

# Woodturners of North Texas



A CHAPTER OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS



## Twentieth Anniversary Year

October 2007 Program:

### "Miniature Birdhouse Ornaments" by Bill Meador

#### Next Meeting:

**Thursday,  
October 25, 2007  
Start Time: 6:30 PM**

**R.D. Evans Recreational  
Center  
3242 Lackland Rd.  
Fort Worth, TX**

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Bill Meador, newsletter editor and webmaster of the Brazos Valley Woodturners, will be the guest demonstrator for our October program which



will cover the aspects of turning and assembling Birdhouse Ornaments.

Bill will address selection of woods/materials, the planning process as relates to the finished article, choices in turning methods, special tools



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President's message  
by Stormy Boudreaux

# ... making Good Shavings

Just got home after a wonderful SWAT 2007 weekend in Wichita Falls. Nearly every WNT member that went helped with selling Two-for-One Raffle tickets and video taping the presenters in the room that we hosted. There were many NEW tools in the vendor booths and great NEW tips, ideas, and techniques demonstrated by local and national turners. This coupled with the renewed camaraderie and socializing with members of other clubs from Houston to Missouri made for a truly enjoyable weekend of woodturning.

There were woodturners of all ages at the symposium, however it was refreshing to see so many young faces among the old-timers.

There were some amazing items in the instant gallery that must be seen to be believed. It was like walking through a museum or toy store for wood turners: bowls and vessels of all shapes and non-wood materials such as Corian and Trex, little boxes from real nuts with hand-chased

threaded lids, chess sets, tea sets and five foot high pepper mills. How I actually got away without buying my wife one of the turned items that were for sale is a mystery.

**Important Reminder** – the President's Challenge for the November meeting is to turn a **HANDLE** (any kind of handle).

And lastly, a very important bit of information is that the November meeting date has been changed to be on **Thursday, November 15** (this is a change from the normal schedule of the last Thursday of the month). This change means that the meeting will be *two weeks earlier than usual*. The reason for the change is because of the annual Holiday Banquet being held on December 1 this year.

Keep your tools sharp and your safety gear on...

*And make good shavings!*  
*Stormy*



# Thank You, SWAT Volunteers

SWAT 2007 in Wichita Falls was a great event that could not have happened as well as it did were it not for all of the volunteer effort. A large number of our own members also volunteered with several of the activities. Thank you to all of our members who pitched in to help make this a success.

The following members helped run the video cameras and sound system in one of the demonstration rooms: Mike Jones, David Marshal, Jim Bragdon, John Boyle, Fred Denke, Dewayne Hines, John Horn, Randy Johnson, Kieth Johnson, Steve Yauch, Steve Ott, and Bill Boehme.

Additionally, our club took the responsibility of selling raffle tickets: John Herber, Dewayne Hines, Jim and Terri Tanksley, Mike Jones,

Stormy Boudreaux, Wayne Clowers, John Horn, Randy Johnson, Dave and Tracy Marshall, and James Haynes who also served as the auditor).

In addition, James Haynes also took on his normal volunteer task of selling shirts and hats and assisting with registration.

Hopefully, we did not forget to mention anyone who volunteered to help with these activities.

We sold \$7,350 of tickets which equates to approximately 8,950 raffle tickets. Everyone worked hard and did a great job! Walter Tate was very pleased with the outcome.



## “Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the September drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the October 2007 “Bring Back” drawing. The rules for the “Bring Back” drawing are that winners of a turned item must bring a turned item of their own creation to the next meeting and the winners of any other item must bring something that would be of interest to woodturners. That would include, but is not limited to something that you turned, a tool or jig, wood, book, or magazine. If you have fallen behind in bringing a turned item for the “Bring Back” drawing, now is the time to make up for any items that you owe and please remember to bring a turning to the July meeting. Here is a list of the September “Bring-Back” winners:

| NAME              | TURNUED ITEM          |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Wayne Ealey       | Ambrosia Maple Block  |
| Dwight Schoneweis | Cocobolo Pen          |
| Kirby Wright      | Square Edge Container |
| Floyd May         | Maple/Walnut Box      |
| Dwight Schoneweis | Pen Kit               |
| James Haynes      | Mesquite Bowl         |
| Fred Denke        | Oak Box               |
| John Boyle        | 2 Bottle Stoppers     |
| Larry Roberts     | Door Stop             |
| Jacques Blanchard | Unk Wood Pen          |
| Chelsea Deakins   | Door Stop             |
| John Herber       | Platter               |

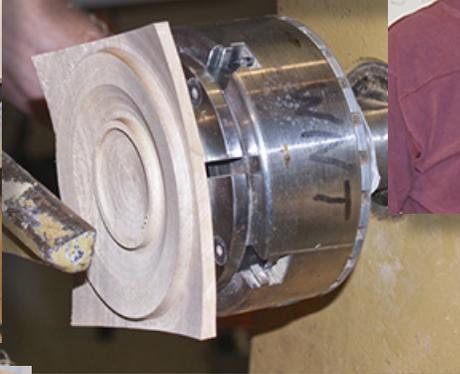
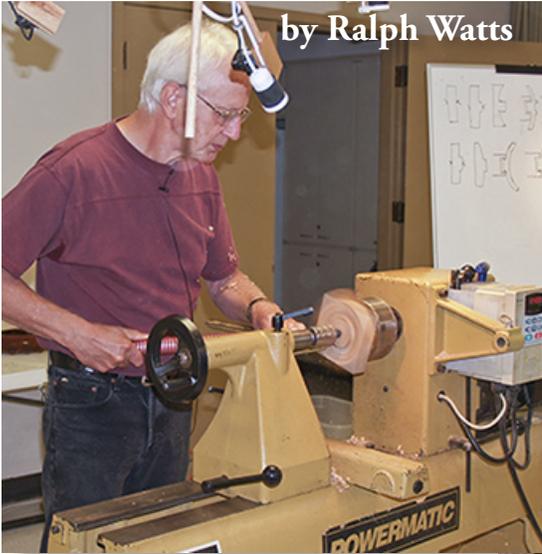
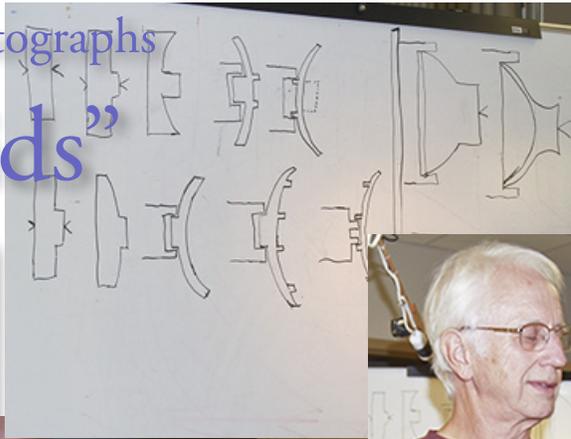
| NAME         | NON-TURNED ITEM     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Wayne Fitch  | Figured Maple Block |
| Jim Humphrey | FOG Bowl Blank      |



September Program Photographs

# “Legs & Lids”

by Ralph Watts



*("Turning Birdhouses" - continued from page 1)*

which make the process easier, tips and techniques for avoiding tear out in void spaces, and lastly he will discuss finishing alternatives. His goal is to get the audience to think "outside the round". Turning a birdhouse is in itself pretty straight forward, but to make your ornaments special, there are as Captain Kirk liked to say on Star Trek, "always possibilities".

He will address some new approaches to tool selection and business end grinding. He uses a square ground Euro Gouge vice a roughing gouge for the basic shaping, and two detail gouges with double bevels for the shaping of the finials and acorns. He will also point out how the three-point tool provides an excellent method for adding relief in tight places. Other tools that will be presented include the Berger tool, 1/4" round Skew, the fluted Parting too, and special hollowing tools for the not so parallel alternative shapes.

Bill Meador's interest in woodturning began in 1976 at the State Fair in Bosie, Idaho as he watched a sales representative from Shopsmith turn some old fashioned clothes pins. At the time, pricing was out of his range, but the idea stuck. Almost twenty years later, at another fair in Albuquerque, New Mexico, he saw another Shopsmith demonstration and made the deal to purchase one with all the turning accessories. At the time, he had never seen a true lathe, nor did he know that there were turning chapters and clubs, or such a thing as the AAW. Shortly after getting his Shopsmith, he went to the local Woodworkers Supply store, and walked into a demonstration by the Albuquerque Chapter of the AAW, and the rest as they say is history. Bill has been turning for fourteen years, having used the Shopsmith, then moved on to a Delta, followed by a Nova, and finally the Powermatic. His turning interests are truly varied, as he makes everything from pens to hollow forms. He sees himself as more of a craftsman than artist, as he enjoys the challenge of a new technique as much as anything.



## ... from the Editor

The club purchased new software earlier this year for creating the newsletter layout and the annual picture directory. The new software, Adobe InDesign, is significantly different from the old software, Adobe PageMaker so I have been teaching myself how to make the transition. Change isn't easy and I miss many of the familiar features of the old software, but is slowly riding off into the sunset while InDesign comes equipped with many features not found in PageMaker. Hopefully, I will clean up the rough edges and tear out caused by the transition in the next couple months.

SWAT was incredible this year! I don't know how many of our members were there, but I noticed that our members seemed to be everywhere. The programs were great. There were so many demonstrations going on that it was very difficult to decide on which ones to attend. I also noticed that many of our members had volunteered to perform some of the essential tasks such as selling shirts and hats, raffle tickets, and operating the audio/video equipment in one of the demonstration rooms. See the list of volunteers on page 3 and I hope that nobody's name was left of the list.

Remember the Empty Bowls Project. There is not much time remaining to turn the bowls that you plan to donate.

There is a Mentor Day coming up very soon -- November 10. If you have an interest in learning a new skill or improving on some aspect of turning, check the sign-up sheet at the October meeting. We have many club members who have volunteered to serve as members.

Lastly, Rockler Hardware in Arlington has requested our club's participation in a woodturning demonstration on October 20.

*BRB*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**The November meeting**  
**will be on Thursday,**  
**November 15, 2007**  
**(This is two weeks**  
**earlier than usual)**

**Advertisements**

**Anchorseal®**

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$8.00 per gallon. It is being stored at Larry Roberts' place, 6409 Calender in southwest Arlington. Contact James Haynes for payment.

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

Rules for advertisements: Free adds are available only to WNT members. The deadline for submission or cancellation of an ad is the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.



**Calendar**

**NOTE:** The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month. Board meetings are held at **Jason's Deli**, 6422 Camp Bowie, south of I-30. Check the WNT web site for any updates. 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.

**October 25** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Bill Meador**

**November 6** - WNT Board meeting -- see above for location and time.

**November 15** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **John Solberg and Peter Tkacs (The Blues Brothers)** present Vacuum Chucking

**NOTE THAT THE NOVEMBER MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO NOVEMBER 15 WHICH IS TWO WEEKS EARLIER THAN THE NORMAL MEETING DATE.**

**December 1** - WNT Annual Christmas Holiday Banquet. Remember to start turning some of your best work as donations for the auction. This is our major annual fund raiser for the clubs operating budget. There will be many drawing prizes and lots of wonder food. Everyone is asked to bring a vegetable and either a salad or dessert. More details will be announced at the next meeting.

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