

# Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

**NEXT MEETING April 25 7:00PM**

Meeting will Feature James Johnson

**3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX**

**THIS MONTHS TURN-OUT WILL BE SATURDAY April 27**

**And will include the Spring Cleaning Tool Sale**

**Bring Something to Instant Gallery**

## **April Demonstrator-- James Johnson**

James Johnson of Kerrville, TX is our demonstrator this month. James is a woodturner of national repute, having demonstrated at three national AAW Symposia, at the 2nd annual Puget Sound conference, and at all ten Texas Turn or Two events. He has been published in the American Woodturner, Fine Woodworking, and Woodturning.

James has been a woodworker all his life. His career was in commercial and industrial construction, from which has come his ability and experience to build his well-known big lathe, other lathes and many other ingenious devices, including the sanding system which he will show us in his demo.

James will demonstrate three of his signature items. He will show us his split woodturning technique, miniatures, and his sanding system, as well as a few other goodies thrown in.

*By Larry Genender*

## **Spring Cleaning Time Again!**

Get into those nooks and crannies and clean up all those extra, unused tools and make some space! Its Spring again and time to get organized. We are having a Garage Sale and Tool Swap at the shop (3003 Shamrock) to coincide with the regular Saturday Turn-out. The date is April 27th and the time is from 9 AM until 1 PM. We will run an ad in the Fort Worth newspaper to bring in the public. Bring the stuff you want to sell and don't forget your checkbook for that special tool you have been looking for. Rules are simple, bring anything, sell it, or take it back home.

## WNT WEB SITE

[www.woodturnersofnorthtexas.org](http://www.woodturnersofnorthtexas.org)

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## March Raffle Winners

The bring back made by Dewayne Hines was won by Dan Hudkins. The other raffle item, a goblet made by Phil Joines was won by Wayne Clowers.

### (Interesting Web Site)

#### Arbotech Contest

For those woodworkers connected to the web and confident enough to unleash their creativity onto an unsuspecting cyber community, Arbotech have announced the launch of their first "People's Choice" Online Woodworking Contest. With a total prize pool in excess of \$2,500.00 the competition is open to all woodworkers in all woodcraft disciplines (woodcarvers, woodturners, furniture makers and general woodworkers). The competition is open now and the first round of entries can be viewed on line at <http://www.arbotech.com.au/comp/contest.html>. Entries will be accepted until July 31st. Voting will be open during the month of August giving visitors to the site plenty of time to make their choice! Winners will be featured on Arbotech's website in September 2002 and various international woodworking magazines in the months before Christmas. For more information, or to enter online, visit Arbotech's website at <http://www.arbotech.com.au/woodmain.html>

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### ( Informative Web Site)

Phil Joines passed along this Web information. If you need information about trees and wood checkout this site:

[Http://www.hcs.ohio-state.edu/ODNR/education/ohiotrees/treesindex.htm](http://www.hcs.ohio-state.edu/ODNR/education/ohiotrees/treesindex.htm)

## **Ramblings for April 2000**

Recently I was presented with some new ways for the Club to help members with their turning skills. It was about the same time as the Turn Out on Saturday morning. As I thought about the two opportunities, I thought back to the time I joined the Club. My first real involvement was in 1996 at a Turn Out at Larry Roberts' place in Arlington. I had brought a piece of wood to turn and with the help of eight or ten other, more experienced turners, I completed a very thin, very successful shallow bowl. I had become a "turner".

In comparing that event with the Turn Out of March 30th, I realized the biggest difference was the number of experienced turners that were present. Robert Brandt and myself were the only two. And I had to be there to open the building. There were four less experienced turners looking for help and advice. It was raining hard, so other outdoor events could not have been the reason for not coming. Maybe it was because of the Holiday? Maybe we can always find a reason to not help someone learn. We had several new guests and a couple of new members at the Regular meeting. In fact one of the attendees on Saturday had just joined on Thursday. And he drove up from Stephenville just to learn to turn a natural-edged bowl. He brought his learn and was very conscious of the time and the need to clean up after he completed his first bowl. A model student if I may say so. I just wished I had been able to help the others at the same time. I did offer them help with specific questions. And they left with a better understanding.

I guess what I am wondering, is there less desire to share and teach woodturning among our members? And if so, why? Does the Turn Out offer the best opportunity to help those less experienced? How could we improve the teaching that our Club offers? The Board would like your input on this subject. If it is not broke then we won't try to fix it. But if it is then we should be on the lookout for ways to improve our outreach in this area.

*By Mike Wallace*

## **Stuart Batty Weekend Review**

The Stuart Batty weekend was a great success. The 48 attendees at the all-day demo and the 15 lucky people who took the hands-on course were exposed to a master turner and excellent teacher. Stuart will be back in October – he will be a lead demonstrator at Texas Turn or Two, will give another all-day demo for WNT, and he will also be giving more classes locally, in response to demand from those who have worked under him. Anyone wishing to take classes should contact me to indicate interest, as these classes will certainly be oversubscribed.

Many thanks to Larry Roberts for the use of his shop, and to John Horn, James Haynes, Fred Denke, Ken Phillips, Kenny Diehl, Wayne Clowers, Mike Wallace, Chase Roberts, (and to anyone else I left out!) for helping set up and assist during the hands-on classes.

In April, James Johnson of Kerrville will demonstrate some of his “trademark” projects. Details are in the lead article of the newsletter.

In May, Stacey Hager of Austin will demonstrate his “Tools of the Trade”, showing us how to make and use some very unique and simple tools.

*By Larry Genender*

## Woodturning Tutorials

Hopefully by now, many of you have had a chance to read the spring issue of American Woodturner. In it, there is an interesting article written by the Alabama Woodturners Guild that describes a "Start School" the club produces for beginning and novice wood turners. The Woodturners of North Texas plans on doing something very similar.

In addition to the Saturday Turn-Outs that take place on the Saturday following every monthly club meeting, I hope to put together a more formal class that will focus on a specific subject such as bowls, pens, platters, etc. This year's class will be held at Larry Roberts shop and will be taught by one of the club's experienced turners. The class will be offered towards the end of the year, probably in September. This will be an all day class where you will be taught some basic woodturning skills. The aim of the class is that you leave with new knowledge and techniques, and something special that you turned yourself! If the class is a success, next year we hope to offer two or three classes.

I will speak more about Woodturning Tutorials during the April club meeting. In the mean time if you have any questions or comments before the meeting, feel free to contact me via e-mail: mail to: wme@pobox.com or by phone: 817-245-6144.

*By Your vice president,  
Bill Elliott*

## Library Item Review

This month the feature is books. The books listed are the new items which have been received in the last year. Review the list and check out those which are of interest to you.

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| 1  | Masterful Woodturning               | By S. Gary Roberts          |
| 2  | American Woodturners                | By AAW 1996 to 1998         |
| 3  | Basic Bowl Turning                  | By Judy Ditmer              |
| 4  | The Lathe Book                      | By Ernie Conover            |
| 5  | Fun at the Lathe                    | By R. C. Bell               |
| 6  | Intermediate Woodturning Projects   | By Woodturning Magazine     |
| 7  | Woodturning a Source Book of Shapes | By John Hannex              |
| 8  | Contemporary Turned Wood            | By Leier, Peter and Wallace |
| 9  | Turned Wood                         | By Richard Raffin           |
| 10 | Turning Threaded Boxes              | By John Swanson             |

## Welcome New Members

These are the newest members of WNT: Jim Blackley, Roscoe, TX: Carl Chumney, Stephenville, TX: Robert Lewis, Aledo, TX: Steven Mauk, Bridgeport, TX

As you see these people at a meeting please give them a friendly greeting. Remember we have a new name tag and holder. Please wear one so we can all learn the names of members. At the end of the meeting return your name tag to the box next to the door.

## Schedule of Coming Events

April 25	WNT Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM 3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX Demonstrator James Johnson Program Trademark Turning Techniques
April 27	Saturday Hands on 9:00 AM to 12 Noon 3003 Shamrock Ft worth, TX Spring Cleaning Tool Sale
May 7	WNT Directors Meeting 6:00 Dinner at LUBY'S 7:00 Meeting at 3003 Shamrock, Ft Worth, TX
May 18	WNT Spring Picnic Location Larry Roberts' Place 10:00 AM till
May 30	WNT Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM 3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX Program Stacey Hager
June 1	Saturday Hands on 9:00 AM to 12 Noon 3003 Shamrock Ft Worth, TX
June 4	WNT Directors Meeting 6:00 Dinner at LUBY'S 7:00 Meeting at 3003 Shamrock, Ft Worth, TX
June 27	WNT Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM 3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX Program Mike Wallace
June 29	Saturday Hands on 9:00 AM to 12 Noon 3003 Shamrock Ft Worth, TX
June 28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> , and 30 <sup>th</sup>	AAW Symposium in Providence RI
July 2	WNT Directors Meeting 6:00 Dinner at LUBY'S 7:00 Meeting at 3003 Shamrock, Ft Worth, TX
July 25	WNT Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM 3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX Program John Horn
August 6	WNT Directors Meeting 6:00 Dinner at LUBY'S 7:00 Meeting at 3003 Shamrock, Ft Worth, TX

**For Sale:**

- (1) A Delta Planer 12 X 6 In good condition; Seldom used \$250.00
  - (2) A Baldor Grinder 7 inch Grind stone, 1/2 HP, heavy cast iron \$150.00
- For additional information call Hollis McLane at 254-559-5652

**For Sale:**

- (1) Fox Supershop multipurpose woodworking machine. (Like a Shopsmith but more heavy duty.) \$1200 see Robert Brandt at the meeting or call 817-927-2622
- (2) Parks 12 inch heavy duty planer. An oldy but good machine \$400 (will consider trade ) see the machine at the meeting or call Robert Brandt at 817-927-2622

**For Sale**

I have some hardwood suitable for turning. I had a local saw mill which is now out of business. The wood I have is Mesquite, Walnut and some others which are for sale at a very reasonable price. For directions please call Bill Crawford at 817-626-3954  
(He was a machinist before retirement and will take on some custom machine work)

**Woodturners of North Texas— Newsletter**

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**FIRST CLASS**

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