

# Woodturners of North Texas



**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 27th, 2022**  
**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](#)**

## Woodturning an off-center natural edge vase Demonstrator Jeff Allen



This month for our demonstration I will be showing you my method for turning an off-center vase starting between centers and finishing in a chuck. I saw this type of vase demonstrated at Ron Campbell's hands on Woodturning retreat in Michigan this summer. I did not attend this class but was observing it during one of my off periods. I thought this was a great project that uses techniques that can be adapted for many other projects.



For this project you can use just about any small log. It can be green wood or dried. But you want to make sure the bark is not loose and will come off of the piece as you are turning. My favorite is to find limbs or logs that are not perfectly round. The goal is to only turn part of the log and to leave the bark intact completely around the piece at the base or the lower third of the piece.

I begin by finding the approximate center and then moving the piece equally off center on both ends. You don't want it too far off center or it will vibrate too much and could potentially come off the lathe. Start by turning the piece by hand before you turn on the lathe. Make sure you have the piece in the orientation that you want and that the piece is well secured between centers and that it will clear your tool rest.

When you turn on the lathe you want to start with the speed turned all the way down and then turn up the speed to find the "sweet spot", too slow or too fast and the vibration will make it difficult to turn and depending on your lathe could start it moving across your shop. I use a spindle roughing gouge for most of the turning for this piece. The only other tools I use is parting tool, a 1/2" spindle gouge, and a drill mandrel. I use a multi pronged spur drive that fits in my chuck to turn between centers. I will turn a tenon on the headrest side of the piece so that I can finish turning the piece in the chuck, to drill the hole for the bud vase and to finish turning the top of the piece. You can either part off the piece from the tenon or you can cut the tenon off on the bandsaw after you finish the piece and sand the bottom.

During my demo I will go over how I have used these same techniques for many different projects. From vases, to Christmas trees, mushrooms, and other projects. I challenge you to take the simple techniques used for this project and see how you could use it differently to make a similar or completely different project. One of the things I love about attending or watching demos is to learn a new project but then try to put a twist on it to make it my own.

Please reach out to me and let me know if you would like to do a demo for our club.

Next month we will have Ron Howe demonstrating his version of the hummingbird house he learned from Jerry Measimer at the hands on retreat in Michigan this past summer.

**Jeff Allen**

## **This Month's Shop Tour**

Every month, as part of the club meeting, you will get to see how one of your fellow club members has set up their woodturning shop.

This month your host is: **TBD**

# Calendar of Events

**Jan 27th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM**

**Location: Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

**Demonstrator: Jeff Allen**

**Subject: Off -Center weed pot.**

**Meeting Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83755883516?pwd=UmVCajQ2a1RTckM1RG9CSIVTcmh1QT09>

**Feb 1st Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM**

**Location: Remote - Zoom meeting**

**Meeting Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058917725?pwd=SVlqenMzT1lyV2pOeExBW TVEY2lYdz09>

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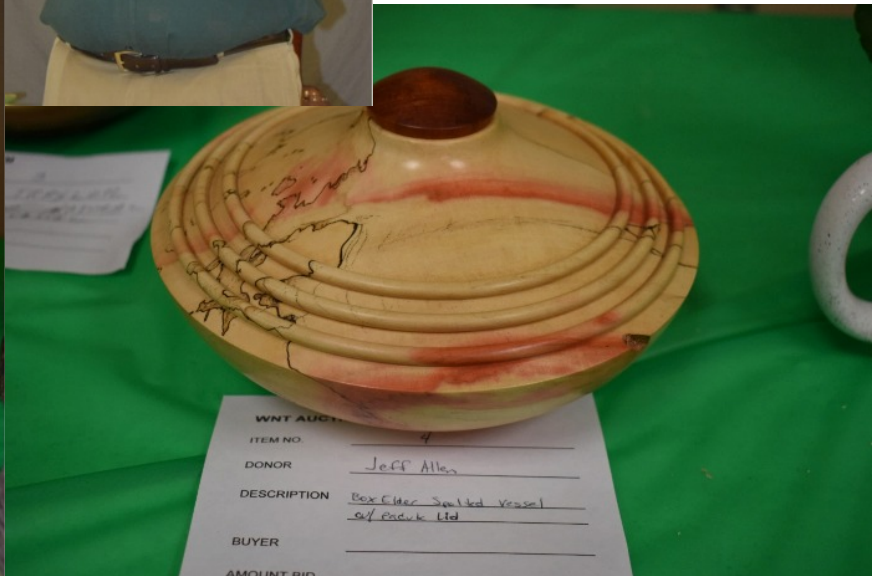
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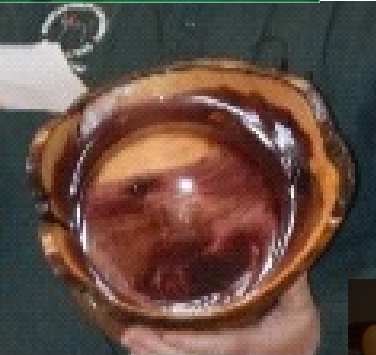
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# Banquet Photos







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*Thank You*





## President's Notes for January, 2022

Waste wood?

I find it difficult to throw away cutoffs. It seems like a terrible waste of really nice wood, but the leftovers are often too small to make anything significant. Couple that with my tendency to think BIG when I am contemplating a new project, and the result is ever growing boxes of scraps that I can't stand to pitch.

Well, not every project needs to be BIG! Not every project needs to be made of the mythical large, flawless, monolithic block of highly figured tropical exotic hardwood. And, actually, there aren't that many places in our house where large pieces fit nicely. So, an opportunity presents itself: build projects from smaller pieces. All I need is a little imagination, some glue and some reasonable quality glue joint surfaces. Here is an 8" plate that I glued up one day this week and finished on the next:



All of the pieces in this plate were leftovers from multiple other projects, just laying around waiting for me to clean them out when I couldn't stand the clutter any longer.

Some of the glue surfaces were band sawn, some right off the table saw, and some off of my jointer, and I can't see any difference at the glue joints. If you don't have lots of machinery to create good glue joint surfaces, be creative. You can make a disc sander from a thick piece of MDF mounted on a face plate on your lathe, with a \$10 PSA sanding disc from Harbor Freight. Disc sanders can produce perfectly good glue joint surfaces for sandwiching cutoffs together. If you still lack a good way of creating joinable surfaces, ask around the club. Several members have the appropriate machinery and are willing to help.

All you need is a little imagination, some glue, a few clamps and some (not a) waste wood. The "Burn Pile" should be the absolute last resort for wood.

Keep safe and keep turning...

Greg

... making  
Good  
Shavings



# Who's Up For A Challenge?

What a great Christmas party! It was great to see those who were able to attend. I sure hope we're getting closer to putting this Covid behind us so we can get back to normal, or least close to normal.

This month's challenge was to turn a toothpick holder. Tabletop or pocket style. Todd Raines did a remarkable demo for us turning his barrel style and there are others out there on the web. I look forward to seeing the styles that everyone comes up with.

Next month's challenge is something we've seen before but it was one I really liked. It is to turn something out of some cheap 2x4 boards. I turned a small vase using staves out of a 2x4 last time and its one of Robin's favorite pieces. Let your imagination take over. Staves, segmented, spindle, platter etc. Surprise us all.

**We'll see you Thursday!!**

**Dave**

# Librarian Letter

Dear Club Members,

This Note is an update from your Club Librarian ([librarian@WNTX.org](mailto: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](http://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.

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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](mailto:librarian@WNTX.org)

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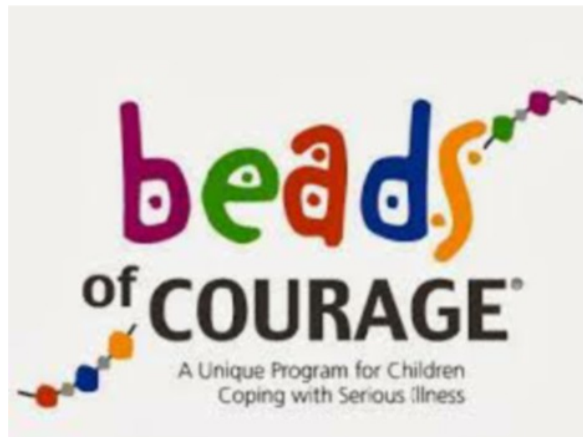
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### Beads of Courage Program

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/bead-bowl> on ways to contribute. The workmanship and finish should be in keeping with WNT standards.

# Mentors

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Marshall, Dave	Fort Worth	817-229-9676 (c)	•													
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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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to be placed in that month's newsletter. Ads will only run for one issue unless notified (email [wntnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wntnewsletter@gmail.com)) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor (have you spotted the trend yet?) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.