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**Meeting at Tyler Junior College** **October 23, 2021**



**Prez says:** Welcome to **Fall** Fellow Woodturners!

First off, The October In-Person Meeting is on OCTOBER 23!! Due to scheduling issues with TJC, we were forced to move the meeting this month. Hopefully, this is a one-time occurrence (yeah, right) and we will get into a routine soon. It was great last month to see people in person at the meeting and the turn-out was actually a little better than I expected. Given who the second half demonstrator was last month it proves to me once again that not only are woodturners by and large a forgiving group but easily entertained as well. This month we have a visiting turner, Marion McDaniel who lives in the Dallas area. His demo will be on turning a nice size snowman including the finishing and decorating. Just in time for Christmas, this will come in handy. Speaking of Christmas, we need to get started on turning spinning tops for the Toys for Tots program.

For the most part last months meeting went well with the exception of me losing all my notes of things to cover, or at least mention. We will have a vote this month on adding the IT Chair to the Steering Committee as a voting member of that body. Based on the work these men do, it is only fair to give them a vote on the board. If you attend the meeting in person, and are a member in good standing in the club, then obviously your vote will be counted. If you participate in the meeting via ZOOM, and are a member in good standing, then in my book, you are present and your vote will also be counted. No absentee voting will be allowed. (We don't have the budget for recounts and/or audits).

Bill Preston let us know that a new turner, Gary Moore, contacted him about a Bradford Pear he was cutting down and would give away to any who wanted it. He lives just north of Edgewood off FM 1395. Please contact Bill for pictures or how to contact Gary.

A word about set-up/clean-up. Last month, we didn't have a list of people to help with the SUCU (yes, I know) but, a great bunch of folks showed to get the thing set up for the meeting and then stuck around to get wood chips and equipment picked up, squared away and stored. To those men, I say, Thank You. You show what this club is all about. If you signed up for Set-Up or Clean-Up during the meeting, I (nor anyone else) is going to hold you to that. We had to change the meeting date so no harm, no foul. (I'm not sure the VP will feel that way in November but that ain't my pasture and they ain't my cows) Also last month, we put a phone number out for Francis Cass who was trying to liquidate some of her late husband's (Joe Cass) equipment and tools. That was her cell phone number which after multiple attempts to call her sent all calls to voice mail.

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### Personalized Turning Classes

Paul Coppinger - Mineola - **903-638-6008**  
[paulcop68@thecoppingers.net](mailto:paulcop68@thecoppingers.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:** 14" Delta-Rockwell band saw, this is an unusual version of a very common saw. It has a gear box that allows high speed for cutting wood and four slow speeds for cutting metal. The paint and on-off switch have been changed but otherwise it is in original condition. \$400  
Dennis Ford **936-676-9652**

**Custom tooling;** I am set-up to make 1-1/4" 8tpi and 1" 8 tpi face-plates, can make other Imperial sizes (no metric threads). Steel face-plates up to 5" diameter - \$20 each. I also make Handheld and Arm brace style hollowing tools in various sizes.

Dennis Ford **936-676-9652**

**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**

## 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)

### Rattle can lacquer finishing tip

Dennis Ford

When using a spray gun, you can have a lot of control via thinner, retarder, spray pattern size, air pressure etc. Using rattle cans is convenient but there is less control.

One thing you can do with rattle cans is raise the temperature of the can. That lowers the viscosity of the lacquer and raises the pressure of the propellant, resulting in better atomization and less "orange peel".

Use caution when warming up rattle cans, if you get one too hot, it will blow off one end of the can resulting in a "rocket". A friend who worked in plants making various aerosol products tells me that all cans went through a bath of hot water (130 deg F) to pressure test the cans before being shipped. I don't know if that is true of all brands but I would NOT be comfortable getting an aerosol can to 130 deg F.

I put the can in the sunshine or a warm room for a while before using it (looking for a temperature of 90 - 100 deg F). I have also filled a small pot with hot water from the sink and put an aerosol can in that.

# September 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 2019 meeting had about 1000 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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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)

Finally, after help from Jack Day (and mostly his wife) I was able to go to her residence and meet with her and the club was able to help get most of her big ticket items sold. I am not going to put her home phone number in the newsletter out of respect, but if you would like to call her and go see what she has left, then contact me and we will go from there. This is also a part of what our club does. An important part. It's not all about being a family friend. It's about being a part of this woodturning community. I have some things that Jack Day, and by extension, Joe Cass wanted to donate to the club (slim line pen kits, perfume atomizers, etc) that will be available to you at the meeting, along with items donated by Ken Terrell and others. We'll put them out, help yourself, and just silently thank those members for their generosity. Even when they are not here, we feel them.

Lastly, it's October, so it's time to start reminding (cajole/persuade/wheedle/coax/harass) the membership about Club Dues for next year. At \$36 per year you are not going to find a better deal anywhere. Also, because we are back to in person meetings, a reminder that we not only have Show & Tell every month, but that our Library is again available for your use. Check it out. (see what I did there?).

I hope to see you at the meeting, shake your hand and swap woodturning "war stories". In the meantime, Keep Turning, Keep Learning, and Godspeed.

Do Chara,  
Mike Connolly

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Kelvin Burton sent this link to a good article on drying blanks with Alcohol:

[https://www.woodcentral.com/articles/turning/articles\\_473.shtml](https://www.woodcentral.com/articles/turning/articles_473.shtml)

I would try this myself but I do some metal work in my shop and do not want sparks anywhere near alcohol.

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## Precision in wood turning

Dennis Ford

During my portion of the demo last month, I failed to talk about when precision is important and when it is NOT important. This is not a clear cut question and we each have to make our own choices. Some prefer to work carefully ALL the time and are almost as precise mounting a green blank as they are when fitting a lid. That is a valid choice but it is not my choice. Eyeballing the center of a green blank is quick and I am sometimes comfortable with this level of precision. Mistakes will be made but the consequences of those mistakes are minor (to me).

When given a choice, I prefer to form a pleasing shape free-hand rather than rely on turning to planned dimensions. When this choice is not available, I will use measuring techniques ranging from finger spacing to digital calipers that read in thousands of an inch.

Re-mounting a turned piece will always result in some run-out, these are some options to minimize the run-out:

- Start between centers and keep the center marks as long as possible in case you need them again.
- When you know a piece will need to be reversed, turn a tenon or recess on each end while the piece is between centers. A face-plate is a stronger mount but not as precise as a chuck.
- When turning and prepping for a face-plate, hold a pencil to the spinning wood and draw some circles where the face-plate will go to help align it. For better precision, turn a short tenon to fit inside the face-plate bore.

## Free Wood Bill Preston

Gary Moore who is a beginning woodturner called me today with questions about different lathe models. He also mentioned that we was cutting down a Bradford pear tree and would give the wood to any turner who would like it. He lives near Edgewood and sent photos of the tree. I invited him to attend our October demo but Edgewood looks closer to Greenville and the Hunt County Club than to Tyler. Pictures of the trees:

