

Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

June 2011 Program:

Sharpening Your Tools by WNTx

Next Meeting:

Thursday,
June 30, 2011
Start Time: 6:30 PM

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

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The program for June will be "Sharpening Your Tools". We will have four sharpening stations set up and the members attending the meeting will have the opportunity of seeing how four experienced turners recommend sharpening their tools.



Dave Marshall, Glynn Cox, Jim Tanksley, and John Horn will be demonstrating how they sharpen different kinds of tools.



If you have a single tool that you would like sharpened, please bring it and possibly one of the stations can help you. Obviously we cannot sharpen even one tool from ev-



everyone in attendance but we plan for you to learn how different people accomplish the task of keeping their tools sharp.



President's message

by Dave Marshall

... making Good Shavings

Sharp, Sharper, Sharpest! Well, it's been a quick month since our last meeting and I feel that I haven't had enough "me-time" on the lathe. Oh sure I've been turning...whipped out an odd little box out of bois d'arc and also a medium sized, bois d'arc, natural-edge bowl. I got to turn some nice handles for that slick Rockler pizza cutter kit and Lacer's ice cream scoop kit. Those were fun even though I'm still not happy with the fit between the pizza cutter handle and the hilt on the cutter itself. Sandy Jarrell saw the error of my way and told me how to chuck up the handle to get the best fit. So I guess I'll re-do that handle sometime soon.

June has had too many distractions that seemed to interfere with quality turning time like my daughter's graduation, crazy brothers and nephews visiting, college orientation, neighborhood block parties, Father's Day and those exciting Maverick basketball playoff games (Go Mavs!). One of the biggest distractions/disrup-

tions was that heat! 105 degree temps just don't sit well with me.

I had the AC cranked in the shop but it just can't keep up with those temps. Like I mentioned, I was turning that bois d'arc and some black walnut, sweatin' pretty good and having all those shavings sticking to you...and the stain on my hands...oy vey! I'd come in at the end of the day with my hands just totally black with stain. Tracy and my youngest thought it looked disgusting, especially when I was cooking dinner. And that's another thing that's been cutting into my turning time is all these little chores that Tracy has lined up in order for me to get out of last month's dog house! Not that I mind too much, 'cause like I said it was getting to get a little warm out there in the shop and my supplies were startin' to run low. But enough is enough! Telling me to do this or do that or to get dressed and look sharp 'cause we're going out somewhere fancy. I looked sharp. It's just that my hands were black. You'd think them snooty folks

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at the Bass Hall would understand. Well, anyways, she's pushing the line when she starts cutting into a turner's lathe time. That just really steams me....one day I'm going to say something... probably sometime around October... when it's cooler out in the dog house.... I mean shop.

One of the best things I found when you're all sweaty and your turning chips keep getting stuck on you is to put a scary sharp edge on that bowl gouge and produce nice long ribbons of wood. These just seem to fall right off of your sweaty forearms and legs. Also a sharp tool will give you more control of aiming those shavings away from you, not to mention the great cut that results from a sharp tool. That means less sanding and less sanding dust sticking to you. Sharp tools are like a sharp-dressed man (albeit a man with black-stained hands); they're fun to be around and play with and damn, they look so much better than any old dull tool. Go ahead, ask Tracy about this comparison... I tell no lies.

So, are your turning tools like a sharp-dressed man? Are you getting ribbons instead of chips and dust? Are your resultant cuts clean and crisp? Is the tool fun to use and does it cut efficiently? And is it eye-candy (looks good)? If not, this month's Club meeting might interest you....it's on Sharpening! We plan to have a general discussion on sharpening basics and then set up 4 sharpening stations to do close-up demonstrations of not only sharp-

ening basic turning tools but also show different methods and different sharpening setups that various turners use to get these sharp cutting edges. There's more than one way to skin a dead cat but the common denominator here, is always a sharp tool (cat skinning with a dull edge is never easy or fun).

Sharp tools also make efficient work when you're turning a bowl for Empty Bowls too. As we mentioned last month, it's time to really gear up our production for Empty Bowls. Please help those in need in our community. It takes so little effort on our part to turn a bowl or platter which then brings in premium dollars to the Tarrant Area Food Bank. You wouldn't believe how many people are fed by our bowl donations. Please take the time to turn a bowl this month and bring it to the meeting so that we can have a GREAT start to our Empty Bowls campaign.

SWAT is right around the corner and early registration has begun. Sign up today to get an early registration discount and to get entered in registration raffles!

Hate to end this article prematurely but Tracy is yelling for me to rub her feet...serenity now...serenity now.

Good Shavings to all of you,

Dave



COUNTDOWN TO SWAT - 60 Days

What: One of the largest woodturning symposium in the world.

When: Friday August 26th thru Sunday August 28th (only 60 days from the June meeting)

Who: YOU!! New woodturners, Experienced woodturner or just interested in woodturning

Where: Waco, Texas Convention Center. Almost next door.

More Information: <http://www.swaturners.org/jom/>

The largest regional woodturning symposium in the world is coming to your backyard (Waco, Tx.) at the end of August. You should start planing to attend now.

Some highlights are

An Instant Gallery where woodturners (YOU) can feature your work and offer it for sale. A link to the inventory form is at the bottom of http://www.swaturners.org/jom/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=4&Itemid=19.

A chance for Special Interests Groups to meet and exchange ideas. Let your local club SWAT rep know of your needs and interests so they can be taken into consideration.

A Two for one raffle. There will be two separate raffles using the same ticket. The Sunday raffle includes 2 full size lathes including 1 Powermatic.

Beads of Courage

Beads of Courage is a nationwide-wide program to provide motivation and encouragement to youngsters by recognizing significant milestones in children's progress through the treatments necessary in their fights against illnesses like cancer, heart disease, burns, etc.

These kids need a place to store their treasure-trove of beads, and that's where you come in. Come to SWAT with as many of your personally turned lidded boxes or flat-work boxes as you can. All these donated boxes will go to the kids after a jury selects the best three. For details go to the SWAT website at <http://www.swaturners.org/jom/>. You can view the full Beads of Courage story at <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/>.

Vendors that sell equipment and supplies to those attending the symposium at very competitive and usually discounted prices

Host Hotels:

Hilton Hotel
113 South University Parks Drive
Rooms \$119 254-754-8484

Marriott Courtyard
101 Washington Ave
rooms \$109 254-752-8686

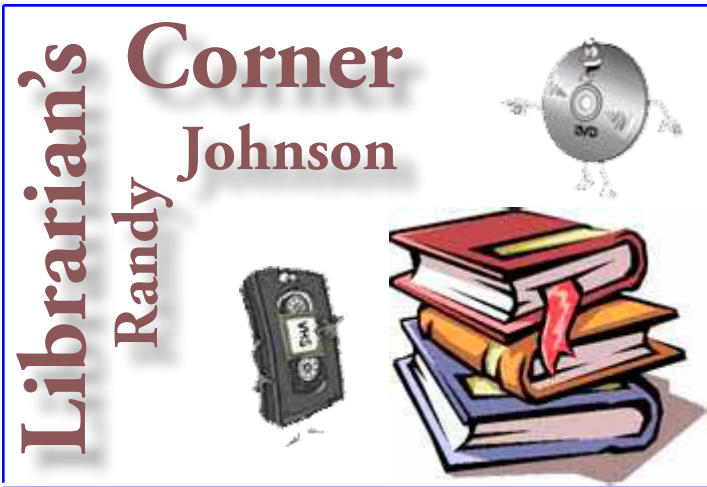
Last years symposium was the largest to date. If you want to be assure yourself of being within walking distance of the symposium, you should make your reservation early.

More hotels, as well as campgrounds, are listed on the website

Last Month's Program

John Herber talked about ornamental turning.





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“Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the May 2011 drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the June 2011 “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.

Name =====	Description =====
Tommy Duff	Letter Opener
Jim Tanksley	Pen
Rick Gauthier	Rockler Measuring set
John Horn	Pen Display Case
Fred Denke	Burning Wire
Dave Marshal	Pen
Jim McGregor	Burner Wire
Tom Beaty	Pen
Larry Sweeney	Pen
Wayne Schlosstein	Pen
Chas Thornhill	Pine Cone



Advertisements

Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$12.00 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 (email vannchan@att.net) by the 10th of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor by the 10th of the month.

Woodcraft offers a 10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members. Show your membership card in order to get the discount.



Rockler also offers a 10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members. Show your membership card in order to get the discount.

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.

June 30 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Dave Marshall, Glynn Cox, - Sharpening Round Table Jim Tanksley, John Horn**

July 5 - WNT Board Meeting

July 28 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Chas Thornhill - Making Jewelry on the Lathe**

August 2 - WNT Board Meeting

August 18 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Tom Lohr - Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Abrasives**

August 26-28 - 2011 South West Association of Turners, Waco, TX

September 6 - WNT Board Meeting

September 24,25 - **RISE End of Summer Bash for the Handicapped**
WNT Club members turn tops for the children

September 29 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **TBA**

October 1 - **Haltom City Arts Festival**
WNT club member demos and craft sale

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