

# Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the  
American Association of Woodturners

## March 2014 Program

# The Art of Thread Chasing

by Mike Gray

### Next Meeting:

Thursday,  
March 27, 2014  
Start Time: 6:30 PM

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

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**About me:** I have lived in Tyler for over 30 years and have been married to my lovely wife, Gail, for 32 years. I have served in the U.S. Air Force. I retired from the Tyler Police Department in 2011, and currently work for Tyler Junior College as a Police Officer.



**Woodworking History:** I have worked with wood in various disciplines for many years and have been woodturning for just over 2 years. I began turning due to an accident involving my table saw. While I was healing I started playing with my lathe (less chance of re-injuring my hand.) I found my true woodworking love in turning, and as they say "The rest is history."



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# ... making Good Shavings

- ☀ There is only one word for our February Open Shop... WOW!!! With 8 lathes, 3 grinders, and hot dogs in the kitchen it was an awesome sight. If you missed this one, shame on you, but not to fret because we will be repeating it in a few months. Please thank John Horn for arranging all of the turning activities. It turned out great even though he was unable to attend in person. Thank Bob Wiggins, and John Lauderbaugh for the idea of serving hot dogs and especially Susan Wiggins and Mary Clark for doing the hard stuff... cooking and serving.
- ☀ Last meeting was also a high point in attendance. We had 94 members and visitors, which has only been exceeded in attendance at our Christmas banquets. Keep up the good work bringing new turners and we will continue to provide great demonstrations. Speaking of demonstrations... I heard a lot of good comments about our Tips and Tricks demos. I always learn something new when I see these. There are literally thousands of ideas that craftsmen have developed to make their task easier or even possible.
- ☀ May is the month for our nationally famous turner Joe Ruminski to be here for all day instruction sessions beginning the 12th and a full day demonstration on Saturday the 17th. Bring your check book or cash and sign up for one or more of the 5 classes being offered. Any open spots after this Thursday will be offered to other local woodturners, so get them while they are available. See John Horn's information for dates, agenda and pricing.
- ☀ I have seen the biography of this month's demonstrator, Mike Gray. This is one demo I don't want to miss as Mike specializes in thread chasing and finials. That is one of my favorite subjects and one I need to learn a lot more about. See John Horn's article later in this newsletter
- ☀ The Empty Bowls Luncheon will be held on March 27th and will feature our 213+ turned items. A real high light of this year's luncheon will be a surprise to the VIP guests. We have turned and provided over 60 "weed pot" center pieces to grace their tables, and they will be able to purchase them. The Empty Bowls Luncheon is a primary fund raising event for the Tarrant Food Bank. Our club's donations, whether bowls, rolling pins, vases or other turned items are greatly appreciated and highly sought after. We are proud to be a sponsor.
- ☀ Are you interested in photography? Jeff Robbins has volunteered to be our club photographer but he could use some manual help early in the meetings moving the turnings from display to photo and back. A little help here will greatly shorten the time he is tied up photographing our turnings. Please see Jeff and lend a hand.
- ☀ I was unable to attend the Rockler demo Saturday but I hear it was successful, gaining at least one new member. Thank you Randy Johnson for coordinating the event.
- ☀ See you at 6:30pm Thursday and be safe. We do not need any more "safety coordinators". Sorry, no hot dogs this month.



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**Philosophy:** My Philosophy is simple. I believe that God has given each of us gifts, and that when He made the tree He did the best He could. So I believe we owe it to him to do the best we can with those gifts. I love to learn, as well as share what I learn. I feel that this is one of the greatest traits of this community.

**Specialties:** Hand Chased Threads in



Wood, Fine Finials, and various Tool Techniques.

**Accomplishments:** I have been fortunate in my short career. I have several art pieces in collections in South Africa, Las Vegas, and numerous pieces locally and have been chosen to show in local juried art shows. I have been commissioned, and donated, two pieces to a local charity auction. I have just started doing demonstrations.



## Who's up for a Challenge?

It was very impressive at the meeting last month to see how many people participated in the sphere challenge. It was even more impressive to see the quality of the work. Great job everyone! Last week I got around to turning some eggs. I thought my first one looked pretty good until I got an egg from the refrigerator to use for comparison. I had to make some adjustment and it turned out pretty good. I even did a little decorating on some of the eggs to give them that dyed Easter Egg look. It was a fun project and I'm sure I'll be making more in the future. I can't wait to see what everyone else came up with for the challenge. Next month I'll be upping the challenge a bit to exercise your turning skills and creativity. See you at the meeting.

Bob Wiggins

## Anchorseal

New drum, new price, now only \$10.

Thanks - James Haynes



# Last Month's program

At February's meeting, several members presented tips and tricks they have picked up over the years.



# Last Month's Open Shop

We had a very good turnout for our February's Open Shop prior to the monthly meeting.



# “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. Winners of any item should bring back a replacement turned item of their own creation to the next meeting. 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.

## Bring Backs = Turnings From February

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>
Tom Beatty	Gift certificate - \$25	Wood World
Rick Gauthier	Potpourri Bowl with metal lid	Max Taylor
Matt Rabe	Natural Edge Bowl	John Lauderbaugh
John Lauderbaugh	Hackberry Bowl	Bill Collins
Jon Solberg	Spalted Tamarind - \$28 value	Wood World
Bill Burney	Sweetgum Bowl	Jeff Robbins
Sue Wiggins	Natural Edge Bowl	Jim Humprey
Jeff Allen	Cedar Pepper Mill	Jimmy Gill
Mary Riley	Sweet Gum Bowl	Steve Tolar
John Lauderbaugh	Wood Blank	Dale Abshire
Bill Collins	3 walnut platter blanks	Don York
Tom Beatty	Mesquite Angel with Acrylic bible	Ron Howe
Ron Howe	Mesquite paper clip bowl	Rick Riley
Bill Burney	Indian rosewood bottle stopper	Roger Cowan
Howard Banfield	Back Scratcher	Max Taylor
Bob Wiggins	Wet Sharpener	Dale Abshire
Rick Riley	Bullet pen	John Lauderbaugh
Howard Banfield	Golf ball stopper	Max Taylor
Roger Cowan	Natural Edge winged crotch bowl with pyro by Sue Wiggins	Bob/Sue Wiggins





# Joe Ruminski Spring Demonstrator



Our Spring Instructor/Demonstrator will be Joe Ruminski, one of the very popular demonstrators that is really making a name for himself wherever he goes. He will be with the Woodturners of North Texas from May 12th through May 17th with five all-day classes, starting on May 12th and an all-

day demonstration on May 17th. Start making your plans now to take one or more of the all-day classes because there will only be six people in each class. Joe will teach a wide variety of subjects in the classes with usually two projects in each class. There will be classes for all skill



levels, from beginners to advanced turners. Registration will begin at the February meeting. More details are available on the next page.



# Joe Ruminski Spring Demonstrator

Every year the Woodturners of North Texas brings in a very special demonstrator/instructor to both give a number of all-day hands-on classes and provide an all-day demonstration that will inform, educate, and entertain you. This year we are proud to bring you Joe Ruminski from Fairview, North Carolina. Joe has demonstrated at SWAT, taught at Arrowmont and the John C. Campbell Folk School, and is fast becoming one of the most recommended demonstrator/instructors in the country. He travels over the United States providing instruction to clubs full time.

We have him scheduled for five days of classes starting on Monday, May 12th and ending with an all-day demonstration on Saturday, May 17th. You may sign up for one or more of his classes at the club's monthly meeting on February 27th for only \$125 per class. Each class is designed for a specific skill level from the absolute beginning level, the intermediate level, the upper intermediate level, and the advanced level.

In each class you will turn two projects, something you can accomplish with pride as you finish the class.

On Monday, May 12th, a class for turners with little or no experience, you will turn a Basic Bowl and a Tea Light. You will learn the fundamental techniques of using a bowl gouge on these projects.

On Tuesday, May 13th, the class is for students that need to be able to turn a basic bowl with no concern as you turn a Natural Edge Bowl and a False Hollow Form.

On Wednesday, May 14th, for upper intermediate skill level students, you should be comfortable with turning traditional bowls with no concern as you turn an Off-Center Bowl and a Side Grain Box.

On Thursday, May 15th, for upper intermediate skill level students, you should be comfortable with turning traditional bowls with no concern as you turn a Square Rim Bowl (it is not as hard as it sounds) and a Tear Drop Vase (hollowing through the bottom.)

On Friday, May 16th, for advanced skill level students, you will turn a Mini Cowboy Hat and an Off-Center Multi-Center Disk Wall Hanging.

Remember that only six people are allowed in each class and out of over 100 club members only 30 will be able to take one of the hands-on classes. We only have February, March, and April to fill up the classes. At this point, only paid up club members may register for a class but any class that is not full by the April meeting will be open to anyone with the registration fee. If a class becomes full, you may sign up as an alternate in case someone has to withdraw from the class. The class fee needs to be paid to James Haynes at the time of your registration unless prior arrangements have been made.

If you have any questions, you may contact John Horn for further information.





# Empty Bowls

Our final Empty Bowls program contributions through the February meeting is listed below.

## EMPTY BOWLS 2014 TURN-A-BOWL-A-MONTH

Turner's Name	May 2013	Jun 2013	Jul 2013	Aug 2013	Sep 2013	Oct 2013	Nov 2013	Dec 2013	Jan 2014	Feb 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Total	
<b>Bowl Of Month Member</b>														
Sandy Jarrell	1	3			2		4		9	1			20	
John Horn	1		3										4	
John Lauderbaugh	1	1	1										3	
Robert Richards	3		3	5									11	
David Colley	1	1	1						6	3			12	
Ron Traylor		1				3	4		1	3			12	
Glynn Cox (added by email)		1	3			3		4	1				12	
Paul Tiefel (added by email)					8								8	
Wayne Clowers						6				7			13	
Ronnie Nuzum							1		1				2	
Bob Wiggins					4	1			5	2			12	
Steve Rost		2		2	2	1	1						8	
Larry Denning			1			1	1						3	
Tom Beatty			3							3			6	126
<b>Non-Member</b>														
Jimmie Gill						3		8	6				17	
Bill Holt						3							3	
Fred Denke	1												1	
Matt Rabe	1												1	
Jim McGregor				2	2	1	2	1		2			10	
Bob Placido			12										12	
Jim Humphrey			2				1		1				4	
Rick Gauthier				4		1				3			8	
Dave Marshall					3		1						4	
Harv Cox									3	7			10	
Bill Boehme										5			5	
Gary Adams										5			5	
Larry Roberts										3			3	
Bill Collins										1			1	
John Beasley				3									3	87
<b>Grand Total</b>	9	9	29	16	21	23	15	13	33	45	0	0	213	

# Mentors

Name	City	Specialty
Beasley, John	Denton,	General turning, Bowls
Boehme, Billy	Arlington	General turning, Bowls
Brand, Neal	Denton	Spindles, Hand-chased threads, Boxes
Clowers, Wayne	Haltom City	Bowls, Pens, Lidded vessels, Segmented
Cox, Glynn	Keller	General turning, Tool making
Denke, Fred	Fort Worth	Bowls, Surface decoration, Inlay
Derczo, Johnny	Mansfield	Segmented
Gill, Jimmie	Haltom City	General turning, Bowls
Horn, John	North Richland Hills	Fundamentals. Spindles, Bowls, Sharpening
Jarrell, Sandy	Fort Worth	General turning, Bowls
Lauderbaugh, John	North Richland Hills	Peppermills, Snowmen, Pens, Sharpening
Marshall, Dave	Fort Worth	General turning
Moyer, Ray	Eules	Spindles, Boxes, Basics
Placido, Bob	Azle	Bowls, Inlays, Segmented, Boxes, Goblets, Inside-out, Tops
Roberts, Larry	Arlington	Basics, Natural Edge Vessels
Rost, Steve	Mansfield	Segmented
Solberg, John	Denton	Multi-axis, Ornaments, Bowls, Pens, Tops
Tanksley, Jim	Mansfield	End grain bowls, Hollowing
Taylor, Max	Fort Worth	General turning, Pens, Bowls
Thornhill, Chas	Frisco	General Turning
Tiefel, Paul	Southlake	Multi-axis, Hollow forms, Bowls, Coring
Tkacs, Peter	Denton	General turning, Peppermills
Wiggins, Bob	Arlington	Bowls

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### Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$10.00 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, 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.

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## 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 27** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club,  
Demonstrator: **Mike Gray - The Art Of Thread Chasing**

**April 1** - WNT Board Meeting

**April 24** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club,  
Demonstrator: **Jim Bob Burgoon - Bowl From A Board**

**May 6** - WNT Board Meeting

**May 12-16** - Hands-on classes with **Joe Ruminski**, 3425 Meadow Oaks Drive,  
Haltom City, TX

**May 17** - All day demo by **Joe Ruminski**, \$10, 9am-4pm, Lions Club

**May 29** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club,  
Demonstrator: **John Solberg - How To Make Spheres**

**June 3** - WNT Board Meeting

**June 26** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club,  
Demonstrator: - **TBA**

**July 1** - WNT Board Meeting

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