

Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

May 2010 Program:

Tips and Tricks

Moderated by Dave Marshall

Next Meeting:

Thursday,
May 27, 2010

Start Time: 6:30 PM

R. D. Evans Recreational
Center
3242 Lackland Rd.
Fort Worth, TX

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The club is pleased to welcome....You! Yes, you, a member of the Woodturners of North Texas. This month's topic is Tips and Tricks of WNTx members. We are going to have an open forum for all club-members to do a show and tell of tips, tricks, jigs and such that we use in our own shops. Dave Marshall, our highly distinguished president and otherwise all-around good guy, is asking every one of our members to bring at least one sample from their shop that is used to either make their turning life easier or provide a solution to a unique turning challenge. And this does not necessarily mean

the idea was original... it could be an idea that was stolen from somebody else and for which the credit for it is now being taken. Don't worry if you think it's not sophisticated enough or unique enough or special enough...we all use little tricks and gizmos in our shops – Dave has seen them and hopes to see them presented at the meeting. So bring them in – you never know which other members might need your idea.



[Editor's Note: I thank Dave for allowing me to take the information provided in his Making Good Shavings article and use it for this article (as if he had a choice.)]



President's message
by Dave Marshall

... making Good Shavings

It has been a busy month for turning, not only in my shop but for many of our club members too (based on some of the emails and phone calls I've received lately.) Not too surprising since April and May are great times to be turning! Nice cool breezes and an occasional storm to provide us wood to turn. Ahhhh... Texas spring-time. Get out to those shops now before it gets too hot!

A special "shout out" to those folks that volunteered at the Binion Elementary School Art Day this past month. I heard that it was a great success and that all the kiddos went home with "prized" candlesticks. Thanks for your time.

Another "shout out" to those that made the Rockler Anniversary Day a success. The "Throw Down" challenge was fun and educational. I learned a few little tricks myself. And I didn't have any "catches" this weekend.

The Empty Bowls Club has been formed and we have the first small

group of members. We still need more volunteers to join this club and turn a bowl for this worthy philanthropy every month. Step up to the challenge! Contact Stormy or me to sign up.

Speaking of little turning tricks that I picked up at the Rockler demo, this month's Club meeting should be very interesting to all of us. We are pleased to welcome....You! Yes, you, a member of the Woodturners of North Texas. This month's topic is Tips and Tricks of WNTx members. We are going to have an open forum for all of us to do a show and tell of tips, tricks, jigs and such that we use in our own shops. I am asking every one of you to bring at least one sample from your shop that you use to make your turning life easier, or a solution to a unique turning challenge. And this doesn't necessarily mean that you were the first and only person to do this tip or trick... it could be an idea you stole from somebody else and are taking credit for now. Don't worry if you think it's not sophisticated enough or unique

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Librarian's Corner

Randy Johnson



BOOK REVIEW

Subject: The Best from Woodturning magazine: INTERMEDIATE WOODTURNING PROJECTS

By Randy Johnson

We have a donation this month from one of our members, and I now wonder who it was. In the future I am going to have to write down the names of members who donate items to the Library because evidently I am not going to remember (Old Timers disease.) Anyway, the book is a reprint of an earlier printing (1997) of articles from Woodturning magazine. The magazine is still in publication and you sometimes see issues at newsstands. I have a few in my personal library. The magazine itself was a little pricey for me to subscribe to but it is a good publication. So on to the review of the donation from the member whose name I cannot remember. (Thank you for your donation, it is certainly appreciated.)

As I stated earlier, the contents were all published in the 1990's and a few of the authors' names may be familiar to you. There are 29 articles reprinted from the magazine and a nice index to help you search the articles. It is a relatively small book of 117 pages and the articles are for intermediate woodturning - after five years I am still a beginner. Truthfully, I can do some of the projects at my current skill level (Yes Dave, I have acquired a certain skill level - not very high on your scale but a little bit of

skill, I think.) But there are some projects that I will not try! The Rhyta, Ringmaster, Lattice Work, Turning a Table, Shaker Stool, Bookends, and Torus, while interesting, are either beyond my capabilities or of no interest to me. But hopefully they may appeal to you. Some, such as a Table From a Trunk and the Persian Drum, are beyond the capacity of my lathe, but the projects could be scaled down. Others are miniatures (such as those Steve Ott turn) and would have to be scaled up for me to turn.

A couple of projects that I may wish to undertake were for the bathroom. Having never been to England, I did not know who "Loo" was. Imagine my surprise when I did an internet search for the definition and found it is a water closet or bath in England. It's those foreigners again, they speak the same language and I can't understand a word they are saying.

There are many projects that I will try in the future such as the Giraffe Spoon or the Tidy Twine. Some of the articles are in black and white but the vast majority are in color, but either way the tips and hints are there for the taking. There was a great idea on how to make feet the same in turning a mini-standard lamp section and the Seeing The Light article was about a very elegant lamp. I do not see anyone in our club making such items.

So even though I complained that some of the articles may be beyond my capabilities, it is most likely that I do not want to show up Dave again. The book is an intermediate woodturning projects book that can give you some ideas on how to advance your woodturning level of expertise and even though the projects have been around for about 20 years now; they are just as appropriate today. I only wish those people over there knew how to speak "English" properly like us Texans.

Happy woodturning!



Last Month's Program



Larry Anderson talked about making tools and jigs by either purchasing relatively low-cost items from catalogs or using whatever you might have on hand. He



talked about making small drive centers, toolrests, sharpening jigs, handles for small tools, and a variety of other items. He provided many tips and ideas. He also recommends the following companies:

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www.wholesaletool.com
www.reidsupply.com
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enough or special enough...we all use little tricks and gizmos in our shops – I've seen them! So bring them in – you never know which other members might need your idea. One of my most simple, and recent, tips/tricks/jigs involves a Sharpie pen! You'll just have to wait to see it! Legendary!

Ok, get busy. Get out to the shop and do some turning (especially if you owe something for the Bring Back Raffle) and start putting your tips, tricks, and jigs in a box to bring to the meeting.

We'll see you on the 27th.

Good shavings to all,

Dave



New Members

Ron Carter

Arlington, TX



... from the Editor

Not much to say. Please pay heed to Dave's plea for more members of the newly formed Empty Bowls Club. The bowls are donated for a very good cause. I still have not received a denial concerning his grilling steaks for all who participate in the Empty Bowls Club so there may be hope yet. I will be sure to keep you informed if anything develops.

I would like to thank all of the members who made the Fine Arts Day at Binion Elementary a success.

If there is a program you would like to see at our meetings - a demonstration perhaps of a particular turning technique or a demo on turning an item you've never turned before, please let us know. Also, feel free to drop by the board meeting held on the first Tuesday of every month at Tommy's on Camp Bowie (information on last page.)

JVC

“Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the March 2010 drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the April 2010 “Bring Back” drawing. The rules have changed and you can see the “Making Good Shavings” column in the March 2009 newsletter for updated guidelines on the “Bring Back” drawing. Winners of any turned item should bring back a replacement turned item of their own creation to the next meeting and winners of any other item such as tools or wood are encouraged to also bring a turned item that they have created in lieu of a non-turned item. If you have fallen behind in bringing a replacement item for the “Bring Back” drawing, now is the time to make up for any items that you owe and please remember to bring a turning to the February meeting.

Name	Description
Ned Baker	wood
Chas Thornhill	candlestick
John Herber	wood handle
Gene Jackson	zebrawood
Bill Collins (x2)	box and ?
Fred Denke	Egg box
Jim Humphry	salt
Alton Bostick	red bud log
John Lauderbaugh	egg box
Randy Johnson	goblet
Dwayne Hines	box
James Haynes	bowl
Jim Engelland	lidded box



Binion Elementary Fine Arts Day

One of the objectives of the Woodturners of North Texas is to introduce people to the art and craft of woodturning. By starting with children at the elementary school level, we strive to inspire young people to the joy of producing objects on the lathe. In May, at the Binion Elementary School in Richland Hills, Bob Clark, Wayne Clowers, Glynn Cox, John Horn, Sandy Jarrell, Mike Jones and Ronnie Nuzum spent the day helping 48 fifth grade students make candlesticks as a part of the Fine Arts Day program at the school.

There were five 45 minute sessions in which 12 students in each class would each produce their project. It is amazing to us, as woodturners with years of experience, that each child can make a completely finished candle stick in less than twenty minutes each without having previous training. Thanks to the encouragement and guidance of each of their woodturning "coaches" each student was able to experience the joy and pride of making a useful item on the lathe that they could take home and display for the whole family to admire.

John Horn



Advertisements

Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$9.00 per gallon. It can be purchased at club meetings and at other times is being stored at Jimmie Gill's place, 3425 Meadow Oaks Dr. in Haltom City. Contact James Haynes for payment.

See the [WNT web site ads page](#) for the latest information on what other members have for sale.

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, John Chandler, 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 at the R. D. Evans Recreational Center, 3242 Lackland Rd., Fort Worth, Texas. Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at **Tommy's**, 5228 Camp Bowie, north 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 6:30 PM.

May 27 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center,
Demonstrator: All club members invited to participate -- **Tips and Tricks**

June 1 - WNT Board Meeting

June 24 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center,
Demonstrator: Ken Rodgers -- **Platters**

July 6 - WNT Board Meeting

July 29 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center,
Demonstrator: **John Horn -- Turning Duplicates**

Aug 3 - WNT Board Meeting

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