

# Woodturners of North Texas



35 years



**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 28th, 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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**Todd Raines**

**Small Plates**

I started woodworking in the 1990s making furniture and built-in cabinets for our home. I bought my first lathe in 2001 and was self taught for the first couple of years. I then joined the Dallas Area Woodturners club (an American Association of Woodturners chapter). One of the most notable training classes I have attended was a weekend woodturning class taught by Al Stirt. These two days with Al Stirt really helped enhance my wood turning skills while expanding my knowledge about form, function, and how the wood grain and texture guides the turning decisions. I have learned from many other turners throughout the years.

Personally, I enjoy the immediate spontaneity of wood turning. The best part is that it only takes a small amount of time to complete a turned project (however, some can take much longer). This makes it easy to keep up with your turning hobby even among a busy work life. Here is a link to my personal webpage:<https://ntrwoodturning.com/>

I started [Woodturning Tool Store](#) seven years ago after 23 years as a design engineer in the telecom industry.

I will turn a couple of small plates during my demonstration. These small plates are useful and also help define a design that you can make your own. Turning small scale items is good practice before turning a large scale piece. Grain orientation matters. I will turn a small plate from face grain and one from end grain wood. Why? Why not?



Please note our web site is continuing to be refined. 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**

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

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# Calendar of Events

March 28th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

Demonstrator: Todd Raines

Subject: Side Grain/End Grain Platter

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86406929325?pwd=blpwZlBsNzU0RzBCQnkzbnhiTmhFQT09>

April 2nd Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Remote - Zoom meeting**

Meeting Link:

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

April 25th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

Demonstrator: Nick Agar

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86406929325?pwd=blpwZlBsNzU0RzBCQnkzbnhiTmhFQT09>

# President's Notes for March, 2024

Greetings,

First, I want to thank all who participated in the Green Valley Elementary School fine arts day. This was another successful day of instructing 5th grade students making candle sticks. On what looked like it was going to be a rainy day, the rain let up with only a few sprinkles for us to unload and set up our equipment, and the sky had cleared, the sun was out when we loaded our equipment to go home.

SWAT registration has opened. If you have never been this is an exceptional opportunity for inspiration and learning, whether it be from the demonstrators or walking through the instant gallery where your peers have their work on display. Another popular area is the vendor area where one can find wood, tools, finishing supplies, pen kits and blanks, glue, and other supplies you will use throughout the year. If you are in doubt, just ask anyone has been.

Over the years SWAT has become the premier woodturning symposium in the United States. This year there is an added bonus of the Ornamental Turners joining the venue. Whether it be for a day or all three days of the event plan on attending the event, you will be inspired!

As we enter spring, a time for storms, I suggest you tune up your chainsaw, sharpen your chains, for you never know when you will cross paths with a fallen tree that can become bowls, hollow forms, or other forms of beauty. Above all when using your saw, use it safely and wear your personal protective equipment to help prevent an unexpected trip to the emergency room.

Blake

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Good  
Shavings

# 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 and a goblet class. The Viking bowl 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. 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](mailto:txgeckorn@att.net) to signup and reserve your spot.

**NOTE: Goblet class is full**



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## *WNT BEANCOUNTER'S BULLETIN - MARCH 2024*

### **WNT 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE JANUARY 1.**

111 members have paid 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.

## **GET YOUR TICKET!**

### **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.

**Drawing tickets will be available at the treasurer's table. See Bill Collins**

### **ANCHORSEAL**

Anchorseal is now available at our monthly meetings. Price is still \$15. Please do not bring empty containers. They are not needed at this time.

### **LACQUER AND SEALER**

We have a supply of lacquer and sealer with a breakeven price of \$10.



## Green Valley Elementary School Fine Arts Day

On Friday, March 8th, several members of the Woodturners of North Texas brought 9 mini lathes to the Green Valley Elementary School Fine Arts Day event in North Richland Hills where three 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:|

Bob Grinstead, Gordon Kayser, Bob Wiggins, James Boyett, Dave Wilson, Tim Verbeke, Randy Sullivan, Tom Schutz, Glynn Cox, Harry Diaz, John Laudebaugh, Don York, Dan Bailey, Blake Hickerson, and Larry Diaz

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, James Boyette, Bob Nelson, Bob Wiggins, David Cater, and Blake Hickerson. 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 talked about some of the features of the particular items the students were viewing. Since many of the schools today no longer teach wood shop classes, we felt it was 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.

The Fine Arts Day program at the school is held each year 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 and other "fine art" activities.

## CHALLENGE FOR MARCH MEETING

This month the challenge is to turn a Pagoda Box. Donna Frazier demonstrated her process for creating a pagoda box at the February 29th meeting (link to the video is [here](#) - note the video is incomplete). Keith Buxton of the Wood Turners St. Louis also demonstrated turning a Pagoda Box (link to video [here](#)) There are no specific dimension requirements for this challenge. 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.

Have fun folks!

Bob Nelson



# February Challenge



Ann Mellina



Brad Pierson



Danny Woods



Blake Hickerson





Bob Grinstead



Jim Barkelew



Dave Wilson



Dave Narducci



Borris Braxton



Jerry Streeter



Stephen Hill



Tom Newman



Mike Stephens



Dewey Johnson





Steve Mills



Jim LeGrand



Jeff Allen



# LAST MONTH'S DEMO

## Donna Frazier - Pagoda Box





To all Members,

## 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](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.

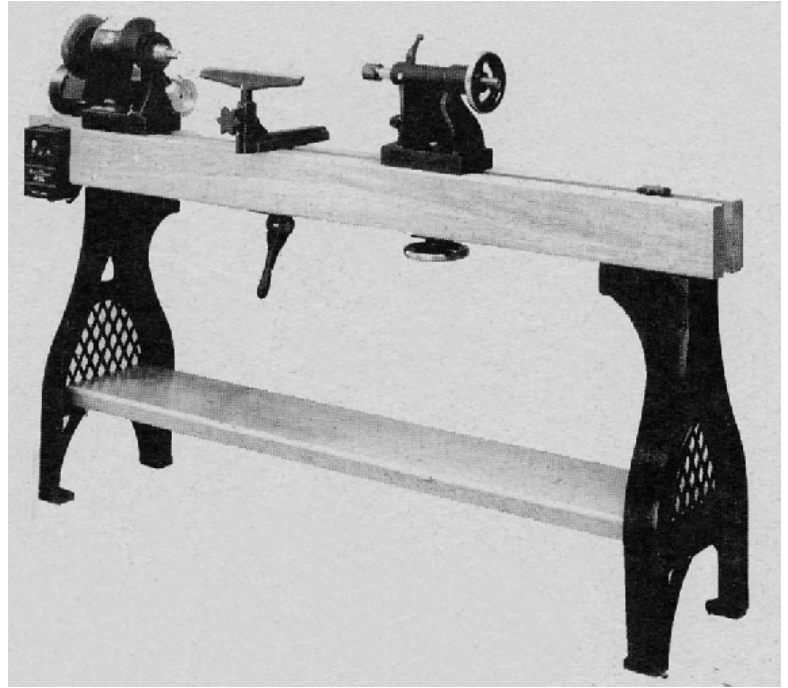
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## Open Shop- Home

This 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.

**After Paul's shop the remaining 2024 Open Shop Homes will be at the shops of:**

- 1. July 27, 2024 - Glen Cox**
- 2. November 2, 2024 - Bob Nelson**

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

# 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 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our total donations are up to 124 bowls and last year we had 152. We only have the March meetings to get our total higher. At this meeting I will be asking for five volunteers to help with the top turning demonstration at the Event on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:randkbiz@msn.com).

Thanks,

Ron Traylor

Empty Bowls 2023/2024												
<b>Turner's Name</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bill Holt				4		5	3		9			21
Paul Tiefel				3		7				9		19
David Baulch									16			16
Bob Grinstead									7	8		15
Ron Traylor				1	1	1	1			5		9
Jim Barkelew							3			6		9
Dewey Johnson								6	1			7
Danny Woods									4			4
Bill Collins						2						2
Glynn Cox	1	0							1			2
Blake Hickerson									2			2
Tom Echols									2			2
Bob Wiggins									2			2
Greg Stehle									2			2
Ann Mellina									2			2
Gordon Kayser										2		2
Stephen Hill										2		2
Sandy Jarrell			1									1
Dave Wilson								1				1
Allen Crowley									1			1
Steve Mills									1			1
Jim Combs										1		1
Travis Clayton										1		1
Monthly Total	1	0	1	8	1	15	7	7	50	34	0	
Grand Total												124

Librarian Notes  
(librarian@WNTX.org)

*The WNTX on-line library is currently offline to address a security issue and future usefulness for the club. The explosive growth of video content online and the hard work of previous club librarians necessitates some re-working of our website content. Stay tuned.*

There are many excellent curated 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.*

librarian@WNTX.org |

# 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.
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- AAW email newsletters: AAW Tool Box (weekly), Keep Turning with AAW (bimonthly).
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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 Blake Hickerson [president@wntx.org](mailto: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 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.