

Woodturners of North Texas



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This Month's Program: "Platter Turning" by Larry Genender

**New
Instant Gallery
Format**
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**Next Meeting:
April 27, 2006**

Start Time: 6:30 PM

R.D. Evans Recreational Center
3200 Lackland Rd.
Fort Worth, TX
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"I bought my first lathe in 1996, and as soon as I saw the shavings fly, I was hooked. It took two years before I stopped calling the tools 'instruments'. I like to make large pieces with lots of chips flying. I feel that turned wood is a very rapidly growing art medium, and have seen great progress even in the relatively short time I have been turning."

Larry Genender is a member of the Woodturners of North Texas, the Dallas Area Woodturners, and the Hill Country Woodturners (Kerrville). He has been turning sporadically since 1996, but more seriously since retiring from surgical practice in 1999. He is a member of the American Association of Woodturners and was the first President of the SouthWest Association of Turners (formerly "A Texas Turn or Two"). He has studied with David Ellsworth, Richard Raffan, Keith Rowley, Rodger Jacobs, Stuart Batty, Ron Kent, and others. He demonstrated turning "Platters" at Texas Turn-or-

Two in October, 2002 and an article based on that experience appeared in a recent issue of the "American Woodturner". Other interests include turning and finishing Norfolk Island pine by the translucent Hawaiian methods, and fluting and carving on bowls.

Turning platters is nothing more than turning flat bowls, but it allows the demonstration of several turning techniques that have proven useful. This program will emphasize mounting techniques and I will demonstrate some of the many ways the tool can meet the wood to produce the cut you desire. I will use a Oneway Bowl Steady, which is valuable when turning larger platters. There will be a handout with all the details of the demonstration so that you will be able to produce a fine platter yourself by viewing the demonstration and having the handout notes to take home.





SWAT Call for Demonstrators 2006

SWAT Demonstrator Selection Committee Chairman Drew Shelton and fellow committee members Craig Timmerman, Paul Tiefel, and Tom Crosby are looking for demonstrators for this year's SWAT Symposium. If you are an experienced demonstrator or know of someone in Texas or Oklahoma who is, get in touch with Drew using the contact information below. A total of twelve regional demonstrators is needed and the committee would like to have a larger field than that from which to choose. To keep the demonstrations fresh for the attendees, the committee would prefer to use demonstrators who have not demonstrated at SWAT more than twice in the last five years. Even if you don't want to demonstrate yourself, you can help the committee substantially by providing names of demonstrators to the committee so that they can contact folks that haven't applied, but that might be good prospects.

The demonstrator application deadline is April 30. You can get a Demonstrator Application Form by downloading the SWAT newsletter at www.swaturners.org, or from Drew or your club SWAT representative.

Get your comments and suggestions to:

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Ladies Program

SWAT Ladies Program Chairwoman Joanie Genender has again put together a fine program this year. Friday will see a Fused Glass Jewelry class (\$20 per person) and a class on collecting an Oral History. Friday evening will include a Mexican buffet dinner followed by music by the Front Porch Blues (\$20 per person). Saturday will include a tour of the Wilson House in Temple, lunch in historic Salado and a tour of historic sites in Temple, including the Railroad Heritage Museum, the Czech Museum and the Governors Ferguson House (\$36 per person for the whole day).

Joanie promises that this year's Ladies Instant Gallery will be the best yet. There will be twelve eight-foot tables for displaying arts and crafts, as well as round tables for sewing, knitting, conversing, etc. There are more details than can be covered here, but they will be forwarded to Larry to post on our web site, www.ctwa.org. The detailed schedule will also be included in the CTWA brochure, which is scheduled for mailing in about a month.

Joanie would welcome volunteers to assist with the gallery and other activities. If you want to volunteer to assist, or have comments or suggestions, get them to:

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☪ Making Good Shavings ☪

Here is something for everyone. Yes, this includes every level of experience, every interest, every technique, every turning discipline, every method, and every style. And it's all for free. Free, as in no charge. No kidding. It's all there in the WNT club library.

At last count, your Librarian, Dan Hudkins, had catalogued nearly 200 book and video titles. Subjects range from airbrush techniques to off-center turning. Gallery videos from SWAT, Texas Turn or Two, AAW symposiums, beginning bowl turning, the "dreaded" skew chisel and more are there for you to check out. If there's a turning subject you are interested in, we've got it. Did I mention that *the library is free*?

Need a little inspiration? We have club demonstration videos from many moons ago. Want to see what David Ellsworth was doing in 1992? Got it! Dick Sing demonstrating in the early 90's? Mark Sfirri, Frank Sudol, Stuart Batty? Got 'em! These older videos are great fun, if for no other reason than to see how some of our members looked ten years ago. Ellsworth, however, looked exactly the same then as he does now! The techniques were sound then, and they are sound now, and I guarantee you will learn something from each video. Oh yes, there is no

charge because *the library is free*.

If you are not using the library, you're missing out on a great resource. Books, videos, magazines are there for you. Your club has made a huge investment in the library because you have asked for it, and you deserve it. One note, however: If you have library materials at home, and they are maybe a little overdue, say six months or so, be kind to your fellow club members and return them. Rentals are one month at a time, so bring that Sorby texturing tool back. And return that issue of American Woodturner that's been on your coffee table since the Carter administration. There are no late fees, no fines, because *the library is free*.

We are adding new titles every month, so if you haven't used your library in a while, now's the time. If you have a special request, ask for it, we can find it for you. And *the library is free*.

Read up, watch a video, and learn something new. It will inspire you, and help move your work to the next level. Please turn safely and remember *the library is free*.

Regards,
Stormy Boudreaux

Want to see what resources are in the WNT Library?

There are many books and videos in the WNT library and you can go to the WNT Library web page, <http://www.wntx.org/library/library.html> to see a listing. New additions will also have a review available on the web site. If you wish to write a review of any of the material that you have previously checked out, please contact the editor, Bill Boehme and I will be happy to include it on the library web site reviews.



www.wntx.org/library/library.html

"Fine Arts Day" at Snow Heights Elementary School

Jeff Carrell received a request from a parent in Birdville ISD, who is leading a project called "Fine Arts Day" at Snow Heights Elementary in North Richland Hills. They have different artisans come in and do demonstrations and teaching for the kids. This woodturning activity is the most requested artisan activity by the students!

We did three turning sessions there in 2003 and 2005, where we assisted kids making candle holders. They each got to turn, sand, and finish a six inch candle holder. We had 36 kids turning on five mini-lathes in 2003 and three in 2005, and had a great time!

They will be having Fine Arts Day again this year on Friday, May 12, and have asked if WNT would be interested in participating again. Jeff Carrell spearheaded the project both in 2003 and 2005, and will do so again this year. The WNT Board of Directors has approved this as an officially sponsored WNT event. Jeff is asking for a few volunteers (4-10) to assist in turning. There will be three total sessions, two in the morning, lunch (provided for us) and one session after lunch.

There will be approximately 12 kids per session, so if we have 3-4 turners, the student/turner ratio will be small. We will also have parents and/or teachers to assist in "student management", meaning we will not be in charge of the students. Jeff needs a count of those turners who can assist, on or around April 1. Thanks in advance for your consideration to this request. Jeff and Birdville

ISD do appreciate it!! Anyone interested in participating please contact Jeff directly at jcarrell@woodturnersofnorthtexas.org.



New Instant Gallery Format

Beginning at our April club meeting we will be making a change in our meeting format. We are going to pick up the pace and get more done in less time. We are changing how we run our turning critiques. At the meeting there will be three tables set up one will be labeled "Critique Items" Another will be labeled "New Turnings and the third will be the "Bring Back" table.

Bring all your new turnings to show off. Pick one that you would like to have critiqued and put it on the "Critique" table. All the turnings will be photographed and posted on our website as usual. However only one turning will be critiqued during the meeting.

We expect this new format to allow us to more thoroughly critic individual pieces without disrupting the demonstration segment of our meetings.



Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon Report in Pictures

Below: Louis Oberheu demonstrates his home built treadle lathe while "interviewing" a prospective new motor.

The Woodturners of North Texas sponsored a Freedom Pen Turn-A-Thon at the North Richland Hills Library on Saturday April 8, 2006. The weather was great and a lot of pens were turned. Here are a few pictures the folks there who volunteered their time for this very worthwhile project.



Above: John Horn and Fred Denke discussing some of the nuances of pen turning.



Left: Don Taylor, John Horn, and Chris Hendley in background.



Above: Jeff Carrell gets "pressed" into service.

Right: Dewayne Hines, Don Taylor, John Horn, Chris Hendley, and Jeff Carrell busily turning pens.



AAW 2006 Symposium Louisville, KY June 22 - 24

The AAW Symposium in Louisville is fast upon us. It will be Thursday, June 22, 2006 through



Saturday, June 24. There are always many great reasons to attend: You have 55 BIG reasons to register to come to the Louisville AAW Symposium. For door prizes, how about FIVE Oneway 2436 Lathes, free? (Made possible by special pricing from Oneway Manufacturing.) And FIFTY \$100 gift certificates? (Donated by Packard Woodworks.)

There will be 30 world-class demonstrators putting on 150 rotations in eleven demonstration rooms. There will be a room where Bonnie Klein and Nick Cook will teach hands on classes to young people ages 10 through 17. The youth can register FREE when accompanied by a fully registered adult. As last year, just for lucky youths, we will give away 25 JET Midi lathes with stands, 25 sets of

Crown tools, 25 Nova Midi-chucks and 25 face shields! (Bring your kids or grandkids).

See the world's largest instant gallery of over a thousand spectacular pieces. Visit the Trade Show filled with the world's largest assortment of woodturning tools, equipment, wood, etc. There will be three panel discussions featuring world famous artists J. Paul Fennell, Binh Pho, David Ellsworth, Graeme Priddle, Curt Theobald, Clay Foster, Albert LeCoff, Kevin Wallace and Giles Gilson. We will have a great banquet and live auction.

There are three great woodturning exhibitions within blocks of the symposium. Louisville has more to do than we can list here. I visited recently and loved it. For more information, go to:

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2006/>

John Hill – AAW Chapters and Membership Chairman Johnrhill@charter.net 828-645-6633

AAW Return To The Community

Annually the AAW Symposium has a "Return to the Community" project. This year, AAW will collect Christmas ornaments. They will be delivered to Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville. Each year the hospital collects ornaments and decorated trees and auctions them or sells them outright to raise money. Last year, they raised almost \$400,000, to help the kids in need. Each chapter is encouraged to turn as many Christmas ornaments as they can and either bring them to the symposium or mail them to Greg Streif, 7308 Abbott Glen Dr., Crestwood, KY., 40014 gregstreif@insightbb.com.

This is a great opportunity to have some real fun while building your turning skills and at the same time, help sick kids in need. What a deal! If you have any questions, contact Greg Streif, as listed above. Thanks, John Hill – Chairman AAW chapters and membership committee Johnrhill@charter.net 828-645-6633.



March "Bring-Back" Winners

Here are the names of the March "Bring Back" winners: Jimmy Gill(3), Larry Roberts, Max Taylor(2), Randy Johnson, Floyd May, Clarence Moad(3), John Horn(2), Alan Siebenthall, Jim Bragdon, Kirby Wright(2), Sherry Driscoll, Maurice McLeod, Larry Denning, Joe Aguire, Bill Boehme(2), James Haynes, Jacques Blanchard(2), and John Herber. If you were the winner if a turned item in March, please bring back a turning that you have made for the April "Bring Back" drawing.

Advertisements

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The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$7.00 per gallon. It is being stored at Larry Roberts' place, 6409 Calender in southwest Arlington. Contact James Haynes for payment.

See WNT website ads page:
<http://www.wntx.org/ads/ads.html>
for the latest advertisements.

Rules for advertisements: Free ads are available only to WNT members. The deadline for submission or cancellation of an ad is the 10th of the month to be placed in that month's newsletter. Ads will only run for one issue unless notified otherwise. If you wish to continue running an ad for more than one month, please advise the editor, Bill Boehme, by the 10th of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor by the 10th of the month.

Calendar

April 27 -

Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM
R.D. Evans Rec. Center

Demonstrator: **Larry Genender -- Turning a Platter**

May 2 -

WNT Board meeting at The Olive Garden Restaurant in Ridgmar Town Center, 925 Alta Mere Dr (Hwy 183), (817) 732-0618 which is in west Fort Worth just north of Ridgmar Mall. All WNT members are invited to attend. If you would like to join the group for dinner, it begins at 6 PM and the business meeting starts at 7 PM.

May 25 -

Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM
R.D. Evans Rec. Center

Demonstrator: **George Hoyle -- Spindle Turning Techniques**

June 6 -

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June 29 -

Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM
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Demonstrator: **Joel Rubin**

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