

# Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the  
American Association of Woodturners

## March 2013 Program

# Surface Decoration

# With Woodburning by Jimmy and Barbie Holton

### Next Meeting:

Thursday,  
March 28, 2013  
Start Time: 6:30 PM

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

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Barbie and Jimmy Holton are native Texans dedicated to using their talents to create woodturnings and gourd art. With Barbie's study in various fine arts and crafts since childhood, she is constantly trying new directions. Jimmy's innate design ability completes the team.

They have been turning for about 13 years, since the Hill Country Turners took them under their collective wings to encourage their efforts.

The Holtons hail from the Houston area. Art, teaching, travel, children, business, sailboat racing, and woodturning have all been a part of their lives. Through the years, Barbie has taught art at almost every level from kindergarten to adult. Her



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President's message

by Glynn Cox

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Good

Shavings

The other afternoon, while checking my eyelids for light leaks, I was contemplating where we were going to get all of the turning blanks required for the Mike Mahoney classes. It came to mind that this time of year starts what you might call the "chain saw months". This is when we have the spring cleanups and storms that can produce a lot of FOG (found on ground) wood. As with most turners, I buy a few exotic pieces of turning stock from vendors but mostly obtain it locally. We are lucky to have a wide variety of wood species available but they require processing and this is where safety is paramount.

Regardless of whether the tree is standing or fallen, alive or dead, it takes a chain saw to cut it into usable lathe material. Unlike shop power tools, the chain saw has few built in safety devices. A high speed motor and a long, unprotected cutting chain running on the top and bottom of the bar is a license for disaster. The use of the saw's chain brake only provides a little protection when the saw is idling and maybe a little hand protection. What happens when the saw 'kicks back' or inertia causes it to hit your leg? I know a couple of people who know this (and there are probably others in our club) and I am one of them. I have a long scar on my leg from a chain cut and the saw was not even running. Another person, who shall remain nameless, also has a much larger chain scar on his leg. Before retiring, I worked with a man that had a partial hand with one finger thanks to a chain saw. I now wear Kevlar chaps, a hard hat with sound suppressing earmuffs, and a wire face shield. I consider this as my minimum chain saw protection outfit. What do they say about closing the gate after the horse gets out?

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**Woodturning can produce some nasty accidents but a chain saw goes well beyond. We do not need any club "safety coordinators" from chain saw accidents so be careful out there, use the saw properly, and wear the proper safety gear.**



**I know!**

**I saw it right away too....**

**No Safety Glasses or Hearing Protections!!**

## **GLYNN COX**



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### *Surface Decoration With Woodburning ... (continued from page 1)*

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current teaching has revolved around woodturning, gourd techniques, and pyrography.

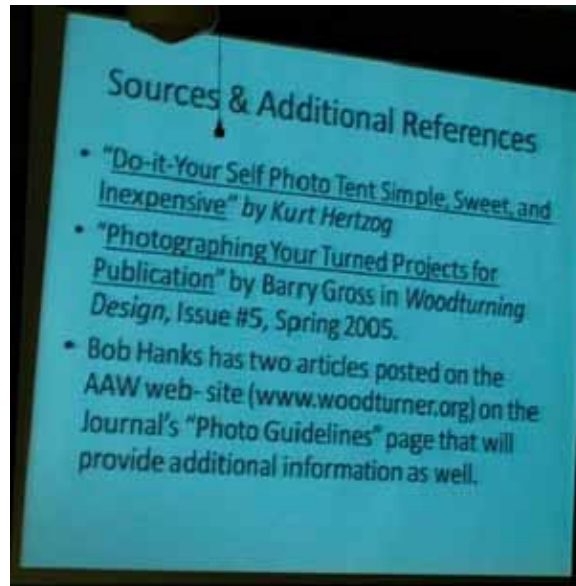
Barbie will be demonstrating Basic Pyrography. She and Jimmy will be sharing equipment choices and favorite burner needs. Easy woodburning techniques and uses will be shown. Tips and simple tricks for embellishing bowls will be included. Direction will also be given to the more experienced woodburner.





# Last Month's program

Information provided at last month's meeting during Stormy Boudreaux's presentation on Photographing your Work.



# “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 =====
Norman Brownlee	Ambrosia Maple Bowl with Deft Finish	Susan Cardin
Ken Cardin	Box Elder Bowl Blank	Jeff Allen
Pam Thompson	Bethlehem Olivewood Blank	Woodworld
Max Taylor	Box Elder Bowl with Bees Wax Finish	Wayne Clowers
Ron Traylor	Ambrosia Maple Bowl	Ken Cardin
Beth Banfield	Bowl	Jim Humphrey
Howard Banfield	\$20 Gift Certificate	Woodworld
Visitor	Bowl	-----



# Empty Bowls Final Count

Donor	05/13	06/13	07/13	08/13	09/13	10/13	11/13	12/13	01/13	02/13	03/13	Total
Clarke, Bob								2				2
Cloud, Kelton											2	2
Clower, Wayne										11		11
Colley, David									5			5
Collins, Bill					1							1
Cox, Glynn							1	3	7			11
Cox, Harv										3		3
Denke, Fred					2			6				8
Gill, Jimmie	0	0	7					1	6			14
Humphrey, Jim					1		2					3
Jarrell, Sandy	1	0	0									1
Johnson, Randy							6				2	8
Marshall, Dave	0	0	0				5				1	6
McGregor, Jim								1				1
Placido, Bob									8			8
Richards, Robert	3	0	4	10	5	11						33
Sweeney, Larry									3			3
Tanksley, Jim							1					1
Tiefel, Paul							17					17
Traylor, Ron									3	3		6
Weller, Curtis							3					3
Wiggins, Bob										3		3
Yauch, Steve									3	4		7
<b>Total</b>												157



# Empty Bowls Raffle

We are fast approaching our 11th Annual Empty Bowls event on Thursday, March 28th, from 11:00 a. m. to 1:00 p.m. at Will Rogers Memorial Center. If you have not been able to attend this event in the past, it is not to be missed!

It's a fun, art and food-filled extravaganza! For the price of your ticket, you can choose a handmade or hand painted bowl to take home, taste delicious food from almost 40 restaurants, bid on great Silent Auction items, plus enjoy art demonstrations and live entertainment! All proceeds directly benefit Tarrant Area Food Bank.

I would like to invite you to purchase a ticket (if you haven't already) and attend this "Artful Taste to End Hunger". Just click the following link for tickets: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=966c36>.

**There is also an opportunity to buy raffle tickets for amazing prizes:**

- For \$5 each, or 5 for \$20, you can purchase a chance to win one of two prizes:
  - 1) a wonderful Dallas Cowboy football package which includes four (4) preseason tickets, four (4) seats in a deluxe suite, delicious food, all beverages & the all-important parking spot; or
  - 2) use of a brand new Fiat for 30 days.
- In a second raffle drawing, you can also, for \$25, purchase a chance to win a brand new bright red Vespa LX 150 scooter! It's truly a beautiful machine and, again, you need not be present to win.





## The 2013 SWAT Symposium is only 5 Months away

**What is it?** - One of the largest woodturning symposiums in the world.

**When is it?** - [Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup>](#) thru Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> ( only 148 days from the March meeting).

**Who is it for?** - **YOU!!** Woodturners, New or Experienced there is something for everyone!

**Where is it?** - [Waco Convention Center](#) 100 Washington Avenue, Waco, Tx.

**Where can I find More Information?** - [www.swaturners.org](http://www.swaturners.org)

One of the largest woodturning symposiums in the world starts on Friday, [August 23<sup>rd</sup>](#) and it is being held in your backyard (Waco, Tx.). Last years symposium was the largest to date with over 800 attendees.

You should start planing to attend now.

The [On-Line Registration](#) will be available on [April 1, 2013](#) thru the **SWAT** website at [www.swaturners.org](http://www.swaturners.org) .

Early registration, which offers a discount on everything, will be available thru [July 25<sup>th</sup>](#).

### Host Hotels:

**Hilton Hotel**  
113 South University Parks Drive  
254-754-8484

**Marriott Courtyard**  
101 Washington Ave  
254-752-8686

**Clarion Hotel -**  
801 South 4th Street  
254-757-2000

Mention **SWAT** while making your reservation

**If you want to be assure yourself of being within walking distance of the symposium, you should make your Hoptel reservations now.**

More hotels, as well as campgrounds, are available.

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## Some highlights of the symposium are:

- An [Instant Gallery](#) in which woodturners display their work.
- [Special Interest Groups](#) such as Segmenting, Ornamental Lathe and others.
- A Saturday evening [banquet](#) that features a raffle of over 30 beautiful turned pieces.
- A 2<sup>nd</sup> [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 sell equipment and supplies to those attending the symposium at very competitive prices.
- [Lunches](#) are provided during the three-day event.
- Hands on [Pen turning](#), and [Tool Sharpening](#) areas.
- [Hands on Turning area](#) to try out new tools, obtain one on one coaching, or just make some shavings.
- [Activities](#) for [Spouses](#).

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

Beads of Courage started at SWAT in 2010 as the inspiration of the good folks at Wood World, and owner Craig Fyock in particular. This is a project done almost entirely by the **SWAT** Vendors with attendees contributing boxes for a contest. After **SWAT**, the boxes are donated to [Beads of Courage](#) to be distributed to the kids. The Vendors solicit for the prize fund and do the judging of the entries. For details go to the **SWAT** website at <http://www.swaturners.org> under Symposium Information/Beads of Courage.

The response from the turners presenting boxes was outstanding in 2012 with 109 pieces being donated. Perhaps most significant is that we believe this was the single largest contribution of boxes in the history of the Beads of Courage program!

## Nationally and Internationally known Demonstrators

This years lead demonstrators will be Jimmy Clewes, Ashley Harwood, Marilyn Campbell, Brian McEvoy, J. Paul Fennel and Dixie Biggs. Details of their rotations are available online.

## Regional Demonstrators

SWAT is currently taking online applications for Regional Demonstrators and will continue to do so through Mar. 30, 2013. If interested, go to [http://www.swaturners.org/?page\\_id=93](http://www.swaturners.org/?page_id=93) or <http://www.swaturners.org> and select Symposium Information then Regional Demonstrators to apply. Selected applicants receive free symposium registration and are paid \$150 for each of the two rotations.

## More to follow in upcoming newsletters

# Woodworking Show News

On February 8, 9, and 10 at least 39 members of the Woodturners of North Texas and several members of the Golden Triangle Woodturners and Dallas Area Woodturners manned a booth at The Woodworking Show at the Fort Worth Convention Center showing visitors what woodturning is all about. Throughout the three day show three mini-lathes were being constantly used to turn a wide variety of items to both entertain and educate the visitors that came to the show. We made new friends and several of the people that came by our booth became prospects for membership in our organization.

Dale Abshire entered his beautiful chess set in the Project Showcase Competition and won the First Place Award and will be honored in a future issue of Wood Magazine. Thanks to Chas Thornhill, Bob Clark, and John Horn, the huge event ran without a hitch. We even got to show off our new club banner that identified us as The Woodturners of North Texas.



# Mike Mahoney

## WNT Hands-on Demonstrator for April 2013



The Woodturners of North Texas will host Mike Mahoney 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.



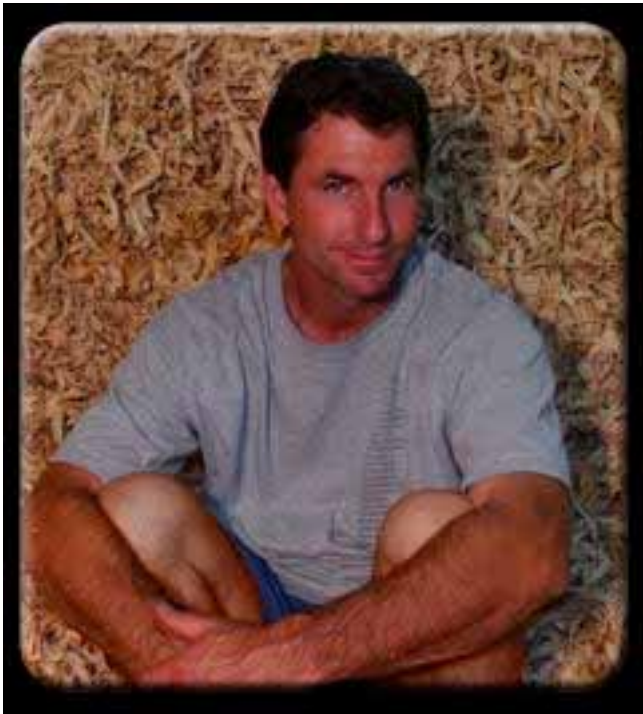
The All-Day Demonstration will be on Saturday, April 6th from 9 AM-4 PM, and will be held at the club meeting place at the Handley Meadowbrook Lions Club Building, 6013 Craig Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76112. It is open to anyone interested in seeing one

of the most well-known woodturners in the world perform feats of woodturning that will amaze you, educate you, and entertain you like no one else we know. For an admission price of only \$10 at the door, you can have the opportunity to ob-



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serve a true master at work in an environment where you can get a great view of what an accomplished woodturner can do with a few tools in a relatively short period of time. This event needs to be on your bucket list of great turners that you want to see.

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:

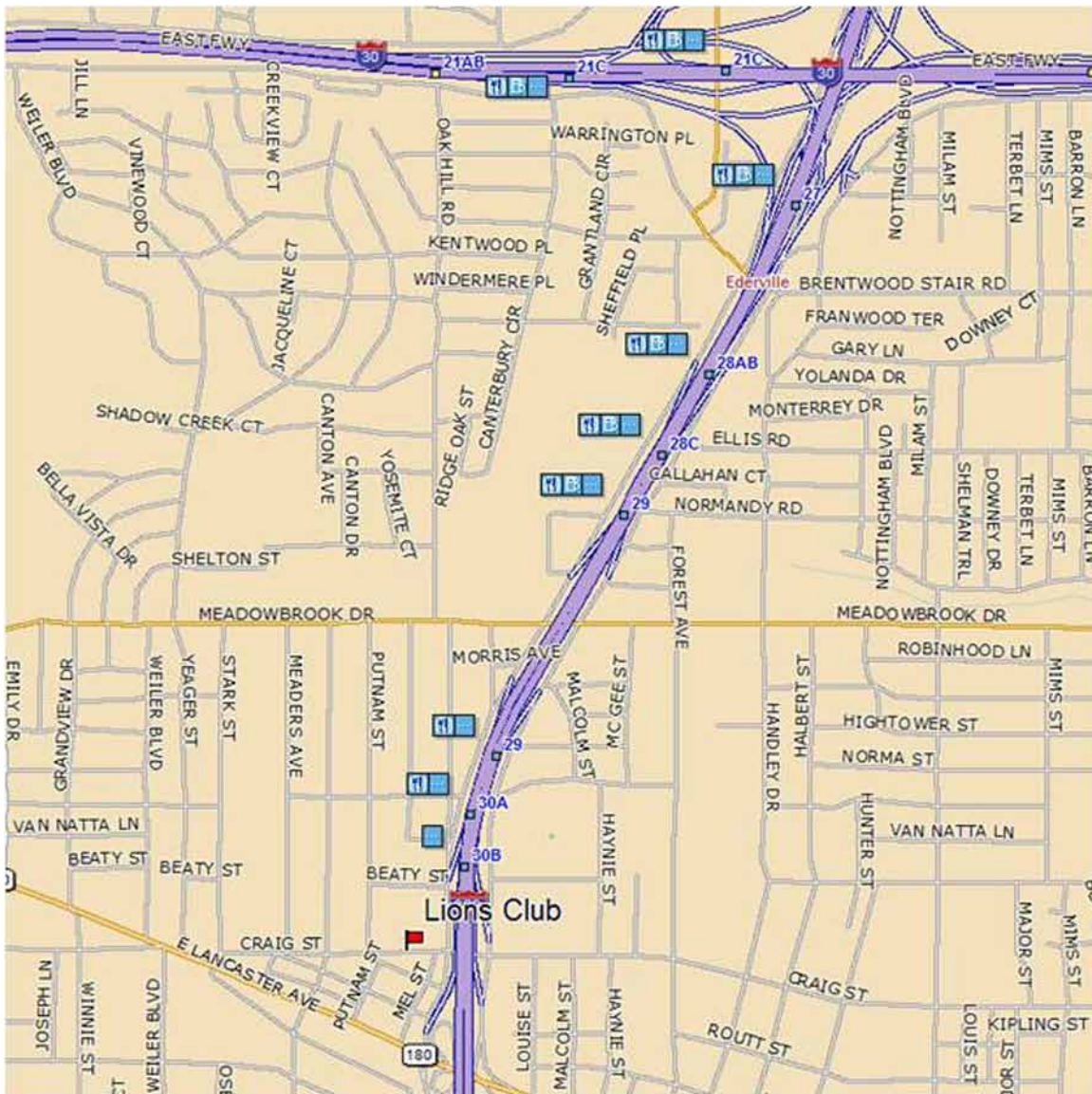
<http://www.woodworkersguide.com/2010/03/16/a-day-with-bowl-turner-mike-mahoney/>

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



As of this writing, we are heavily involved in harvesting and preparing the wood for both Mike's demo and the hands-on classes. If you would like to get a little education on how to prepare blanks for bowls, platters, and hollow forms through the use of chain saws and bandsaws and provide a real service to the club, we could use your assistance while we help you learn. Contact John Horn at 817-485-7397 or 817-944-3993 or e-mail: [johnhorn@flash.net](mailto:johnhorn@flash.net)





***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/>



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

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

**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

**May 30** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club  
Demonstrator: WNT Bowl Team - Bowls On Any Lathe

**June 4** - WNT Board Meeting

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