

Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

May 2012 Program

Platters

by

Sharon Ayers

Next Meeting:

**Thursday,
May 31, 2012
Start Time: 6:30 PM**

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

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Sharon Ayres was born and raised in Waco, Texas with her parents Bill and Evelyn Oliver and the middle of five children. She now resides in Dallas, Texas with her husband, David. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Sharon doesn't have formal training in "The Art" per se, but art and the appreciation of any kind of crafts as art, is in her blood. Sharon's interest in Wood Turning was inspired through her father in 2003, he was a wonderful turner, mentor and role model. Her education in woodturning comes from wood turning classes, symposiums, demos and many hours at the lathe. She exhibits her unique style of woodturning by gathering bits and pieces of knowledge from professional turners, and a lot of good pointers from club members and demonstrators. Sharon loves her



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President's message

by Dave Marshall

... making Good Shavings

Flying By...

Boy, the year is just flying by and what a great year it has been for woodturning so far! I can't wait to see what the rest of the year will bring us.

First and foremost... a big **thank you** to all our members that have served our country. Without you, we couldn't enjoy the freedoms that we have... like the freedom to meet and discuss woodturning without the tyranny of scrollsawers or potters or people that do macramé imposing their hobbies on us. Seriously, **thank you** for all that you've done.

The Club recently hosted Trent Bosch and what a great time we all had. Trent's stay began with an all-day, Saturday demo and ended with 5 days of hands-on classes. From the feedback that I have received, everyone learned tons and really enjoyed the classes. I'm sure we'll see a number of *vessels of illusion* in the

upcoming months.

The Club recently demonstrated their outstanding turning skills at Rockler a couple of weekends ago. The crowds were good and the chips were a flying! Thanks to everyone who showed up to lend their help and support. Rockler folks were very happy and donated a gift card for our raffle at the next meeting. Very cool.

Let's see... what else has happened in our woodturning world? Chas had his gallery debut, we had a slew of great demos at our Club meetings... oh, I finally found some time to turn a little too! Just a couple of small vessels but they are just exquisite. Some of the finest examples of our craft that I've seen come out of my shop in some time. I hope that y'all have had some quality time to turn as well and that you bring a sample of your "turning" to the next Club

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meeting for critique or simply to show off a little. Remember, this is why we have Club meetings - to visit friends, learn more about woodturning, and show each other what we've been turning. Don't feel intimidated about your turnings or turning skills compared to mine.... my bar is set pretty high. I tell myself this all the time.

SWAT (the Southwest Association of Turners) symposium is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for August 24-26th to be in Waco for this outstanding woodturning event. The SWAT website is up and running for you to see all the demonstrators that will be turning as well as for you to register online. Visit <http://www.swaturners.org> and register early before July 26th when the registration prices jump an additional \$20. Our Club will again be hosting a room with our video and sound setup. We will need some help in manning cameras and being a room host for each demonstration rotation, as well as setting up the room before the symposium and breaking it down afterwards, so get ready to volunteer when the "call" goes out.

I hope that everyone had a great Memorial Day holiday and didn't let the festivities get in the way of your turning. We'll see you at the next Club meeting this Thursday, the 31st.

Good shavings to all,

Dave



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family, has a passion for turning wood and is excited about helping others get enthusiastic about wood turning.

Platters are an excellent opportunity to express your creative side by embellishing the rim. Sharon will be showing us how to turn, burn, and paint the platter. She learned this technique "Jerusalem Stone" from Eli Avisera in a class at Canyon Studio's.

Sharon belongs to the American Association of Woodturners, Hunt County Woodturners, Dallas Area Woodturners, Golden Triangle Woodturners and Woodturners of North Texas.



COUNTDOWN TO SWAT - 87 days

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

When: Friday August 24th thru Sunday August 26th (only 85 days from the May meeting)

Who: YOU!! Woodturners, New or Experienced there is something for everyone!

Where: Waco Convention Center 100 Washington Avenue, Waco, Tx. And the construction is complete.

More Information: www.swaturners.org

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

The On-Line Registration is now available! [Ctrl-Click Here](http://registration.swaturners.org/registration/) or go to <http://registration.swaturners.org/registration/> to Register for SWAT 2012

Early registration, which offers a discount on everything, is available now through July 26th.

Host Hotels

Hilton Hotel

113 South University Parks Drive
\$119King/\$129 Dbl
254-754-8484

Marriott Courtyard

101 Washington Ave
\$109King/\$119 Dbl
254-752-8686

Clarion Hotel

801 South 4th Street
\$79.00 Dbl including
breakfast Mention SWAT
while making your
reservation 254-757-2000

Other lodging information is available on the website.

Last year's 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.

Some highlights of the symposium are INSTANT GALLERY

Our SWAT Symposium date of August 24, 25 and 26 is rapidly approaching and plans are being finalized to make the 2012 Instant Gallery the best ever. The Gallery has been expanded in size and additional display tables will provide improved viewing of your works of art.

New to the Gallery this year will be a People's Choice Award to be voted on by our Symposium registered attendees. A colored ballot for this award will be included in your registration packet so be sure to look for it as no other ballots will be supplied. Our Lead Demonstrator's displayed turnings will not be included in this award category. Presentation of this award will be announced at the banquet and the winner will receive a Plaque along with \$100 in SWAT Dollars. Voting will be cut off at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. So sharpen your tools, turn on your lathes, get busy, and produce items for this award!

This year the Executive Committee would like to encourage SWAT attendees who have been reluctant to display items of art in the past to seriously consider displaying their turnings in 2012. The East Texas Woodturners, sponsor of the Instant Gallery, would like to challenge the SWAT attendees to assist in displaying 800 turned items of art this year and reach our goal of surpassing last year's display.

Again this year, a strong emphasis will be made to generate an extensive display of items for the Beads of Courage. These turned works of art are given to children undergoing cancer treatment. In 2011, 93 turned boxes were showcased in the Instant Gallery. In 2012, we would like to see this number significantly increased as they are so well received and appreciated.

See you in Waco.

Ken Terrell, Chairman, East Texas Woodturners IG Room Sponsor

A Saturday evening banquet that features a raffle of over 30 beautiful turned pieces
A second raffle, using the same tickets, is held during Sunday lunch. This raffle includes 2 full size lathes, plus an assortment of woodturning tools and accessories

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

Lunches that are provided during the three-day event

Special Interest Groups on Friday Evening

1. A Critique of Instant Gallery Turnings
2. The Importance of Self-Marketing and the Use of Web Sites
3. From Woodturning to Art
4. Tips and Tools for the Beginning Turner

Hands on in the Pen turning and Tool Sharpening areas

More Hands on Turning area to try out new tools, obtain one on one coaching, or just make some shaving

Beads of Courage

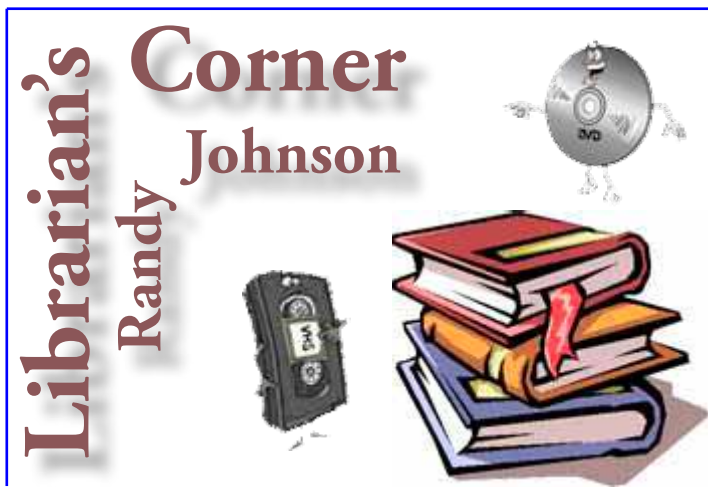
Beads of Courage is a nationwide-wide program to provide motivation and encouragement to youngsters by recognizing significant milestones in children's progress through the treatments necessary in their fights against illnesses like cancer, heart disease, burns, etc.

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> under Symposium Information/Beads of Courage 2011.

In 2011, The number of entries to the competition was over 100. Seventeen Vendors contributed to the prize fund and the dollar value of those contributions was in excess of \$1,500. Perhaps most significant is that we believe this was the single largest contribution of boxes in the history of the Beads of Courage program! Thanks to all the SWAT turners who took the time and effort to help these kids! We'll do it again at SWAT 2012 so get started on those boxes now!

You can view the full Beads of Courage story at <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/>

More to follow in upcoming newsletters



On hiatus.

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“Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the previous month's drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the “Bring Back” drawing the following month. 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.

WINNER =====	ITEM =====	DONATED BY =====
1. Max Taylor		Dale Abshire
2. Dewaines Hines		Dale Abshire
3. Andrew Hill	Gift Certificate	Rockler
4. Dale Abshire	Pen	Tom Beatty
5. Rick Gauthier	Demo item	Bill Keopping
6. Ron Traylor	Lidded Box	Ketton Cloud
7. Jim Tanksley	Bowl	John Lauderbaugh
8. Unknown		Bill Collins
9. Andrew Hill	Demo Pen Blank	Bill Keopping
10. Jim Humphrey	Turning Blank	Jim Humphrey
11. John Lauderbaugh	Incra Jig	Bob Wiggins



Tool Sale/Swap at the June Meeting

You probably have any number of tools that you are not using. Bring them to the June meeting and either sell or swap them to our members. If you have as many tools that you don't use as I do, we should have a lively time trading/swapping/selling tools.

Please have a price posted on each item. All sales are final. It doesn't have to be a tool, just something that you would like for someone else to enjoy owning. If you have any questions regarding this, please call John Horn.



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.

May 31 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Sharon Ayers - Platters**

June 5 - WNT Board Meeting

June 28 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Chas Thornhill - Artist Solutions For Cracks**

July 3 - WNT Board Meeting

July 26 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Joel Crabbe - Enhance Your Turnings With Copper**

August 7 - WNT Board Meeting

August 24-26 - SWAT in Waco, TX

August 30 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Roy Odom - Vessel and Bowl Design**

September 4 - WNT Board Meeting

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