

APRIL 2004



A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Next Meeting: APRIL 29th

Regular Meeting: 7:00 – 9:15pm

Riverside Community Center

3700 East Belknap st, Ft. Worth

Meeting will feature: Steve Ott on “Miniature Turnings”... bring your eye glasses.

**** Bring something to the Instant Gallery ****

April Demonstrator: Steve Ott

This month Steve Ott, one of our WNT members, will present a demonstration on turning miniatures. Steve is very experienced in turning and produces a great piece. Most of you have seen his miniatures in our Instant Gallery and wondered “how can he do that”? His program will consist of turning a goblet and other small pieces. He will explain the problems & challenges in work small. Steve will also have his home made tools and sample turnings to pass around for everyone to examine.

Demonstration request for future meetings

If you have any suggestions of what you would like to see in the way of demonstrations, please email Lynn Blanchard (lynntexas@purelyonline.com)

or call: 214-500-8701..... We need to hear from you members.....see page 5.

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In order for you to continue receiving the Newsletter and other notices through e-mail, without interruption, you must notify the newsletter editor, Walter Barrett, about your e-mail address change.

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Or give it to me at any meeting... see page 5.

Making Good Shavings

Our search for a new meeting venue has led us to the Riverside Community Center where we met last month. The large meeting room seemed to work well but there is an issue with parking due to the construction on Maurice St. from which the Center is entered. This construction is blocking the entrance to one of the parking lots but it should be finished in a month or two. We would still like to hear from you if you have any new ideas for an alternative venue but for the foreseeable future we will meet at Riverside. The coming months offer a lot of opportunities to grow as a woodturner and to improve your skills. In addition to the upcoming Ellsworth demo at our Chapter, the Utah Symposium is in June, the annual AAW Symposium is in July and then the SWAT Symposium in October. In addition, this is the season for regional art and craft shows like Scarborough Fair, Ft Worth Main Street Art Festival, Southlake Art in the Square, Grapevine Main Street Days, and on and on. Most of these festivals have websites where you can get all the information you need. Most of these shows will have several turners selling their work.

David Ellsworth Classes

For those of you attending classes with David Ellsworth on April 21, 22 or 23, the classes will be held at Larry Roberts' shop located at 6409 Calender Rd, Arlington, TX. (Mapsco Page 109 Grid Square G).

From Ft. Worth: Go East on I-20 and exit on to Hwy 287 South (toward Waxahachie – NOT Bus. 287). Exit at Sublet Rd and Turn Left (East). Go about 1.5 miles and Turn Right (South) on Calender Rd. Go about 0.6 miles and Turn Left into the 1st drive after the yellow caution light.

From Dallas: Go West on I-20 and exit Bowen Rd. Turn Left (South) and go to about 2 miles, Turn Right (West) on Sublet Rd. Go about 0.5 miles and Turn Left (South) on Calender Rd. Go about 0.6 miles and Turn Left into the 1st drive after the yellow caution light. Regards, Paul Tiefel

The David Ellsworth Demo

will be Saturday, April 24th at the Riverside Community Center, 3700 East Belknap, Ft Worth. This is the location where we held the regular monthly meeting last month. The demo will be from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM with a one hour lunch break (attendees are own their own for lunch). There is a \$20 per person charge payable at the door. The Riverside Community Center is in Sylvania Park on Belknap St between Beach St and Riverside Dr. (See Mapsco Page 64 – Grid Square N.) Belknap St. runs along the North side of the park but the entrance is on the South side of the park from Maurice St. There is construction on Maurice St. so you may have to drive around a sign that reads "Road Closed to Thru Traffic". Due to the construction, one of the parking lots is temporarily closed so try to carpool if you can. Driving directions are as follows:

From I-35W: Exit to Hwy 121 (Airport Freeway) Northbound. Go .75 miles and exit at Riverside Dr. Turn Left (North) on Riverside Dr. for 0.3 miles and Turn Right on Belknap St. Go 0.25 miles and Turn Right on Maurice St. (just before Bill Williams Tool). Go about 0.2 miles East on Maurice St. and Turn Left into Sylvania Park and the Riverside Community Center.

From Hwy 121 (Airport Freeway) Southbound: Exit at Beach St. and Turn Right (North). Go about 0.4 miles and Turn Left on Belknap St. Go about 0.4 miles and Turn Left on Eagle St. (just past Sylvania Park). Go 1 block and Turn Left on Maurice St. Go about 1 block and Turn Left into Sylvania Park and the Riverside Community Center.

From I-30: Exit at Beach St and go North 2.25 miles to Belknap St. Turn Left on Belknap St. Go about 0.4 miles and Turn Left on Eagle St. (just past Sylvania Park). Go 1 block and Turn Left on Maurice St. Go about 1 block and Turn Left into Sylvania Park and the Riverside Community center. See you there, Paul Tiefel

Safety Catch

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION

We all learned about spontaneous combustion in high school, and we are always told to be careful about disposing of oily rags and such, but there is no better lesson than that which Larry Roberts and I had a couple of years ago. He knocked over a can of oil/varnish finish and I thought that a good way to clean up the mess was to throw wood chips onto the spilt oil and then we could simply shovel up the wood/oil mix. In fact, it cleaned up just fine, and it was pure luck that we had to go back to the shop several hours later and discovered a smoldering fire in the trash can. Fortunately, the can was metal, not plastic or else we might well have burned down the whole shop.

There was no connection in our minds between the "oily rags" that we knew were dangerous and the wood chips which, of course, react with the oil in the same way. Both the linseed oil and the varnish dissolved in it "cure" in the same way – by polymerization. This is an exothermic reaction, i.e., it gives off heat. If there is not enough ventilation of the oil/varnish-soaked material (paper, cloth, wood etc.) the heat builds up until the flash point of the material is reached, and it ignites.

The safety lessons are two: 1) Use a metal, not plastic, trash can in your shop. 2) Spread out oily shop towels, be they paper or cloth, and let them dry overnight before putting them in the trash. And of course if you do spill some oil, be very careful what you do with the cleanup material.

Remember, spontaneous combustion is not just something you pay lip service to – it really happens.

By Larry Genender

Show Your Work in Temple

As a prelude to the 2004 SWAT Symposium, there will be an exhibition of 20-25 turned pieces during the month of August and September at the Cultural Arts Center (adjacent to the Mayborn Convention Center) in Temple Texas. Each of the Chapters supporting SWAT have been invited to choose two gallery quality works by their members to be included in the exhibition. We will also choose two alternates in the event additional pieces are needed. The pieces must be a maximum of 10" in diameter and 13" high. Plan on bringing your best work to the **May 27th** meeting where the two primary and two alternate pieces will be selected for the exhibition. The selection process will be announced in the next newsletter. The pieces must be in Temple by July 15th and will be exhibited from August 1st through September 30th. On October 1st, the works will be moved to the SWAT gallery for the symposium. The exhibition is being coordinated by the East Texas Woodturners.

A Few Significant Dates to Keep in Mind

David Ellsworth's all day demo – April 24th, at the Riverside Community Center: 9:30 - 3:30

Ft Worth Main Street Arts Festival - April 15-18, 2004

Utah Woodturning Symposium - June 10-12, 2004

The 18th National AAW Woodturning Symposium - July 23-25, 2004

Ft Worth Jazz by the Boulevard - Sept 17-18, 2004

Southwest Association of Turners - Oct 1-3, 2004 (Please note that reservations need to be made ASAP due to the football schedule at Temple and that if you want to apply as a Regional demonstrator, the deadline is April 30.)

SAWMILL WORKSHOP

On Saturday, May 1st, Larry Roberts will host a sawmill demonstration and lathe workshop at his shop at (6409 Calender Rd, Arlington, TX. (Mapsco Page 109 Grid Square G) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Jim Blackley from Roscoe, Texas will be demonstrating the use of his portable sawmill. Mr. Blackley has been harvesting Mesquite in Nolan County and will have some burls and other Mesquite on hand to saw and sell. In addition, Larry will open his shop for a little turning so you can come and ask questions and try your hand at the lathe. Larry plans to make a pot of chili for lunch so don't forget to bring your Roloids! The directions to Larry's shop are:

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North Richland Hills Library Demo and Freedom Pens Project

The following people participated in the North Richland Hills Library Woodturning Demonstration and Freedom Pen Project, which featured Louis Oberheu turning spindles on his reproduction of an antique treadle lathe and everyone else turning Freedom Pens on their mini lathes or the Shopsmith provided by Paul Strom. Fred Denke, Jimmy Pierre, John Horn, Juan Delperal, Ken Diehl, Linda Gryfon, Louis Oberheu, Lynn Blanchard, Paul Strom, Paul Tiefel, Wayne Clower, and Wyatt Compton participated in the event. The goal of the Freedom Pens Project is to put a handcrafted pen in the hands of every person in our armed forces in the Mid-East to boost their morale. Our group either turned or donated 61 pens during the three hour event. The pens were made to send to our troops in the Mid-East, providing them with a small token of our appreciation of their service to our country. For further information about the Freedom Pen Project and how you might help, look up the following web site: <http://www.freedompens.org/> Pen kits and pen blanks were donated by Jack Bean, owner of the Nairo Corporation, and Jerry Stringer, Regional Freedom Pens Coordinator. The public donated \$12 to buy more pen kits. For those who contributed, note cards were sent with a personal message to the person receiving the pen.

Smithfield School Project

On Friday, May 7th, several of our WNT members will spend the day at the Elementary School providing about 50 children the opportunity to try woodturning in a hands-on situation. As a part of an annual Arts Day program, these students participate in woodturning as one part of a full day of hands-on art activities. The WNT woodturners set up six mini lathes and two students per lathe will work on making a simple turning project that they can take home with them and show to their parents. The responses we have received from the students and the school faculty have been most gratifying. If you are interested in helping with this project and did not sign up last month, please contact John Horn at 817-485-7397 for details about how you can participate.

Use the space below to describe your thoughts and/or desires concerning what you would like to see in our monthly demonstrations and give it to Lynn Blanchard at the next meeting. We really need your input.

Use this space to clearly Print any change to your e-mail address:

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Calendar of Events

Apr 21,22,23 David Ellsworth – Hands-on Classes at: Larry Roberts shop	Apr 24 Ellsworth All Day Demo at Riverside Community Center
Apr 29 Monthly Meeting: Riverside Community Center 7- 9:15	May 4 Board of Directors Meet Olive Garden: 7:00 – 9:00

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