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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.

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**Meeting at Tyler Junior College** **September 11, 2021**



## Prez says: We're Back!!!

The meeting this month is live and in person at the TJC West Campus. The meeting, Saturday September 11, starts at 9, the set-up for the meeting starts at 8 and may take us the entire hour just to remember how it's supposed to look, and function. Throw into that the new technology we have acquired in the last 18 months and we may be ready to spin wood somewhere around noon. Regardless, I am really looking forward to seeing folks I haven't seen in a year and a half, and I know some of you feel the same. Remote meetings and demonstrations got us through, as a club, during this ongoing COVID crisis and we have members to thank for that. Ken Wurtzel, and Kelvin Burton really stepped up and took on the responsibility of getting us a ZOOM platform that allowed remote meetings and then manned the keyboards during those meetings so that we could all participate. Ken purchased the new equipment that gave us the ability to not only switch cameras at a keystroke but also allowed some fine camera angles and work that we have never seen in our demos. Bill Preston and Dennis Lorenz beat the bushes and found demonstrators willing to do remote demos and even found some professional turners we could afford! Thanks to all the demonstrators who traveled to strange shops to put on demos. It's a hassle folks, believe me, but they did so with enthusiasm and grace. Hopefully all that is behind us as we get back to the new normal.

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If you don't feel comfortable yet with returning to in person meetings I'll be the first guy to tell you to stay at home. I think the majority will agree that you are responsible for your own health decisions and we are never going to try and influence you in that regard. We are going to try and have ZOOM capability from TJC to broadcast the meeting during real time and Ken Wurtzel will send out email invitations to all the members so that they can attend remotely. We will also follow TJC Guidelines in regards to masks. If the college requires them then that is just the way its going to be. If they don't require them then the Steering Committee recommends the wearing of a mask if you are in proximity of people you are not sure have been vaccinated. That's not a pro or a con concerning vaccination. It is a reasonable precaution of not wanting to spread this contagion, even by vaccinated people. Again, it is a recommendation, not a mandate.

Last weekend (August 26 thru the 28<sup>th</sup>) was SWAT held in Waco. Dennis Ford asked us to comment on the experience. Overall, it felt a bit "hollow". I think it had to do with less attendance by turners and vendors due to COVID. The Art Gallery had some fantastic pieces that I really enjoyed and there were over 400 BOC

## 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](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)**

**Wanted:** 8" slow speed grinder and Wolverine jig system. Don't care about wheels, I have CBN's to go on it. Or just the grinder or just the wolverine is good too.

Contact Mike Connolly **(903)520-2392**

**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**

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

Dennis Ford **936-676-9652**

## 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)

### September BOC demo

Of the 419 BOC containers on display at SWAT this year, the vast majority fell into three groups: 1- Based on 6" PVC pipe, 2- Stave construction, 3- Segmented. If a quick method gives you time to make multiple containers, any of the above are good choices.

There is nothing wrong with following (or leading) the majority, but being the contrarian that I am, my portion of this demo will be about a different path. This path involves turning single piece bodies for the containers and additional options for decorations.

Dennis Ford

# Pictures of recent Work



Fred Atkins (new member) 4" x 14"  
Osage Orange



"Joseph's Jar" with coat of  
many colors by John Wood



Beads of Courage containers by Bill  
Preston

Beads of Courage containers  
by Ken Wurtzel (one ended up  
as a canister for his wife)



Magnolia hollow form with graffiti  
by Dennis Ford



Carving stand by Dennis Ford  
(Threaded 1-1/4" x 8 tpi) Made for  
Marvin Melton in trade for a vacuum  
pump

## 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.

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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)

Prez say's (continued from page 1)

containers on display. But it wasn't 'packed' as it has been in past years. The vendors were all friendly and they got just as much of my money as they have in the past but there was walking distance between booths. Demonstrators, the ones I saw were very good. At the top of that list is Nick Agar. Great turner and teacher and funny to boot. Matt Monnaco, also a great turner and demonstrator who talks non-stop and at 900 miles an hour. Oddly, I had no trouble keeping up with the narrative. On a scale of one to ten comparing to past SWATs I have attended I give this one 6 ½.

In keeping with Global Beads of Courage Day (September 15) this months demo will be for Beads of Courage. Demonstrators (so far) are Dennis Ford and yours truly. In all honesty I hope Dennis carries this demo because I only volunteered about 15 minutes worth of information. Trust me, I am going to explain away my crummy portion of the program to the pandemic, a poor nights sleep and the dog ate my homework. If nothing else, it gives Brian Shrader a chance to heckle a guy who can't hear him.

Lots of things to talk about during the meeting, some business to attend to and some great fellowship to share. I look forward to seeing you there.

In the meantime, Keep Turning, Keep Learning and Godspeed.

Do Chara,  
Mike Connolly

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## SWAT

I want to thank all of those who helped run SWAT Art Gallery. We had about 835 items on display. Getting all these items checked in and documented so they can be checked out to the owner is not a simple task but it got done. This is an important part of SWAT and earned our club some \$\$ that will help our budget.

SWAT was a positive experience for me again this year. I got to see many turners that I had not seen since 2019. The Art Gallery was humbling and inspirational as usual. I found a couple of new ideas to attempt this year (easily could have found several but purposely limited goals to what I might actually get done).

I had a vague plan to buy some CA glue and very little else but ended up buying several other things also. There was not as many vendors as usual but the only gap in items for sale (that I noticed) was the T-shirts that Ruth Niles usually sells. COVID was a bit of a cloud over us with a number of people not attending because of it and many who were there clearly thinking about it.

The Beads of Courage display was a bright spot with 419 BOC containers on display. That shattered our previous record of ~250. Some clubs save their BOCs until SWAT instead of delivering them to hospitals during the year. That makes a good display but I am glad that not every club does it.

Dennis Ford

### Set-Up / Clean-Up

We need some volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up now that we are allowed back in Tyler Junior College again. If you can come early or stay a little late, please consider helping us with either set-up or clean-up.

### Show and Tell

It has been a long time since we had an in person meeting and everyone should have some pieces to show. Please bring something for show & tell. As I remember it, the guidelines are "**Bring as many as you want, Talk about only two**"