

Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Newsletter for August 2001

NEXT MEETING August 30 7:00PM

3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX

**THIS MONTHS TURN-OUT WILL BE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1
(SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAGE 2)**

Bring Something to Instant Gallery

Quick and Easy Turned Toys

Our program for August 30, 2001 will be given by John Horn on "Quick and Easy Turned Toys."

Since one of his activities is playing Santa Claus each year, and woodturning is a major part of his life now that he has retired, it seems only natural that making toys and improving woodturning technique at the same time would be a desirable goal.

There is a lot of information available about making "flat" toys but little about "turned" toys. The few books that feature turned toys show rather complex ones that take a lot of time to complete. Since some woodturning chapters are interested in producing a volume of toys for underprivileged children, several people in the Woodturners of North Texas have come up with designs and techniques for producing turned toys quickly that can be turned on any size of lathe. One of the items is toy cars, which offers an opportunity to develop and refine your skills with interrupted cuts and use the skew while producing a worthwhile project for the community.

Since the skew is tool that a lot of turners fear, developing confidence and skill with the beast can be a frustrating experience until the technique is mastered. The reward is immediate when you see the beautiful finish left when using the skew on relatively soft wood. What better way to develop proficiency is there other than a lot of practice using materials that are cheap and easy to turn.

John joined the Woodturners of North Texas in 1990 and actually started turning in 1996. Since then he has demonstrated at the Texas Turn or Two for the last three years and performed demonstrations for several clubs in Texas and Oklahoma. He has won several awards including 1st place at the State Fair of Texas in 1998 and 1999. His primary focus at this time, other than his duties as president of the Woodturners of North Texas, is teaching classes for the beginning turner at the Woodcraft stores in Fort Worth and Dallas (Addison). He has developed a series of projects, which the beginner can produce in a few hours, and get a flying start at successful woodturning.

Christmas Toy Project

The program for our August meeting will feature our combination pedagogue, president, and seasonal Santa, John Horn. John will demonstrate the making of turned toys for our third annual Christmas Toy Project. You will recall that WNT produced 618 toys in 1999, 1064 in 2000, and we are striving to make 1500 this year. John will show us how to make at least 2 types of toy car and perhaps some tops, as well as a few other ideas that his elves may come up with. If you have some turned toys or ideas for toys, bring them to the meeting and share them with us all. While we are emphasizing turned toys, we welcome all toys. We like the turned ones, but the kids will love any toys, particularly if the toy you make is the only one that child receives.

Instant Gallery

For this meeting lets make the instant Gallery something Special. Bring all the special items you have turned and also look around and bring all those toys you have made over the years. This Months demonstration is turned toys so lets make it special by having lots of things to show.

Saturday Turn-Out

The Saturday Turn-out this month will have an additional feature in addition to the regular turning classes. A **Swap-a-Tool** opportunity will be offered. We all have some tools around the shop that are broken, have a lost part, or not of any use. Bring all those tools to the Turn-Out and you can swap those of value and the others can be had for the taking . The rule will be if you bring a broken or discarded tool and no one wants your **Good-old-Tool** you must take it back home.

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Announcing the Larry Roberts School of Woodturning

Larry Roberts, our first club president, is opening a school of woodturning. The school will be separate and apart from the Woodturners of North Texas, and will offer instruction for woodturners of all levels of experience. The school will feature some sessions with Larry being the instructor and other classes with guest instructors.

The first all-day, hands-on session will be held on September 22nd with John Horn as the guest instructor.

For the last two years, John has been a frequent woodturning instructor at the Woodcraft stores in both Fort Worth and Dallas. He has been successful in teaching both novice and intermediate turners to improve their skills in these sessions.

The class will be limited to four students. Fundamental turning techniques will be covered in a structured class with plenty of room for individual interests. More information about the hands-on class and the fee structure will be given at the club meeting.

Hot Deal on Tool Material

Enco machinery supply is having a sale that includes material useful to those making their own tools. Some examples are 3/16" square 2 1/2" long M2 tool bits are \$0.55 ea. , 3/8" x 3' drill rod at \$2.53. They also carry drill chucks, moris taper adapters, etc. Their web site is <http://www.use-enco.com>.

New Members

We want to welcome each one of the new members. When you spot one at a meeting, introduce yourself and offer a warm greeting.

Robert Brandt of Ft Worth
Jim Culver of Burleson
Skipper Gray of Ft Worth
Cary Kyhl of Grapevine
Nick Silva of Garland
Steve Yauch of Grapevine
Stephen Krupa of Burleson

July Guest

Jim Culver and Julie Haines were the guest at the July meeting. We thank you for coming. Please return.

A Texas Turn or Two

The Texas Turn of Two Symposium is scheduled for October 5-6-7 at the San Angelo fairgrounds. Please refer to the July newsletter for a listing of demonstrators and other information. You can get up-to-date facts at www.texasturn.com. If you need any additional info please see one of the club directors. Remember the cost will increase by \$10.00 if submitted after September 1st.

Demo at Woodcraft

On September 15th there will be a Toyturn in the parking lot of the Ft Worth **Woodcraft** Store. Woodcraft will supply the lathe and the food for a cookout, bring a few tools and your appetite. Mike Wallace will be the coordinator so if additional information is needed call Mike at 817-882-9922.

ITEMS FOR SALE

For sale by Larry Roberts

For sale a Riobi Scroll Saw \$85.00.

For additional information call Larry Roberts at 817-465-6397

For sale by A.J. Draz

75%-50% off all Items!

Delta: Midi Lathe, Bandsaw, Drill press, 8" slow speed grinder, Turning tools, books bench and much more. Like new less than 5 hours of operation. I Don't have time any more.

Call A.J. Draz @ 817-416-4962

For sale by Cary Kyhl

A General model 160 lathe (12X36) with variable speed 1hp motor 110/220. Accessories include a Nova Chuck and standard items. \$950.00 For information call Cary Kyhl at 817-421-5649

The maker doesn't want it; the buyer doesn't use it; and the user doesn't see it. What is it?

Answer: A coffin

Joke of the Month

In the back woods of Kentucky, a red neck's wife went into labor in the middle of the night, and the doctor was called out to assist in the delivery. Since there was no electricity, the doctor handed the father-to-be a lantern and said, "Here, you hold this high so I can see what I am doing". Soon, a baby boy was brought into the world. "Whoa there", said the doctor, "Don't be in such a rush to put that lantern down. I think there's another one coming". Sure enough, within minutes, he had delivered a baby girl. "Hold that lantern up, don't set it down, there's another one!" said the doctor. Within a few minutes he had delivered another baby girl. "No, no, don't be in a hurry to put down that lantern. .. it seems there's yet another one coming!" cried the doctor. The red neck scratched his head in bewilderment, and asked the doctor, "You reckon it might be the light that's attractin'em"?

Library Report

The feature tape for this month is the AAW 1996 Symposium Techniques.
Review these demonstrators and their topics :

The 1996 tape contains the following:

- (1) Rude Oslnik-Candlesticks, run time 7:47
- (2) Dave Lancaster- Rough Turning Green Bowls, run time 10:02
- (3) Gael Montgomery- Decorative Painting, run time 15:02
- (4) Robert Rosand-Tree Ornaments, run time 4:12
- (5) Palmer Sharpless- Ring Rattles, run time 6:21
- (6) Mike Lee - Carving Techniques, run time 7:12
- (7) Michael Hosaluk- Winged Bowls, run time 10.49
- (8) Vic Wood- Square Edged lidded Box, run time 19:33
- (9) My Ron Curtis- Cabriole Legs, run time 8:53
- (10) Jean Francois Escoulen-Eccentric Turning, run time 7:07
- (11) Clead Chistiansen- Corned-Lidded Cube Box, run time 7:38
- (12) Dave Lancaster- Finish-turning dry Bowl Blanks

Schedule of Coming Events

- August 30 WNT Monthly Meeting 7:00PM
Program- Quick and Easy Turned Toys by John Horn
3003 Shamrock Ft worth, Texas
- September 1 Saturday Hands-On 9:00AM till noon
Program-Use of the club's lathes to improve you skills with help from
accomplished club member
Also there will be a **Swap-a-tool** see note on page 2
- September 4 WNT Directors Meeting Dinner at 6:00PM; meeting 6:30PM
LUBY'S Cafeteria Loop 820 and Bridgewood
- September 15 Toy Demonstration at Ft Worth Woodcraft Store
(see article on page 3)
- September 27 WNT Monthly Meeting 7:00PM
Program Interactive Turning by Larry Hancock
3003 Shamrock Ft Worth, Texas
- September 29 Saturday Hands-On (Details in next newsletter
- October 2 WNT Directors Meeting Dinner at 6:00PM; meeting 6:30Pm
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- October 5-6-7 Texas-Turn-or-Two
Place San Angelo Fairgrounds/Coliseum
(for additional information see page 3)

Joke of the Month

A man commented to a friend that he had just killed five flies, three were males and two were females. The friend asked, "How in the world did you know the sex of the flies?" "Easy, " he said. "Three were on a beer can, and two were on the phone."

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**Special Instant Gallery this Month to feature
Turned Items and Turned Toys**

**The Saturday Hands– On will also feature
A Swap-A-Tool (tools of value can be swapped; those broken
or of no value can be had for the taking;
Remember tool not wanted must be taken back home)**

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