

Woodturners of North Texas



Next Meeting: Thursday, May 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](#)

Crush Grind Mill by Steve Thomason



I spent 54 years in Information Technology until I recently retired. Along the way I was also a professional dog trainer, a licensed humane investigator, and humane society director. I co-founded Gifted Animal Placement (GAP) to rescue dogs from shelters that law enforcement officers needed for drug detection, ordinance detection, search and rescue and cadaver work.

I started woodturning about 7 years ago with pens, handles and other spindle work.



However, I quickly realized that I needed more instruction. I joined several woodturning clubs in the area, and received a lot of help.

I took classes with Joe Ruminski, Jimmy Clews, Doug Fisher, Janice Levi, Michael Hosaluk, Rebecca DeGroot, Derek Weidman, Alan Lacer, and Jeff Hornung to name a few! I find that I do enjoy learning new techniques and trying out new (to me!) things.

I started doing demonstrations when I realized that our club was not going to have a meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions unless I did one from my shop. I already had all the cameras and equipment I needed to do remote demonstrations so it was easy for me to do it. Since the first demonstration, several other clubs in my area have asked me to do demonstrations for them. I am not a professional demonstrator, just an avid woodturner that loves to share my experiences!

[Steve Thomason, wood artist](#)



Calendar of Events

May 27th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club

Demonstrator:

Subject:

Meeting Link:

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

June 6th Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM

Location: Remote - Zoom meeting

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058917725?pwd=SVlqenMzT1lyV2pOeExBWTVVEY2lYdz09>

June 30th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club

Demonstrator: TBA

Subject: TBA

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President's Notes for May, 2022

How many bowls can I turn?

If we look at how people commonly start turning, the list usually includes pens, tops and bowls. At our house we would leave a bowl of tops out, and nearly everyone would grab one and spin it on the way into our kitchen. Kathy and I made pens and gifted a few which were well appreciated. Then there were bowls. I made lots of bowls. So many bowls that Kathy started boxing them up and storing them away. I learned a lot in the process, including alternate methods to chuck work pieces, and how to make a live edge piece. I learned a lot about how to avoid torn grain, and minimize sanding. I learned about form, and what proportions tend to look more pleasing to the eye. I started learning about coloring with dyes and inks, and how to use metal oxidizing paints. I even learned how to use a laser for marking.

What a great learning platform bowls have been for me, but what to do with all of those bowls? People love getting handmade items as gifts, no matter how simple or imperfect they might be. Add a little color or texturing, or some oxidizing paint and people really get excited. We get to develop our skills and make people happy at the same time. That seems like a pretty good deal! If we don't have any family or friends to give to, what about Empty Bowls? Empty Bowls is a great cause, and they are happy to receive our turnings.

What about the cost of blanks for our bowls? I have bought many nice burls, anticipating making a beautiful, artistic piece. Some of them turned pretty nice, but it isn't necessary to start with an expensive blank.

I have picked up some really nice figured and spalted Elm and Mesquite at Larry Roberts place. In fact, if you go to Larry's place he will try to make you take some free wood. Many club members bring free wood to our meetings. If you are going to try texturing and dying, Maple makes an inexpensive base. If you want to try metal oxidizing paints, Poplar makes a good, inexpensive base, and is readily available.

So, I can turn lots of bowls, without high cost, and there is always a market for them (free). I learn, my skills improve, and I make people happy. That's a pretty good combination!

Make more bowls, keep safe and keep turning...

Greg

... making



Good
Shavings

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Who's Up For A Challenge?

SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY folks.

I was doing some flatwork last week and was not paying attention and got a pretty bad kickback on my tablesaw. I've got all the gear to prevent this from happening, I chose to not use them for a quick cut. We all need to take the time and use all the safety equipment cause we never know when it could happen.

Last month's challenge was to turn a platter and put some bling on the rim.

We had some really cool items in the challenge. Coloring, texturing, and embellishing my turnings is one thing I've got to get better at. Your challenge pieces showed me various ways to do that. We did not get any pictures of the items last month but good news, we have a new photographer that is stepping in behind Jeff Robbins. Everyone tell Jeff next time you see him, thanks for the years of superior photography work.

This month's challenge is to turn a Beads of Courage box. I look forward to the different styles and techniques used to create one. Bowl gouge, segmenting, Staves, etc...there are many ways to create them.

See you on Thursday.

Dave

WNT BEANCOUNTER'S BULLETIN-MAY 2022

SWAT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

SWAT PROVIDED:

MARK GIST-FIRST TIME ATTENDEE

WNT PROVIDED:

ANN MELINA-FIRST TIME ATTENDEE

JIM SPALDING

MARK NELON

WNT SHIRTS & CAPS

We had to change vendors for our WNT logo merchandise. New prices are:

Polo shirts-short sleeve- S-3X \$30

Button front shirts, long or short sleeve-S-3X \$39, Tall-L-3X \$43

A new supply of caps in two different styles is available. Price is still \$10.

The next shirt order will be placed after the July 28 meeting and ready for pickup at the August 18 meeting, just in time for SWAT. You may order your shirt beginning with the May meeting. Payment is required at time of order.

Cash, Check or Charge.

ANCHORSEAL

Anchorseal is available at our regular meetings. Price is still \$15.

Please do not bring empty containers. They are not needed at this time.

LACQUER AND SANDING SEALER

A new order of lacquer and sanding sealer was received in April.

Price is still \$9.

WNT 2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE JANUARY 1.

Not sure if you have paid your dues? Check at the treasurer's table. Membership cards are available for members who paid by mail or online.

EMPTY BOWLS

The Empty Bowls Event is a two-hour, lunch time fund raising event held once a year by the Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB). All tickets include food tastings from local restaurants and your selection of a handcrafted bowl. They have wood, glass and ceramic bowls.

Stephen Raeside, an officer from TAFB, said:

“Yes, there will definitely be a 2023 Empty Bowls. We haven't gotten to an inventory yet, when we can get some precise numbers of bowls in storage, but I'd agree that we will need to direct acquisition efforts toward more high-end bowls.

The event was highly successful, grossing \$250,000. I don't have a final expense number, but it should be in the ballpark of \$35,000. Expenses for the last few offerings have been creeping to near \$90,000 so on net it will provide more meals than years in recent memory.

We couldn't have gotten this fantastic result without you! My gratitude to you all”.

The top turners at the event were David Baulch, Jim Barkelew, Bill Collins, Randy Sullivan, Tommy Schultz and me. We made a bunch of tops, most of which were gone by the end of the event. We also collected \$310 in donations for TAFB.

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

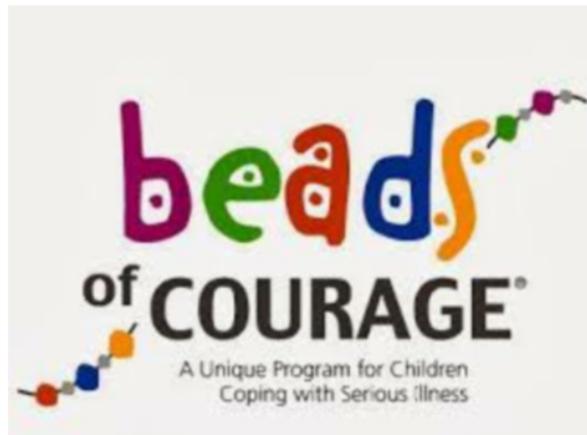
I will be collecting bowl donations at our monthly meetings. Please only contribute quality bowls. The people attending the EB Event are paying a healthy sum and we should not insult them with a poor-quality bowl.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know at randkbiz@msn.com.

Thanks,

Ron Traylor

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1	Empty Bowls 2022/2023												
2													
3	Turner's Na	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	De	Ja	Total
4	Greg Stehle	7											7
5	Jim Barkelew		6										6
6	Sandy Jerrell		3										3
7	Mark Nelon		3										3
8	Ron Traylor	1	1										2
9	Dave Wilson		2										2



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.

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

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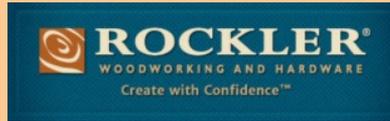
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The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30PM via Zoom.

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

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.