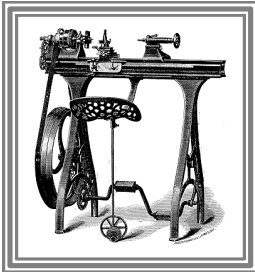


MARCH 2003

Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



Next Meeting: March 27th at 7:00pm
200-B North Vacek
Meeting will feature: Larry Roberts
Program: Bark Edged Basic and Baloney
**** Bring something to the Gallery ****

March Demonstrator – Larry Roberts

Larry had his introduction into woodturning when he was 17 and took a shop class at Colorado City H.S. He remembers that none of the other students liked woodturning, but Larry could not get enough of it. He spent much of his spare time turning spindles, candlesticks and platters and learning how to finish the bottom of a piece by filling the screw holes with pegs and then covering the bottom with felt. Larry remembers what he calls, "in the box" turning. "For 25 years I made the same things; extremely regimented, calibrated turnings with screw holes in the bottom. I didn't know anything else. There were no clubs, magazines, tool suppliers and no other turners in the area. There was no way to share or gain knowledge and I was stuck". Then in 1986, his brother Gary introduced him to The American Association of Woodturners. "I had no idea that there were so many talented people with great ideas when it came to turning things on a lathe". Larry was introduced to freeform artists from all over the country such as Rude Osolnik, Clay Foster and David Ellsworth. He began to enjoy taking green wood and turning its grain in such a way that when it dried it could warp and take on a shape of it's own. About the same time Larry began experimenting with natural bark edges and consequently, has gained a reputation for making some of the most beautiful natural bark edged vessels in the country. Larry's excitement led to the formation of a local chapter for the AAW and is the founding President of the Woodturners of North Texas. Larry enjoys turning. But there is more to it. He enjoys watching people step out of their comfort zone and try something new. He enjoys their experiments and ideas and techniques. He enjoys teaching. His grandchildren, Chase, Ryan, Aubrey, Mathew and Emily are all woodturners. If you stop by Larry's home, don't ring the front door bell. Go around back. In the summer you will find the shop doors open and mounds of shavings piled up on the driveway. In the winter, you will find the smell of coffee and see the smoke rising from the chimney of the potbelly stove. Just park your car out front with the rest, watch for the grand kids coming and going on all their toys and be prepared to stay for a while. Most find it hard to leave.

Ramblings

I remember (vaguely) the first bowl I turned. It was in High School shop class. It was glue-up mahogany and it still has screw holes from the faceplate mounting. Screw holes, it seems were acceptable (then) even after you were finished turning. I have used that bowl since High School to collect the change from my pockets at the end of each day.

Because I look at this bowl every day, it seems to remind me of where my turning started. I am glad I have learned to become a better turner. My abilities have grown. My knowledge of wood, art, shapes, techniques, finishing and appreciation have advance as well. My adventure in turning has been exciting at times, as well as just plain work at other times. Both, I think are needed in order to learn an art form.

On March 14th, several of our club members demonstrated and helped 30 or so students at Snow Elementary School turn their first pieces. Jeff Carrell set up the event to coincide with an "Arts Day" at the school. The students turned candlestick holders on six mini lathes. We assisted by preparing the blanks and showing how to hold the tools. Safety was stressed and all seemed to have fun. Several students commented about how much they thought their mothers would like the candlestick holders. Maybe we sparked some interest in a future artist or wood turner! I am sure they are aware of how much fun it is to make something with your hands. Thanks, Jeff.

I would like us to look at our first turnings this month in the Instant Gallery (Show and Tell). Bring your first, or your mistakes, as well as some successful turnings and let's learn together. Some of the newer members will be able to understand that it is all right to make mistakes and learn from them. And everyone that turns has had a first turning!

Mike Wallace, President WNT

Texas Turn or Two

Things are progressing well for our next trip to Wichita Falls on Labor Day weekend. The premier Texas convention of turners is back with a new date, a great location, and some new headliners. The web site, headed up by Jeff Carrell, has a lot of information as well as an application for attendance. Get on board and buy those tickets early in order to create a more positive, energetic convention. And there might still be time to sign up as a demonstrator. Check out the information on the web site at www.texasturnortwo.org

The Arrowmont Totem Pole Project

The Totem pole project was displayed on Paul Tiefel's computer for all to see at the February meeting. The project planning is complete and work has begun. We still need some more help in order to complete this project on time, so if you are interested call Lynn Blanchard at 214-500-8701 or Mike Wallace at 817-882-9922. Our deadline is the end of March; so don't wait if you want to be involved.

Photo Roster Deadline

In order to get a Roster in your hand in April, the March 27th meeting is the last chance for pictures and correcting information for the published Photo Roster. We would like to have copies available for the April meeting.

From the Sawdust pile

"The artist isn't a special kind of man, but every man is a special kind of artist." I don't recall who said that but I believe it. Janee, an on-line friend of mine says in her signature line, "No one else has your vision, no one else can do your art." A lot of folks tend to think of woodturning as belonging in the realm of craft, and it does, but it is no less art than any painting or sculpture.

If you don't do it, your art won't happen, and the world will be a poorer place because for the lack of it. I really enjoy the opportunity to photograph your work as you bring it in for our Instant Gallery, because it gives me a chance to really look at what you are doing, and your are doing great stuff.

All of this is to say keep on bringing your work to the meetings. If you are just getting started with woodturning, don't be shy, even the most accomplished started where you are, and learned and grew one piece at a time. In any case have fun, enjoy what you are doing and come share the joy with the rest of us.

Robert Brandt, your Vice President

"Bring Back" Winners at February Meeting

<u>Who Won</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Provided By</u>
Fred Denke	Mesquite Trivet	John Herber
Charles Montgomery	Winged Vessel	Walter Barrett
Ken Cardin	Mahogany Trivet	Butch Cornelius

Other Notes:

1. The March meeting is the last chance to have your roster picture taken.
2. The Texas Turn or Two (TTT) will be Aug. 29-31...Labor Day weekend. Fill out your application now for really great fun and unforgettable learning experiences!
3. Dick Sing will be here May 17 – 20 and will give hands-on classes the 18-19th.
4. Spring Demonstrator for Saturday April 10th, 2004 through Tuesday April 13, 2004 will be David Ellsworth.

Your Note Pad

For Sale

Two Lathes For Sale

1. Delta 12", 1 1/2hp Baldor motor, variable speed with reverse, strong stand, outboard turning...\$600.00
2. Sears/Emerson 12", 1hp motor, strong stand, new "copy-crafter" (attachment for making duplicates)...\$200.00
Jerry Buckner: Home: 817-613-8700
Office:817-594-5428

Woodturning Lathe: \$140.00

1. Record Drillmaster DML 24/C 10" swing 26" capacity, 3/4x16 spindle, speeds 540/1140/2440 rpm, 1/3hp 110V motor, #1 Morse taper with 10" tool rest, live center, dead center, spur drive, 4" cast iron faceplate, 2-4.75" wood faceplates mounted on factory tubular steel base.
2. Rockwell/Delta Lathe Duplicator Attachment - \$50.00
Flat pattern manual duplicator that is able to fit almost any lathe. 30" capacity
Steve Yauch: 817-416-1624 or
Syauch01@msn.com

Lathe -Tools – Books

1. Delta Lathe with new bearings, spindle and \$500 other parts. Vicmarc chuck, face plates, Hamlet turning tools, some high end rests, Proforme hollowing tool with medium handle.
2. About 20 books in excellent condition and several videos.
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Stu Turns and Returns

Stuart Batty will be returning on April 14th for another round of Hands-on classes. If you are interested in receiving instruction from this world-class turner, contact Mike Wallace at 817-882-9922.