

# Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

September 2011 Program:

## Turning Off- Center Ducks

by John Solberg

### Next Meeting:

Thursday,  
September 29, 2011  
Start Time: 6:30 PM

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

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Mike Darlow's book, woodturning methods, has a chapter on multi-axis turning and includes an article on turning off-center ducks. He discusses three different methods of turning them. After reading his article I became inspired to create a gaggle of my own. It is my nature to explore alternative and cheaper methods for holding material. My

original thought was to build an off center chuck out of PVC. I wanted to experiment with various sizes so several PVC chucks of different sizes were made. The very first ducks were turned with these chucks. They worked well until one of the chucks exploded while turning. That's when it was determined that PVC should not be used off center. It doesn't just come apart; it explodes with pieces flying everywhere. When PVC breaks it is like glass

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President's message

by Dave Marshall

# ... making Good Shavings

Well, autumn is officially here so I am declaring that we'll have no more of those blistering-hot days this year. We broke a lot of weather records this summer which caused many of us to "go dormant" in our shops. It was just too hot to turn much of anything this summer and because of that, we have had low turnout on our Bring-Back table as well as on our Empty Bowls table. Now that we've had much better turning weather, I expect that you all have had time this month to turn a bowl or two...or three or four for the Empty Bowls program. Please, let's not disappoint the Tarrant Area Food Bank...get those bowls turned! The Empty Bowls Program Director is supposed to be at this month's Club meeting and it'd be nice for her to leave with bags of bowls. And remember, we have been challenged by the Golden Triangle Club to beat their Empty Bowl goal. They have over 200 donated already and are shooting for 325! We need to get on the ball, or rather, "on the bowl", folks!

Once you finish with that, check to make sure that you have "paid up" on any Bring-Back turning that you may owe. If you do owe something, please bring it/them to the meeting as well. Don't make me have a talk with our Club enforcer... Vinny. You don't want to end up swimmin' with the fishes.

Summer 2011 ended with a bang with SWAT in Waco. Even though the outside temps were in the neighborhood of 110 degrees, the demonstrations were super cool, literally! SWAT was a huge success as there were over 800 attendees from 24 area woodturning clubs to see some great turning demos and to do some business with nearly 40 great vendors. The Instant Gallery just oozed with fantastic turnings from all over and I was very proud to see many WNTx members display their woodturnings/artwork.

Autumn 2011 is also starting with a bang. This past Saturday, we had

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a great day turning wooden tops at the RISE End of Summer event at Grapevine Lake. We had a good turnout of Club members show up and the shavings flew! The kids (and adults too) were enamored with all of the creative tops that we turned. Thanks to all that helped out.

“Art in the City” takes place on October 1st at the Haltom City Library and our annual Club picnic is the following Saturday, October 8th. Put both on your calendar...now. Details of each can be found in this newsletter.

Finally, we have Club officer elections coming up at our October meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor at this month’s meeting. Our current, esteemed board of officers have agreed (some, reluctantly) to return to their positions for 2012. But that definitely should not discourage anyone from throwing their name into the race! We always need new blood, new ideas, and a fresh approach to leading our Club.

Alright, y’all have some serious and copious amount of turning to do to make up for this summer. Get to it!

Good Shavings to all of you,

*Dave*



with very sharp edges and is very dangerous. That put an end to my duck turning, or anything off center with PVC, until I could come up with a safer method of doing it. The demonstration for this month will be how to use the ShapeShifter Chuck in turning off center ducks safely, and how the chuck works. We will explore a couple different ways of holding wood on the chuck along with ways to reduce the weight for reduced vibration. The chuck is very versatile and can be used to turn a variety of items off center: bowls, pens and bottle stoppers for example. The one concern that you will need to address is the speed at which your lathe will allow for off center turning before it “walks” via vibration. At the AAW convention last year in Hartford, Ct I met Dan Hoffman of Offcenter-Tools and was introduced to his ShapeShifter Chuck. After discussing with him my desire to find a safe way to turn off center he convinced me to try his chuck. It turned out to be the solution that I was looking for and is a safer way to turn off center.



# R.I.S.E. Adventure 2011

On Saturday, September 24th 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 at Meadowmere Park. Together we turned and distributed tops to children that attended the event. Eleven members of the WNT participated by turning and interacting with the children. Those who participated in the event were, Bob Clark, Glynn Cox, Harv Cox, John Horn, John Lauderbaugh, Dave Marshall, Ray Moyer, Ronny Nuzum, Robert Richards, Jr., Chas Thornhill, and Bob Wiggins.

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 fourth 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 handicapped community.

John Horn





# **WNTx Picnic Saturday, October 8th**

**10am - 3pm**

**(Come rain or shine)**

**the Club will provide Hamburgers, Hotdogs,  
Drinks and paper products**

**You are responsible for a  
Potluck of Salads  
and Desserts**

**Fun activities for all!**

- Turning for Empty Bowls**
- Socialize**
- Swimming**

**We'll have lathes set up  
for all to turn a bowl for Empty Bowls!**

**You can even bring bowls  
you already turned.**

**Bring your favorite turning tools  
to work with.**



**at Jimmie Gill's  
3425 Meadow Oaks Dr.  
Haltom City**

# Librarian's Corner

## Randy Johnson



In recovery mode.

# Empty Bowls

Remember that you receive 1 Holiday Party raffle ticket for each empty bowl that you donate.

We have a total of 28 bowls for the Tarrant County Food Bank's Empty Bowls program. The donors to date and the number of raffle tickets they are entitled to are as follows:

Bob Clark	1
Jimmie Gill	1
Sandy Jarrell	16
Dave Marshall	2
Robert Richards	8
Larry Roberts	1



## “Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the July 2011 drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the August 2011 “Bring Back” drawing. 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
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Spur Drivet	Sharon Ayers
Tops	Sue Wiggins
Vase	Fred Denke



## 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 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 (email vannchan@att.net) 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.

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.

**September 29** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **John Solberg - Offset Turning Ducks**

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

**October 4** - WNT Board Meeting

**October 8 - WNT Annual picnic, 10am - 3pm**  
Dr. Jimmie Gill's residence  
3425 Meadow Oaks Dr.  
Haltom City

**October 27** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Glynn Cox - Making Christmas Ornaments**

**November 1** - WNT Board Meeting

**November 17** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Jim Tanksley - Turning Large Vessels and Christmas Trees**

**December 10** - Club Christmas Party

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