

SEPTEMBER 2003

WOODTURNERS OF NORTH TEXAS

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Next Meeting: SEPT 25th

Hand-On Session: 5pm – 6pm

Regular Meeting: 7:00pm

200-Suite B North Vacek

Meeting will feature: Robert Brandt

**** Bring something to the Instant Gallery ****

September Demonstrator – Robert Brandt

Woodturning With the Router and

Other Implements of Destruction

I started my woodturning career more than 25 years ago. I had been making metal sculpture and using driftwood and other found wood for bases for the standing pieces. It wasn't long until I discovered that the wood I was using for bases, a lot of cedar, mesquite and some walnut, was just too pretty to consign to a lowly base for something else.

I did a little bit of turning on an old Shopsmith 10ER, and then bought an old Fay & Egan lathe. It was all cast iron with babbitt bearings and a flat belt drive. After adding an adapter to go from a V belt to flat belt drive, it was on this lathe that I turned most of the hundreds of bowls, weed pots and lamp bases and other turned forms that I made and sold.

These days I have turned my interest toward making Native American style flutes and other smaller projects. For the demonstration I will be exploring some of the ways the router and other tools can be used both in the decorating of a turned object and the actual turning of an object.

Ramblings

We were talking about all of the new tools we saw at Wichita Falls and it occurred to me that there are probably a lot of tools that are not or have not been used in some of your shops! If you want to make room for that next tool, bring some and we will we set up a "For Sale" table at the next meeting. Attach a tag with your name to the tool and we will see if we can help.

Wichita Falls was a complete success. It will take a while to digest all that we saw and longer to put it to use. Education, especially regard woodturning, can be a lifelong pursuit. There seems to be some new technique, or new tool every time you think you have seen it all. I hope to continue to grow and help others to learn about this craft.

Anchorseal

The club still has a large amount of Anchorseal for sale. Anchorseal is used to seal the cut ends of logs to slow the drying process. This will allow the log to dry more evenly and will reduce cracking. We have some one gallon containers, or you can bring your own. See James Haynes to pay for your purchase.

Hands-on Sessions

From 5 PM till 6 PM on the same night as the Regular meeting (September 25th, this month), we will again have our hands-on sessions. You can come and watch or come and turn. This month Mike Wallace will be covering the subject, "From a Log to a Bowl" and John Horn will cover "Beginning Skew work on a Spindle". We will of course answer question on other subject and will try to accommodate everyone that shows up. We will break around 6 PM for supper and to set up the meeting room for our Regular Meeting.

Rockler

Rockler will be having a Grand Opening Sale on Sept 20th. The new store, located in the SW corner of I20 and Cooper in South Arlington, offer our club members a 10% discount. See store employees for details.

"IN SEARCH OF ELVES"

It is toy time again! We will kick off our annual Christmas toy project with a work session on Saturday, September 27th (the Saturday after the next club meeting) at 9:00 AM at Mike Wallace's shop (200-B North Vacek, Ft. Worth). The current plan is to make cars and tops (there will be some samples at the next meeting). In addition to turning, there are lots of other jobs so there is plenty of opportunity for everyone to participate. The toys will be distributed in December to children in need so this is the kind of project that is its own reward. Also, it is a great opportunity to work with fellow club members and get to know them better. Last year's efforts produced about 2,000 toys so lets set a goal of besting that number - 2,000 plus! It would be helpful if those who plan to attend the work day on September 27th would let me know. My e-mail address is wptiefel@prodigy.net or I can be contacted at telephone number 817-379-9533 or cell phone Number 817-939-8812. If you can't contact me in advance, please come anyway - there will be plenty of work to do. Also, if you can't make it on September 27th, plan on attending the next work session which will be on Saturday October 4th.

Paul Tiefel; Project Leader

Review of SWAT 2003

By most accounts, we had the best year ever. We have become a Texas non-profit Corporation, we have enacted Bylaws, we have re-organized the administration of the Symposium such that the woodturners now have complete hands-on control of the entire event. We are in the process of applying for 501 (c) 3 status with the IRS -- this will give us tax-exempt status and also make us eligible for Federal grants, such as the National Endowment for the Arts. We have learned of the wealth of volunteer talent amongst us, and of your willingness to share that talent with us. We have learned how to run the show by consensus and yet not have it look like it was put together by a committee. Everyone felt that the Symposium belonged to them, and this is a big part of the reason for its success. The final number of people registered for SWAT 2003 is a record 455. Our Symposium is the second largest Woodturning event in the USA, second only to the AAW National Symposium. Our previous record, set last year, was 418. This year we had 18 Vendors, about double what we have had in past years, and you supported them wonderfully -- we didn't hear of a single one who wasn't thrilled with the sales they had. Our 2 For 1 Raffle was very successful -- we sold \$6,162 worth of tickets. We had over 400 people at our first-ever Banquet, where we raffled 31 pieces of wood art generously donated by the premier turners in our region. Our Instant Gallery was spectacular -- we invested in display linen, gave it lots of secured space, and displayed over 300 pieces by 79 artists. We organized a program for the ladies which was sold out and very well received. We had a book-signing by 2 of our turner-authors. We adopted a new name for the Symposium -- SouthWest Association of Turners (SWAT), to reflect the increasingly regional nature of our Symposium. And while our final accounting is not ready yet, we will come out in the black, despite a number of big one-time expenses (lawyer bill, trailer, Inst. Gallery linen & signs).

By: Larry Genender

Jazz by the Boulevard: this weekend

Jazz by the Boulevard is this weekend Friday, September 19, 4:00pm to 11:00(artist hours 4-9) and Saturday Sept. 20 10:00pm -11:00(artist hours 10-9) The Woodturners of North Texas is looking for a few good women and men. The Woodturners of North Texas have a booth for demonstrating wood turning at Jazz by the Boulevard. For Friday we will need some volunteers to transport the lathes and other set up necessities to the show site. We can load in anytime between 9am and 3pm. We will also need folks to take turns at the lathes and handing out brochures and visiting with people. If you can help for either day or part of the day, please call Robert Brandt at 817-927-2622. This is a great opportunity for us meet the public and introduce them to the art of woodturning. We will have tables in the demo area for the display of member's art work. The club will also have a booth for show and sell. We still have a few spaces for show and sell. The booth fee for this booth will be divided among those who participate in the booth. This is a great opportunity for you to get your feet wet in the selling of your work without putting a lot of money into it. For more info about the show go to www.fortworthjazz.com Again please call Robert Brandt at 817-927-2622 for further information about the clubs participation and what and when you can help.

Thanks: Robert Brandt, vp

"Bring Back" Winners at Last Meeting

<u>Who Won</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Provided By</u>
Jim Duncan	Mesquite Lamp	Wyatt Compton
Phil Joins	Funnel Bowl	Steve Yauch
Ken Phillips	Can of brass filings	Mike Jones

Calendar of Events

Sept 19, 20 Jazz by the Boulevard
Fri, Sat Historic Camp Bowie Blvd.
<http://www.fortworthjazz.com/>

Sept 25 "Hands-On Session"
Thursday 5:00pm to 6:00pm, then
WNT Monthly Meeting: 7:00pm
200-B N. Vacek
Demo: Robert Brandt

Oct 7 WNT Directors Meeting
Tuesday 6:00pm at Angelo's BBQ

Oct 30 "Hands-On" Session
Thursday 5:00pm – 6:00pm, then
WNT Monthly Meeting: 7:00pm
200-B N. Vacek
Demo: Larry Genender

FOR SALE

1. 16 in. bed extension for a 3520
Powematic lathe (will not fit the
Model "A") \$ 250.00
Larry Roberts : 817-465-6397

2. Delta Lathe: Model 46-745
Excellent condition
42 inch between centers, 16 inch
swing. Heavy-duty, variable speed
Baldor motor, 1 1/4"x 8 tpi spindle.
Live center, drive center, 4" face
plate, 12" and 4" tool rest, knockout
bar, wrenches and manual.
Two years old. \$1375.00
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