

Woodturners of North Texas



**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 24th, 2021
Meeting Start: 6:30 PM**

**Our FIRST IN-PERSON MEETING this year!!!
Virtual meeting on the Internet also.
Watch your email for a Zoom invitation OR
attend in person at the
Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club
6013 Craig Street Fort Worth, Texas 76112.**

Serving Spoon by Neil Brand



My first experience using a lathe was in junior high shop class where I turned a walnut lamp. I was immediately intrigued with woodturning, but it wasn't until 40 years later that I owned a lathe and turned my second project. I am a member of Golden Triangle Woodturners, Woodturners of North Texas, and the Dallas Area Woodturners as well as the American Association of Woodturners. I grew up on a farm in Northeastern Indiana, and I lived in California, Ohio, and Illinois before coming to Denton Texas in 1983. I am married to Shari and we have two grown daughters and two grandkids.

There are two things I don't liked about how people usually turn spoons. One is that there is no choice in the shape of the hollow part of the spoon, it is always round. The second is that the hollowing process requires mounting the spoon so that the handle dangerously spins around like a propeller. I intend to show an alternate way to make spoons that allows the turner more flexibility in shaping the spoon and eliminates the need for a spinning propeller. I will also talk about how to make jigs

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Calendar of Events

June 24th - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: Lions Club &

Remote - Zoom meeting

Demonstrator: Neil Brand

Subject: Serving Spoon

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83755883516?pwd=UmVCajQ2a1RTckM1RG9CSlVTcmh1QT09>

July 6th - Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Remote - Zoom meeting**

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058917725?pwd=SVlqenMzT1lyV2pOeExBWVVEY2lYdz09>

July 24th - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **TBA**

Demonstrator: TBA

Subject: TBA

August 27-29th - SWAT

Location: Waco, TX



... making Good Shavings

President's Notes for June, 2021

Just try something!

Sometimes the most effective advice we get is not immediately apparent. I took a full day training class with Jimmy Clewes a few years ago, and it was quite enjoyable. Jimmy is a very engaging guy and always makes his classes fun. We made a platter with an ogee bottom shape, a gold leaf inlay bowl, a 3-cornered box, and a few other things. It was all great, but the best part of the day was when Jimmy was talking about experimentation. Simply put, he said, “Just try something!”.

And why not just try something? I can do what many do and make simple bowls, platters and hollow forms, or, maybe, I can do something unique. It's this kind of thinking that leads us to try new things like segmenting like Ray Allen and Malcolm Tibbetts (not so new after all), resin casting and composite materials like Alan Trout, pyrography like Janice Levi, inlay like Scott Grove (and many others), lamination like Frank Penta, and compressed wood like Jeanne Duphrate. I have made some vessels out of OSB and developed a finishing technique that makes a wood product of very low quality look great. Just try something!

It is important to develop our wood turning skills, and we definitely do that by practicing turning bowls, platters, boxes and hollow forms, but have we stretched ourselves? Have we tried something new and

uncomfortable, like David's monthly challenge? Have we accessed the skill and knowledge that our club mentors offer to learn and develop new techniques and ideas? Why not just try something?

On a different note, unfortunately, the Trinity River Woodturning Retreat has been canceled this year. There were challenges getting a venue commitment, which paced demonstrator/teacher commitments, and, basically, the clock ran out. We hope to see the event back in 2022!

On the side of great news: SWAT is definitely on this year, and Covid-related room constraints have been eliminated, so we hope to have a great event this year. I just sent the Rotations out to all WNT Club members, so please have a look and see what looks interesting to you.

Lastly, I hope you will all attend our live meetings at the Lions Club starting this month. We have lots of fun and fellowship, and many opportunities to learn from each other.

**Greg Stehle
President**



Spoon Turning Material List

Neal Brand

Wood blanks: Two 1" x 2 7/8" x 12" I prefer hard maple.

Hollowing chuck:

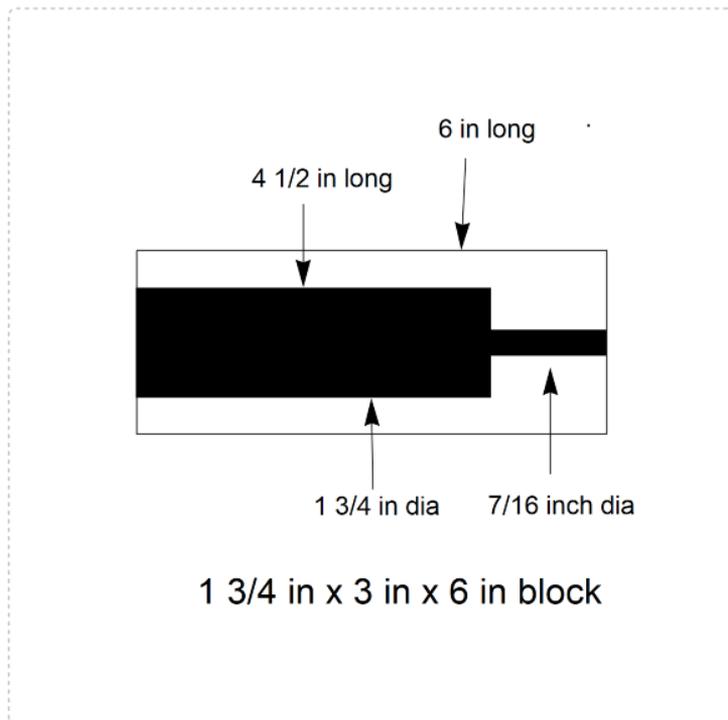
1 3/4" diameter 8" Lathe Buffing Extender (Available at Woodcraft, Grizzly, and other suppliers.)

1 3/4" x 3" x 6" drilled blank (Any wood, I used two 2 by 4s glued together.)

2 - 3" x 5" U bolts (Available at bolt suppliers and Amazon. I only found 6 inch, so I cut off 1 inch.)

2" long 3/8" bolt

Washer to fit bolt



Safety shield 3" x 3" thin square (plastic or wood). Corners drilled for small screws. Center drilled for hollowing entrance.

Directions for Turning Spoons Neal Brand

Attach two 1" X 2 7/8" X 12" blanks on opposite sides of the hollowing chuck with an overhang of 4 inches. Use small screws to attach the safety shield centered on the overhanging ends of the two boards. Hollow the scoop part of the two spoons through the safety shield.

Remove the safety shield and mark the edge of the hollow.

Turn the outside of the scoop part of the spoon, staying 1/4 inch or so from the marked edge. Stay further than 1/4 inch from line when you are near where the handle meets the scoop part of the spoon.

Remove blanks from hollowing chuck and use a bandsaw to cut as shown below.



Safety Shield

Mount one spoon on the lathe using a small step or spur drive and the live center attachment in the slot further from the center of the attachment. Make sure you mount the blank so that it is centered with respect to the hollow. Check by hand turning the spindle and check that both sides just touch a fixed finger. The hollow should face the center of the attachment.



Turn closer to the marked edge, keeping at least $1/16$ inch from the mark. Try to make the distance uniform along $2/3$ of the scoop away from the handle. In the other $1/3$ you can cut closer but be sure to check the spoon bottom and try to minimize the ridge between the two cuts without cutting too close to the edge mark.

Keeping the blank in the spur drive, move the scoop end to the center slot. One edge of the slot is centered on the live center attachment. The centered edge should be against the bottom of the spoon blank while the non-centered edge should be against the top or flat part of the spoon blank. As before, make sure the blank is centered.

Touch up the edge of the hollow to make the distance of the cut to the marked edge uniform except where the blank connects to the live center and near the transition from the scoop to the handle.

At the transition, pay attention to the ridges on the back of the spoon and try to minimize them, while keeping away from the marked edge of the hollow. Typically, there is a ridge that needs some sanding to be done later.

Turn the handle. Put whatever decorations you want on the handle, such as burnt lines, beads, blood stains, and so on.

Sand the handle and part the spoon from the lathe. I sand to 400 or 600 grit.

Sand both ends to shape. It helps to use a belt or disk sander.

Hand sand the scoop area of the spoon. It is much faster to use a King Arthur's© Guinevere© Inflatable Round Dome Sander for the hollow. You can also use the round dome sander, a belt sander, or a disk sander to remove the ridges on the back of the spoon.

I do not apply a finish since the finish will come off anyway after a little use and who wants finish in their soup!



WNT BEANCOUNTER'S BULLETIN-JUNE 2021

CREDIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED FOR PAYMENTS

Beginning at the June 24 meeting members will be able to pay membership dues and purchase Anchorseal, lacquer/sealer, shirts and caps using a credit card. It may take a little longer at first, but be patient with our treasurer as he works out the details of using a PayPal Chip and Swipe Reader. Cash and checks will still be welcome. Bill Holt will be helping the treasurer at the meetings, etc.

Other board members with IT experience and expertise are working on the WNT website to enable payment of dues online. Hopefully announcements about that will be coming soon.

LACQUER AND SEALER

We have a new supply of lacquer and sealer with a new price of \$9.

WNT SHIRTS

June 24 will be the last chance to order a WNT shirt to wear at SWAT. New uniform pricing: Polo shorts \$28, Button front shirts \$37, Tall BF \$40. Payment must be made when the shirt is ordered.

ANCHORSEAL

Anchorseal will be available at the June meeting. Price is still \$15. Please do not bring empty containers. They are not needed at this time.

2021 WNT MEMBERSHIP CARDS

If you did not send an SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) with your dues payment to get your membership card mailed to you, you may get it from Bill Collins at the June meeting.

This Month's Shop Tour

Every month, as part of the club meeting, you will get to see how one of your fellow club members has set up their woodturning shop.

This month your host is: **Greg Stehle**

West Main Arts Festival in Arlington

Woodturners of North Texas gave away about 750 spinning tops at the West Main Arts Festival in Arlington May 8th. The club had 6 lathes going continuously demonstrating how to make tops and letting the kids (and some adults) pick the colors they wanted to have as decoration for their tops.

Club members turned about 250 tops before the festival and the rest were turned by club members during the West Main Arts Festival.

Thanks to the following members for helping to set up, turn tops and tear down that day.

Jeff Allen	Tom Newman
David Carter	Tommy Schutz
David Colley	Greg Stehle
Bill Collins	Kathy Stehle
Larry Denning	Michael Stephens
Ed Kocurek	Danny Woods
John Lauderbaugh	

We had several spectators who indicated a great interest in the club and we expect a few will show up for our club meeting on Zoom later this week.

James Boyett
Activities Director

(Photos provided by Kathy Stehle)





Who's Up For A Challenge?

Last month we had several participants in the patriotic turnings challenge. We had entries ranging from tops to candlesticks. The different texturing and coloring techniques really showed the talent we have in our club. Great job to those who submitted pieces!

This month's challenge was a Beads of Courage box. With the annual SWAT conference set for August we all need to step up so we can provide boxes for all those kids that are going through tuff times in the area hospitals. Remember our 2019 Christmas Banquet? Greg and Kathy brought one of the recipients of a Beads of Courage box, Lyla Baisden. Hearing her story of how she felt getting her box just hits home. So, let's do our part to help these kids find a little ray of sunshine in their day. It's not too late to get started, the first link below is the AAW handout that has the guidelines for building your boxes. The second link of the Beads of Courage site that you can how the program works.

[AAW-handout-guidelines.pdf \(beadsofcourage.org\)](#)

[Beads of Courage - Providing Arts-in-Medicine for Children with Serious Illness](#)

Thanks and I'll see you next Thursday.....in our FIRST face-to-face meeting in well over a year.

David Carter

Bob Grinstead



Tom Newman



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.

NEVER BEEN AN AAW MEMBER?

THREE-MONTH INTRODUCTORY AAW MEMBERSHIP

JUST \$20

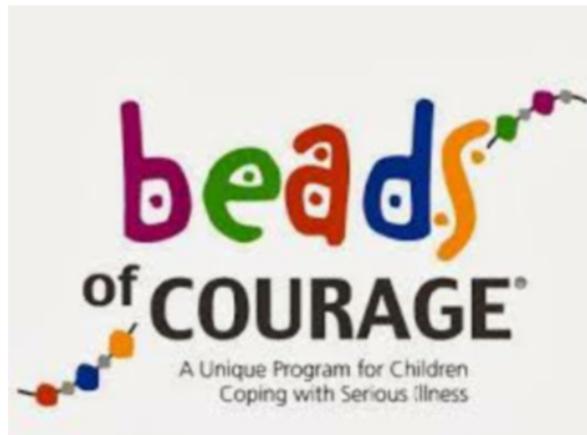
- Each introductory, three-month AAW membership includes the benefits of AAW membership for three full months, including: one printed copy of the *American Woodturner* journal, and access for three-months to Woodturning FUNDamentals, AAW EXPLORE! Discover Woodturning, AAW Connects, AAW Forum, tips library, safety resources, learning and mentoring materials, grant opportunities, specialty programming, services, and more.
- Available to new members one time only. When the introductory three-month membership period ends, individuals who have not cancelled are automatically renewed for an additional nine-month period for just \$40.



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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.

Mentors

Name	City	Phone	Skills													
			General turning	Bowls	Pens	Segmented	Tool Making	Decoration & Inlay	Sharpening	Fundamentals	Natural Edge	Multi-axis	Hollow Forms			
Boehme, Billy	Arlington	817-275-7473 (h)	•	•												
Clowers, Wayne	Haltom City	817-834-7755 (h)		•	•	•										
Cox, Glynn	Keller	817-337-0210 (h)	•				•					•			•	
Denke, Fred	Fort Worth	817-292-3479 (h)		•				•								
Horn, John	North Richland Hills	817-485-7397 (h) 817-944-3993 (c)		•					•	•						
Jarrell, Sandy	Fort Worth	817-732-2916 (h)	•	•					•	•	•	•				
Lauderbaugh, John	North Richland Hills	817-485-5469 (h)	•						•							
Marshall, Dave	Fort Worth	817-229-9676 (c)	•													
Roberts, Larry	Arlington	817-465-6397 (h)								•	•					
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Wiggins, Bob	Arlington	817-690-7131 (c)	•	•						•						

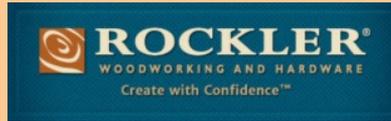
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The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30PM via Zoom.

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.

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 10th of the month to be placed in that month's newsletter. Ads will only run for one issue unless notified (email wntnewsletter@gmail.com) by the 10th of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor (have you spotted the trend yet?) by the 10th of the month.