

Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

Next Meeting Date:
November 17, 2005
Meeting Start Time
6:30 PM
R.D. Evans
Recreational Center
3200 Lackland Rd.
Fort Worth, TX

**This Month's
Demonstrator:**
Pleas McKee

Finishing the Bottoms of Bowls

For our November Demonstration, Pleas McKee will present a program on techniques for finishing the bottoms of bowls.

Pleas began turning in 1989 after he saw a picture of one of Todd Hoyer's wing vessels. He did not know anybody else who did woodturning at the time so he taught himself. Pleas used the tools off and on for about six years before learning their names. And then, by chance, he

heard about Texas Turn-or-Two and went to see what other people were turning. After that, life has not been quite the same for Pleas McKee.

Pleas taught wood shop at a middle school (7th and 8th grade) for ten years and learned to teach woodturning to beginners. All of his demonstrations are geared for beginning students and reflect safety, proper tool use, majoring on the minors, if you will. He has been fascinated with finishing the bottoms of turnings and has used four techniques to produce them.

Pleas McKee's will demonstrate the three methods that he is the most comfortable with using: the jam chuck, donut, and Cole (or Jumbo) jaws. He will also discuss making, pros/cons, and demonstrate them in turning. While these are not the only methods, we are all still learning about woodturning, and as this is an interactive demonstration, club members are encouraged to ask questions, share experiences, and explore new ideas with the demonstrator!



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Holiday Banquet: Mark your calendars!

The WNT annual Holiday Banquet will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2005 at the R. D. Evans Recreation Center. The banquet is one of the highlights for the year. In addition to a great meal, we will raffle off many items and hold our annual auction of works donated by WNT members. For those new members, and those of us that are older with short memories, members donate some of their turnings and we have an old-fashioned auction of those pieces as part of our entertainment. If you have some turnings you would like to donate, either bring them to the November meeting or to the Banquet, and we will see how much money we can raise. All of the funds go into our General Budget for next year and allow us to put on better demonstrations, get more people involved in turning and invest in equipment for the club. The auction is a major fund-raiser for WNT and we need your best work to make it successful. It is time to start planning and preparing to donate some items to the auction.

Recognize the Santa on the cover of Woodturning Design?

You should, it's our own John Horn whose article on turning a nutcracker is featured in the Winter 2005 issue of Woodturning Design Magazine due to be out on November 15. A copy of the



magazine will be available in the club library. If you wish to subscribe, Woodturning Design may be contacted at 1-800-940-6591 or www.woodturningdesign.com. The cost is \$19.97 per year.

Making Good Shavings

The holiday season is upon us again. As you make your plans for the season please remember to schedule in the annual WNT Holiday Banquet because it is always a great event. It will be Saturday, December 10, at the R. D. Evans Recreation Center.

This will be my last newsletter article as president and I want to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to all of those who have helped support the activities of WNT over the past two years because you have made my job easier. I will not try to name every person to whom I am particularly grateful because so many have helped the chapter and I would almost certainly forget someone.

However, there is one person that I will name because he deserves special recognition. Larry Roberts has been a primary supporter of WNT since its inception and has been very helpful to me in my efforts to lead the chapter. Larry has been so generous to allow us to use his shop, to participate in chapter activities and he has also been a valuable resource of counsel to me. Larry, thanks for all you have done for WNT.

Regards,
Paul Tiefel



The 2005 D/FW Woodworking Show will take place at the Arlington Convention Center on December 9 – 11. Four area AAW Chapters will participate in a woodturning demonstration booth to promote woodturning. We need volunteers to man the booths, so mark your calendars. Since the WNT Holiday Banquet will be held on Saturday, December 10, other clubs will man the booth on that day. See the web site at: www.thewoodworkingshows.com for further information.

WNT Web Site

Change

The Woodturners of North Texas web site has a new URL (that's cyber-speak for new web address) that is now active and running.

The new URL is www.wntx.org. The web address for WNT that you have previously been using, www.woodturnersofnorthtexas.org, is still valid and either one can be used, however, the new URL is easier to type without making a typo error and winding up at some strange web site. The two web site addresses will let you view the exact same web pages. Because many people have the old URL bookmarked, we plan to keep both of them.

WNT Officers for 2006

The WNT club members present at the October meeting voted to accept the slate of candidates recommended by the nominating committee to serve for calendar year 2006. There were no other nominations made from the floor.

The names of the club officers elected for 2006 are as follows:
Stormy Boudreaux - President
Dewayne Hines - Vice President
John Horn - Activities
James Haynes - Treasurer
Dan Hudkins - Librarian
Linda Gryfon - Secretary
Bill Boehme - Newsletter

Empty Bowls 2006

A large number of club members reported in at the "mandatory" meeting at Larry Robert's shop on Saturday, October 29 and Sunday, October 30 to have fun turning bowls and do something worthwhile for many folks who really need it. The "mandatory" meeting was a Bowl Turning Workshop Day to kick off our support for the Empty Bowls Project annual fund raiser in February.

The Tarrant Area Food Bank will hold their annual Empty Bowls fund-raiser event on Friday, February 24th, 2006 at the Bass Hall and Maddox/Muse Complex in downtown Fort Worth. Empty Bowls is a benefit luncheon in which attendees are served soup, bread and desserts donated by local restaurants and food merchants. There is a ticket charge of \$25 for lunch that includes one bowl for each attendee. The bowls are donated by area artists and are displayed on tables in the hall where attendees may review them and choose one to take home. The Empty Bowls web site is www.emptybowls.org.

There will also be a "bump table" where attendees can choose a better quality bowl for an additional fee. A silent auction is also held where attendees may bid on gallery works.

WNT members have participated in this event for the past several years and we have learned that wood bowls are very popular. This year we would like to substantially increase our donation of bowls. We will not set a target number but we should be able to donate several hundred bowls.

With the coming of fall, it is time to get back in the shop. As you work on your projects, take time to make some bowls for this worthy cause.

A few of the mesquite bowls made at Larry Robert's shop during the Empty Bowls kick-off meeting on October 29 - 30.



October Bring-Back Drawing Winners

Here are the names of the October "Bring Back" winners: Sherrie Phillips, John Herber, James Haynes, Bill Boehme, Max Taylor, Alan Siebenthal, and Otto Loarca. If you were the winner if a turned item in October, please bring back a turning that you have made for the November "Bring Back" drawing.

Advertisements

GRIZZLY BANDSAW

Excellent condition with 16" wheels, 1.5 HP motor, metal stand, rip fence, and miter gauge. Can handle blades up to 1" wide. \$250.00 Devore Burch, 817-237-2454.

See WNT website ads page:
<http://www.wntx.org/ads/ads.html>
for the latest advertisements.

Rules for advertisements: Free ads are available only to WNT members. The deadline for submission or cancellation of an ad is the 10th of the month to be placed in that month's newsletter. Ads will only run for one issue unless notified otherwise. If you wish to continue running an ad for more than one month, please advise the editor, Bill Boehme, by the 10th of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor by the 10th of the month.

Calendar of Events

November 17 -

Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

NOTE: The meeting date has been moved up one week due to the Thanksgiving holiday

R.D. Evans Rec. Center 7:00pm

Demonstrator: Pleas McKee -- Finishing the Bottoms of Bowls

December 6 -

WNT Board meeting at The Olive Garden Restaurant in Ridgmar Town Center, 925 Alta Mere Dr (Hwy 183), (817) 732-0618 which is in west Fort Worth just north of Ridgmar Mall. All WNT members are invited to attend. If you would like to join the group for dinner, it begins at 6 PM and the business meeting starts at 7 PM.

December 10 -

Holiday Program

R.D. Evans Rec. Center 7:00pm

See the announcement on page 2 for further information on this annual event. Start planning now to put this event on your calendar and it is not too soon to begin turning things for the auction. We will soon be asking for volunteers to help in various aspects of preparation for the event and will also have sign-up sheets for various food items such as vegetables, breads, and desserts. We will also be looking for volunteers to cook the turkey and ham.

It is time to renew your membership in WNT for 2006. The cost is \$24 per year. Members are encouraged to elect to receive the club newsletter via e-mail notification when it has been posted on the WNT web site in order to reduce printing and mailing expenses.

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<http://www.wntx.org/>

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2006 Membership Application and/or Renewal

I hereby apply for membership in the Woodturners of North Texas (WNT). I understand the cost is \$24.00 per year and is prorated after January at \$2.00 per month for the months remaining in the calendar year.

Name: _____

Spouses Name: _____

Are you a member of AAW? _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: Home: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

Your Occupation: _____ (even if retired)

Full Time: _____ Part Time: _____ Retired: _____

E-mail Address (print clearly): _____

To save printing and mailing costs, the monthly newsletter is delivered via the WNT website (<http://www.wntx.org>). Members receive a notice via e-mail. If you do not have a computer and Internet access, check here to receive a paper copy via US Mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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(For office use only)

Amount

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