

MAY 2004



A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Next Meeting: MAY 27th

Regular Meeting: 7:00 – 9:15pm

Riverside Community Center

3700 East Belknap st, Ft. Worth

Meeting will feature: Tom Crosby: Use of the Hoch tool and how to make your own!

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

Demonstrator: Tom Crosby

The May program for WNT will be none other than Tom Crosby. Many of you may know Tom for his duties as President of the East Texas Woodturners or as a member of DAW. Tom has been featured in the American Woodturner, 2003 winter issue, in the Member's Gallery. Recently he was awarded top prize in Rockler's nation wide contest. He will be doing a demonstration on hock tools. He has just picked up on a new version of the hock tool...this should be interesting. Along with a "how to use" a hock tool Tom will provide information on making you own tools at home. This will be a very good program...don't miss it!! *Lynn Blanchard*

Larry finally shares his secret!

Everyone seemed to like my Chile so I have decided, after much cajoling, to reveal my secret recipe. Until now I have shared this beautiful Chile recipe with only my loyal dog, Chibo. HERE IT IS;

- 1) to one partially empty tank add several gallons of fuel
- 2) shake thoroughly by driving to the nearest Sam's Wholesale Club
- 3) from the back of the store obtain 6-8 containers (frozen-not caned), best if marked "CHILE".
- 4) at front counter mix containers with U.S. Currency
- 5) in a large pot, over low heat mix with one "home made" prevarication and serve HOT.
- 6) BRAG LOWDLY AND OFTEN.

Please do not share this recipe with those who are naive.
Larry Roberts

Making Good Shavings

Are you a member of the American Association of Woodturners ("AAW")? If not, then you should consider joining today. There are a number of benefits to being a member of AAW for woodturners of all interests. You may have seen a copy of Woodturner Magazine or the AAW Directory that includes a very helpful resource guide. These are two of the better known benefits.

Here is a benefit that you may not know about – insurance. AAW provides liability insurance to its chapters, including the Woodturners of North Texas. This coverage applies to members of WNT ONLY if you are also an AAW member. If you are NOT an AAW member, you have no liability coverage other than your personal insurance. In summary, you are covered under the AAW policy if a claim is made against you for damages arising from a WNT activity. Again, you MUST be an AAW member to enjoy this coverage.

The cost of annual membership in AAW is \$35 for an individual. You can go to the AAW website to join at www.woodturner.org. Also, you should check out the website just to see what is going on. You can get all the info on the annual symposium coming up in July in Orlando.

There is some thought that the memberships of local chapters and AAW should be linked. One chapter recently required all of its members to join the AAW to support the national organization and to insure that all members enjoyed the AAW insurance coverage. This is NOT being discussed at WNT but at some point in the years to come this may be an issue that WNT is forced to consider.

I am no insurance expert but in business I dealt with a lot of liability concerns so I feel very confident in making the following statements. Liability during woodturning activities is a concern for chapters and AAW and until the first major claim occurs in the USA, it will continue to be a concern. After the first major claim (which we pray will never come) it will not be a concern, it will be a requirement. *Paul Tiefel*

New WNT Website

WNT Members, The WNT website has been moved to a new server and is now up and running thanks to Jeff Carrell and Jacques Blanchard. Use the following URL to access the site: "www.woodturnersofnorthtexas.org". Do not use any form of "soldontheinternet" to access the WNT site. Please be patient while the site is being updated. The most recent newsletter is now available from the site and other pages will be updated soon. *Paul Tiefel*

A Reminder to: "Show Your Work in Temple"

As a prelude to the 2004 SWAT Symposium, there will be an exhibition of 20-25 turned pieces during the month of August and September at the Cultural Arts Center (adjacent to the Mayborn Convention Center) in Temple Texas. Each of the Chapters supporting SWAT have been invited to choose two gallery quality works by their members to be included in the exhibition. We will also choose two alternates in the event additional pieces are needed. The pieces must be no larger than 10" in diameter and 13" high. Please bring your best work to the **May 27th** meeting where the two primary and two alternate pieces will be selected. The selection process:

1. Each entry piece will be placed on a specially marked table for viewing.
2. A board member will assign a number to each piece and place masking tape over the turner's name on the bottom of the piece.
3. Each WNT member will be given a ballot card to pick their first four choices by priority.
4. Ballots will be tabulated and announced at the end of the meeting.

Safety Catch

Simple Safety

It seems that most of the time when we have a safety lapse and have to explain a bandage, stitches, or some other bodily damage, it come from being careless about something we know well not to do. A couple of months ago I had to do a bring back, so I uncovered the lathe and got to work.

It was cool in the shop so I was wearing a Levis jacket, and as usual I had the cuffs unbuttoned. At one point I happened to look at my left arm and realized that I was very close to getting the sleeve between the tool rest and the turning. Just a bit more and I would have had some unexpected and unwelcome interaction between my clothing (if not my arm) and the lathe. I was fortunate.

Not all catches are between the tool and the turning. Check your clothing, etc for potential hazards.

James D. Haynes

Arlington Visual Arts Association ("AVAA") Invitation

The AVAA has invited WNT to perform a demonstration of woodturning at one of their monthly meetings this fall. More details will be available later but the date for which we are booked is Monday, November 8, 2004. This invitation arose from the strong showing by several WNT members at the 28th Annual AVAA Regional Visual Arts Exhibit earlier this year. This will be a great opportunity for WNT to share the art and craft of woodturning with the artistic community.

Paul Tiefel

Tage Frid finishing procedure:

I was going through some notes today and found the recipe for finishing that Howard Hale shared with us at his demo in March of this year. The finishing sequence was developed by Tage Frid and in case you did not get it written down, here it is:

1. Sand to 220 grit.
2. Apply thick coat of oil (i.e.: Watco Danish Oil, Tung Oil).
3. Allow oil to soak in for about 10 minutes and wipe off excess.
4. Allow oil to dry for 24 hours.
5. Scuff sand (sand lightly) with 220 grit.
6. Apply 1-2 coats of sanding sealer and let dry. Sanding sealer must be compatible with the finish you plan on using (i.e.: Use lacquer sanding sealer for lacquer finish).
7. Scuff sand with 220 grit.
8. Spray one or more coats of lacquer or other finish and let dry. (Semi gloss Lacquer recommended. Add more coats if more gloss desired).
9. Buff with steel wool grade 4-0 (#0000) to remove sheen and smooth out the finish.
10. Apply paste wax (Renaissance wax is best) and buff.
11. Like all finishes, you should do a test or two on scrap before you apply to a valuable work.

Good Luck, *Paul Tiefel*

WNT Family; Remembered

Bill Shadle ended his hard fought battle with cancer on May 8th. I don't suppose any WNT member ever heard Bill say a "discouraging word" during any of his trials with the treatments or pain of the disease. He will be remembered not only for his generosity and graciousness but also that he was the most comic "show and tell" presenter that we may ever see.

Don Grantham:

Those of you who have been in the WNT for a while remember Don Grantham and his wife Suzanna. Don passed away on May 10 and the memorial service was held May 17 at the Circle H Campgrounds. Don was 58 and a technical support director for Xerox. Suzanna died several years prior from Cancer. It was Suzanna who was responsible for the start-up of our annual Holliday Banquet.

Herman Meissner, Sue Horn's father, passed away on May 10th. The funeral will be in Longview, Texas at the Rader Funeral Home on May 21st. He passed on in a very peaceful state without pain with John and Sue at his side.

Our sympathy goes out to their families and many friends.

Calendar of Events

June 1	Board Meeting at Olive Garden – Bedford Eules Rd. Eat at 6pm – Meeting at 7pm	July 6	Board Meeting at Olive Garden – Bedford Eules Rd. Eat at 6pm – Meet at 7pm
June 10-12	Utah Woodturning Symposium	July 23-25	18 th Nat'l Woodturning Symposium
June 24	Regular Monthly Meeting Riverside Comm Center 7pm Demo: to be announced	Sept 17-18	Ft. Worth Jazz by the Blvd.
		Oct 1-3	Southwest Asso. Of Turners.

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