top view



Bottom

Brian Schrader

Cedar Urn



Dennis Ford

Cherry pot with brick pattern



John Wood

Magnolia pot with enhancements



Elm



Chestnut

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

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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>

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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) To replace the event, Kelvin has lined up a presentation from a very talented professional turner from Ireland, and with the magic of technology we will have a demonstration from his shop in Ireland...you can experience a great turning demonstration and have a quick trip to Ireland all at the same time. You do not want to miss that one!!

At the December meeting we will also elect (remotely) New Officers for the year 2021. Several officer positions will remain the same, but we will need a new Vice-President and a new Program Chair...Mike Connolly will become Club President in January so the VP slot will be open, and Kelvin Burton currently is planning to retire from Mercy Ships at the end of the year and possibly return to his native land of New Zealand. Kelvin's leadership in the club has been invaluable and his skill in woodturning and turning demonstrations have been superb. We hope he will be present with us for a few months in 2021, and I believe he thinks he will, so he can help tutor and assist the new Program Chair for a short while, but when he does leave we will all miss him. In the meantime, if you have a member to suggest for either of the two leadership positions, please contact Mike Connolly or me.

Again, stay safe, take care, and join us for the next great demo on Saturday, Sep 12. All members will receive an email reminder with an invitation to attend the meeting from Ken Wurtzel a few days prior to the meeting. See you on the 12th.....Bill Preston

Resources

Hello Fellow Woodturners.

I hope you and yours are all well and are healthy, if not happy. This Covid thing, with its isolation, makes it a challenge to add "happy" to our list of things we are, so I'll take "healthy" as a poor substitute, and hope for "happy" to happen sooner rather than later. If, like me, you are running low on inspiration for that next great piece you are going to put on the lathe, you might (also like me) turn to the internet, and YouTube, to see what others in our craft are posting.

Some of the things I have seen are incredible!

Amazing craftsmanship, jaw dropping artistry and just awesome innovation and technique.

Others that I have seen are amazingly stupid, lack any sense of proportion or design, or are incredibly dangerous. If you look in either category, I promise, you will find both things to inspire you, and things that just scare the hell out of you. I embrace the former, and warn you of the latter.

An old country song says that "all that glitters is not gold":

The same is true of YouTube videos, and of other videos on the 'net. Take what you are seeing on your screen with a grain of salt, and a gallon of caution! If it is from a recognized professional, (Stuart Batty, Cindy Drozda, Ashley Harwood, David Elsworth, etc...) then you can trust it up to YOUR skill level. After all, these professionals have a reputation to protect, and in some cases, product to sell. Others, who shall remain nameless, lest I get sued for slander, don't have anything on the line and don't really care if you get hurt as long as people "subscribe" to their channel.

YOUR SHOP SAFETY IS UP TO NOBODY BUT YOU.

If you have a question, if you are unsure of a technique, if you are just "uncomfortable" doing something, then I urge you, "**DON'T DO IT!**" Ask one of our amazing mentors about what makes this look 'not right' to you. Ask another turner you trust. Hell, ask me. I will find the answer if I can't answer your question, or I am not confident of the answer. I will find an answer you can trust.

(Ok, so I don't know Elsworth. But I will find somebody who does if that's what it takes)

We have some amazing turners in our club. ALL OF WHOM are a resource for you. Use them.

The guys I have in my head: Charles Brooks, Paul Coppinger, Ken Terrel, Ken Wurtzel, Danny King, John Wood, Tom Crosby, Ed Hueslin, Dennis Ford, and the list just gets longer, are all guys that I have asked questions to, and gotten great, trustworthy answers from in the past. To a man, those guys will help you if they can, and if not, will find someone who can.

Please, as one woodturner to another, be smart, be careful in your shop, (lathe, table saw, band saw, etc.) and ask a question if you are not confident. It may save you from a doctor visit. It may save me from hearing about a friend of mine that got hurt.

Do Chara,
Mike Connolly,
(Hint: It's Irish)