

Woodturners of North Texas



A Chapter of the
American Association of Woodturners



Twentieth Anniversary Year

January 2007 Program:

"Turning a Covered Dish"

Next Meeting:

**Thursday,
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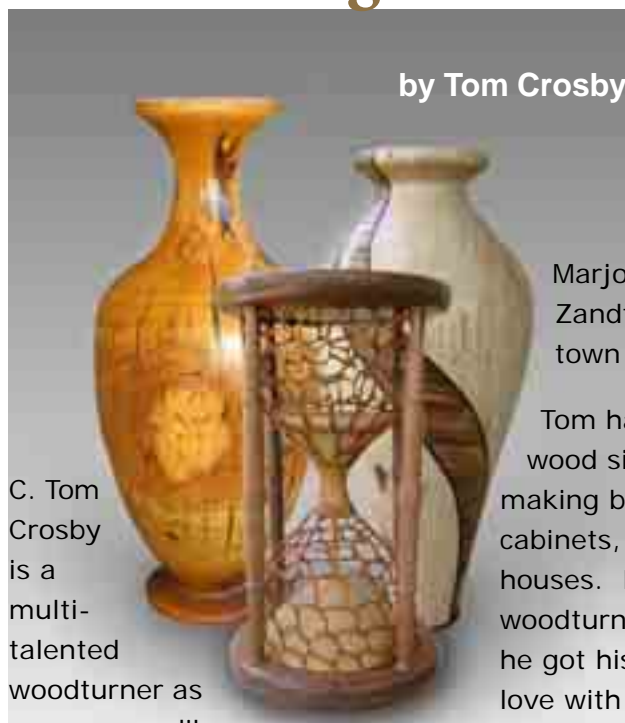
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by Tom Crosby

Examples of Tom
Crosby's varied
turning skills



C. Tom Crosby is a multi-talented woodturner as one can readily tell by visiting his personal gallery space on the East Texas Woodturners website to see the diversity in his turnings. Tom will be the demonstrator for our January 2007 program and the topic will be "Turning a Covered Dish".

Tom Crosby was born and raised in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Tom retired from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, in 1995 after forty years of service. He and his wife

Marjorie relocated to Van Zandt County near the small town of Canton, Texas.

Tom has been working with wood since he was a youngster making boxes, furniture, cabinets, and has built two houses. His interest in woodturning began in 1999 when he got his first lathe and fell in love with woodturning. He makes segmented bowls, hollow vessels, pierced vessels, vases, boxes, urns, platters, cups, inlaid bowls and various other pieces. Two of his pieces were featured in the Members' Gallery of the Winter 2003 edition of the American Woodturner. His pieces have won several awards, including the top award in the 2004 Rockler's National Turning Contest. In the Spring 2005 (Issue No. 5) of Woodturning Design, there is an article by Tom

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... making Good Shavings

President's message
by Stormy Boudreaux

Happy New Year

The Empty Bowl challenge will be over soon, with well over 100 bowls for the North Texas and Tarrant Area Food Banks benefit on 16 February 2007.

EMPTY BOWLS — An Artful Luncheon to End Hunger

This noon-time feast of artistic and culinary delights will serve up savory soups and desserts prepared by Fort Worth area chefs and offer ceramic, wood and blown-glass bowls donated by professional, recreational and student artisans.

Gallery-quality bowls will bring the highest prices at the auction and are highly desired for the event. This month's WNT meeting on Thursday, January 26 will be the last opportunity to collect Empty Bowls for our club because the Empty Bowl event occurs prior to our February meeting. In order to accommodate the growing number of guests which was more than one thousand in 2006, this year the Empty Bowl event will move to the *Round Up Inn* at Will Rogers Memorial Center.

If you don't have your bowl ready for the January meeting, you can still take any empty bowl directly to food bank before the February empty bowl event.

AAW Membership

All WNT members are highly encouraged to become members of our national woodturning organization, the American Association of Woodturners. Among other benefits, the AAW magazine, ***American Woodturner***, alone is worth the price of membership.

This just announced - One of our own WNT members has been elected as an AAW Director – Congratulations to Larry Genender.

Keep your tools sharp and the eye protection on.

I wish you Good Turnings,
Stormy



Fine Arts Day

by John Horn

@ Smithfield Elementary School

Stormy Boudreaux shows a student how to part off his candlestick

On January 12th eight members of the Woodturners of North Texas and one guest woodturner carried eight mini lathes to Smithfield Elementary School in North Richland Hills to support the school's annual Fine Arts Day event where four different classes of fourth and fifth grade students turned and finished candle sticks under the supervision of the eight instructor/coaches. The following WNT club members listed in alphabetical order participated in this event: Stormy Boudreaux, Wayne Clowers, Fred Denke, Johnny Derczo, Kenny Diehl, Dewayne Hines, John Horn, Max Taylor, and guest woodturner, Bill Whiteside.

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 Wayne Clowers, Max Taylor, and John Horn and made candlesticks 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 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.



Kenny Diehl instructs a student

The Fine Arts Day program at the school is held each year to give the students hands-n 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.



Students from one class show off their candlesticks

Progress Report: The Empty Bowl Challenge

We have surpassed the century mark on the Empty Bowl Challenge and as of October 2006 there have been 111 bowls turned by the membership. Max Taylor still leads the pack with a total of fourteen bowls, with Jimmie Gill, Bill Williams, and Fred Denke not very far

have not been included in the totals because they do not meet the definition of a bowl. The empty bowl is the universal symbol of hunger and as such we need to keep this in mind with the objective of trying to increase donations to the Tarrant County Food Bank for the Empty Bowls Project which will take place in late February 2007.



Here is our **Honor Role** for bowls that have been turned as of the September club meeting. We can break the mainspring in the "Bowl-O-Meter" if our current accelerated trend continues as it has thus far.



behind. The momentum that began in the summer continued in the month of September according to our Head Honcho for the Empty Bowls challenge, Randy Johnson.

Now is time to pick up the momentum that led us to go beyond the century mark and make plans to exceed the 200 bowl level by February 2007.

It has been a while since this has been mentioned so as a reminder, we need to let everyone know that the Empty Bowls Challenge is just that, **BOWLS**. A few of the donations

Name	Bowls Turned
Max Taylor	14
Jimmie Gill	12
Bill Williams	9
Fred Denke	9
Wayne Clowers	6
Bob Lewis	5
Hollis McLane	5
John Herber	4
Kirby Wright	6
Randy Johnson	4
Billy Boehme	4
Chelsea Deakins	4
Dan Hudkins	3
John Clark	4
Steve Ott	3
Byron Constantine	2
Larry Roberts	3
Roy Chance	2
Steve Meyer	2
Steve Yauch	2
Stormy Boudreaux	2
Wayne Ealey	2
Dewayne Hines	1
Mike Jones	1
Kenneth Kilpatrick	1
Unknown	1

Total Bowls 111



October Program Photographs

by Wayne Fitch

small Scale Turning



Let the shavings begin! Wayne demonstrates the techniques for using some of the tools shown to the left. This will not break your wood budget.

Wayne Fitch told us how he became interested in small scale turning and provided background information about it including some information about the tools necessary for small scale turning.



There are, by necessity, a lot of homemade tools needed. Wayne holds one in the palm of his hand.



Above, we see the very precise control necessary when doing small scale turnings.



In the picture on the bottom left, we see some samples of the wide variety of small scale

turnings that Wayne has made which range from button size up to that which would be comparable to small boxes.



It was a very interesting and informative program with more than a few "small" surprises.

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on a method developed by him for turning a One Piece Cup with a Handle.

Tom and Marjorie serve as librarians for the East Texas Woodturners in Tyler, Texas. Tom served as the 2003 -2004 President of the East Texas Woodturners Club. He is a demonstrator and mentor and has demonstrated at numerous other clubs and the 2004 and 2005 South West Association of Turners Symposium. He is also a member of the Dallas Area Woodturners and the American Association of Woodturners.

Tom says that woodturning gives him a chance to explore his artistic side and that when he picks up a piece of wood he can't wait to see what is hidden within. He is an avid conservationist and feels that this is a way of recycling by using wood from trees that have been cut or must be cut because of disease or some other reason.



Holiday Banquet Report

The 2006 Annual WNT Holiday Banquet was a great success with lots of wonderful food, warm fellowship, great auction turnings, door prizes, and drawing items. WNT Treasurer Jamaes Haynes reported that the club earned \$3,175 from the auction and drawing.

The main door prize, a DVD/VCR player, was won by John Boyle. The major raffle items and winners were:

- ♦ Jet Bandsaw with riser was won by Jim Tanksley.
- ♦ Jet Mini Lathe was won by Fred Denke.
- ♦ Remington electric chain saw was won by Devore Burch.



... from the Editor

I want to offer a very special THANK YOU to the outgoing board members of the Woodturners of North Texas: **John Horn** who served so exceedingly well as our Activities Director for many years and also as past President, **Dan Hudkins** who served as our Librarian and did so much work to organize all of our resources into an electronic format and also went through all of the very old demo tapes to purge stuff that was no longer useful to alleviate some of the storage problem, and **Chelsea Deakins** who did an exceptional job as our club Secretary and managed to keep us on course during the business meetings despite our tendency to stray. Chelsea is a wonderful artist who also opened us up to expanding our creativity and even persuaded some of us to accept the fact that it is OK to paint wood.

I also want to extend a warm welcome to the new board members for 2007: **Wayne Fitch** is our Activities Director, **Randy Johnson** is our Librarian, and **Steve Ott** is our club Secretary.

We have made great strides on turning bowls for donation to the Tarrant County Food Bank for their annual **Empty Bowls Project** luncheon in February 2007. We have reached a total of 111 bowls as of the October meeting. The meeting in January will be the last opportunity to bring your bowls to the club meeting. After that, if you have any more bowls that you wish to donate, please take them directly to the Tarrant County Food Bank.

Have you noticed that a new year has managed to sneak up on us again? A new year also means that it is time to renew our annual membership dues -- a steal at only \$24 per year. You will want to get your dues in to James Haynes as soon as possible to insure that your name and picture will be listed in the 2007 Membership Directory.

There was a camera malfunction (better than a wardrobe malfunction) during the December Holiday Banquet and all of the photographs, including pictures taken for the 2007 Directory were lost to the demons of electronic gadgets. If you had your picture made for the Directory, you will need to have it redone.

Bill Boehme

"Bring-Back" Drawing

Don't forget that if you were the winner of a turned item in October, please bring back a turning that you have made for the January 2007 "Bring Back" drawing. If you have fallen behind in bringing a turning to the 'Bring Back' drawing please remember to bring a turning to the January meeting.



Advertisements

Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$8.00 per gallon. It is being stored at Larry Roberts' place, 6409 Calender in southwest Arlington. Contact James Haynes for payment.

See WNT website ads page:
<http://www.wntx.org/ads/ads.html>
for the latest advertisements.

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 otherwise. If you wish to continue running an ad for more than one month, please advise the editor, Bill Boehme, by the 10th of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor by the 10th of the month.

Calendar

NOTE: The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month except in September (SWAT Symposium). Board meetings are held at Cafe Express on University south of I-30. 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 7 PM.

January 25 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Tom Crosby**

February 6 - WNT Board meeting -- see above for location and time.

February 22 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **TBD**

March 6 - WNT Board meeting -- see above for location and time.

March 29 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **TBD**

April 3 - WNT Board meeting -- see above for location and time.

April 26 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **TBD**

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2007 Membership Application and/or Renewal

I hereby apply for or renew my membership in the Woodturners of North Texas (WNT). I understand the cost is \$24.00 per year and is prorated after January at \$2.00 per month for the months remaining in the calendar year.

Name: _____

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Are you a member of AAW? _____

E-mail Address (print clearly): _____

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