

Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

May 2009 Program:

Ken Rodgers
presents:

Deep Hollowing Techniques



Ken Rodgers became involved in woodturning in 1991. His first lathe was a Sears tubular lathe. He joined the Woodturners of North Texas later that year and learned a lot from Clay Foster, Larry Roberts, and other mentors in the club. In 1996 he helped start the Dallas Area Woodturners club and has been the newsletter Editor, an

Audio/Visual geek, and Webmaster almost from the start. He also maintained his membership with WNT until a few years ago when the drive from Richardson after getting off work got to be too much. Currently he works as a Technical Writer for Fujitsu but plans to retire later this year.

Ken served as a volunteer videographer for the Woodturners of North Texas for many programs in the past, but this will be his first time to demonstrate in front of the cameras at his former club.

open-sided vessels last year at SWAT. You can see representa-



tive turnings in his gallery at http://www.dallaswoodturners.com/kr_gallery_main.html.

This month Ken will demonstrate some

If you go to SWAT this year you will see him as one of the Audio-Visual managers. He demonstrated turning

deep hollowing techniques, including the use of a Sorby style

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Next Meeting:

Thursday,

May 28, 2009

Start Time: 6:30 PM

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

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President's message
by Dave Marshall

... making
Good
Shavings

Giving back...Paying it forward...Chipping in...Stepping forward... Offer services...Put at one's disposal...Take initiative... no matter what you call it, Volunteerism is at the heart of our club. We are all active in many endeavors in our lives ranging from church, neighborhood, community, professional organizations, PTA, etc. Many of us devote many hours to support these groups because we agree with their core concepts and more importantly, they need our help to exist; to run smoothly. The Woodturners of North Texas club is no different. Our mission statement is to promote and perpetuate the art and craft of woodturning; to provide a place to meet to talk and exchange ideas and to conduct educational demonstrations and seminars. We do all this and we do it on a voluntary basis because we, hopefully, enjoy doing it! Our club has many opportunities for members to "step forward." I want to encourage every one of you to join the ranks of volunteer in our club – we need you!

I've been thinking lately about all the great things that folks in our club do for others. Now, don't get me wrong, we quite often volunteer our time and services quid pro quo. Club members this month will spend time doing turning demonstrations at the Log Cabin Village on Saturday, May 16th and at the Rockler store in Arlington on May 23rd. Louis

Oberheu and Randy Johnson are heading these two events, respectively. We'll set up lathes and do basic turning demos to help promote the art/craft of woodturning; but we will also promote our club; and in a sense also promote the Log Cabin Village and Rockler store. When we do this, these other organizations, in turn, promote us back. "Ahhh...the circle of giving.'

Other club members who are "giving back": Matt Rabe, through his AAW grant is promoting woodturning in elementary and middle schools and John Horn's annual support of Arts Day at the Smithfield Elementary School in Richland Hills. Two excellent examples of cultivating new turners that will one day be our peers.

Does speaking or giving a demo make you weak in the knees? No worry; help us out in other ways. Think of our Mentor Days. Volunteers providing one-on-one instruction from turning basics to tool making. We are so fortunate have in our ranks these mentors and teachers like Mike Jones, Wayne Clowers, Larry Roberts, et. al. Have a special skill or know of a unique technique? "Pay it forward" next time and volunteer to be a mentor for a day.

Still not comfortable? Don't worry; we still want you to get engaged. Most of you know who/how our meeting room gets set up at the

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Deep Hollowing ... (continued from page 1)

arm-brace with a hook tool versus the use of a stabilizer bar and laser pointer.



He will also show other hollowing tricks in how to minimize the difficulties while maximizing the resulting deep hollowing art form. He will compare the trials and tribulations of going through a narrow opening versus using a wider opening.



Ultimately he will demonstrate a technique of hollowing a vase through a relatively large opening and then how to cleverly add a rim that makes

it appear that the hollowing was done through a small opening.

His latest art form exploration has been pierced masks and, if time permits, he will show some aspects of how those are made from a thin-wall end-grain vase.



Making Good Shavings ... (continued from page 2)

R. D. Evans Community Center ... yep, with club volunteers. Dr. Gill hauling the club trailer every month, not to mention that he is instrumental in maintaining that trailer, setting up the A/V equipment, providing shop space for training and hosting out of town guests! Wow! Above and beyond the call of duty, don't you think? Paul Barjon "taking the initiative" and helping out last month when our club secretary Terry Tanksley was home ill. It was noticed and appreciated. All those folks that helped pick up and deliver lathes for the Alan Lacer classes, as well as, cutting blanks for the students. This stuff doesn't happen by magic; it takes help from all of us. Even setting up the chairs and tables before the meeting and then putting them all away after, is something that we always need help with. Hell, we even have people that are not members of our club that volunteer for us to the betterment of our club ... a shout out to Andrew Wills and the work he has done these past few months to enhance our audio and visual realm. Spouses that help with taking gallery photos (Penny Kilpatrick), prepping for the Christmas banquet or our annual picnic, or just supporting us in our daily effort to make shavings in our shop.

As you can see, it takes a lot of people to make our club what it is. And I can guarantee that we always need people to "step up to the plate" to help us put on a meeting or demo... we need and want you! Our community needs and wants you to "pay some forward" to "give back." There's real enjoyment in seeing that twinkle in a kid's eye when they first put tool to wood. They are our club's future ... we need to nourish it.

We'll see you at the next club meeting on the 28th.

Good shavings to all,

Dave



“Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the April 2009 drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the May 2009 “Bring Back” drawing. The rules have changed and you can see the “Making Good Shavings” column in March 2009 newsletter for updated guidelines on the “Bring Back” drawing. Winners of any turned item should bring back a replacement turned item of their own creation to the next meeting and winners of any other item such as tools or wood are encouraged to also bring a turned item that they have created in lieu of a non-turned item. 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 May meeting. Here is a list of the April Bring-Back winners.

NAME	ITEM DESCRIPTION
Ken Cardin	Tool Rod Pack
John Lauderbaugh	“Fundamentals of Sharpening”
Jim Humphrey	Tool Rod Pack
Jimmie Gill	Slimline Pen Kit
Tom Beatty	Banksia Pod and Box
Stormy Boudreaux	Bowl
Susan Cardin	Walnut Bowl
Jim Tanksley	Poplar Lidded Box
Dewayne Hines	Pine Bowl



... from the Editor

The date of the annual Woodturners of North Texas picnic is June 13 and will be held at the home of Jimmie and Mary Gill, 3425 Meadow Oaks Drive in Haltom City. All family members are invited to attend. The final details will be announced at the club meeting on May 28. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided.

Everything else is potluck, so bring your favorite salad, picnic side dish, and/or dessert. If you have more than one favorite, don't be bashful -- bring both favorites. Did I mention that desserts are always welcome? In



addition to the great food and fellowship, there are other activities such as swimming, woodturning, and a trailer work day.

This year, the twenty-third annual AAW symposium will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on June 26 through 28. The resident artist will be Jean-Francois Escoulen. The major demonstrators for the symposium include Nick Cook, J. Paul Fennell, Emmet Kane, Virginia Dotson, Peter Hromek, Mike Mahoney, and Rolly Munro, David Nittmann, David Springett, John Wessels. The complete symposium schedule will feature more than 140 rotations, a dozen more events targeted for professional/studio turners, and Special Interest Night for pen turning, segmented work, ornamental turning, and more.

It is almost the middle of the year and not too soon to begin turning bowls for the next Empty Bowls Project. I hope that you will consider supporting this very worthwhile charitable event.

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Advertisements

Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$9.00 per gallon. It can be purchased at club meetings and at other times is being stored at Jimmie Gill's place, 3425 Meadow Oaks Dr. in Haltom City. Contact James Haynes for payment.

See the [WNT website ads page](#) for the latest information on what other members have for sale.

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

NOTE: The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at the R. D. Evans Recreational Center, 3242 Lackland Rd., Forth Worth, Texas. Board meetings are held at **Schlotzsky'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.

May 28 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Ken Rodgers -- Deep Hollowing Techniques**

June 2 - WNT Board Meeting

June 25 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Glynn Cox -- Piercing Techniques**

July 7 - WNT Board Meeting

July 30 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Delbert Dowdy -- Turning Items from Antlers**

August 4 - WNT Board Meeting

August 27 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Mike Jones -- Turning Negative Space**

September 1 - WNT Board Meeting

September 24 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **John Horn -- How to Hold Just About Anything**

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