

# Woodturners of North Texas



**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 25th, 2021  
Meeting Start: 6:30 PM**

**Virtual meeting on the Internet ONLY.  
Watch your email for an invitation to attend.**

## Flower Bud on a Stem by Jeff Allen



Jeff Allen has been a registered nurse for over 25 years and he currently works at the Dallas VA Hospital where he manages the community care department. He has been married to his wife Claudia for 30 years and they have two boys who are both in college now.

Jeff first got started in Woodturning when he was visiting his in laws in Germany one winter. His father-in-law knew Jeff like to do woodworking and had several pieces Jeff had done on the scroll saw. He asked Jeff if he had ever used a Dreschel machine and took Jeff down to his shop area in the garage and uncovered an old bench top lathe. He got a couple of pieces of cherry wood and showed Jeff how to mount it in the lathe using a faceplate. Jeff scraped out his first bowl and was hooked. That week he made a

candle holder and a goblet. He had no instructions other than the brief instructions his father-in-law had given him (in German) on how to hold the tools. Everything else was just an experiment to see “can I do this”.

That was about 20 years ago. When Jeff got back home from that trip he bought a cheap lathe from a tool show and was very dissatisfied that he could not do even close to what he had done in Germany. He ended up selling that lathe to a neighbor and then eventually bought a Jet mini lathe and the “fun” began. The lathe took over his shop and his other tools were only used for when he needed them for a home repair project. He went to Rockler and met some of the guys from WNT and learned about SWAT. In 2005 he went to SWAT in Wichita Falls and the doors were opened to all of the things he could do with the lathe. Of course that meant he needed more “stuff”. And more wood. It wasn’t long after that that the Allen family cars saw the inside of the garage for the last time.

Because of his work schedule and of his involvement in Scouting, Jeff was not able to attend any of the WNT meetings because they conflicted with his schedule. But he met several of the members at SWAT every year and would see them doing demos at Rockler. Finally, he was able to move things around in his schedule so he could attend a WNT meeting and he joined the club after

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attending his first meeting. He could not always attend every meeting and still has some challenges when he is required to work late. But he tries to attend as often as he can.

Jeff has taken classes from Mike Mahoney, Jimmy Clews, and several others that have done demos for the club. He has attended every SWAT since 2005 and at the first Trinity Woodturners Hands On Retreat. Jeff had to step in and help teach to cover for Barry Todd who could not make it at the last minute due to health issues. Other than that, this will be Jeff's first attempt at doing a demo presentation. And of course, due to the pandemic, this demo has the added challenge of being virtual. This will also be his first venture into doing a remote demo as well, so lots of firsts here. But let's have some fun and let the wood chips fly and see what we can make together.

# Calendar of Events

**February 25th - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM**

**Location: Remote - Zoom meeting**

**Demonstrator: Jeff Allen**

**Subject: Flower Bud on a Stem**

Our own Jeff Allen will be doing a demo on how he turns a flower bud on a stem. This is called a PODLET. This will be Jeff's first demo. Jeff is a really good turner and I'm expecting this to be great.

**March 25th - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM**

**Location: Remote - Zoom meeting**

**Demonstrator: TBA**

**Subject: TBA**

**April 29th - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM**

**Location: Remote - Zoom meeting**

**Demonstrator: TBA**

**Subject: TBA**



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**President's Notes for February, 2021**

“Absence makes the heart grow fonder”

Kathy and I have been housebound for the better part of 2 weeks, dealing with frozen pipes and a frozen aerobic septic system, and wishing for just a few good hours in the shop. I can raise my shop temperature approximately 30 degrees above the outside temperature, which leaves it too darned cold for me right now. I plan on finally getting back in the shop this weekend (Feb 20-21).

In the meantime, what can we do to satisfy our “turning yearning”? I have signed up for many online demos, and have learned a lot. Cindy Drozda is always my favorite, and every time I watch her demonstrate I learn a lot. Trent Bosch also does great online demonstrations, as well as many other professional turners. The AAW also sponsors online demos. Most of them will post a video of their demos online for the people who subscribed to the live demo and make it available for a month. This has been very valuable for me because I find myself sometimes forgetting a critical detail from a demo, and under normal (non-Covid) in-person conditions I can't go back and play the demo again. So, an unexpected benefit of our current circumstances is that we can replay demos for a month and better capture key points that otherwise may have been lost/missed. In an online demo, Eli Avisera showed a really neat trick turning an O.D. jam chuck into a clamping chuck by cutting it slightly

loose and then slotting it and clamping it in a 4-jaw chuck. It is a trick that will save me a lot of time and frustration. Sometimes we get just a single gem from a demo, but it makes us better turners.

Don't forget that our club always has a great lineup of demonstrators for our monthly meetings, starting with Emiliano Achaval in January and our own Jeff Allen this month! We will also continue with the virtual shop tours as we got very positive feedback after Jim LeGrand conducted the first one last month.

So, even with the double whammy of Covid and ridiculously low temperatures, there are things we can do to improve our skills and prepare for better times. It can be a great time to slow down the doing and step up the learning!

Keep warm and keep turning!

**Greg Stehle  
President**



# WNT 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Between October 12 and 17, 2020 an email was sent to each current member by James D. Haynes with individual information and steps for membership renewal for 2021.

If you did not receive yours or somehow lost it please email me at [jhaynescpa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jhaynescpa@sbcglobal.net) to request a repeat.

James Haynes, Treasurer  
214-801-1775

# **GLYNN'S SHOP TALK**

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### **SHARPENING MACHINES**

In our February Zoom meeting I will show and discuss the various types of turning tool sharpening equipment. I will talk about grinders, speed, wheels and belts. Does it make a difference? Will it fly apart, will it tear, will it ever get to speed? These are some of my topics.

What I show in Shop Talk is how I do things. It works for me, but there are no absolutes. If you find another way that works better for you, use it.

I hope in future meetings to be able to bring other insights into lathe, tool and shop maintenance issues.

Glynn Cox  
Past President



# Who's up for a Challenge?

This month's Challenge is a salt box or salt cellar.



Bob Grinstead



Dick Koch



**Jim Barkelew**

**Mulberry and Pecan. 4 1/2 in.**

**Walnut oil finish**



# MISSION CENTRAL

If some of you are like me, you miss being able to help people out and turn bowls at the same time. Well, a new opportunity is available.

Mission Central is a sister agency of Tarrant Area Food Bank. Mission Central has two re-sale stores and several months ago they opened a new section at these stores to feature art and crafts works from their numerous volunteers and supporters. I'm sure some turned wood bowls would make a great addition and income generator for these stores. All of the profits from these stores goes to Mission Central.

Mission Central is a multifunctional organization that has a food bank, helps with job searches, tutors school children, and other support functions. The heart of their mission is to empower people in need to improve their own quality of life. Their web site is: <https://missioncentraltx.org/>

You can drop turnings off at the Village Pantry.

**The Pantry is open Tuesday – Friday from 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm. It is located at 740 East Pipeline Road in Hurst, in the same shopping center as Kroger. Mission Central is at the East end of the shopping center.**

If there is enough interest I can arrange to meet and pick up the turnings.

Any suggestions or comments can be sent to me, Ron Traylor, at [randkbiz@msn.com](mailto:randkbiz@msn.com).

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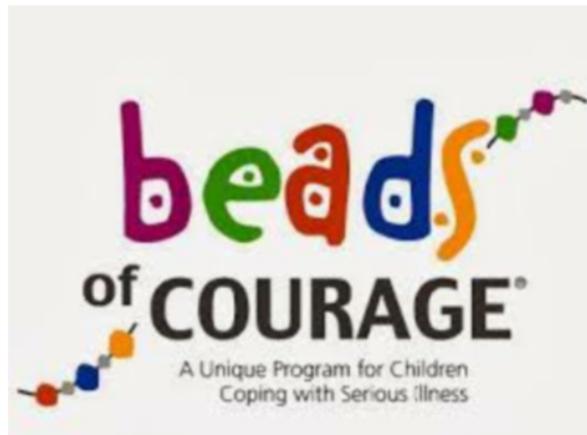
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## Beads of Courage Program

This program is designed to support, strengthen and encourage children and families coping with serious illness. The program lets the children tell their story using colorful beads as meaningful symbols that commemorates milestones they have achieved along their treatment path. The average child gets 500 beads. The Woodturners of North Texas is taking on the challenge again this year.

## Requirements

The lidded box/bowl interior diameter should be 6” (5” minimum diameter, 6” depth, 4” minimum). The lid should have a finial/knob that is easy for a child to grasp and not too elaborate. The ‘Beads of Courage’ logo bead to be placed inside or outside will be available at the meeting or can be mailed to you upon request. The “Beads of Courage” inscription can also be engraved or burned in the lid and can be placed inside or outside of the lid (no political or religious undertones are accepted). Customarily your box or bowl will be taken to SWAT and displayed along with the others from the club. Your thanks is knowing a very ill child is getting something that will help them through difficult times.

Please visit the Beads of Courage website at <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/beat-bowl> on ways to contribute. The workmanship and finish should be in keeping with WNT standards.

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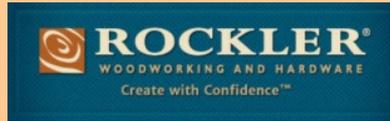
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The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30PM via Zoom.

Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM on Zoom. All WNT members are invited to attend.

If you would like to attend the Board meeting, email your request to Greg Stehle at [pgstehle@gmail.com](mailto:pgstehle@gmail.com).

## **Anchorseal®**

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$15.00 per gallon. Sales are being handled by Michael Stephens, 2223 Southcrest Dr, Arlington TX 76013, 817-707-3418. Call to arrange pickup. Payment needs to be by check.

**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 (email [wntnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wntnewsletter@gmail.com)) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor (have you spotted the trend yet?) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.