

# Woodturners of North Texas



Next Meeting: Thursday, March 31st, 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](#)**

## Hummingbird House

**Demonstrator: Ron Howe**

Ron Howe is a member of the Woodturners of North Texas and has been turning for about 10 years. Ron is a member of many of the other clubs in our area and has attended SWAT and several other hand's on retreats. Ron's focus on woodturning is to focus on shape and form and he likes to embellish his pieces with texture and color. We are happy to have Ron demonstrate for our club this month. He will be teaching us how to make a "Hummingbird House"



**\*\*disclaimer\*\*** Hummingbirds will not nest in an enclosed area. This is simply a small, novelty miniature bird house that can be used as a decoration or ornament.

This past summer Ron Howe attended the Ron Campbell Hands On Woodturning Retreat in Michigan and was able to learn the process he will be teaching to us in one of the hands-on demonstrations. Jerry Measimer who is a woodturner from North Carolina was one of the instructors for the hands on retreat. Some of you may have met Jerry this year at SWAT as he was demonstrating airbrushing techniques at the Spiracraft booth in the Exhibition area. Jerry came up with this design for a Hummingbird house. He has developed his own production turning system to fast track turning his Hummingbird houses and has the process down to where he can complete the project in a matter of minutes. He has turned and decorated over 5000 of his Hummingbird Houses.

Using the techniques he learned from Jerry, Ron Howe was able to reproduce a Hummingbird house that looks nearly identical to the pieces turned by Jerry Measimer. Ron has been able to turn several Hummingbird houses since learning the process this past summer. Now he has not even got close to number that Jerry has made. But he has been able to complete over 100



Hummingbird Houses. Ron will teach us the steps to make this project as well as a variety of ways to enhance the piece with texture and color using an airbrush.

## **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: [Randy Sullivan](#)

# Calendar of Events

**Mar 31st Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM**

**Location: Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

**Demonstrator: Ron Howe**

**Subject: Hummingbird House**

**Meeting Link:**

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

**April 9th Jeff Hornung DEMO (9:00AM-4:00PM)**

**Location: Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

**April 12th Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM**

**Location: Remote - Zoom meeting**

**Meeting Link:**

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

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## President's Notes for March, 2022

### Ask for help!

Sometimes we forget that we have many resources that we can call upon, and just spin our wheels trying to solve a problem. Sometimes we just need to call upon the people around us for some help.

Jeff Allen and I have been gathering the wood for the Jeff Hornung classes that will be held during the week of April 4. We had wood donated by Larry Roberts, Trent Fite and Jim Barkelew, but we were short the right sized blanks needed to make pet urns on the final day of the Hornung classes. The urn blanks needed to be a specific size that is greater than what can typically be found dry. We tried all of our typical sources without luck. Then Jeff Allen called George Freeman and asked for help.

George Freeman is a very active member of the Hunt County club, the owner and operator of Specialty Lumber and Logging, and has a Youtube channel that can be found by searching for “George Wood of Texas”. George has been a generous donor of turning blanks to WNT for years, and he has demonstrated at the club several times. He answered the call for help, and found some nice walnut for the pet urns and sold them to us at a ridiculously low price. In turn, he donated more than a dozen turning blanks that will show up in our monthly ticket drawings or quarterly challenge drawings. That’s what happens when we ask for help, especially here in Texas.

If you want to turn something in a new way, or in a way that makes you apprehensive, ask for help. We have a lot of experience available to help you. In particular, don’t be hesitant to ask one of our mentors for help. If they don’t know how to do what you want to do, they can help you find someone who does. Ask for help. You may be surprised how much is available to you.

Keep safe and keep turning...

Greg

# Who's Up For A Challenge?

Last 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.

This month's challenge is to turn an off center turning

We'll see you Thursday!!

Dave

... making

Good

Shavings



# February Challenge Items

Steve Mills



Greg Stehle



Jim LeGrand





**Jeff Hornung** is a woodturner and artist from St. Louis and is the owner and operator of the Walnut Log Studio and Supply (<https://www.thewalnutlog.com>).

- ***Lifelong Artist***

As a trained musician, ceramist, floral designer, and now woodturning phenom, Jeffrey has been a lifelong artist and creative.

- ***Masters of Contemporary Wood Art***

He has been included in the book, *Masters of Contemporary Wood Art* published in 2018.

- ***Featured in Galleries***

Jeff's original work is featured in art galleries in and around the St. Louis region.

- ***National and International Demonstrator***

He routinely travels to woodturning clubs, symposiums, trade shows and other art events to teach and demonstrate

- ***Woodturning Teacher and Studio Chair***

at the St. Louis Craft Alliance

- ***Collaborator***

Has collaborated with other woodworkers as well as artists in the stationery and interior design fields to create hybrid products.

- ***Featured in magazine publications***

*American Woodtuner, June 2018, American Woodtuner, June 2018,*





## **2022 SWAT SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED**

SWAT scholarships for 2022 will be awarded at the March 31 monthly meeting. Members present who have paid their 2022 dues will be eligible to participate in the drawings.

SWAT provides one \$175 scholarship for each participating club to award. It will be awarded to a member who has never attended SWAT. WNT will add a \$45 banquet ticket.

Woodturners of North Texas provides three members with a \$175 scholarship and a \$45 banquet ticket. One of these will be awarded to a member who has never attended SWAT.

Winners are responsible for their transportation and lodging expenses.

# EMPTY BOWLS

Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) has decided to continue the Empty Bowls fund raising event.

The Empty Bowls Event is a two-hour lunch time event held once a year. This year's Event is on Friday, April 29, from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. A general admission ticket this year is \$100. All tickets include tastings and your selection of a handcrafted bowl. You can also get a VIP ticket for \$150 and get early admission at 10:30 to get first choice of bowls. The admission is considered a donation to TAFB. Besides many wood, ceramic and glass bowls they have numerous food tasting booths sponsored by local restaurants. Believe me you can get full eating lots of little bites of food. In the past there was even Blue Bell ice cream for Dessert.

In 2020 the EB Event was cancelled several days before the scheduled day because of COVID concerns. All of the various bowls had been packed in preparation to move to the Will Rogers Memorial Center. Those are the same bowls that will be available this April 29th. That batch of bowls includes 200 wood bowls and 26 other turnings from WNT. David Baulch contributed the most bowls that year at 15.

WNT has also historically had a top turning demonstration at the EB Event. A TAFB officer said they would really like to have that type of demonstration again this year. In the past we have had three small lathes and six turners for the top turning demonstration. That allows us time to walk around and check out the bowls and sample food. The tops are given out to the people and we have a donation box for TAFB.

At the WNT meeting on March 31st I may be asking for top turning volunteers. I am first offering these positions to the members who turned the most bowls during the 2019-2020 period. If I need more top turners I will have a sign up sheet at the meeting. I will also have material for making tops so we can start with a decent Inventory.

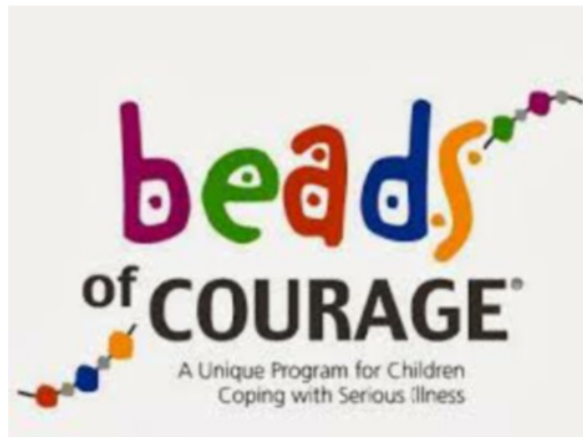
The WNT Board has agreed that Empty Bowls is a very worthy activity and should be supported by the Club.

I will be collecting bowl donations at our monthly meetings. Please only contribute quality bowls. The people attending the EB Event are paying a healthy sum and we should not insult them with a poor-quality bowl.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know at [randkbiz@msn.com](mailto:randkbiz@msn.com).

Thanks,

Ron Traylor



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

# 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)

# NEVER BEEN AN AAW MEMBER?

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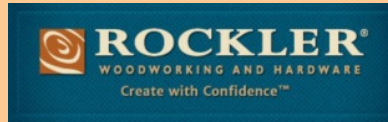
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The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30PM via Zoom.

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.