

JUNE 2004



A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Next Meeting: JUNE 24th

Regular Meeting: 7:00 – 9:15pm

Riverside Community Center

3700 East Belknap st, Ft. Worth

Meeting will feature: Jean-Francoise Escoulen

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

Demonstrator: Jean-Francoise Escoulen

The demonstrator for June will be international known woodturner Jean-Francoise Escoulen. He is France's foremost woodturner and is best known for his eccentric boxes. He will bring his skills as a master of turning technique and his artist skills to our meeting. This should be a "one-of-a-kind" evening. Bring a friend, doesn't have to be a woodturner, just someone interested in seeing beautiful art being created. Don't forget, he will do an all day class on June 19th at the DAW club site.....a great way to spend a Saturday. Only \$20.00 and lunch is FREE!!! *Lynn Blanchard*

Freedom Pen Turn-A-Thon

Rockler Corp. has joined the Freedom Pen Project and will sponsor a 34 store nation wide turn-a-thon on June 26th, 2004. Many of you WNT members have been previously involved in several of the Freedom Pen turnings and understand how fulfilling it is to do something this good in support of our troops in the middle east. Those of you who want to know more should visit the sawmillcreek.org website to see how really involved this project has become.

The nearest Rockler store for most WNT turners is the one at 4624 South Cooper in Arlington. The Turn-A-Thon will be Saturday, June 26th. Rockler needs volunteers to bring mini-lathes. The pen kits, blanks, mandrels and bushings will be furnished. They are trying to precut, drill and glue all of the tubes prior to the cutting event.

If you have a mini-lathe to loan, you can call Robert Pearson, Sales Manager or Jay Eason, Assistant Sales Manager at 817-417-0070.

Making Good Shavings

Are you having any problems with your turning? Consider taking a class or attending a workshop.

Two years ago this month I bought a new lathe as part of my plan to get back into woodworking and turning full time. I bought some new lathe tools and a video by Richard Raffan and dug in, literally! I realized that I needed some instruction one day when I was trying to smooth off a bowl blank with skew. (Yes, I did this and lived!)

So, I called Woodcraft and signed up for a course on basic woodturning taught by John Horn. In addition to curing most of my bad turning habits, I learned that there is this whole world of woodturning about which I knew nothing. I was amazed to learn that there was a national organization, local chapters and symposiums on the field.

I have benefited a lot from being able to take classes with several good teachers and most of those opportunities came from my association with WNT. If you are having difficulty with your projects I strongly recommend that you get some help by taking a class. Also, there are a number of WNT members that will be glad to help.

I said recently that I believe the classes I have taken in the past two years have put me at least 5-10 years ahead of where I would have been working on my own. You will have an opportunity to get help in the upcoming workshops that are being planned. I would encourage you to attend these sessions and ask questions about any subject of interest to you or any technique with which you are having difficulty.

Paul Tiefel

OPEN SHOP DAY

WNT members will be opening their shops for demonstration, discussion, and visitation to other members on Saturday, June 26th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. This is a new WNT activity designed to promote the sharing of woodturning knowledge by having members host others in their shops/garages. There may be some actual turning, or discussions in shop design and layout, or just good woodturning questions and answers. It is meant to be an informal, come and go format. Please take advantage of the Open Shop Day and visit one of the WNT members in your area. Future Open Shop Days will occur throughout the year at different member locations. If you are interested in hosting an Open Shop Day in your shop, please contact Mike Jones at vicepresident@woodturnersofnorthtexas.org

Saturday, June 26 - Open Shop Locations:

Larry Genender - Dallas
John Horn - North Richland Hills
Larry Roberts - Arlington
Paul Teifel - South Lake

Bring Back Winners from Last Month

Wayne Clowers	Linda Gryfon	Jeff Carrell
Don Cunningham	Walter Barrett	Circe Joins
Larry Genender	Randy Johnson	Jimmy Pierre

Ladies' Program at the SWAT Symposium

The ladies of SWAT have planned several events for the Symposium. Please indicate your interest – some events require advance reservations.

1. Ladies' Instant Gallery All Ladies are invited to exhibit their art and/or craft at the first Ladies' IG. A separate room has been provided for this exhibit. All media are invited – ceramics, jeweler, drawing and painting, sewing, crocheting and everything in between. Please advise Joanie Genender what you are planning to bring or if you are willing to help.
2. Friday Tours Tour the Czech Museum in Temple. Open 1 to 5 pm. No charge.
Tour the Wilson Art House - 2 pm Friday. No charge.
3. Friday Evening Dinner and Show. Mexican Buffet followed by a performance by "The Gizmo Guys, two comedic jugglers. Check their website at www.thegizmoguy.com. Cost for dinner and show is \$20.00 per person, please reserve early.
4. Saturday Bus Tour. A Greyhound bus will pick you up at the Mayborn Center at 8:30 am. Tour historic Salado -- full of interesting sights and quaint shops. You will lunch at the famous Stagecoach Inn. After lunch, the bus will take you to the town of Cameron for a huge (over 145 booths) Arts and Crafts fair.(No admission charge) You will return to the Mayborn Center by 5:30 pm. Cost for the bus and lunch is \$24.00 per person. Space on the bus is limited – please reserve early.

The success of all these events depends on the level of participation. Please contact Joanie Genender for any information (E-mail Jgenender@aol.com, phone 214-363-1425). Make checks out to SWAT LADIES' PROGRAM and mail them to Joan Genender, 11212 Shelterwood Lane, Dallas 75229.

Welcome to our New Members !

To all of the new WNT members listed below, we want to share with you our friendship and knowledge in one of the most fun activities ever created. It takes a while to learn member names, which is why we wear name tags, so don't be hesitant to introduce yourselves and ask questions. There are many activities that will acclimate you with our "society" and start you on a most fun and educational journey, such as the Open Shop Days described on the previous page. Just jump in... its all about fun!

Ed McPherson – Grand Prairie
Martin Bode – Arlington
Richard Schulz – N. Richland Hills
Deny Haynes – Fort Worth

Jerry Johnson – Hudson Oaks
Roger Ballou – Arlington
Jimmy Pierre – Arlington
Dave Putney – Cedar Hill

WNT Turners Help Kids Experience Woodturning

On May 7th, a number of WNT members brought mini lathes to the Smithfield Elementary School in North Richland Hills where they participated in the annual Arts Day event. All day long students went to various arts and crafts hands-on sessions for an hour at a time to participate in activities that they would not normally be able to experience. In the woodturning room, two students were assigned to each lathe where they were helped to turn candle sticks made of walnut and mahogany. Each child turned and finished their candlestick in less than 30 minutes. It was quite a thrill for the WNT members to see the smiles and expressions of gratitude as the students completed their project. The students, teachers, and parents that were present were amazed that the children could accomplish a finished project on the lathe in about 30 minutes. They were really proud of the work they had done and several said they were giving the candlestick to their mother for Mother's Day.

Lynn Blanchard, Ken Cardin, Wayne Clowers, Fred Denke, Dell Hooper, John Horn, Steve Ott, and Paul Tiefel were at the school, helping the students turn and learn about woodturning.

John Horn

Calendar of Events

July 6	Board Meeting at Olive Garden – Bedford Euless Rd. Eat at 6pm – Meeting at 7pm	Sept 17-18	Ft. Worth Jazz by the Blvd.
July 23-25	18 th Nat'l Woodturning Symposium	Oct 1-3	Southwest Asso. Of Turners.
July 29	Regular Monthly Meeting Riverside Comm Center 7pm Demo: to be announced		

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