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Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

NEXT MEETING May 30 7:00PM

Meeting will Feature Stacey Hager

3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX**THIS MONTHS TURN-OUT WILL BE SATURDAY June 1**

**Bring Something to Instant Gallery
And
Bring your shop made Jigs and Tools**

May Demonstrator—Stacey Hager

Our May demonstrator is Stacey Hager, currently the President of the Central Texas Woodturners Association in Austin. Stacey has been a lifelong woodworker, taught by his father. He has been turning since the age of twelve. He now is a “semi-retired” teacher of chemistry, physics, and microbiology. Stacey’s main focus is the science of woodturning. A visit to his home and shop is a real treat; he has a huge collection and an encyclopedic knowledge of wood. He makes many of his tools, and is fascinated by how these tools really work, i.e., cutting theory.

Stacey’s demo, “Tools of the Trade”, will show us how he makes and uses these tools. I have seen Stacey at work, and know first-hand that we are in for a real treat.

By Larry Genender

Rosters Available

Your Rosters (with photographs) are still available at the meetings. If you are not attending the meetings and NEED a photo roster, please let us know. Because of the cost of mailing the new and improved rosters, the decision was made to make them available at the meetings. The nametags have been printed and the membership cards will also be available for those that have had their picture taken, at the meeting on May 30th. If you have not had your picture taken for the membership cards and roster, you need to provide us with a picture or have one taken at the meeting.

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April Raffle Winners

The 6 inch platter was won by the guest demonstrator, James Johnson. As a surprise Bill Shadle brought 11 pieces of wood. Each piece was large enough to make several turnings. The club is very appreciative of Mr. Shadle's generosity and we offer a big THANK YOU.

The winners of the wood were;

1. Wayne Neely
2. Dan Hudkins
3. Ken Diehl
4. Tom Christopherson
5. Walter Barrett
6. Larry Genender
7. David Adcorly
8. Charles Rudolph
9. Fred Denke
10. Laurence Briggs

If any name is not spelled correctly let us know.

Magazine Review

The June issue of the magazine "American Woodworker" on page 12 ask the question "Is Polyurethane Food-Safe?". The answer is given by an expert on finishing, Bob Flexner. Read the article, but his basic premise is when all the solvents are evaporated the finish is safe. The June issue of "Fine Woodworking" has a very interesting article on turning spindles by Ernie Conover. The articles has some excellent tips on turning technique and sharpening.

WNT Spring Picnic

The spring picnic was held on May 18 at Larry Roberts place. Those that were there had a very enjoyable time. The Brisket and Chicken cooked by Larry was delicious and the deserts and salads were extra special. A special thanks to Larry Roberts and his wife Pat for all the effort they put out to make the picnic a success. Also a thanks to all the people who prepared the salads and desserts.

Ramblings

James Johnson said something in April's Demo that got me to thinking. Is woodturning a sport? My dictionary defines Sport as: (1) A game or other form of pastime involving some amount of bodily exercise and carried on either outdoors or indoors. And (2) a source of diversion; physical activity engaged in for pleasure (See Recreation)

Recreation: refreshment of strength and spirits after work; a means of refreshment or diversion (See Hobby)

Hobby: a pursuit outside one's regular occupation engaged in especially for relaxation

It seems to me that Woodturning, as I know it is a sport for most turners. There are those that earn a part (or all) of their income from woodturning, but they are the minority. So if the majority of the participants treat it as a sport, let's look at it that way.

In a sport, you get the required equipment in order to outfit yourself to play. You then go to places where your sport is played and get the education and then the experience necessary to play better. You go to clinics or go to watch the pros, in order to be able to play better. Sometimes the pros come to you (or your group) to teach you their particular specialty within the sport. Sometimes you team up with others to talk about aspects of the sport that you are more interested in. Sometimes you read books or watch videos in order to gain more ideas or to improve your chances of success.

All the while you are involved in something you enjoy for the most part. But you continue to get better, you continue to learn, and you continue to involve yourself in your chosen sport.

Maybe we should have games! And tournaments! What if we had a game with four quarters (each one with 15 minutes) and each quarter had one pitcher (turner), and at the end of the game with declare a winner. The worst that would come of it is increased learning, increased involvement in the sport, and some interesting turnings.

Are you ready to choose your team? *By Mike Wallace*

Email Name Service

As a service to the club members, you can now have custom email names such as "mikewallace@woodturnersofnorthtexas.org". I know, it is a little long, but no one will wonder what you are interested in! And since this is new, there is room for a little creativity, such as "asthewoodturns@woodturnersofnorthtexas.org"! Let's have a little fun and come up with some great names. The domain name "woodturnersofnorthtexas.org has been purchased on behalf of the club and is owned by the club. The Board of directors will soon have generic names such as president@woodturnersofnorthtexas.org. These names will carry from year to year without changes, but will be forwarded to the people holding those offices.

The way this service works is as follows: The email will be automatically forwarded to your existing email account. This can be your ISP service such as AOL or MSN, or it can be your web-based email such as Hotmail or Yahoo. But you must have an email account where the mail can be forwarded. If you want to request a name, send an email to (email4me@woodturnersofnorthtexas.org). Include your requested email name and the email account your mail will be forwarded to.

Library Item

The club has purchased a tape duplicating machine and the new tapes made from the master file copy are of very good quality. From time to time some of our library tapes are lost or become unusable. and need replacing. Our Librarian has been busy getting the lost and unusable tapes replaced. This month we will give a listing of tapes which have recently been reduplicated.

Nick Silva	August 1996	Dental Tools	55: Minutes
	September 1996	Bowl Turning	34 Minutes
Uel Clanton	February 1994	Inlay	60 Minutes
Dave Spurlin	May 1997	Hoop Turning	54 Minutes
Clay Foster	April 1997	Carving and Turning	46 Minutes
Mandu	Offset Leg Turning outside the Box		
Devore Burch	June 1997	Turn Bowls cut ½	
Larry Roberts	Texas Turn or Two Demo 1997		
Clay Foster	Oneway Lathe Demo Nichols Lathe Demo		
Clay Foster	Slide Show		

Welcome New Members

The new members that joined at the April meeting are: Mark Bracken of Euless, TX and Jim Ed Clark of Ft Worth, TX

As you see these people at a meeting please give them a friendly greeting. Remember we have a new name tag and holder. Please wear one so we can all learn the names of fellow members. At the end of the meeting return your name tag to the box next to the door.

Great Truths about Life, That Adults have learned

1. Raising teenagers is like nailing Jello to a tree
2. Wrinkles Don't hurt
3. Families are like fudge...Mostly sweet, with a few nuts
4. Today's mighty oak is just yesterdays nut that held its ground
5. Laughter is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
6. Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy
7. Your getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster

Schedule of Coming Events

May 30	WNT Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM 3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX Program Stacey Hager
June 1	Saturday Hands on 9:00 AM to 12 Noon 3003 Shamrock Ft worth, TX
June 4	WNT Directors Meeting 6:00 Dinner at LUBY'S 7:00 Meeting at 3003 Shamrock, Ft Worth, TX
June 27	WNT Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM 3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX Program Mike Wallace
June 29	Saturday Hands on 9:00 AM to 12 Noon 3003 Shamrock Ft worth, TX
June 28 th , 29 th , And 30 th	AAW Symposium in Providence RI
July 2	WNT Directors Meeting 6:00 Dinner at LUBY'S 7:00 Meeting at 3003 Shamrock, Ft Worth, TX
July 25	WNT Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM 3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX Program John Horn
August 6	WNT Directors Meeting 6:00 Dinner at LUBY'S 7:00 Meeting at 3003 Shamrock, Ft Worth, TX
August 29	WNT Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM 3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX Program Larry Genender
September 3	WNT Directors Meeting 6:00 Dinner at LUBY'S 7:00 Meeting at 3003 Shamrock, Ft Worth, TX
September 26	WNT Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM 3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX Program Raul Pena Demo end grain turning with hook tools

For Sale:

- (1) A Delta Planer 12 X 6 In good condition; Seldom used \$250.00
 - (2) A Baldor Grinder 7 inch Grind stone, 1/2 HP, heavy cast iron \$150.00
- For additional information call Hollis McLane at 254-559-5652

For Sale

I have some hardwood suitable for turning. I had a local saw mill which is now out of business. The wood I have is Mesquite, Walnut and some others which are for sale at a very reasonable price. For directions please call Bill Crawford at 817-626-3954
(He was a machinist before retirement and will take on some custom machine work)

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