

# Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

## August 2010 Program:

# Secrets of Turning Backyard Pine

by **Janice Levi**

### Next Meeting:

**Thursday,  
August 19, 2010  
Start Time: 6:30 PM**

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

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Janice Levi began turning in 2001 when a television show on woodturning revived a childhood interest she had experienced when her father let her hold various tools and make cuts in spindles mounted on an old Sears lathe. Upon receiving a new lathe for her birthday, she immediately joined the local organization, Gulf Coast Woodturners Association, which has an outstanding mentoring and teaching program.

Woodturning became a passion and she wanted to learn as much as possible as soon as possible. A few months after joining the club, she signed up for her first day long

hands-on class with a guest turner by the name of Richard Raffin. What a way to get started!

Over the years, she has continued to explore many facets of turning. She enjoys making delicate finials for boxes and ornaments. She has more recently become interested in turning common pine—a wood she was warned to avoid years ago. She also likes trying her hand at enhancing turnings with dyes, carving, wood burn- ing and other treatments.

She was not just interested in learning to turn, however; she was also

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President's message

by Dave Marshall

# ... making Good Shavings

Have you noticed it yet? Look off into the west sky in the evenings....yep, the days are getting shorter! But don't stay out there looking too long because the temperatures will still sear the skin right off your bones.

Just in time too as August is a very short month for us wood turners in north Texas. We have our monthly meeting this Thursday, the 19th! We welcome Janice Levi to Fort Worth from the Gulf Coast Woodturners club. We are pleased to have Janice come present to us the "Secrets of Turning Backyard Pine." Janice presented this topic at last year's SWAT and if you missed it, you missed some interesting secrets and tips about turning pine. Y'all have turned some pine at some point in your life....it's cheap and accessible but quite often turns like fecal matter. Well, Janice is going to help us out. Don't miss it!

Speaking of short; I feel that we were all "shorted" at the last Club meeting in regards to our Bring-Back Raffle. Yeah, I know it's hot and it's summer and people are on vacation and such, but that raffle pot was just pathetic! We only had two nice "re" turnings and one nice turning block. This resulted in a Club record low of only 19 ticket sales. Because of the dismal pot, I am asking every Club member to turn a little something for this month's Bring-Back Raffle. Those of you that owe a turning are encourage to turn two items (or donate the suggested "waive" fee or "get out of jail" fine of \$20)! Don't be short sighted.... the real purpose of the raffle is to help get you out to the lathe and make something that our other Club members can win and display in their collection.

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interested in being a part of the process for promoting woodturning. She served on the GCWA Board in 2002 and became a two-term president from 2003-2004.

After 35 years as a drama teacher and alternative school counselor, she retired and moved with her husband to the central Texas area. After taking off two years from turning (she was the general contractor for building her new house), she was glad to get back to it. As soon as she could get her lathes unpacked, she joined the Brazos Valley Woodturners in the Waco area. She currently is serving as president. They are a small club, but a growing group. Again, her focus is on promoting woodturning, especially with younger turners. She is also serving as vice-president-elect of the Southwest Association of Turners (SWAT).

Her turnings have appeared in several shows: (1) Galveston Grand Opera House Eight Artist Show featuring Hurricane Ike turned wood—2010, (2) Houston Center for Contemporary Craft juried show, "Texas Turned"—2009, (3) Houston Center for Contemporary Craft juried show, "Wood Turned Art"—2005, (4) Houston Woodcarver's Show—2004.

She has enjoyed demonstrating for her local clubs—Gulf Coast Woodturners and Brazos Valley Woodturners. She was also a regional demonstrator in the 2009 Southwest Association of Turners Symposium. Her pieces have been in the Fleury Gallery, Houston, TX; Eagles Nest Gallery, La Porte, TX; and Ice House Pottery and Gallery, Luling, TX

In a short two weeks, SWAT will be taking place in Waco (August 27-29). You can still register at the door. This symposium is one of the largest, regional woodturning extravaganzas in the world. You shouldn't really miss it. It's in your own backyard! There'll be great demonstrations, vendor displays and sales and woodturning camaraderie. Be there or be square (ooh, that takes on some new meaning when you are referring to woodturning!).

In the next short couple of months, we will be having general elections for officers of the WNTx. At this time, we are short two nominations to fill the positions of Secretary and V.P. All officer positions are open if you are interested in running. Please submit your name to me and we'll get you on the ballot. But first and foremost, we need a couple of volunteers for the two said positions. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the September meeting with elections to be held in October.

Also coming up shortly is the Anniversary Day demo at Rockler in Arlington on Saturday August 21st. We start around 9am



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and will wrap up around 3-4pm. Please plan on coming by to help demo to potential new members and to partake in some of the great sales at Rockler.

A heads-up from John Horn here: September 25th is the RISE End of Summer Event in Grapevine. For the last couple of years we have participated with this event by having several mini lathes turning tops or toy cars for the benefit of handicapped adults and children at Grapevine lake. John has not heard from them yet this year but they seem to give us very short notice to man a booth. If they do, we will need about three or four lathes and about 6-8 people to cover the event. John will handle the arrangements if they ask us.

Well, for such a short month, this was a long article. Sorry about that...but taking the time to read this does not excuse you from turning anything for the Bring-Back Raffle! Get to it!

Good shavings to all,

*Dave*



# “Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the July 2010 drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the ASugust 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.

<b>Name</b> =====	<b>Description</b> =====
Somebody	Something
Whats-his-name	Thing-a-ma-jig
Whodat	Whatsit
You know who you are	You know what you got



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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 on the first Tuesday of each month 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.

**Aug 19** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Janice Levi -- Secrets of Turning Backyard Pine**

**Aug 27-29** - SWAT, Waco, TX

**Sep 7** - WNT Board Meeting

**Sep 18** - WNT Annual Picnic

**Sep 30** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **John Lauderbaugh -- Inside-Out Snowmen**

**Oct 5** - WNT Board Meeting

**Oct 28** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Stacy Hager -- To Be Announced**

**Nov 2S** - WNT Board Meeting

**Nov 18** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Randy Johnson -- Fionial Design**

**Dec 6** - WNT Board Meeting

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