

# Woodturners of North Texas



35 years



Next Meeting: Thursday, November 30th, 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.**

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## Christmas Trees

by Corey White

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

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

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<https://wntx.org>

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

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# Calendar of Events

**November 30th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM**

**Location: Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

**Demonstrator: Corey White**

**Subject: Christmas Trees**

**Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86406929325?pwd=blpwZlBsNzU0RzBCQnkzbnhiTmhFQT09>

**December 9th**

**Christmas Banquet**

**Location: Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club  
(see page 6)**

**January 2nd**

**Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM**

**Location: Remote - Zoom meeting**

**Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83748506862?pwd=N3RtVUVzSjk3UGVGczRJVVpTL1ZqQT09>



## President's Notes for November, 2023

Thank you for a great 3 years...

This will be my last President's letter, and I want to thank all of you for the privilege of being the President of the Woodturners of North Texas. I have come to know many of you better, and my life is the better for it.

I will move to the Board of Directors position of Past President of WNT and remain for as long as my successor holds the position of President. In addition, I will join the Executive Board of SWAT starting in January, 2024, and will progress to become President of SWAT in 2027, and Past President of SWAT in 2028. After that I will likely retire from any Board positions.

I want to thank everyone for their contributions to WNT. The things we have done, from holding meetings, to demonstrations, to contributions to Empty Bowls and Beads of Courage, to excellent Christmas Banquets would not have been possible without people giving freely of themselves. Thank you all so much!

We have one more regular meeting in November, and then the Christmas Banquet. I encourage all of you to contribute to the Christmas Banquet with table centerpieces and auction items. Not only do we have a great final gathering for the year, but the auction provides a significant portion of the club funding for the next year, so please give generously. As

a reminder, the November Challenge is to turn a centerpiece and/or an auction item and bring it the November meeting. Anyone who brings a Challenge item will receive **TWO tickets** for the next Challenge drawing, so please participate.

Keep safe and keep turning,

Greg





Saturday, December 9, 2023



# 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, electric chainsaw, tools, gift certificates, turning blocks, etc.

## **SCHEDULE:**

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

4:30PM – 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 **cash** or some checks or a credit card for the Drawing tickets and the live auction.

You may pay your \$36 2024 WNT dues at the banquet. Check, cash (exact change is good), or credit card.



## CHALLENGE FOR November MEETING

The challenge for November will be to turn table centerpieces and auction items for the Christmas Banquet, December 9th.

Have fun folks!

Dewey



# October Challenge







Jeff Allen



Steve Mills



Danny Woods

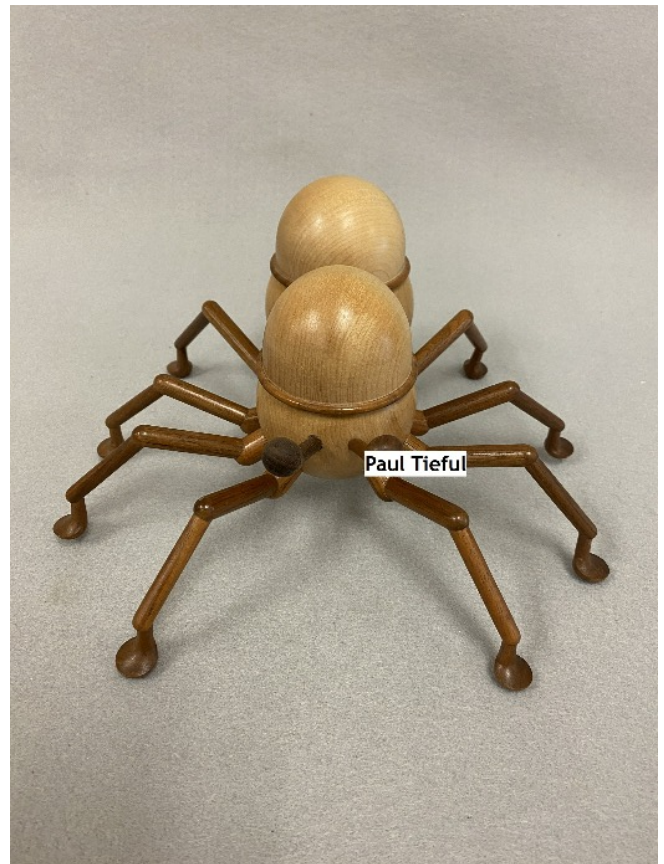


Danny Woods





# Critique & Display Items











## Notes from Keith:

To all Members,

### 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.

This quarter we met at 8:00AM on September 30, 2023, at:  
Howard Johnson's Shop  
1041 Blueberry Court  
Crowley, TX 76036

My thanks to Dewey and the Johnson family for a wonderful day of storytelling showing off his shop and lots of sharing of woodturning tips and tricks! We got a demonstration on how to turn extremely long finials, and how to build a jig to hold finials from wobbling using nails and string/wire.

13 members attended and had a great time. Donuts and coffee were provided. Dewey showed us his shop and the history of it's growth from small to multi rooms over time. We talked about working with the HOA. Many unique stories were told.

Not all these stories were about woodworking/woodturning as many there were active or retired military & aerospace industry employees and we see the design impact from their experience in the woodturning designs and tooling they produce.



Next quarter we will meet on January 27, 2024, at:  
Greg and Kathy Stehle's Shop  
360 Chandler Drive, Aledo, TX 76008

We typically meet and start at about 10:00 AM but the Stehle's may adjust this to fit their schedule. Watch here for updates.

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.

Keith

# 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](mailto:randkbiz@msn.com).

Thanks,  
Ron Traylor

Empty Bowls 2023/2024				
<u>Turner's Name</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bill Holt		5	3	12
Paul Tiefel		7		10
Ron Traylor	1	1	1	4
Jim Barkelew			3	3
Bill Collins		2		2
Glynn Cox				1
Sandy Jarrell				1
				0
Monthly Total	1	15	7	
Grand Total				33

# 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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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.
- Directories: Members, Chapters, Demonstrators, Schools, Educators, 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](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.