

Woodturners of North Texas



35 years



Next Meeting: Thursday, February 29th, 2024
Meeting Start: 6:30 PM. Come early to socialize.

IN-PERSON MEETING!!!

Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club

6013 Craig Street Fort Worth, Texas 76112

or Virtual meeting on the Internet.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86406>

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Donna Frazier

Pagoda



As the saying goes, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. My great grandfather was a craftsman and woodturner. Woodworking and artistry have been a part of my family for generations. Despite growing up with a full woodshop in the basement, I didn't begin my woodturning journey until 7 years ago when I mistakenly attended a Hunt County Woodturner meeting, and that is where I discovered the lathe! In 2019 I was asked to compete for the first time at Master's at Work in Broken Bow OK.

In 2020 it was my responsibility to find demonstrators for club monthly zoom meetings. Because of COVID, I was no longer limited to close range turners, and I began contacting master turners and tool manufacturers from around the world. This led to discussions regarding techniques, grinds, and tool limits and my passion to understand what is happening at the cutting edge of a gouge. In 2021 I was president of HCW and in the same year I turned my first cowboy hat. Last year, I was a regional demonstrator for SWAT demonstrating a multi axis star. My ongoing studies of wood and turning tools has allowed me to harness the creative power of the lathe and it's my desire to share this knowledge and help make it easier for others to learn.

Today I will be demonstrating the Pagoda box. It is a slightly challenging box design with its perfect form combining fluid curves and perfect square corners. I have never had the privilege to meet Ray Key, but his masterful skill has left a lasting influence on box making and fine production turning, blending the lines of craft and art.



Please note our web site is continuing to be refined. Our library items continue to be uploaded.

Take a look:

[URL: https://wntx.org/](https://wntx.org/)

To get help with your woodturning project, please go to our **Mentor** page at:

<https://wntx.org>

Click Mentor tab for details

Also check out our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/wntx.org>

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Calendar of Events

February 29th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

Demonstrator: Donna Frazier

Subject: Pagoda

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86406929325?pwd=blpwZIBsNzU0RzBCQnkzbnhiTmhFQT09>

March 5th Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Remote - Zoom meeting**

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83748506862?pwd=N3RtVUVzSjk3UGVGczRJVpTL1ZqQT09>

March 28th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

Demonstrator: Todd Raines

Subject: Side Grain/End Grain Platter

President's Notes for February, 2024

Greetings,

For those who participated in the Smithfield Elementary Fine Arts Day, I want to offer my sincere Thank You! I believe everyone had a good time teaching, watching, offering directions to the students of the fifth-grade class. As we were finishing up and cleaning up the teacher that was over our room for the day told me that the fourth-grade class was asking when do they get to make a candlestick.

March 8th, we have the opportunity to again share woodturning with the fifth grade class at Green Valley Elementary. Anyone desiring to help with the day please see or contact me or James Boyett.

The week of April 22nd - 26th we will host Nick Agar for two, two-day classes and a one day class on Friday. Two years ago, at SWAT Nick really impressed me with his captivating demonstrations. At the time I thought to myself why don't we get him to come do our hands on instructional classes, well here he is. Please do not miss the opportunity to learn with Nick, contact Jeff Allen and he will get you on the list, for an exceptional learning opportunity.

Last month I spoke about inspiration. Have you ever wondered where the exotic metals or the use of them in woodturning came from? Somewhere in the mid 1960's Bob Stocksdale who I spoke of last month was talking to another fellow engineer and woodturner about a better tool to hollow a bowl with. Stocksdale had already tried to get the English tool makers to develop his tool design, but they were old school and did not listen. The fellow engineer and metallurgist that did listen was a fellow by the name of Jerry Glaser. From the time Jerry started it took some 14-15 years to come up with the steel that people like Doug Thompson and others use for tools they produce today, which it took another 10 years

before adding another cryogenically treatment of the steel to improve the durability of the steel we use today. When Paul presented last month the first thing that caught my eye was his long red handled scraper, I knew it was a Glaser tool from the back of the room. I know Jerry sold his company in 2005, I believe the company who purchased it continues to make tools although I am not sure who markets tools for them. Rest assured if you see a red anodized aluminum shot filled handle you have found a Glaser tool, which laid the framework for the tools we purchase today.

Finally, here is a link to an article in Woodturning Magazine from the UK about SWAT:

http://www.kurthertzog.com/articles/wt_391_swat_.pdf

Blake



Nick Agar Class Announcement

Sign up now for our hand-on classes with **Nick Agar**. The Woodturners of North Texas is proud to have Nick Agar in this year to teach his Viking bowl, a platter with texturing and airbrushing, and a goblet class. The Viking bowl and platter classes are both two days of hands-on instruction, the goblet class is a one day course.

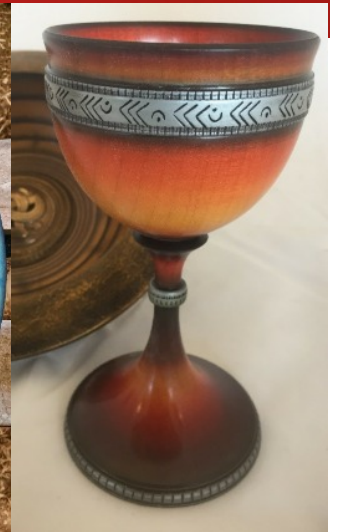
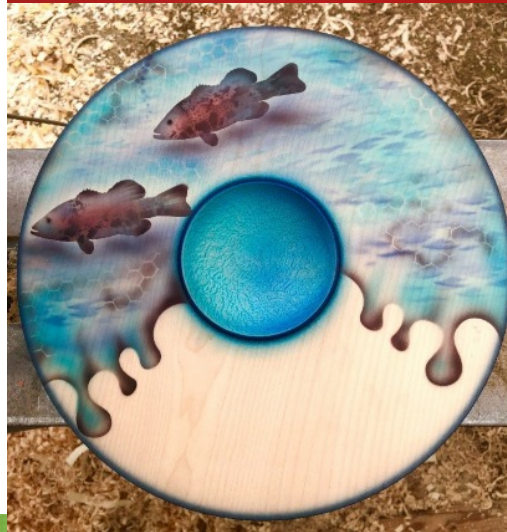
The opportunity to have a hands-on class with a Woodturner of this caliber is not something that we have all the time. Please sign up now to save your spot. We will open up registration to the other Woodturning clubs in our area after our meeting this month. We want our members to have the first chance to attend these courses. Similar classes at Woodcraft or Wood World are \$500 for a one day class. To take classes at Nick Argar's studio would cost you \$500 a day plus travel and lodging costs.

Classes will be held at Greg Stehle's shop and are limited to 8 people per class. Don't miss out. Nick will also be our demonstrator for the April meeting.

You can signup on our website and pay using PayPal or you can pay at our club meeting. Please email Jeff Allen txgeckorn@att.net to signup and reserve your spot.



Hands-on Classes with Nick Agar



The Woodturners of North Texas will host Hands-On classes with Nick Agar - April 22nd to 26th, 2024.

Viking Bowl (2-day class) - Monday and Tuesday 4/22 & 4/23 - \$500

Airbrushed Platter (2-day class) - Wednesday and Thursday 4/24 & 4/25 - \$500

Viking Goblet (1-day class) - Friday 4/26 - \$250

All Classes will be held at Greg Stehle's shop in Aledo and include all materials.

Sign up online at WWW.WNTX.ORG

or contact Jeff Allen by email activities@wntx.org or by phone (817)706-4543

WNT BEANCOUNTER'S BULLETIN-FEBRUARY 2024

WNT 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE JANUARY 1.

97 members have prepaid their 2024 dues. Not sure if you have paid your dues? Check at the treasurer's table. Payment with a credit card may be made online on the WNT website. Payment by cash, check, or credit is accepted at the regular meetings.

A CHORSEAL

Anchorseal is now available at our monthly meetings. Price is still Please do not bring empty containers. They are not needed at this time.

LAC UER AND SEALER

We have a supply of lac uer and sealer with a breake en price of

COMING NEXT MONTH

2024 SWAT SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED MARCH 28

SWAT scholarships for 2024 will be awarded at the March 28, 2024 monthly meeting. Members who are present who have paid their 2024 dues will be eligible to participate in the drawings.

SWAT provides one \$190 scholarship for each participating club to award. It will be awarded to a member who has never attended SWAT. WNT will add a \$ 35 Saturday night dinner ticket.

Woodturners of North Texas provides four members with a \$190 scholarship and a \$35 dinner ticket. One of these will be awarded to a member who has never attended SWAT.

WNT members have funded a \$310 SWAT scholarship which will be awarded to a member who has never attended SWAT.

Winners agree to attend SWAT 2024 and are responsible for their transportation and lodging expenses.

Resident Beancounter
James Haynes, Treasurer

Smithfield Elementary Fine Arts Day

On Wednesday, January 31st, several members of the Woodturners of North Texas brought 9 mini lathes to the Smithfield Elementary School Fine Arts Day event in North Richland Hills where four different classes of fifth grade students turned and finished candle sticks under the supervision of the instructor/coaches.

Listed below are the club members that participated from the WNT:

James Boyett	Dave Wilson	Mike Stephens	Bob Wiggins
Jeff Robbins	Randy Sullivan	Blake Hickerson	Harry Diaz
Don York	Bob Nelson	Bob Grinstead	
Donna Frazier	John Horn	Glynn Cox	Dan Bailey

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 Jeff Allen and James Boyett. 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 of the schools today no longer teach woodshop classes, we feel it is 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. Some expressed interest in possibly contacting a mentor to learn more about the craft.

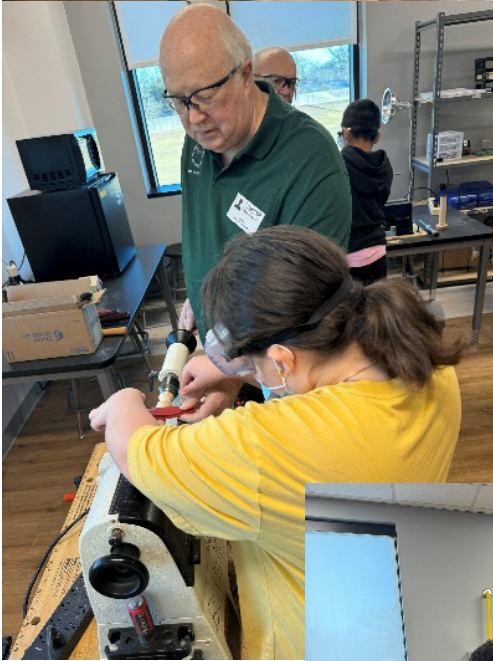
The Fine Arts Day program at the school is held annually to give the students hands-on experience in a variety of artistic activities that are not available in their normal curriculum. The various sessions included painting, dancing, balloon art, music, pottery, leather working, and other “fine art”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



At the end of the day the teacher who supervised and coordinated our room said the fourth grade students, seeing what the fifth grade did, are already looking forward to this activity next year.

As it turned out, Wednesday January 31st is “Enrich your heart with Art” day. We were all glad that we had the opportunity to share our form of art with the Smithfield Elementary fifth grade class.





GREEN VALLEY ELEMENTARY FINE ARTS DAY

We have been asked to host woodturning at the Green Valley Elementary school on Friday March 8th. Check in will be at 7:00 am with 3 classes starting at 8:00 am and ending at noon.

We need a total of 9 lathes and 18 - 20 members to instruct the students in turning candlesticks (the blanks will be prepared and ready for the students).

For those who participated in the Smithfield Fine Arts day, your background check has been amended to include Green Valley. For those who did not participate I will send you the link to the Birdville ISD website to get your background check.

Please let me know if you are able and if you have a Mini or Midi lathe you can bring.

Thank You,

Blake

CHALLENGE FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

This month the challenge is to turn an executive top. This is designed to sit on an office desk and has a working top for when you get bored at work or are stuck on a Zoom meeting. There are no specific dimension requirements for this challenge but keep in mind it is designed to sit on a working desk. The normal size begins with a 2 X 2 X 6 blank. Below is a link to the article which will show how the item is created as a reference. Please feel free to embellish your creation as much as you wish. Different wood condos, colors, designs, coves, beads, etc. Your mind is the only limit to your finished product.



<https://www.woodworkersjournal.com/project-making-an-executive-spin-top/>

Have fun folks!

Bob Nelson



JANUARY'S CHALLENGE

EMPTY BOWLS



Bob Grinstead



Bob Grinstead



Dewey Johnson



Bill Holt



Bob Wiggins



Blake



Bob Wiggins



Greg Stehle

CRITIQUE for JANUARY



Dewey Johnson



Dewey Johnson



Dave Wilson



Jim Combs



Jim Combs

LAST MONTH'S DEMO

PAUL TIEFEL - SPIDER BOX



Open Shop- Home

This is a free once-a-quarter opportunity to get together at a member's personal shop to see their shop, exchange stories, possibly observe some skills or techniques and perhaps learn about a new toy (um Tool) or possibly receive some instruction from a club member. This does not replace the existing quarterly open shop events held at the lion's club, before one of our regular meetings.

**Last quarter we met at 10:00AM on February 3, 2024,
at: Greg and Kathy Stehle's Shop
360 Chandler Drive, Aledo, TX 76008**

**My thanks to Ann Mellina for posting the pictures from this event. They are available on the WNTX Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/wntx.org/?ref=page_internal**

My thanks to Greg and Kathy for sponsoring the event. The Stehle's provided donuts, coffee, and other refreshments. Others brought cookies and homemade treats. 15 members, some new and some long-time members were in attendance.

Their shop is exceptional with many machines and dedicated space for some equipment.

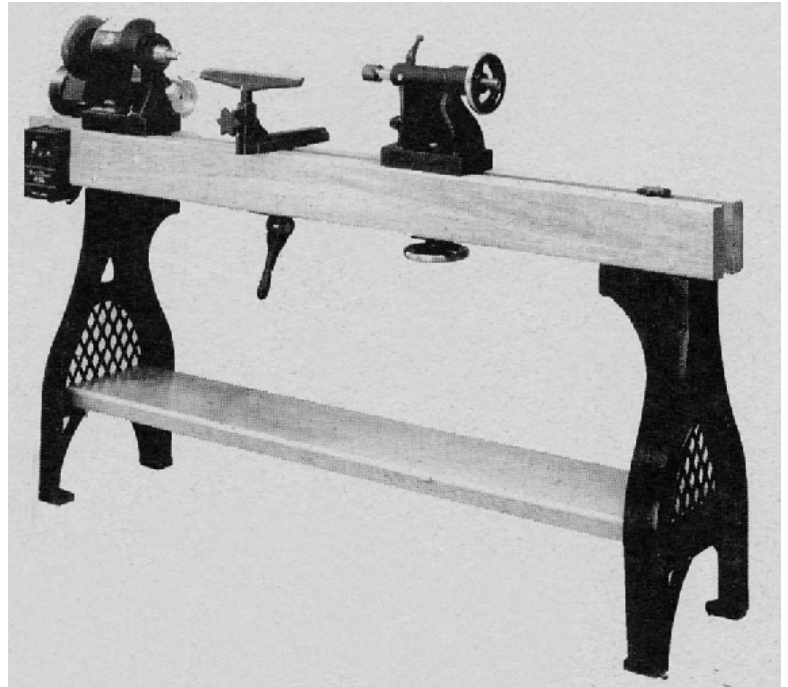
Greg demonstrated some ornamental turning on the rose engine lathe. Greg and Kathy, both showed us several items of interest like a precision band saw cutting Jig, PVC sanding disk holders, and a nifty flexible dust collection arm for small area dust collection. I was also impressed with the ceiling mounted infrared heaters. Some free turning wood was also available.

**Next quarter we will meet at 10:00 AM on April 27, 2024, at:
The shop of Paul Novelli
Spouse: Amy
5611 Equestrian Court
Granbury, TX 76049**

Paul has a Conover Lathe

Description:

<http://www.lathes.co.uk/conover/>



Paul is in Granbury but I'm sure the trip will be worth the effort.

Be sure to bring some great stories about your woodturning adventures and possibly your favorite beverage or snack items to share as well. This is an informal meeting with no specific agenda other than a great time to meet with other club members.

Thank you,
Keith Adams
BOD - Member at large
Woodturners of North Texas

Open Shop

Greg and Kathy Stehle's Shop





EMPTY BOWLS

The Empty Bowls Event is a two-hour, lunch time fund raising event held once a year by the Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB). All tickets include food tastings from local restaurants and your selection of a handcrafted bowl. They have wood, glass and ceramic bowls. Tickets for the event are \$100 or \$150 for early admittance. If you get in early, you get first pick for your bowl. The Event this year is April 26th.

Thanks for the great response last month to the challenge to turn a bowl for Empty Bowls. 49 bowls were donated and 70% were a good size. Our total donations are up to 89 bowls and last year we had 150. We only have the February and March meetings to get our total higher. At the March meeting I will be asking for five volunteers to help with the top turning demonstration at the Event on April 26th.

The WNT Board has agreed that Empty Bowls is a very worthy activity and should be supported by the Club. Our Club contributes almost all of the wood bowls and provides a top turning demonstration at the event.

I will be collecting bowl donations at our monthly meetings. **Please only contribute quality bowls.** The people attending the EB Event are paying a healthy sum and we should not insult them with a poor-quality bowl.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know at randkbiz@msn.com.

Thanks,
Ron Traylor

Empty Bowls 2023/2024				
<u>Turner's Name</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bill Holt	3		9	21
David Baulch			16	16
Paul Tiefel				10
Dewey Johnson		6	1	7
Bob Grinstead			7	7
Ron Traylor	1			4
Danny Woods			4	4
Jim Barkelew	3			3
Bill Collins				2
Glynn Cox			1	2
Blake Hickerson			2	2
Tom Echols			2	2
Bob Wiggins			2	2
Greg Stehle			2	2
Sandy Jarrell				1
Dave Wilson		1		1
Allen Crowley			1	1
Ann Mellina			1	1
Steve Mills			1	1
Monthly Total	7	7	49	
Grand Total				89

Librarian Notes
(librarian@WNTX.org)

The WNTX library is available to club members at the library table during club meetings. The library consists of two main resources: 1) an online library of videos including many club demos; and 2) a collection of print books on a wide variety of turning related subjects. The need for having a book collection is under discussion due to the low level of use and the vast amount of digital information available. Club member input is always appreciated.

Lists of the books and videos are on the website as well as a print copy at club meetings.

Book check-out:

1. You may check-out 4 Books for 60 days.
3. Fill out a card with: Name, E-mail Address, Phone Number (for text).

In addition there are many excellent resources on the AAW website. This is a major benefit of becoming a member of AAW.

Important note: Be aware that some turning videos found on random web searches may contain unsafe and potentially dangerous methods. Safety education is a vital part of turning.

Peruse the list of Books and Videos check them out and enjoy.
Any suggestions for new content can be sent to the Librarian who will share your ideas with the Board.

librarian@WNTX.org
Jim Barkelew

Affiliate Membership **FREE** Worldwide

The **free** Affiliate membership offers access to the complete collection of AAW online resources, including the *American Woodturner* journal, for a **full three-months**.

Free: Affiliate Membership

Membership features:

- Online access to *American Woodturner* and Woodturning FUNDamentals, both current and archived, as well as other online publications.
- Online access to learning portals including Woodturning Fundamentals and Demonstrator Direct (develop a demonstration).
- Online access AAW produced videos and video series.
- Find online projects, articles, and tips using AAW Explore! and a few keywords.
- Locate a wide selection of curated online woodturning videos that have been pre-screened for quality content and safety using Video Source and a few keywords.
- Members-only or discounted access to AAW hosted online and live events, including AAW symposia.
- AAW email newsletters: AAW Tool Box (weekly), Keep Turning with AAW (bimonthly).
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- Directories: Members, Chapters, Demonstrators, Schools, Educators, and more.
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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 president@wntx.org

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. It is available at the club meetings.

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.