

Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

October 2010 Program:

Setting Yourself Up for Success

by
Stacey Hager



I am a genuine "Ding-Dong Daddy" from Dumas (a small town at the very top of Texas). I was born in April of 1942. At the age of eight, I began sweeping and carrying out shavings at my father's planning mill and cabinet shop. I worked there until I was 18. I always thought of the job as a means of earning pocket change. Only later did I realize that I had received a full European style

apprenticeship. I began turning at about twelve.

My "pocket change" (with a little help from oil field jobs) turned into "college money". I pursued my interest in science, math, music, and girls earning two and nine-tenths degrees...and a wife. I taught Chemistry, Physics, and Microbiology at the high school, junior college, and university level. I am now retired, dividing my time among traveling, turning, tool making, and ... none of the rest begins with T.

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Next Meeting:

**Thursday,
October 28, 2010
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
Good
Shavings

Busy, Busy, Busy.

What a busy October. Between work, football, family things.. and get this – Ranger baseball (in October! Really?!), when is a guy supposed to find some quality time to turn? Well, I have found the time. It's all about priorities... and that "family stuff" can just wait.

It really has been a busy October though and this cooler weather makes it a real treat to get out to the shop to... wait for it... clean! The past two Sundays, my better half and I have been cleaning the shop and organizing it. What a sweet gal. Admittedly, I have done very little in the past number of months to keep the shop clean. Yeah, I've beaten down some of the shaving piles but overall, it has been a disaster zone. It's nice to have most everything put back in its place and off my table saw. I can do some turning now without hunting and picking through piles to find the tool I need. I highly recommend that you do some fall cleaning too. It'll get you in the right frame of mind in preparation for all the holiday turning that needs to be

done. Of course, when your wife "organizes" your shop, there is a re-leaning curve you have to go through to know where everything is again. But it's worth it!

So, the month started out with Fort Worth's Arbor Day on October 9th. Sandy Jarrell, Tracy, and I started the day with a proclamation by City dignitaries at the Traders Oak. A great history lesson as we learned about the Traders Oak and its historic significance to the City of Fort Worth. We then went on a tour of many other "heritage trees" here in Fort Worth. At each tree, volunteers or staff members of the Forestry Department were on hand to discuss the significance of each tree. Very interesting stuff. The only downside was when we got in big trouble when Sandy pulled out a florescent orange spray paint can and started "tagging" burls on all these famous trees...Jeez you'd think that someone was ready to pull out a chainsaw and start hackin' away, the way these tree-huggers reacted! We weren't going to cut them down... that's another activity...

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With school, family, jobs, the Army, and all of the dang-things-that-break, I turned very little in my 20's and 30's. I joined AAW and CTWA in the 80's and discovered many tools and techniques that my father never imagined. I like experimenting; therefore, I seldom do anything exclusively. Learning to make and use new tools fascinates me and is probably my most constant endeavor.

Each year I help a number of beginning turners discover the joy of turning wood. I also help experienced turners solve problems and learn new techniques. I am currently working on how and why turning tools work (i.e. Cutting Theory). I believe that if you understand the nature of wood and the physics of a cutting edge, you can solve most woodturning problems.

In the course of almost 60 years of working in shops and laboratories, I have stumbled upon a number of things that work for me. I like to pass on what I have discovered and what others have been kind enough to teach me. I believe it is this enthusiastic eagerness to share ideas, skill, information, and techniques that bonds wood turners into a vibrant brotherhood.



on some dark night. Seriously though, it was very interesting and I plan to scan a location map of many of these trees to disseminate to you all. Our Club's relationship with the City's Forestry department continues to grow and we hope to have more great wood for all Club members to turn soon.

Speaking of the Traders Oak, I found the time to turn some of those big pieces that Sandy and Gene Rattan cut up for y'all at the last couple of club meetings. I had already turned some of the smaller pieces and they were pretty and all... but, Wow! If you haven't chucked up one of the larger blanks yet – do it! Gorgeous color and grain and it turns real nicely too. I finished some wood medallions for the Forestry Department to give to their special guests at the Arbor Day and have turned two very nice bowls for them as well. Don't let it sit there too long and dry out and get hard and risk checking. Remember, it's all about priorities!

We have a special meeting this month for a number of reasons. First we have our annual elections for the Club officers. This should go very quickly as most of the officers have been railroaded before... I mean, thoroughly vetted beforehand and are rejuvenated to serve their lofty positions. We truly thank them for their service! If it weren't for all the volunteers in our Club, our Club wouldn't/couldn't function. We always need more help though and I ask **you** to stand up and do more for the Club

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and our community. We have a pile of ideas and tasks that we'd like to see get organized and manned but we need help. Don't wait for us... step up to the plate (if the Rangers can do it in October, so can you).

The second reason it'll be a special meeting this month is, because of work, I won't be there (settle down, settle down.) Stormy has volunteered to resume his past duties for the night. Thanks, Stormy! I expect you all to be on your best behavior and help him out that night.

Now the real reason it'll be a special meeting is because of our guest demonstrator and what he is planning to do special for us during the weekend after the Club meeting. We are tremendously pleased that John Horn has been able to secure Stacy Hager from the CTWA club in Austin. Stacy is very involved in that club as well as AAW. He is a seasoned demonstrator and will provide us with an excellent presentation on "Setting Yourself Up for Success." I think everyone will leave the evening smarter than when they came in. And for some of you, that'll be an easy task! As you may recall from some emails from John Horn, Stacy has made himself available for some quality one-on-one turning class on Sunday the 31st. I believe all the slots are now filled, so if you didn't sign up... oh well. A "shout-out" again to Dr. Gill for volunteering the use of his shop for this class with Stacy.

And we end the month with Halloween. We

ask that club members bring a small sack of individually wrapped Halloween candy for the Rec Center's annual bash for all the kiddos that use that facility. Thank you (and their dentists thank you too.)

That's it for the month. Have a great meeting with Stacy and we'll see you in November!

Good shavings to all,

Dave



Last Month's Program



It was GREAT! John Lauderbaugh did a wonderful job showing us how to make snowmen by turning inside-out.



R.I.S.E. Adventure 2010

On September 25th the Woodturners of North Texas participated in the RISE Adventure, "End of Summer Bash", by turning tops for physically challenged young people at the event on Grapevine Lake. Together we turned and distributed over 50 tops to children that attended the event. Eight members of the WNT participated by turning and interacting with the children. Those who participated in the event were, Bob Clark, Glynn Cox, Fred Denke, John Horn, John Lauderbaugh, Robert Richards, Jr., Chas Thornhill, and Valerie Wills.

Due to the rainy weather and the sparse turnout of the young people, the event was cut short about noon and our second team of turners, Ken Cardin, Harv Cox, Dwight Schoneweis, and Steve Yauch, who were scheduled for the afternoon shift, were unable to participate.

The RISE Adventures organization, which stands for Recovery, Inspiration, Success, and Empowerment, has a goal of creating independence for the entire physically challenged population. They plan to accomplish this goal through sports, recreation and outdoor events and programs. For



more information about RISE Adventures consider visiting their web site: <http://www.riseadventures.org/>

This is the third year that the WNT has cooperated with Paul Gray, the Chief Executive Officer of RISE Adventures, to provide joy and comfort to the physically challenged children of our community. Paul tells me the WNT booth has been the most popular activity at the End of Summer Bash for all the years that we have participated. All of us feel a great deal of satisfaction in being able to aid and comfort those in our community who are handicapped.

John Horn



Librarian's Corner

Randy Johnson



REVIEW

Subject: Taking a break
By Randy Johnson

This month instead of a DVD or book review, I am going to do my first magazine review. A couple of meetings back, Dwayne Hines brought boxes of woodworking magazines to the meeting and in those boxes were some AAW magazines from past years. Since I have not been an AAW member that long I checked out a couple of the donations myself.

The first issue was the Spring 2003, Vol. 18, No. 1. What I found intriguing was this was about the time AAW was moving from black and white articles to color. The magazine is about half color and half black & white. Basically I checked this magazine out for the articles that I have not previously seen. One such article was "Reflections Of A First-time Demonstrator" by Larry Genender (I was fortunate to see Larry's presentation, "Platters" right after I joined the club.) While his demonstration concerned platters, his article is about how to be a better demonstrator. Since John Horn twisted by arm and has me signed up for the November demonstration, I felt this article would be good assistance for that effort. And it will be an effort as my shoulder still hurts from the twisting I received. On a more serious note, if you have something you are turning and believe the club would benefit,

please see John Horn. We are always looking for demonstrators and Larry Genender's article is full of great advice for the first time demonstrator. So don't be shy - if anyone gives you a bad time, we will make them get up and do a demonstration (and then give them a hard time.) Other articles in this issue included Russ Fairfield's "Real Woodturners Do Use Scrapers!" Mr. Skew, Alan Lacer, has an article on "Turning Tools And Honing" and then there is Bob Rosand's (who was this year's featured demonstrator) article titled "It's Hard To Top Lidded Boxes." So check out this issue and read the great articles (I promise to bring it back to the next meeting.)

The second magazine that I wish to review is the Winter 2006, Vol. 21, No.4 issue. By this date the AAW magazine is now a full-color magazine and there is a more professional appearance to the magazine. The quality of the articles and the turnings still remain. In this issue there is a discussion about the AAW's permanent collection to house world-class woodturnings and there are some excellent photographs of the beginning of the collection. But the one article that really interested me in this issue was "Sharpening Demystified" by Kirk DeHeer. He was at SWAT 2009 and this is where he pointed out that I really should do a better job of reading the AAW articles. He did not personally point that out but I do have this issue in my collection and do not remember reading it. If you have a Wolverine sharpening system (Yes Bill, I know you have a Tormek) like me; then this is the article for you. Have you ever wondered where you should set the control leg on the Vari-grind jig? Well wonder no more. I followed Kirk's suggestion and now I do not ever move it. Whether I am sharpening a spindle gouge or a bowl gouge, it stays the same. This one little tip has saved me from agonizing over how to get the kind of uniform edge on my gouges. All I can say is thank you Kirk DeHeer, you really made my day and also made sharpening less mystifying. He also has a list of common mistakes. It is funny how someone has been watching me and writ-

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ing down all the things that I have been doing wrong. There are many other excellent articles in this issue and if you are not an AAW member you should seriously consider joining; especially before November when I will be turning and you will be covered for any accident as an AAW member (editor's note: AAW members should sit in the front row to potentially maximize this benefit.) If that does not scare you into joining, then join for the excellent magazine alone.

Happy turning!



Classified Ads

Wanted: Two used Jet Mini lathe stands. If you have one, please contact Larry Denning at (817)456-8441.



New Members

Robert Anderson	Cedar Hill
Emmett McGee	Fort Worth
Robert Brown	Granbury
David Scott	Granbury

“Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>
Tez Light	Jim Humphrey
Lighting II	Max Taylor
Domed Display	Bill Boehme
Ice Cream Scoop	Max Taylor
Wood	John Herber
Unknown	Tom Beatty
Pen	Marc White
Rosewood	Chas Thornhill
Barrel	Andres
Weed Pot	John L
Box	Bob Clark
Bowl	Makayla
Goblet	John Horn
Candle Holder	Max Taylor



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 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, John Chandler, 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., 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.

October 28 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Stacey Hager - Setting yourself Up For Success**

November 2 - WNT Board Meeting

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

December 7 - WNT Board Meeting

December 11 - Holiday Banquet

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