

# Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

## January 2013 Program

# Greatest Finishing Secrets For Woodturners

by Chris Morgan, John Beasley,  
and John Solberg

### Next Meeting:

Thursday,  
January 31, 2013  
Start Time: 6:30 PM

Handley-Meadowbrook Lions  
Club  
6013 Craig Street  
Fort Worth, TX

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Finishing can be a confusing and mystifying subject to many. This is compounded by package labeling which doesn't always reveal what a finish product actually is. In this introduction to finishing, Chris Morgan will describe the various types of finishes and show a variety of products. Each will be classified into the type it represents. Finishes are based on the solvent they use and the type of material it is made from. Solvents can be mineral spirits, alcohol, lacquer thinner, or water. The finish type can be oil (e.g., tung oil, linseed oil), shellac, lacquer, varnish (polyurethane), or wax. Some products combine these products. Danish oil, for example, is a combination of an oil (either Tung oil or Linseed oil) and varnish (or polyurethane). More modern finishes used by professionals are catalyzed finishes, either pre-catalyzed or post-catalyzed. Other types of finishes can include glues (CA glue) or epoxy.

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President's message

by Glynn Cox

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Good

Shavings

Another year has the last few months changes to our club. We

larger, more centrally located facility, and you have elected a new president, vice president and secretary. Your executive board has been busy this month working on revisions to the club's by-laws and a new budget. These will be presented to the club for approval at this Thursday's meeting.

We are very fortunate to have storage facilities in our new location, and no longer have to haul around all of our equipment in a trailer. We have improved access to our storage area by pouring concrete ramps between the main building and the storage building. We also accomplished a bit of "remodeling" to our closet by adding shelving and lighting. We have made improvements to the audio/video system with the addition of a wireless handheld microphone and utilizing overhead speakers in the meeting room. Thanks to all members that helped accomplish these efforts.

Expect to see some changes in the critique table and presentation. I have asked Chas Thornhill to be the "critique czar" and perform the critiquing each month. Chas is a very artistic person and his past critiques have been "spot on". He will provide an honest, objective critique.

Our Christmas banquet and auction was a huge success. We had 102 attendees, which means about half of you missed a great time, so plan ahead for this year. There was enough food, and especially desserts, to even satisfy Santa. Two mini-lathes were raffled along with many tools and gift certificates. The auction was the best ever with some great turnings being contributed. James will give the details in his budget presentation.

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*Making Good Shavings ... (continued from page 2)*

**Our club just participated in Smithfield Elementary's Fine Arts Day. With six mini-lathes and nine club members, we helped each of forty eight 5th grade students turn a candlestick. I think the club members had more fun than the kids. John Horn headed this up and will be presenting a lot more information on this and more outstanding upcoming events.**

**Don't forget, Thursday we are meeting in our new home. See the map on page 8.**

**GLYNN COX**



*Finishing Secrets ... (continued from page 1)*

During the presentation Chris will give some of the history of traditional finishes, how you can detect what finish you have on a piece, how to tell what you are getting at the store, and some of the properties you can expect from various products.

There will be a discussion by John Beasley and John Solberg on surface preparation and treatment before finishing, followed by finishing from the quick and easy to a blemish free high gloss for display items. Golden Triangle Woodturners supplied about 350 bowls in 2012 to the Empty Bowls program. Have you ever wondered what would happen to finishes applied to them when they come in contact with food products? Plan on attending this meeting and learn the answer to that question.



## **Last Month's program**

The program in November featured Dave Marshall who talked about a wide variety of items including some items which were not about himself. With Glynn Cox being voted in as the new president, this was the last regular meeting being run by Dave. The celebration was massive, and luckily it was somehow controlled with no resulting damage.



# “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 =====	DONOR =====
1 Tom Beatty	Bowl	John Lauderbaugh
2 Rick Gauthier	Chair Plans	Unknown
3 Jole Luielble	Turning Block	Woodworld (Dallas)
4 Jole Luielble	Bowl	Dewayne Hines
5 Howard Babfield	Cup	Matt Babe
6 Jim Bragdon	Maple Scrap	Dwayne Hines
7 Howard Banfield	Sanders	Larry Sweeney
8 Jeff Allen	Turning Blank	Woodworld(Dallas)
9 Jim Humphrey	Turning Blank	Jim Humphries
10 Dale Abshire	Screwdriver	Bill Boehme
11 Don York	Turning Blank	Woodworld (Dallas)
12 Howard Banfield	Candle Light	Tom Beatty




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## Smithfield Elementary School Fine Arts Day Project

On Friday, January 25th, nine members of the Woodturners of North Texas brought six mini lathes to the Smithfield Elementary School Fine Arts Day event in North Richland Hills where four different classes of fourth and fifth grade students turned and finished candle sticks under the supervision of the nine instructor/coaches. Listed below in alphabetical order are the club members that participated from the WNT: Bob Clark,

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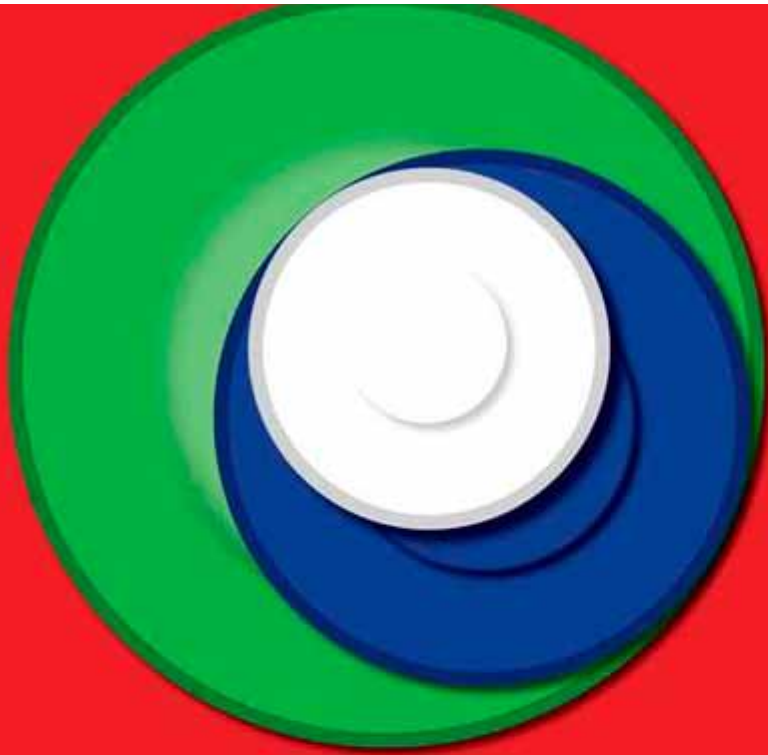
Glynn Cox, Rick Gauthier, John Horn, John Lauderbaugh, Ray Moyer, Ronnie Nuzum, Ton Traylor, and Bob Wiggins. Sandy Jerrell served as an alternate.



In each session emphasis was placed on safety by insisting that each student wear safety glasses and a dust mask while working at the lathe. The students then turned the material that had been prepared by Glynn Cox, John Lauderbaugh, and John Horn. The students made candle sticks of their own design with the supervision of their coaches. During the oral presentation in the sessions, the turnings of the instructors were shown, and each turner told about, some of the features of the particular items the students were viewing. Since many schools today no longer teach wood shop classes, we felt it was important that the students be exposed to the joys of woodturning. As a result of our efforts, we were able to see some of the students' parents that expressed an interest in finding out more about the WNT and possibly becoming a member of the organization.

The Fine Arts Day program at the school is held each year to give the students hands on experience in a variety of artistic activities that are not available in their normal curriculum. The various sessions included painting, dancing, balloon art, music, pottery, and other fine art activities.





*Save The Date!*

11th Annual Empty Bowls

AN ARTFUL TASTE  
TO END HUNGER

Benefiting Tarrant Area Food Bank

Presented by Tom Thumb



Thursday, March 28, 2013

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Will Rogers Memorial Center

Tickets available at:

[tafb.org](http://tafb.org)

[facebook.com/EmptyBowlsFortWorth](https://www.facebook.com/EmptyBowlsFortWorth)

or 817.332.9177 ext. 137



GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS - \$45  
Includes tastings and your selection of a handcrafted bowl

EARLY ADMISSION OPTIONS:

Individual V.I.P. Tickets - \$125

Reserved V.I.P. Table for 10 Guests - \$1500

Includes tastings, selection of a handcrafted bowl  
and early admission at 10:30 a.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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# Empty Bowls Update

Here is the current count of doations to Empty Bowls.

Bob Clarke	2	Bill Collins	1	Glynn Cox	4
Fred Denke	8	Jimmie Gill	8	Jim Humphrey	3
Sandy Jarrell	1	Randy Johnson	6	Dave Marshall	5
Jim McGregor	1	Robert Richards	33	Jim Tanksley	1
Paul Tiefel	17	Curtis Weller	3		
		Total	93		

# Mike Mahoney

## WNT Hands-on Demonstrator for April 2012



If there was one famous woodturner in the world from whom you would really want to take woodturning lessons, most likely it would be Mike Mahoney. The Woodturners of North Texas will host Mike for an all-day demonstration on Saturday, April 6th followed by five days of hands-on classes on a variety of subjects from April 7th through April 11th. There will be a class on the fundamental essential turning techniques that every turner should know, and another class on coring bowl blanks for nested bowls and a calabash bowl. Making a hollow vessel with a hand chased threaded lid will be another option and several other subjects will be included in the five days of classes. The cost of the all-day demo will be \$10.00 at the door on Saturday, April 6th and the cost of the hands-on classes will be \$150 each.

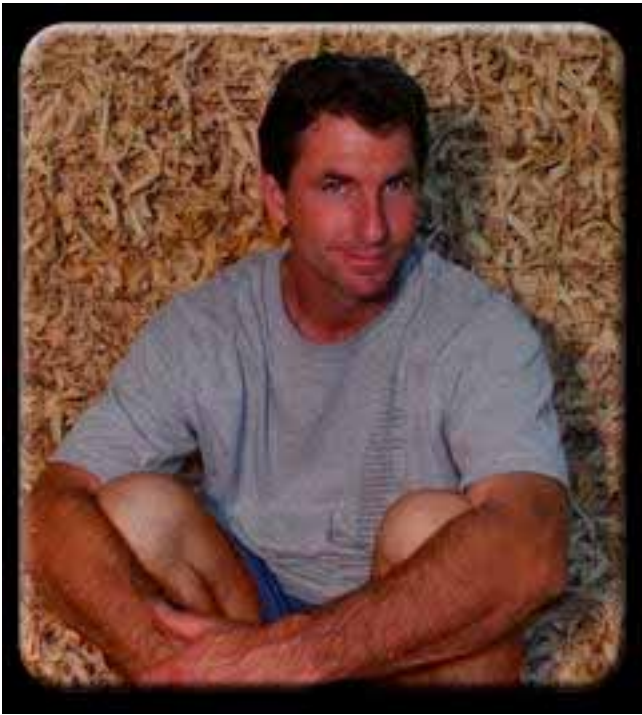


From personal experience, I can tell you that taking a class from someone like Mike Mahoney will be worth more than the money you spend by speeding your technical skills to new heights.

At the club meeting on January 31st, you will be given

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an opportunity to sign up for the class or classes that interest you. When you register for a class, payment is expected at that time. Since there are only 30 class positions available, you are encouraged to sign up early in order to be assured you can attend the class you desire. If you have never had a class from a world class turner like Mike Mahoney then we encourage you to make it a very high pri-

ority on your "bucket list" to take advantage this rare opportunity. You will be amazed at how much you can learn in such a short time without having to "reinvent the wheel" yourself.

The All-Day demo will be at the club meeting place at the Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club, 6013 Craig Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76112. All of the classes will be in the shop of Dr. Jimmie Gill at 3425 Meadow Oaks Drive, Haltom City, TX 76117

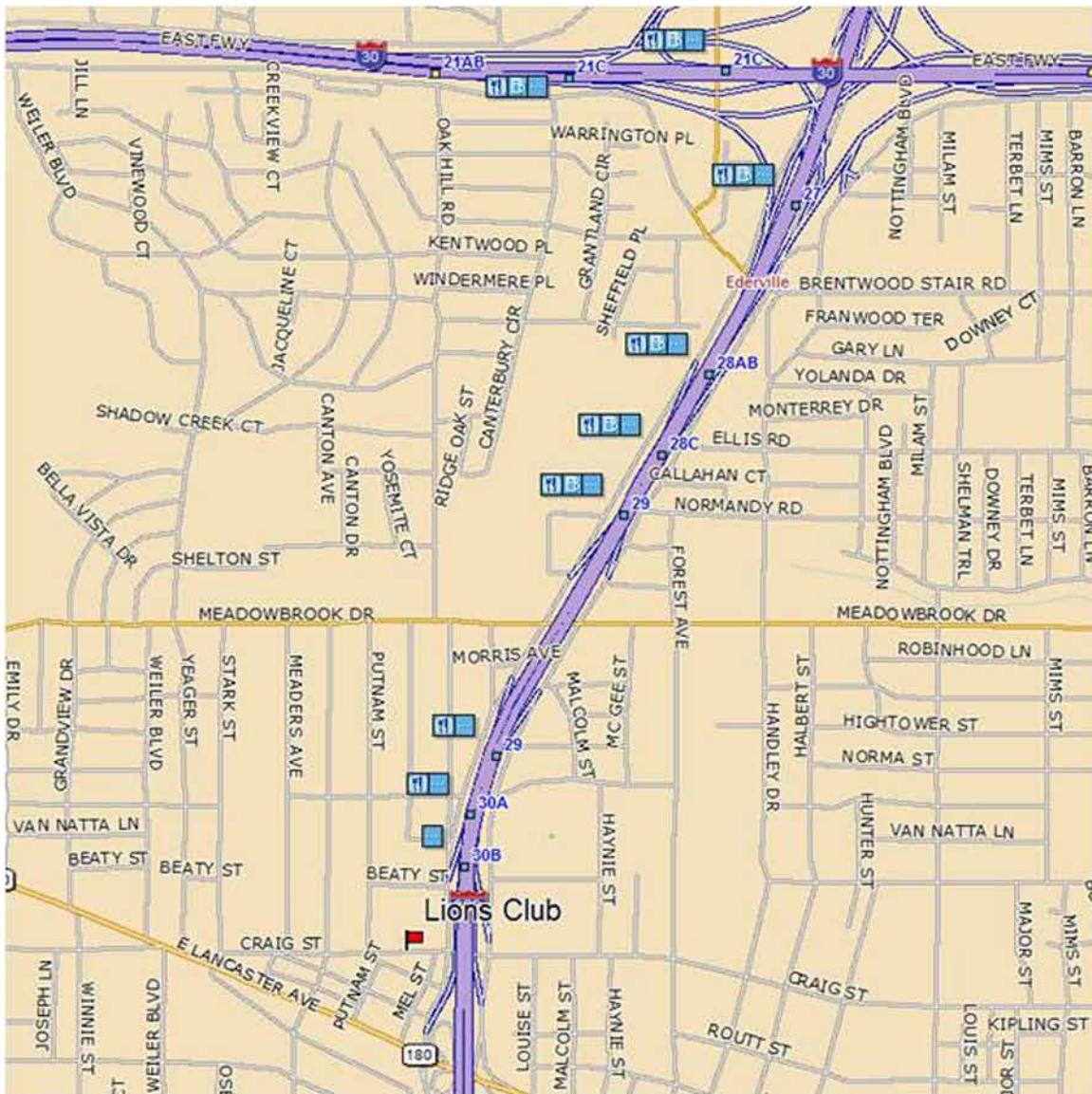


For more information about Mike Mahoney, consider viewing the following web sites:

<http://www.woodworkersguide.com/2010/03/16/a-day-with-bowl-turner-mike-mahoney/>

<http://www.bowlmakerinc.com/>





***Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club  
6013 Craig Street, Fort Worth 76112  
Exit 30A off of Loop 820***

**Driving Directions:**

**Heading south from I30 on I-820 E.** - Take EXIT 30A toward Craig St. Take the 1st right onto Craig St. Lions Club is on the right.

**Heading North from I20 on I-820 E.** - Take EXIT 30A toward TX-180/Lancaster Ave. Follow signs to Craig St. Turn left onto Craig St. Lions Club is on the right.

## 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. 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](mailto: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.

Wood World offers a 10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members.

<http://www.woodworldtx.com/>



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 **Niki's Italian Bistro**, 5237 Davis Blvd. (FM1938) in North Richland Hills. 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.

**January 31** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club,  
Demonstrator: **Multiple presenters - Greatest Finishing Secrets For Woodturners**

**February 5** - WNT Board Meeting

**February 28** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club  
Demonstrator: **Stormy Boudreaux - Photographing Your Work**

**March 5** - WNT Board Meeting

**March 28** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club,  
Demonstrator: **Jimmy & Barbie Holton - Surface Decoration With Wood Burning**

**April 2** - WNT Board Meeting

**April 6** - All day demo by **Mike Mahoney, \$10**, 9am-4pm, Lions Club

**April 7-11** - Hands-on classes with **Mike Mahoney**, 3425 Meadow Oaks Drive, Haltom City, TX

**April 25** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club  
Demonstrator: **Bob Edwards - Fundamentals of Turning**

**May 7** - WNT Board Meeting

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