

# Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

## March 2010 Program:

### Next Meeting:

Thursday,  
March 25, 2010  
Start Time: 6:30 PM

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

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# Long-stemmed Goblets

by  
David  
Dick

David Dick, of Austin, will be the featured demonstrator at our March meeting. His topic, "Long-Stemmed Goblets on the Mini-Lathe", will show some easy ways to join parts of the goblet together which will allow a turner of any skill level to achieve a long-stemmed goblet of any length. The hollowing of the goblet will be done with a spindle gouge which is an extremely efficient end grain hollowing tool. He will show an easily made alternative to the skew, and an easy way to produce mortise and tenon joinery on the lathe. Two tools that he loves to use

are the skew and the skew-chi gouge. He will use both of them in the demo. Dick has a tip or two that lets his students start to use a skew easily. Nothing beats practice.

David has been turning for about 17 years. He started by making a lot of pens for sale. As his interest in pens wound down he started turning parts for other people's broken furniture. David is a Past President of the Central Texas Woodturners and a professional contract woodturner. To this day he considers himself more of a spindle turner than a bowl turner.



President's message

by Dave Marshall

# ... making Good Shavings

March ...my favorite time of the year. March is when we can all stop and catch our breath from all the bustling of other month's holidays and activities. March is when we can really start focusing on those things that are so important to us woodturners....

Like college basketball and March Madness! If you are a lucky fan like I am, your team is ranked number one in the country (Rock Chalk!), they've been playing pretty consistent lately, and the all the Bracketology reports indicate that the Jayhawks will be in the Final Four. So, what does this have to do with woodturning? Not a darn thing, really...but its still fun to talk about! Now, I don't want to jinx them or anything, so I better go out to the woodpile and find something to "knock on."

While I'm at the woodpile, I might as well pick out a few pieces to turn in between all these games this month. Because March is a great month to do woodturning! It's not too hot where your shavings stick to your sweaty skin; it's not too cold where that tool steel freezes to your hands. It's just the perfect time of year to turn. No real commitments to worry about; no Empty Bowls; no SWAT; no president's challenge this month... just simple time to

turn stuff that you've been wanting to get to or try. I encourage you to take advantage of March

and get out to those lathes! And actually, some of you do have commitments that you need to keep; if you won an item from last month's Bring-back Raffle, please make sure that you turn and return an item for this month's raffle.

David Dick from the Central Texas Woodturners Association club in Austin will be our guest for this month's meeting. David is an accomplished turner and will present an interesting demo on long-stemmed goblets. This should be apropos for our March theme... long-stemmed goblets aren't something that we turn everyday; they're not very functional but they look cool and they require some skill to turn. Well, Dave is going to show us his tips and tricks on turning these fascinating goblets. If I had to guess, you better get out to your shops to put a scary-sharp edge on your skewers and do a little practicing with it.

Spaces for Bob Rosand's classes in April are filling up fast! If you didn't get a chance to sign up at the last month's

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# Robert Rosand

## WNT Hands-on Demonstrator

*for* April 2010



Over the last several months you have been hearing about Bob Rosand coming to demonstrate and teach hands-on classes for us in April. At the club meeting on Thursday, February 25th you will have the opportunity to register for the hands-on classes that will be offered.

The tuition for each of the hands-on classes is \$100 per day which is due at the time you register. You may register for as many days as you wish as long as there is an opening. Classes will be limited to six per class. Since there are only two club meetings before the classes start, you are encouraged to register early before the class you would like to attend is filled. Registration will be limited to WNT members until March 25th. If there are any spaces still available after the club meeting on March 25th, registration will be open to anyone who would like to attend a hands-on class with Bob Rosand.

Below are the scheduled classes.

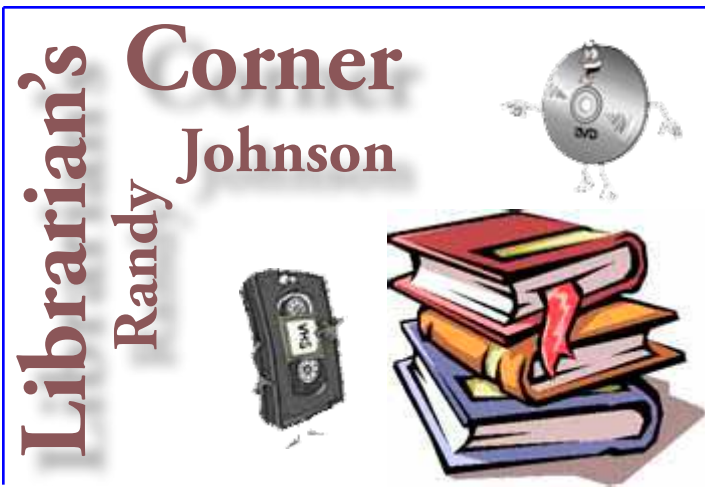
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| Saturday, April, 17th  | All Day Demo  |
| Sunday, April, 18th    | Bowls & Platters  |
| Monday, April, 19th    | Christmas Ornaments   |
| Tuesday, April, 20th   | Bowls & Platters (Repeat of first class)                      |
| Wednesday, April, 21st | Making and Using the Bent Angle Hollowing Tool and Round Skew |
| Thursday, April, 22nd  | Lidded Box  |

If you are not familiar with Bob Rosand and his work, you can find information about him on his web site at: <http://www.rrosand.com>.

His video "Turning Projects from Scrap" is a classic and one that I would highly recommend to any turner, beginner or advanced. If you are an AAW member, the DVD or VHS tape sells for \$19.00 on the AAW web site at <http://www.woodturner.org>.

Bob primarily turns small to medium sized objects that can be completed in a relatively short period of time. He is recognized as an excellent teacher and demonstrator. His style of demonstrating and teaching is an easy going, relaxed presentation that puts everyone at ease and promotes confidence in the student. Whether a person is an absolute beginner at woodturning or very advanced, having instruction from Bob Rosand will be a very worthwhile experience that you won't forget.





## VIDEO REVIEW

subject: TORMEK®:Sharpen Less - Turn More

By Randy Johnson

Last year I received a DVD in Woodturning Design (you really should subscribe to this fine magazine) and although the subject of the DVD was extremely interesting, I put it away and thought no more about it. In one of my few moments of house cleaning I came across the DVD again and even though I do not own a Tormek sharpening system, curiosity made me view it. I am sure many of you do own one. I know for a fact that Bill Boehme is intimately familiar with his (keep the pointy end down next time Bill.) As I was saying, after viewing the DVD it was clear it would make a great addition to the library. So here is my review of the 1 hour and 20 minute Tormek DVD.

The DVD is divided into two sections: a menu on Sharpening and a menu on Turning Tips. Within the sharpening menu there are eight categories of using the Tormek system and attachments:

1. TNT System Fundamentals
2. Bowl Gouges
3. Spindle Gouges
4. Roughing Gouges

5. Skew Chisels
6. Scrapers
7. Parting Tools
8. Specialty Tools

The turning tips section is a great section for beginning turners and covers four areas:

1. Side Grind Bowl Gouges
2. Fingernail Grind Spindle Gouges
3. Skew Chisels
4. Scrapers and Scraping techniques

This video has detailed instructions on using the Tormek sharpening system and the various attachments to need to sharpen turning tools, presented by Jeff Farris. Even though this video only addresses turning tools, the Tormek system is capable of a whole lot more than just sharpening turning tools, items like scissors, knives, axes, and so forth. While the other items are mentioned, Jeff refers to the Tormek manual that comes with each machine on how to sharpen tools other than turning tools. Even in the specialty tool section only the Bedan is shown being sharpened. The detailed instruction booklet is where the viewer is directed for other tools like the spindle master that is shown but not demonstrated in the video.

Special note for the Turning Tips section - If you are not in the market for, or do not own a Tormek sharpening system, the turning tips section alone is well worth the viewing. Within this section are hints on direction of cuts and even the comment that in woodturning there are no absolutes and many times the turner will have to cut in the direction the wood wants to be cut not necessarily the direction it should be cut. Bowl techniques are shown on how to start an interior cut; shear scraping is demonstrated as a technique and not necessarily a technique for just one tool. A goblet is turned and

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the skew is shown for certain cuts that no other tool can make. Yes Larry, it can do other things other than open paint cans. Scraping was demonstrated as a technique not just specific to scrapers. Almost any tool can scrape and scraping is presented as more of a finishing technique than bulk wood removal technique. Along with scraping, shear scraping was more than adequately presented.

The TNT Sharpening system uses a wet stone at slow speed to give the turner extremely sharp cutting edges. If you won't believe me then ask Bill Boehme. He can not only tell you but probably show you some evidence of how sharp his tools are. There are two machines available: the T3 and the T7. The chart below chart lists some of the differences.

| Characteristics  | T3*       |        | T7     |
|------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Weight (lbs)     | 16.3      | 32     |        |
| Frame material   | Plastic   |        | Steel  |
| Wheel size (in.) | 8 x 1 5/8 | 10 x 2 |        |
| Motor (watts)    | 120       |        | 200    |
| Duty Cycle (%)   | 50        |        | 100    |
| Carrying Handle  | No        |        | Yes    |
| Cost (\$)        | 339.95    |        | 589.99 |

\* T3 does not include the SP-650 grader stone and the TT-50 truing grinder attachment

The following is a partial list of some of the attachments you will see in the video:

SVD-185 bowl jig with insert cutter arm

SCD-110 tool rest

SVS-50 multi jig with open and closed seats

TTS-100 angle gauges

SP-650 Grader stone

TT-50 truing the grind stone jig

LA-120 profile honing wheels

LA-124 narrow profile honing set

MH-380 Dust Cover

US-105 Universal support (you are encouraged to buy an extra one of these)

Neither machine comes with all of the attachments you may need in woodturning but Tormek offers a wood turners kit for only \$289.95. After seeing the video and all the attachments that I may need and paying tax would push the cost to just below \$1000 for a total system for my wood turning needs. Is it worth it? Only you can answer that question. There is no doubt that this is an excellent and very versatile system. If you want a system capable of putting a superior edge on your turning tools give the Tormek due consideration. Just realize it will take you a while to shape a new gouge out of the package into the shape you want because no tool comes out of the package ready to use. This makes the Tormek a very slow tool shaping machine and you

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may wish to get the tools into the shape you want on a dry grinder and then do the final shaping on the Tormek to speed up the process. Please check out this video and give a viewing and you will come away impressed with the Tormek system, I know I did. Happy turning.



## Last Month's Program

Devore Burch gave a presentation about his "weird bowls". He brought quite a few of them to show and discussed how they were made. His talk also pointed out how much things have changed since he started turning (a mere 85+ years ago,) yet it was obvious that the difference in technologies and techniques are not what makes a good turner "good." It was a real pleasure to hear him speak and hopefully the knowledge he passed on and the experiences he related to us will help us as we continue with this hobby of ours.



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meeting, please give John Horn or James Haynes a call to secure your spot. Again, we'll have an all-day demo with Bob on Saturday, April 17 at the community center (\$10 attendance fee) and classes will start on Sunday (\$100 tuition per day). If there is any class slots open by the next club meeting, you are welcome to enroll and pay the nominal tuition then. Otherwise, we will offer the opportunity to other wood-turning club members in the area (Dallas, Golden Triangle, etc). If you have yet to pay your tuition for your selected class, please get a check into the mail to James Haynes.

As mentioned at last month's meeting, a Mentor Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 27. Because this date is just a couple of days after our next scheduled meeting, please visit our web site to sign up for a session ([www.wntx.org](http://www.wntx.org)). Remember that openings are limited so don't procrastinate – sign up now! The planned sessions are: Big Bowls with Jim Tanksley; Penturning with Randy Johnson; Skew Skills with John Horn and Peppermills with Stormy Boudreaux. We hold these Mentor Days for our club members to get some hands-on experience in areas of interest to them. There is no charge to participate; there is no need to be shy about signing up. We do this so that we all can learn from each other.

Alright... March is ticking away fast. Get out to those lathes and turn something frivolous to show us at the next meeting. We'll see you on the 25th.

Good shavings to all,

*Dave*



# ... from the Editor

Since the Mentor day is right after our March meeting, I thought I would provide the sign up information and the schedule one more time. We have a scheduled Mentor Day this Saturday, March 27. The Club meeting being on Thursday leaves us little time to have folks sign up for these 4 sessions, so we are going to try a virtual sign-up.

We have 4 sessions:

**Big Bowls** with Jim Tanksley (2 openings & bring your own big ol' piece of wood)

**Penturning** with Randy Johnson (2 openings)

**Skew Skills** with John Horn (3 to 4 openings & bring your skewers)

**Peppermills** with Stormy Boudreaux (4 to 6 openings)

Go to this web site and sign up (first come - first served):

<http://wntx.org/frontpageimages/signup.html>

The Mentor will get in touch with you soon about location and any other details.

Please help make this Mentor Day a success. Maybe we can squeeze in another one this year.

JVC

## “Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the February 2010 drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the March 2010 “Bring Back” drawing. The rules have changed and you can see the “Making Good Shavings” column in the 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 replacement 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 February meeting.

### Turned Items

| Name             | Description   |
|------------------|---------------|
| Cecil Wester     | Pen           |
| Allen Bostick    | Pen           |
| Bill Collins     | 2 platters    |
| John Lauderbaugh | Solar Eclipse |
| Max Taylor       | Pen           |
| Chas Thornhill   | bowl          |
| Carrol Sprenger  | bowl          |

### Non-Turned Items

| Name         | Description   |
|--------------|---------------|
| Bob Stroud   | turning blank |
| Fred Denke   | turning blank |
| Sharon Ayres | turning blank |
| Jim Bragdon  | turning blank |



## 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 web site 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 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, John Chandler, 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 at the R. D. Evans Recreational Center, 3242 Lackland Rd., Fort Worth, Texas. Board meetings are held at **Tommy's**, 5228 Camp Bowie, north 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 6:30 PM.

**March 25** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **David Dick -- Long-Stemmed Goblets**

**April 17** - All Day Demo, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Robert Rosand**

**April 18 - 22** - Hands On Classes with Robert Rosand, Location will be provided in next newsletter and at the meetings  
*Instructor: Robert Rosand*

**April 29** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Larry Anderson -- Tool Making on the Lathe**

**May 27** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **TBD**

June 24 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: Ken Rodgers -- **Platters**

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