

AUGUST 2004



A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Next Meeting: AUGUST 26th

Regular Meeting: 7:00 – 9:15pm

R.D. Evans Recreational Center

3200 Lackland Rd., Ft. Worth

Meeting will feature: Bob Matern

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

Demonstrator: Bob Matern

August Demo....John Horn was to be our August demo but he is out with a little surgery. Get well soon John. Bob Matern will be our person on deck this month. Bob is a fairly new woodturner but has put a lot of time into developing his skills. He does some great segmented turnings. His presentation is one of the best explanations of developing pattern and getting unique results. He has presented his program to the local area clubs and has received praise for his presentation, so plan to have a good time and pick up a few new tricks on woodturning. *Lynn Blanchard*

Bargain Shopping !

I knew that would get your attention. We woodturners are always looking for bargains. Well, have I got a deal for you. I have found a place that sells tools, exotic woods, methods for turning unbelievable pieces, all at fantastic prices. You can even get a Powermatic 3520a lathe for \$1.00. Why, they even provide an excellent meal along with these amazing deals. This place is so good that even your spouse will love it! And with these high gas prices it is an even better deal cause it's only a short drive from DFW. The place is located at the Mayborn Convention Center in Temple TX and will be open October 1 – 3, 2004. The name is SWAT, which means "SouthWest Association of Turners" and it's the second largest woodturning symposium in the USA.

Believe me, this is an event you don't want to miss. Take a look at their web-site www.swaturners.com and make your reservations soon.

Walter

Making Good Shavings

The election of WNT officers for 2005 is only two meetings away (from our August meeting). The WNT bylaws require that nominations for next year's officers are to be made at the September meeting and voting is to be held at the October meeting.

Are you interested in serving as an officer in WNT? WNT needs the contribution of your time and energy to remain a vibrant organization and you should seriously consider offering to serve.

A nomination committee will be announced at the August 26th meeting. This committee will conduct interviews to identify prospective nominees and will introduce a slate of officers for election. However, any member can make a nomination (at the September meeting) for any office. Once all nominations are introduced, the election will be held at the October meeting.

Are you interested in a particular office? Don't wait to be asked. Once the nominating committee is introduced, you can contact them and let them know of your interest in serving. Don't be reluctant to offer your name or express your interest. The nominating committee members may not be aware of your interest unless you tell them. Every member has something to offer WNT and your contribution is needed.

Paul Tiefel

Trivia for the Well-Educated Turner

Did you ever wonder why turners are able to create such Heavenly works of art and always have plenty of free wood to work with ?

There are two reasons:

1st

Dr. Seuss, if you remember or (if you have grandkids to read to), created a special whimsical character known as the **Lorax**. The purpose of the Lorax is to save the trees. The following is the introduction of this favorite character:

“ I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees.

I've come here to celebrate Earth Day, so please

Come join me and help spread the message I bring.

Be a friend to the trees and to each living thing.”

2nd

We are blessed with St. Catherine of Alexandria, The Patron Saint of Woodturners.

Catherine was a renowned beauty of noble birth and well educated in the sciences.

The Worshipful Company of Turners, London England, adopted her as their patron saint in 1634 and a special woodturners mass is offered in her name each year at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, City of London.

Bring Back Winners from Last Month

Butch Cornelius, Steve Yauch, Jacques Blanchard, Alan Siebenthall, Steve Ott, Phil Joines, Jeff Carrell (3), Paul Tiefel, Billy Boehme, Robert Lewis, Walter Barrett, Circe Joines, Madeline Losito, Max Taylor

Safety Catch

BANDSAW SAFETY

The band saw has to be the least "scary" of all our shop machinery, and we quickly become complacent around it. A few commonsense safety rules can help keep everyone safe.

1. Wear goggles, wear goggles, wear goggles. Eye injuries from flying chips remain the leading cause of band saw-related injuries
2. Keep all machine guarding in place, especially the band wheel enclosure. This minimizes exposure to the moving blade, and also helps keep chips out of the mechanism, which can create their own hazards.
3. Move the blade guides as close to the work piece as possible. It makes the operation more stable and keeps more of the moving blade under cover. As a rule, guides should be set within ¼ to ½ inch of the work piece.
4. Keep the work area clean, including the floor. Chips and sawdust can be very slippery
5. When changing the blade or servicing the saw, make sure the power is turned off and whenever possible unplug the machine to prevent untimely re-starts.
6. Make sure that stock is free of metal, especially when using reclaimed and bark-on stock.
7. Avoid cutting curves of a small radius without first making relief cuts.
8. Do not cut round stock without a holding jig.
9. Never try to pick pieces of wood out of the table slot while the saw is operating
10. Change the blade before it breaks. Clicking can mean a cracked blade or missing teeth. Slower cutting or a rough finish means the blade is going dull. Crooked cutting usually means loss of set. The trick is to change or act before the blade fails completely.
11. When cutting "green" (or wet) wood (like logs), always use a blade with an adequate amount of "set" in the teeth so the kerf will be wide enough to prevent the blade friction from generating too much heat. In wet wood, excessive heat will cause the wet fibers of the wood to swell and bind the blade. This can be extremely dangerous when using narrow blades (1/2" or less).

Here's one more hint: If you are having one of those days where you are being absent-minded or are in some way distracted, stay away from the machinery. Using the machinery in the shop requires your full attention.

Wake up the Elves!

There are only 120 shopping days left (after our next meeting) until Christmas. For a number of years WNT has made toys for kids in need. In recent years we have made VW style cars mostly but there are no predetermined goals. This is a very worthwhile project but it needs coordinator to bring it together. With the help of other members, the coordinator organizes work days, gets the needed materials and identifies recipients. Are you willing to serve as coordinator for 2004? This is a very rewarding activity and you will have a lot of help from other members. If you are interested in serving as coordinator for the toy project or have any questions about this activity, please contact me at 817-939-8812 or wptiefel@prodigy.net. Paul Tiefel

For Sale ?

No, there's nothing for sale this month.

I just wanted to use this space to remind the newer members and the forgetful old members that you can advertise in the newsletter for any items you might want to sell or buy. Its free and very useful for those looking for a decent deal, for both seller and buyer. Remember, for a woodturner, one turner's treasure is another turner's treasure.

All that Jazz

The second annual Jazz by the Boulevard will be held Friday and Saturday, September 17th & 18th. WNT has two adjacent 10' x 10' booths just like last year. In one booth we will set up 2 or 3 mini-lathes and demonstrate turning. We will also talk with patrons and hand out WNT brochures. The other booth will be used to display and sell WNT member's work.

At the next meeting (August 26th) there will be a sign-up sheet for members who want to participate. We will need 3-4 people for each shift to man the demonstration booth. If you want to sell or display your work you will need to be present or arrange for another member to be responsible for your pieces.

We generated a lot of interest at our booth last year and the festival this year will be even bigger. This is a great opportunity to promote woodturning and WNT to the general public. If you have any questions about this activity please contact Paul Tiefel at 817-939-8812 or wptiefel@prodigy.net.

Calendar of Events

Sept 7	Board Meeting at Olive Garden – Bedford Euless Rd. Eat at 6pm – Meeting at 7pm	Oct 1-3	Southwest Asso. Of Turners. 13 th Annual Symposium Mayborn Convention Center 3303 North Third St. Temple, TX www.swaturners.com
Sept 17-18	Ft. Worth Jazz by the Blvd.	Nov ??	Possibly a joint meeting with the Dallas club... will let you know.
Sept 30	Regular Monthly Meeting R.D. Evans Rec. Center 7pm Demo: to be announced	Dec 11	Holliday Banquet

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