

Woodturners of North Texas



35 years



Next Meeting: Thursday, August 31st, 2023
Meeting Start: 6:30 PM. Come early to socialize.

IN-PERSON MEETING!!!

Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club

6013 Craig Street Fort Worth, Texas 76112

or Virtual meeting on the Internet.

[Zoom meeting link](#)

Adventures in Waco

Come hear our members' experiences at SWAT.

Please note our web site is continuing to be refined. Our library items continue to be uploaded.

Take a look:

[URL: https://wntx.org/](https://wntx.org/)

To get help with your woodturning project, please go to our **Mentor** page at:

<https://wntx.org>

Click “About Us” and go to the bottom of the page.

Also check out our Facebook page:

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Calendar of Events

August 31 Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club

Demonstrator: TBD

Subject: SWAT Stories

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86406929325?pwd=blpwZlBsNzU0RzBCQnkzbmhiTmhFQT09>

Sept. 5th Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM

Location: Remote - Zoom meeting

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83748506862?pwd=N3RtVUVzSjk3UGVGczRJVpTL1ZqQT09>



President's Notes for August, 2023

SWAT has come and gone. Were you there?

Everyone I saw at SWAT last week was having a great time! We had our traditional Friday Night WNT Pizza Party with approximately 50 people, and it was really nice. Great fellowship.

The demonstrators were very good, and the Lead Demonstrator in our room, Colwin Way, was excellent. The German Smoking Figures he made were really cool, with a sequence of simple steps that are not too hard to do. I think I will make some for Christmas gifts.

I want to recognize all of the WNT members who pitched in to make SWAT work. In addition to setting up our equipment in the Brazos South room, Registration was heavily supported by WNT members. Even some of the Vendors got some setup help from WNT members, in addition to the help we gave them with our money. Many of them generously gave WNT some of their products, so we have some nice door and raffle prizes for the Christmas Party!

Also, congratulations to Jim Barkelew on being one of the 2023 Regional Demonstrators, with a great demonstration!

Kathy and I drove home Sunday afternoon, talking about SWAT the whole way. It seemed like a 15 minute drive. We are already planning for next year. We love SWAT!

Keep safe and keep turning.

Greg

... making



Good
Shavings

Woodturners of North Texas: 35 years and Going Strong

A Call for Board Members

Come join the board as we guide our woodturning chapter
into the future.

Chapter elections are not until the fall but we are starting now to seek
out possible candidates for the many positions that we will be filling
this year.

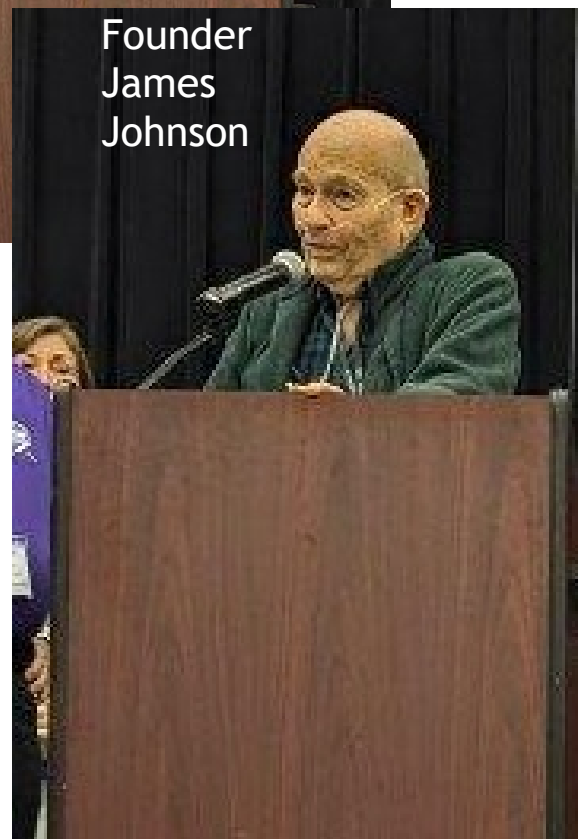
President
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Activities
Logistics
Librarian

For more information on these positions, check out the current by-laws
on our web page (wntx.org). Look under the “About Us” heading.
Also, you are welcome to join in on the next board meeting via zoom
on the first Tuesday of each month. See newsletter calendar for the
zoom link information.

If you have questions, please contact Greg Stehle at
president@wntx.org or myself at whc6845@yahoo.com.

Bill Collins
WNTX past-president/chair, nominations committee

SWAT 2023



Ian Hunt won 2 awards, presented by Cindy Drozda and Amy DeGroot



Ian Hunt won one of Rebecca Degroot's signature pieces.

CHALLENGE FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

The challenge for September will be to turn a finial to achieve the highest length to diameter ratio of the shaft. The turner who obtains the highest ratio will be awarded an additional ticket for the next quarterly challenge drawing and bragging rights.

Rules:

1. The finial will have a base with a diameter no less than three times the largest diameter of the shaft. The base will be large enough to support the finial standing vertical.
2. The finial will have a tip with a diameter no less than two times the largest diameter of the shaft.
3. There will be NO beads or any other entity between the base and the tip - ONLY shaft.
4. The turner will place a thin mark on the shaft just above the base and another thin mark just below the tip. The distance between these marks will be the length of the shaft. The marks may be done with a pencil, ink pen, or Sharpie.

Determining the Ratio:

1. The person evaluating each finial will measure the length of the shaft from mark to mark to the nearest millimeter.
2. The person evaluating each finial will measure the diameter of the shaft to the nearest millimeter. The diameter of a tapered shaft will be the average of the largest and smallest diameter of the shaft.
3. The ratio will be determined by dividing the length of the shaft as determined above by the average diameter of the shaft as determined above.

This challenge is to demonstrate skill only. Other than smoothness of the shaft, base and tip, embellishments will not be given consideration. No boxes, hollowforms, or other turnings are to be done.

Tip:

The longer the shaft, the easier it will be to get a high ratio.

Have fun folks!

Dewey

Bottom Hollowing Challenge



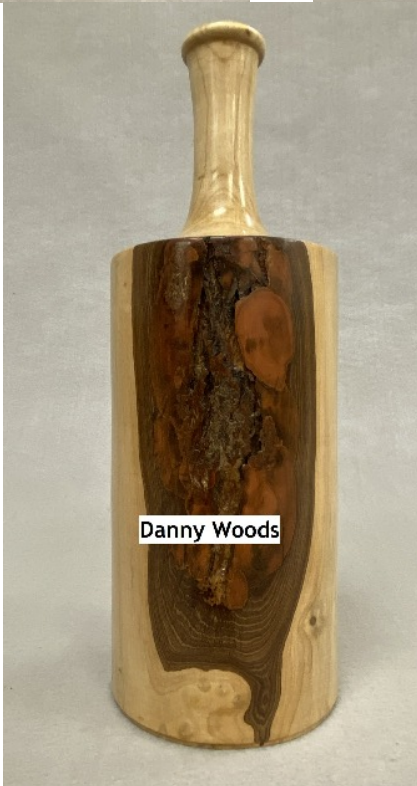
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Bill Holt



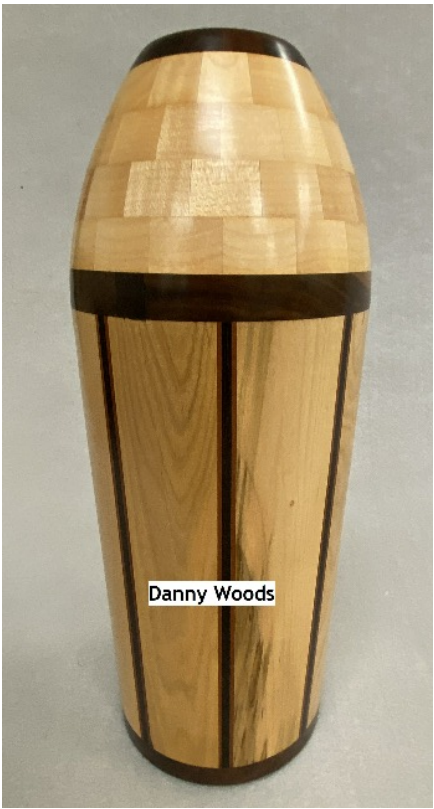
Bob Grinstead



Danny Woods



Danny Woods



Danny Woods



Jeff Allen



Jerry Streeter



Dewy Johnson



Jeff Allen





Display Items





Dewey Johnson



Danny Woods



Jim Lagrange



Greg & Kathy
Stehle



Ron Traylor

Notes from Keith:

Open Shop - Home

This is a free once-a-quarter opportunity to get together at a member's personal shop to see their shop, exchange stories, possibly observe some skills or techniques and perhaps learn about a new toy (um Tool) or possibly receive some instruction from a club member.

This does not replace the existing quarterly open shop events held at the Lion's Club, before one of our regular meetings.

Last quarter Saturday May 27, 2023 we met at Bill Holt's shop at 3013 Wingren Rd. Irving, TX 75062

My thanks to Bill and family for a wonderful day of storytelling showing off his shop and lots of sharing of woodturning tips and tricks. ! 14 members attended and a great time was had by all. Bill and several others provided donuts and Bill provided coffee and showed us the equipment he has acquired and uses in his shop.

Bill's shop is very organized with storage boxes along the walls at ceiling height all numbered and inventoried. He showed us how he built his very large workbenches and the tool storage cabinets on the wall were truly amazing! His collection of tools is very complete. For a 2 car garage shop it is packed with equipment and still leaves room for work to happen. Very well planned.

This quarter we will meet on September 30, 2023, at:

**Howard Johnson's Shop
1041 Blueberry Court
Crowley, TX 76036**

We typically meet and start at about 10:00 AM

Be sure to bring some great stories about your woodturning adventures and possibly your favorite beverage or snack items to share as well. This is an informal meeting with no specific agenda other than a great time to meet with other club members.

Heads up for next year.

We will not have a fourth quarter 2023 Open shop Home to allow everyone time to prepare and enjoy the holidays but please plan to attend the annual Christmas Banquet in leu of the December meeting.

Our First Open Shop Home of 2024 will be at the shop of Greg and Kathy Stehle. I am so looking forward to seeing their shop In Aledo again. If you have not already been there for a hands on training day or another occasion you are missing out. Plan to attend this one on January 26, 2024.

Keith Adams

SWAT 2023 Registrar

BOD - Member at large

817-271-1617

Keith-Adams@att.net

Here are some pictures of the event:



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. Tickets for the event are \$100 or \$150 for early admittance. If you get in early, you get first pick for your bowl. The Event was held in April last time.

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

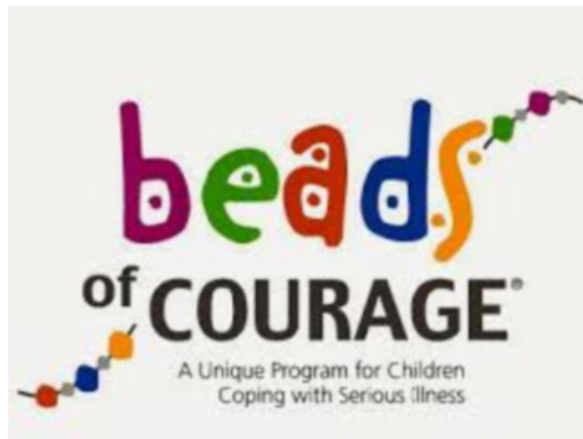
I will be collecting bowl donations at our monthly meetings. Please only contribute quality bowls. The people attending the EB Event are paying a healthy sum and we should not insult them with a poor-quality bowl.

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

Thanks,
Ron Traylor

Empty Bowls 2023/2024

<u>Turner's Name</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bill Holt				4	4
Paul Tiefel				3	3
Glynn Cox	1	0			1
Sandy Jarrell			1		1
Ron Traylor				1	1
					0
Monthly Total	1	0	1	8	
Grand Total					10



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). A poly finish best, others may be rejected.

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

Affiliate Membership **FREE** Worldwide

The **free** Affiliate membership offers access to the complete collection of AAW online resources, including the *American Woodturner* journal, for a **full three-months**.

Free: Affiliate Membership

Membership features:

- Online access to *American Woodturner* and Woodturning FUNDamentals, both current and archived, as well as other online publications.
- Online access to learning portals including Woodturning Fundamentals and Demonstrator Direct (develop a demonstration).
- Online access AAW produced videos and video series.
- Find online projects, articles, and tips using AAW Explore! and a few keywords.
- Locate a wide selection of curated online woodturning videos that have been pre-screened for quality content and safety using Video Source and a few keywords.
- Members-only or discounted access to AAW hosted online and live events, including AAW symposia.
- AAW email newsletters: AAW Tool Box (weekly), Keep Turning with AAW (bimonthly).
- Member galleries for inspiration and ideas: Maker Photo Gallery, AAW Forum Gallery, and more.
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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.