

Woodturners of North Texas



Next Meeting: Thursday, October 28th, 2021
Meeting Start: 6:30 PM

IN-PERSON MEETING!!!

Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club

6013 Craig Street Fort Worth, Texas 76112

or Virtual meeting on the Internet.

[Zoom meeting link](#)

Turning of Christmas Trees

Jim Tanksley



Jim began woodturning in 1969 in 9th grade woodshop. All he can remember is they laminated maple and mahogany together to turn a lamp and his mom loved it. He didn't turn again until 1995 to turn some 6" diameter white oak legs for a dining room table on a light weight lathe. The experience was dreadful not knowing which tools to

use or and having a lathe with a lot of vibration. Jim decided to stick with flat work until 2005.

A friend at work showed him a pen that he had made and said all you have to do is buy a kit from Rockler or Woodcraft and start making my own. As you know it was not that easy, he ended up buying a Jet Mini

Lathe, gouges, etc. His first pen cost north of a \$1000. He was making pens in no time after attending a few club meetings and getting some tips from the old timers. It wasn't long until he was getting bored with just turning pens and started turning bowls. He graduated from the mini lathe to a used Nova 3000 lathe with 16" capacity and within a few years sold it and purchased a new Powermatic 3520B with 20" capacity. Today Jim has the Powermatic and a Robust American Beauty.

Jim loves woodturning and has attended SWAT since 2005 and has enhanced his wood turning skills by taken classes over the years with Stuart Batty, Jimmy Clewes, Todd Hoyer, Nick Cook, Mike Mahoney, Bob Rosand, and Cindy Drozda.

DEMONSTRATION

Jim will be demonstrating turning Christmas Trees from mesquite wood. He uses mesquite because it has great attributes including the bark, sap ring, and especially forgiveness in turning uphill, downhill or across the hill.



Calendar of Events

Oct 28th **Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM**
Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**
Demonstrator: **Jim Tanksley**
Subject: **Turning of Christmas trees**

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83755883516?pwd=UmVCajQ2a1RTckM1RG9CSlVTcmh1QT09>

Nov 2nd **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM**
Location: **Remote - Zoom meeting**

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058917725?pwd=SVlqenMzT1lyV2pOeExBWVVEY2lYdz09>

Nov ?? **Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM**
Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**
Demonstrator: **David Carter**
Subject: **Epoxy Techniques**

Dec 18th - Christmas Banquet TBD PM
Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

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President's Notes for October, 2021

Did you ever have a close call in your shop? I'm not talking about turning through the bottom of a bowl, I am talking about a serious injury. Or, maybe you actually were injured. How did you change your behavior afterwards?

Last week I was starting to turn a large, green, roughly cut blank. I put it on a Steb drive center on the headstock and a cup live center on the tailstock. No matter what I did I couldn't get past about 400 rpm without having the lathe dance around the shop. I decided to try to crank the speed up to see if I could get through the vibration, at which point I should have asked myself if it was a smart thing to do. In hindsight, every time I have that feeling that I might be doing something stupid I need to listen to myself.

A forty pound rough cut blank with a lot of kinetic energy flew off of the lathe, over my head and broke a few things on my workbench before it stopped moving. In an instant I knew at least three things:

1. Why the event occurred
2. How lucky I was that it didn't hit me
3. How much more safety conscious I needed to be

Probably many of you have stories of near misses or actual injuries. What did you learn, and what are you doing differently now? Have you made the same safety mistake more than once? I left a chuck key in a large engine lathe once. Once. Once was enough.

We are coming up on the holidays when we traditionally spend time with family and friends. Be well and be there with them uninjured. Keep safety in the forefront of your thoughts when you are working in your shop.

On another note, we have our annual officer elections at our October club meeting, so please attend if at all possible.

Also, please be working on auction and table center pieces for our annual Christmas banquet.

Keep safe and keep turning!

Greg

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WNT BEANCOUNTER'S BULLETIN-OCTOBER 2021

DECEMBER 18, 2021: THIS YEARS CHRISTMAS BANQUET DATE

Please read the Christmas Banquet Announcement in the October newsletter for more details. Some copies will be available at this meeting.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Donate turning blocks, tools or other items for the door and drawing prizes.

A table is set up at this meeting for your donations.

Please fill out a donor card.

Get to work on turnings and other items for donation to the auction.

Set aside some money to spend as an auction buyer.

Contact Bill Collins and volunteer to be a part of the set up and clean up team.

MEMBERSHIP 2022

2022 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL BEGINS TODAY, OCTOBER 28. ANNUAL DUES WILL STILL BE \$36, AND MAY BE PAID WITH CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD. DUES ARE PAYABLE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR. PREPRINTED RENEWAL FORMS ARE READY FOR YOUR REVIEW, SIGNATURE, AND DUES PAYMENT. NEW MEMBERS MAY PAY \$6 FOR 2021 AND \$36 FOR 2022.

Some members are still catching up by paying their \$36 2021 membership dues.

MONTHLY TICKET DRAWINGS

Each month we will have a ticket drawing for items such as gift certificates, turning blocks, etc. Tickets are \$1 each.

September participation was great. \$220 worth of tickets was sold.

This income will help to augment and supplement our dues income.

WNT SHIRTS

WNT shirts may be ordered at any regular meeting. Polo shirts are \$28 and Button Front shirts are \$37. Payment by cash, check or credit card is due when the shirt is ordered.

ANCHORSEAL is available at the monthly meetings for \$15 per gallon.

LACQUER & SEALER is also available for \$9 per can.

COVID-19 Masks are available and are optional at our in-person meetings.

**RESIDENT BEANCOUNTER
JAMES HAYNES, TREASURER**

Librarian Letter

Dear Club Members,

This Note is an update from your Club Librarian (librarian@WNTX.org) to all Club Members.

The Library has switched from the old card system for accounting of the library Books and Videos to a computer system.

There are a few policies added to the Library Check-out system:

1. You will only be able to check-out 4 Books and Videos at any given time.
2. The Check-out length of time is 60 days.
3. To check out a book or video you must meet the following:

Be a Member of the WNTX Club.

Fill out a card with the Following:

Full Name.

E-mail Address

Phone Number that I can text to.

The cards to fill out are available at the librarian's desk in the back of the meeting room.

- A list of Books and Videos for Check-out will be available on line on our web site at (WNTX.org) and at each meeting on the Library table. A printed list will also be available on the Library table during the Club meetings.
- Take special Note that each Book/Video has a designated ID #. This number matches an inventory number in the computer system.
- To RETURN Books and Videos, just place them in the RETURN box on the library table.

The Club has built a large library and it was built by the past librarians and Club Members. To be the Librarian of such a knowledge base is indeed a privilege. I want to share this Knowledge base with everyone in the Club. So, Peruse the list of Books and Videos check them out and enjoy.

There is no reason that the Library of best Turning Club in North Texas cannot be better. So we are asking for good ideas.

1. Posting on line Videos demonstrations by club members.
2. Feature video of long term Club Members and their contributions to the Club.
3. Post video and Book reviews from club members.

If anyone has a Suggestion or Information for Videos and Books please E-mail the Librarian who will share your ideas with the Board: librarian@WNTX.org



Saturday, December 18, 2021



WNT Christmas Banquet

Location: Handley Meadowbrook Lions Club, 6013 Craig Street, Fort Worth 76112

The Banquet begins with the food preparation.

There will be ham, turkey, pulled pork, and beef brisket as the main course, with vegetables, salad, and desserts that are brought by each member.

Bread and drinks (cokes, tea, and coffee) are supplied by the club, as is the tableware.

Bring yourself and other members of your family (kids are welcome).

As usual we encourage each family to bring a vegetable/side dish and/or salad. We also need lots of homemade desserts to accompany our meal. If baking sweets isn't your specialty, just bring a bounteous side dish, BUT if you are able, a sweet would be greatly appreciated.

DOOR PRIZES: Each person present will receive a door prize ticket for a drawing after the meal. Door prizes may include tools, gift certificates, and turning blocks, etc.

LATHE, TOOL, & WOOD DRAWING: Bring cash, check or credit card to buy tickets.

Typical Drawing Prizes from prior years include midi-lathe, lathe chuck, tools, gift certificates, turning blocks, etc.

SCHEDULE:

3:30 PM - Set up (tables, chairs, decorations) Come and help.

4:30 PM - Arrive, socialize (work up appetite), get your name tag and door prize ticket,
Purchase Drawing tickets. \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 12 for \$10.

5:30 PM - Meal

6:30 PM - Awarding of Door Prizes and Drawing for Lathe, Tool, and Wood Items.

ANNUAL AUCTION of items donated by our membership.



THINGS TO BRING TO THE BANQUET

+ Yourself and your family, including children

+ Your appetite and food—**SEE ABOVE**

+ **Woodturnings or other craft items** that you would like to donate to the live Auction. This is one of the major sources of income for our club to be able to provide quality programs.

+ A big roll of **ca\$h or some checks or a credit card** for the Drawing tickets and the live auction.

You may pay your \$36 2022 WNT dues at the banquet.

Check, cash(exact change is good), or credit card.

Woodturners of North Texas Board Nominees for 2022

(* indicates new candidate for 2022)

President - Greg Stehle

I was born in Chicago, but my parents moved us to my father's home town in Southern Kansas when I was almost two years old. We lived there until I was nine, and then moved to Connecticut where my dad had the job offer of a lifetime. My Dad and I had a workshop in the basement of our house in an area that can't have been bigger than 150 square feet, with a seven-foot ceiling. The only thing we knew about dust protection then was that we had to go upstairs when we couldn't breathe.

I have done some sort of woodworking since my teen years in my parent's basement. That slowed down when I went to college, and then started a family of my own. When I graduated and moved to a great job in Phoenix, I couldn't wait to buy a house and a table saw, and, eventually, enough tools and equipment to fill our two-car garage.

I received an extraordinary job offer near the end of 2010 and Kathy and I moved to North Texas. Within a year we had build a "storage" building and I put in a table saw and started growing my shop. Through a serendipitous chain of events, Kathy joined WNT, and I followed the next year, in 2015. A few years after that we had to add on to our dedicated workshop, which is now 1800 square feet with four lathes and a lot of other machinery, and build a storage building for everything that was displaced by our shop. That shop is our happy place.

I have had four employers since I graduated from college, and they all treated me wonderfully. I have had the opportunity to travel and work in Asia, Europe and all of North America, and it was great. In my private live I have served many roles in a large Service organization for many years. Now I am retired, and enjoy time and travel with Kathy, our children and grandchildren. I cherish my family, but when I get out in the shop by myself, something magical happens and day-to-day concerns seem to melt away. Some people go to a special room or garden to meditate. For me, it is my shop.

Vice President - David Carter

I was born in Illinois and the Army took me to Oklahoma. It was there that I met my wife, Robin. I started college there and finished after moving to Texas. I retired from the Federal Service after 37 years in the IT community. Soon after retiring we moved to Burleson and my granddaughters expanded from 1 to 5(one set of triplets). The move finally gave me the shop I was needing. It's 1200 sq. ft. but still needs some finishing touches.

I've always enjoyed working with my hands on metal and wood. It was not until I saw Dave Marshall at Rockler that the bug was implanted. He and a few other club members were down there having a contest to see who could turn the best looking egg. I knew immediately that I had to get a lathe. I joined the club soon after that and was amazed at the knowledge that other club members were more than happy to share...for free! I still do some flat stock work but my focus is on turning. One part of turning that I enjoy is finding ways to make jigs for accomplishing things. Router sled for rolling pins, threading jig, and various bandsaw jigs, etc.

Secretary - Brian Begina

Treasurer - James Haynes

I was born in 1940 in the great metropolis of Rising Star, Texas which used to have a traffic light at the main intersection of US 183 and Texas 36. Now it think it is just a 4-way stop. I spent six of my growing up years in the even smaller town of Ackerly on the south plains of Texas.

My dad was a Baptist preacher and I followed in his footsteps. While in college I studied both religion and accounting. After college and seminary Barbara and I moved to Wyoming in 1966 where I served as pastor of two small churches over a period of seven years and did some accounting work as well.

We returned to Ft. Worth and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1973 where I took the position of Controller. While there I passed the CPA exam in 1975. In 1981 I was employed as Controller by the Annuity Board, SBC in Dallas and worked there in various departments until my early retirement in 2000.

I guess my woodworking career began Christmas 1948 when I received a carpenter style tool chest built by my dad containing a hammer, saw, hand drill, combination square, screwdriver, and tape measure. I still have the tool chest and most of the tools. With my dad's help and encouragement I began to learn how to work with my hands.

While working at the seminary one of my good friends helped me get more into woodworking. I made a few wall clocks, and learned to do the never ending repairs that go along with home ownership.

Income from my small income tax practice enabled me to begin acquiring some power tools such as a table saw, drill press, and band saw. In 1986 I bought a Craftsman lathe. It was the model with the tubular bed which many woodturners started out with because this was before the advent of mini lathes and it was affordable for the beginner. My cost, including a set of carbon steel turning tools, was about \$300. My next lathe was a Nova 3000 which I acquired at the end of 1999 for \$1,142.

I'm not going to begin to add up my investment in chucks, tools, and lathe accessories. Most of my early instruction came from books. Richard Raffan and David Ellsworth are favorites. After my retirement we converted a 20'x20' carport into a shop building.

I have to say that I have been playing at woodturning for about 35 years. I consider myself an intermediate turner who is still looking for that perfect tool. In early 1993 I attended Woodworking Show in Arlington where the Woodturners of North Texas had a booth. I joined the club February 29 of that year and have enjoyed my membership ever since. I think it was at that same show that I saw Rude Osolnik demonstrating how to turn a bowl. That got me hooked.

After the 1999 fall election I began serving as treasurer of Woodturners of North Texas January 1, 2000. Part of my responsibility in accounting for the club funds has been to provide a monthly finance report for the board of directors and a quarterly report for the membership. I also was able to obtain the 501(c)(3) non-profit

designation from the IRS in 2017. Greg Stehle is the eighth president under whom I have served.

Much of my business career and my time as WNT treasurer have included some work with assets that belong to others. I have always tried to take seriously the fiduciary responsibility for that with which I have been entrusted.

Activities - Jeff Allen *

Audio/Visual - David Walker

Logistics - David Wilson *

Newsletter - Steve Mills *

I was born and raised in Phoenix. After high school, I joined the Air Force, got married, and moved all the way to Las Vegas. I worked at the Nevada Test site after the military. In 1981 I moved to Texas for a job to install satellite systems on off shore rigs.

I bought my craftsman tube lathe a couple years later. I had no idea what I was doing with it. It mostly collected dust and rust for the next 25 years while my other priorities took over. About 10 years ago I bought a used Shop Smith which I soon discovered was a good table saw, but not much of a lathe. After 34.5 years of various IT jobs with the same company I retired from my IT project manager job. I found a used Nova 1624 and got rid of my other machines, and started to understand what a lathe was for. I was at Woodcraft and saw a flyer for WNT and started looking for ways to learn more. I attended TRWC Hands-On Woodturning Retreat in 2019 (sure hope these can happen again).

I joined the WNT during the last meeting in person meetings were held. While my wife attended meetings in Germany, Spain, Sweden, and Canada I have had opportunities to travel with her. We hope to travel more when she retires next year. I am fortunate to have my 2 daughters and 3 grandsons in the Ft. Worth area, many opportunities for babysitting. My wife Marie and I celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary this year

with a weeklong catamaran trip around the Virgin Islands, just family, a chef, and the captain.

When I'm not making sawdust I work on pinball machines, sail and Jet Ski.

Librarian - Mike Stephens

At-Large - Jim Legrand

Following nearly 40 years working in various aspects of IT. My wife and I retired and moved to North Texas to be near our young grandchildren. Not long after moving I officially joined our club.

Woodworking has been my hobby since high school and I've dabbled in many of the various aspects of woodworking including cabinet making, decorative boxes, carving (linen fold panels, duck decoys, and other pieces both large and small using knives, form tools, as well as rotary tools), and turning. Since joining our club I've been more focused on turning but haven't completely given up cabinet making, or carving.

I have a messy 600 sq ft shop used both by myself and, to great effect, by my 8 year old grandson (who is made positively giddy by his access to nails, hammers and buckets of corks).

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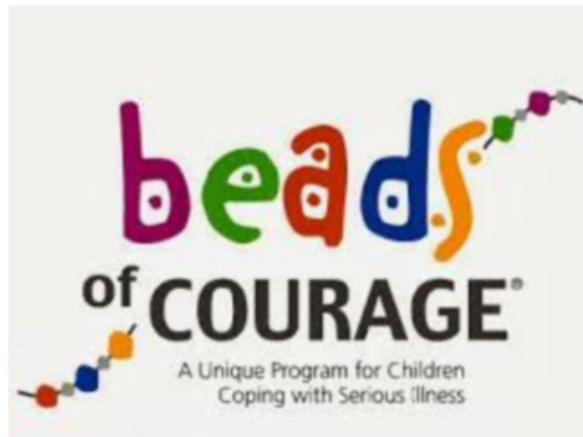
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Beads of Courage Program

This program is designed to support, strengthen and encourage children and families coping with serious illness. The program lets the children tell their story using colorful beads as meaningful symbols that commemorates milestones they have achieved along their treatment path. The average child gets 500 beads. The Woodturners of North Texas is taking on the challenge again this year.

Requirements

The lidded box/bowl interior diameter should be 6” (5” minimum diameter, 6” depth, 4” minimum). The lid should have a finial/knob that is easy for a child to grasp and not too elaborate. The ‘Beads of Courage’ logo bead to be placed inside or outside will be available at the meeting or can be mailed to you upon request. The “Beads of Courage” inscription can also be engraved or burned in the lid and can be placed inside or outside of the lid (no political or religious undertones are accepted). Customarily your box or bowl will be taken to SWAT and displayed along with the others from the club. Your thanks is knowing a very ill child is getting something that will help them through difficult times.

Please visit the Beads of Courage website at <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/beat-bowl> on ways to contribute. The workmanship and finish should be in keeping with WNT standards.

Mentors

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The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30PM via Zoom.

Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM on Zoom. All WNT members are invited to attend.

If you would like to attend the Board meeting, email your request to Greg Stehle at president@wntx.org

Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$15.00 per gallon. It is available at the club meetings.

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 (email wntnewsletter@gmail.com) by the 10th of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor (have you spotted the trend yet?) by the 10th of the month.