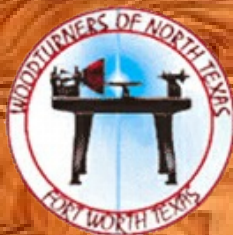


Woodturners of North Texas



36 years



Next Meeting: Thursday, March 27th, 2025
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.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Tod Raines Bowl Coring

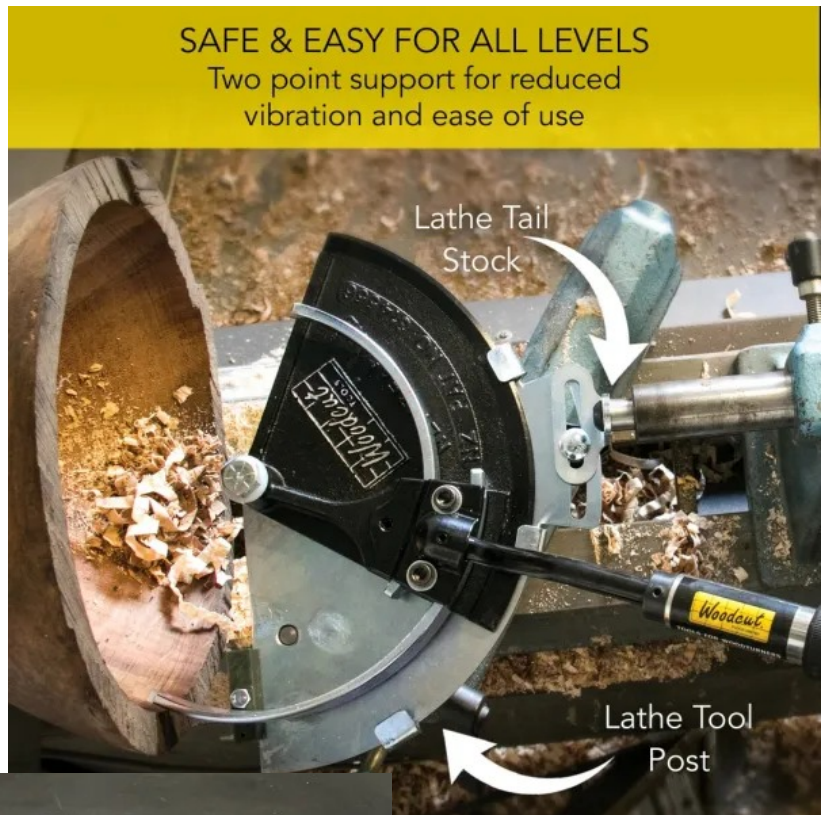


Bowl coring is the process of cutting one bowl blank from another. The use of special tooling is needed for this kind of process. Bowl coring typically is used by those turners that turn a lot of bowls perhaps in a production setting or as hobbyist turner that sells turnings. The cost of this special tooling may be prohibitive to the occasional user but the investment can pay for itself fairly quickly as the bowl yield increases from each harvest blank. Getting 3 or more bowls from each blank is possible which can be a time saver and make the investment easier to

manage. The other benefit is that there is a lot less waste, which to bowl turners is a lot less shavings to clean up and get rid of.

So to be clear, I am a Woodcut Tools dealer and that is why I am demonstrating the Woodcut Bowlsaver products.

<https://woodturningtoolstore.com/product-category/turning-tools/coring/> I will try to compare with other systems and I am sure that many of you have experience with bowl coring so I look forward to your thoughts and insights.



Please note our web site is continuing to be refined. **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 Mentor tab for details

Also check out our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/wntx.org>

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Facebook

Did you know that the Woodturners of North Texas now has two Facebook pages? The first page is our regular business page. Here you will find the latest announcements and pictures pertaining to the club. Go to the Facebook search bar and type Wood Turners of North Texas. Here you will see a picture of a segmented hollow form.

Our new page is a members only discussion page. You can use this page to show off your work, ask questions, share wood, offer things to sell... Search Facebook for WNTX. Here you need to ask to join. Once approved you are free to post content. This page shows a group of our members at the top.

<https://www.facebook.com/wntx.org>

Calendar of Events

March 27th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

Demonstrator: Tod Raines

Subject: Bowl Coring

Meeting Link:

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

April 1st Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Remote - Zoom meeting**

Meeting Link:

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

April 24th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

Demonstrator: Jim Barkelew

Subject: Turning a Mallet

Meeting Link:

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



President's Notes for March, 2025

Greetings,

I want to express a sincere thank you to Dewey Johnson for picking me and my lathe up, for the Green Valley Elementary arts day. My broken leg has put a damper on all the activities I would normally do.

With the high winds we have experienced last week in our travels around the area there are many trees that have been blown over and branches broken. Have your chain saw with you for you never know when you will find that exceptional tree that can become a beautiful piece of turned art. And as we all know free wood is the best.

We are approaching the deadline for the Empty Bowl project for this year supporting the Tarrant Area Food Bank. This is a way to practice and hone your skills helping the community at the same time.

SWAT registration is open, whether you go for a day or the entire event this is the premier woodturning symposium in the country. With demonstrations, the instant gallery, and vendors you will come away with inspiration to come home and try something new and exciting. For those who have never been you need to mark your calendar for August 22, 23, and 24 for this event in Waco.

See you at the meeting,

Blake

Green Valley Elementary School

Thursday, March 13th Dave Wilson, Tommy Schutz, Paul Tiefel, Mike Stephens, Bob Wiggins, Mike Marvin, Stephen Hill, Rick Gauthier, Randy Sullivan, Dewey Johnson, Richard Ruff, James Boyett, and Blake Hickerson attended the Green Valley Elementaries Arts day. We had three class periods with 24 students per class where each student turned a candlestick.

It is always so fulfilling to see how excited the students are to create their candlesticks and how excited they are to show off what they have done. We also had students' parents in the room giving accolades to the club for being there and introducing their children to the art of woodturning.

I hope you had a great end to your week! I didn't get to speak to all of you at the end of the day Thursday, so I just wanted to reach out with a final message to say how grateful I am to you -- for the time you gave to our GVE school community, the care you took with your classes to make them so amazing and engaging, and the energy you brought to our campus! What a gift to our scholars, many of whom might never have been exposed to such cool opportunities and new skills! I simply can't thank you enough!

Have a wonderful weekend, and thank you again!

Lindsay Massie

Greetings Woodturners!

The Dallas Area Woodturners and the Hunt County Woodturners have partnered to bring nationally known woodturner Kirk DeHeer for demonstrations and training sessions the first week in April.

Kirk will perform regular meeting Demonstrations at the following club meetings:

GTW: Monday, 4/7 Greater Denton Arts Council, 400 E. Hickory, Denton
HCW, Thursday, 4/10, Wesley UMC, 1200 Joe Ramsey Blvd, Greenville
DAW, Thursday, 4/17, Wood World of Texas, 13650 TI Blvd, Dallas

All 3 demos and all 4 classes will be different subjects. No repeats so you can see something different if anyone wished to attend the full agenda.

Classes, dates and topics can be found on the next page. All classes will be conducted in Brian Schrader's shop in Forney. Many map/navigation apps show this as Heath. Distance from your club's meeting place to Forney is approximately 51 miles.

That is less distance and fewer dollars than the majority of members might travel for SWAT. And these classes are hands-on learning.

Until Sunday, midnight of March 23rd the class registration is limited to members of DAW & HCW. Monday morning the 24th the registration for any and all open seats will be opened to the other clubs included in this email distribution.

Thanks,
Brian Schrader
HCW Training Coordinator & SWAT Board Member-at-Large
903-452-4660

Kirk DeHeer Extravaganza



The Dallas Area Woodturners (DAW) and the Hunt County Woodturners (HCW) have teamed up to bring our members a world class training event.

We are pleased to bring the noted woodturner and instructor Kirk DeHeer from Salt Lake to our North Texas region for multiple events for training and demonstrations.

We will offer four unique full day classes at the low cost of \$100 per class!! This is a rare opportunity to learn from a popular instructor. You may have seen Kirk at SWAT, various Craft Supplies USA trainings, on Instagram or other locations. You can read more about Kirk and many of the classes/demonstrations that he offers at his website: acutabovebowlco.com

Tuition Classes:

All classes will be held at Brian Schrader's shop, 1012 Lynx Hollow Trail, Forney (Heath) 75126

All classes will be held 8:30AM – 4:30PM. Coffee, Water and Soft Drinks will be provided. Bring a sack lunch or cash for a combined order take-out lunch run.

Class 1: Sat, April 5: Basic Class: Green Bowl

Class 2: Sun, April 6: Intermediate Class: Elegant Platter (Dry)

Class 3: Tues, April 8: Intermediate/Advanced Class: Box with Inlay in Lid (Dry)

Class 4: Wed, April 9: Intermediate/Advanced Class: Calibash Bowl (Green wood)

Reserve your place now! Sign-up on the HCW website. To reserve your place, you must pay in advance. HCW & DAW are both allotted equal seats in these classes. There will be an overflow list for each class. Seats in any class not sold (a.k.a. paid for) at midnight Sunday, 23 will be offered to other area clubs and the public. Cancellations will be refunded if the seat is resold less PayPal or other processing fees.

Club Meeting Demonstrations:

If you can't attend any of these training sessions, you have other opportunities to see Kirk while he is in North Texas. He will present three different demos at three area wood turning clubs. (Specific Demo at each club is TBD.)

***Demo 1: Mon, April 7: Golden Triangle Woodturners
(7PM Greater Denton Arts Council, 400 E. Hickory St., Denton)***

***Demo 2: Thurs, April 10: Hunt County Woodturners
(7PM Wesley UMC, 1200 E. Joe Ramsey Blvd., Greenville)***

***Demo 3: Thurs, April 17: Dallas Area Woodturners
(7PM Wood World of Texas, 13650 TI Blvd., Dallas)***

Critique/Display Items



Ron Howe



Jerry Streeter



Gordon Kayser



Bob Wiggins

Challenge Items



Kevin Demel



Richard Ruff



Jim LeGrand



John Horn



Tom Newman



Stephen Hill



Jim Barkelew

Who's Up For A Challenge?

My challenge for the month of March is to turn something related to Easter. For example eggs of any size or (and I'll be especially pleased to see these) rabbits. Check YouTube for ideas! I look forward to seeing what you all bring to our next meeting.

Good turning!

Bob Nelson, WNTX VP

Bowl Coring

The two systems from Woodcut are the Bowlsaver Original:

<https://woodturningtoolstore.com/product/woodcut-bowlsaver-coring-system/>

Bowlsaver Max4:

<https://woodturningtoolstore.com/product/bowlsaver-max4-coring-system/>



Both systems use Stellite tipped curved blades that ride on a platform swivel plate that mounts on the lathe banjo via a tool post. Both units also utilize the tailstock quill for extra support. Both systems are solidly built, simple to set up and easy and safe to use. A laser Light Guide is an optional purchase for either system.

The (original) Woodcut Bowlsaver Coring System includes two high strength blades (used one at a time) with Stellite Cutters giving a combination of cuts that will remove bowls from 3" to 12" up to 5" deep from the inside of the mother bowl. It is meant for lathes with 12" to 16" swing with 1HP and up. Every lathe has a different diameter tool post so order a tool post to suit the lathe you are using.

<https://woodturningtoolstore.com/product/woodcut-bowlsaver-coring-system/>

The Bowlsaver Max4 Coring System is relatively new (Summer of 2022). This system is a much beefier and larger system than the Original. It has three high strength blades (used one at a time) with Stellite Cutters giving a combination of cuts that will core from 3" (75 mm) to 18" (450 mm). It is meant for lathes with a minimum of 1.5 hp lathe with a swing of 16" to 25".

<https://woodturningtoolstore.com/product/bowlsaver-max4-coring-system/>

The one question that is always asked is do you core the small bowl first or the largest bowl first. The decision is yours. A couple of things to consider. If you are selling your bowls as a means of making a living then you typically can get more money for the larger bowls. So this means that you would want to ensure you get the largest bowl without mistake. Professional bowl turners will most always core the largest first. This means unmounting the large bowl then mounting the core and turning a tenon for the next coring operation. This takes a bit more time unless you have two lathes to work with. The easier way for most hobbyists is to core the small first and work from the middle outwards. This requires no change in mounting setup and you can core continuously until complete.

Some helpful coring tips and techniques.

1. Coring works best on green or wet wood.
2. Use a diamond hone and sharpen each cutter. Hone the top of the cutter a bit and then hone the front cutting edge. Be sure to not change the shape of the cutter. The trapezoidal shape to the cutter is important as the front two pointy corners act to clear the path wider than the blade.
3. If you core dry wood expect it to be a more difficult task. On dry wood adding a small negative rake on the top edge of the Stellite cutter will help. Use a fine hone and add the negative rake bevel.

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 the shop of Bob and Stephanie Nelson
at 10:00 AM on November 2, 2024
2913 Woodleigh Drive Venus, TX 76084

My thanks to Ann Mellina for posting the pictures from the prior event. They are available on the WNTX Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/wntx.org/?ref=page_internal

**The Next Open Shop - Home will be at the shop of Keith & Darla Adams.
At 10:00 AM on March 29th 2025.
311 Broadmoor Dr. Haslet, TX 76052**

Keith is looking for volunteers to host an open shop at their home.

Currently, we have the following volunteers:

- 1. Randy Sullivan - Date TBD**
- 2. Lawrance Reed - Date TBD**
- 3. Stormy Boudreaux - Date TBD**

Please let Keith know if you are interested in sponsoring an event.

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.

Thank you,
Keith Adams
BOD - Member at large
Woodturners of North Texas

Last Month's Demo

Birdhouses by Jeff Allen



WNT BEANCOUNTER'S BULLETIN-MARCH 2025

WNT 2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE JANUARY 1.

Only 104 members have paid their 2025 dues. Not sure if you have paid your dues? Check at the treasurer's table. Payment with a credit card may be made online on the WNT website. Payment by cash, check, or credit is accepted at the regular meetings.

GET YOUR TICKET!

2025 SWAT SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED MARCH 27

SWAT scholarships for 2025 will be awarded at the March 27, 2025 monthly meeting. Members who are present who have paid their 2025 dues will be eligible to participate in the drawings.

SWAT provides one \$190 scholarship for each participating club to award. It will be awarded to a member who has never attended SWAT. WNT will add a \$ 40 Saturday night dinner ticket.

Woodturners of North Texas provides four members with a \$190 scholarship and a \$40 dinner ticket. One of these will be awarded to a member who has never attended SWAT.

Winners agree to attend SWAT 2025 and are responsible for their transportation and lodging expenses.

Drawing tickets will be available at the treasurer's table. See Bill Collins

ANCHORSEAL

Anchorseal is now available at our monthly meetings. Price is still \$15. Please do not bring empty containers. They are not needed at this time.

LACQUER AND SEALER

We have a supply of lacquer and sealer with a breakeven price of \$10.

JAMES HAYNES, TREASURER
RESIDENT BEANCOUNTER

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 will be held on the last Friday of April. The last Event raised a record breaking \$272,000 and tickets were sold out.

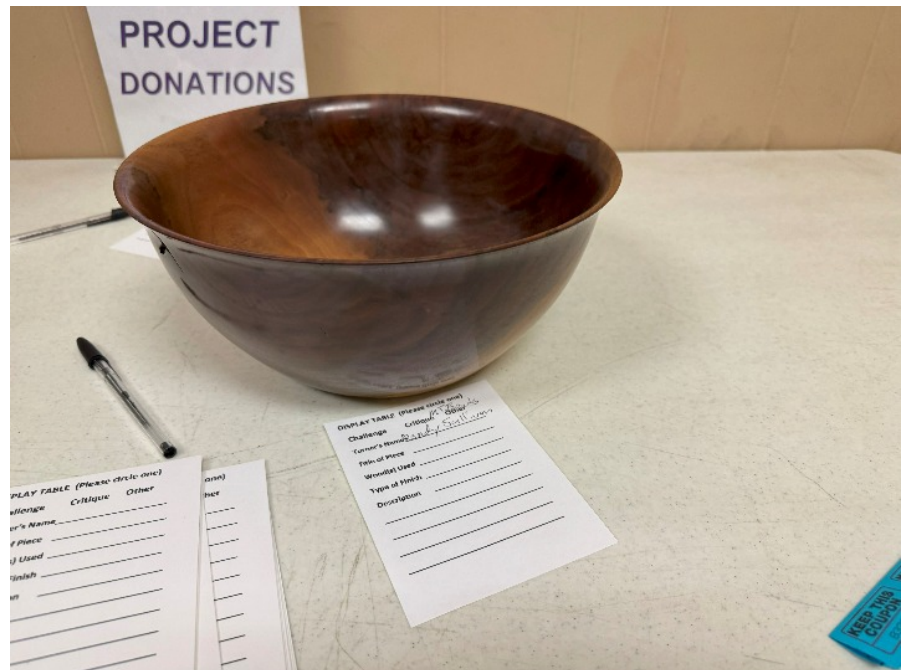
The WNT Board has agreed that Empty Bowls is a very worthy activity and should be supported by the Club. Our Club contributes almost all of the wood bowls and provides a top turning demonstration at the event.

We are up to 118 bowls which is still a way from 150. We only have this month to complete our bowl donations for this cycle so please make a good effort.

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 2024/2025

<u>Turner's Name</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jim <u>Bärkelew</u>		7	3	15
Paul <u>Tiefel</u>	6	2	5	15
Bill Holt		1		14
Ron <u>Traylor</u>	1	3		11
Bill Collins	4	5		11
David <u>Baulch</u>		10		10
Mark <u>Nelon</u>		6		6
Blake <u>Hickerson</u>		3		5
Bob <u>Grinstead</u>		5		5
Tom Newman		3	2	5
Tom <u>Echols</u>		1		3
Ann <u>Mellina</u>		3		3
Dewey Johnson		1	2	3
Jim Combs	2			2
Gordon <u>Kayser</u>		2		2
Stephen Hill		2		2
Corey Johnson				1
John <u>Lauderbaugh</u>				1
Jeff Allen		1		1
Steve Mills		1		1
Randy Sullivan			1	1
Jerry <u>Streeter</u>			1	1
				0
Monthly Total	13	56	14	
Grand Total				118

Librarian Notes
(librarian@WNTX.org)

The WNTX on-line library is currently offline to address a security issue and future usefulness for the club. The physical DVD library is available for members and covers club demos, SWAT demos, and commercial videos.

There are many excellent curated resources on the [AAW website](#). This is a major benefit of becoming a member of AAW.

Important note: Be aware that some turning videos found on random web searches may contain unsafe and potentially dangerous methods. Safety education is a vital part of turning.

librarian@WNTX.org

SWAT 2025

SWAT - August 22, 23, 24

Lead demonstrators

Sally Ault
Tony Street
Mike Mahoney
Mike Nlsh
Matt Monoco
Jerry Bennett
Lyle Jameson

Hotel's open up February 10th

Hilton 150 rooms
Marriot ???

Registration for SWAT opens March 3rd

Member at Large - If anyone is interested please let me know where I can get it to the nominating committee

<https://www.swaturners.org/>

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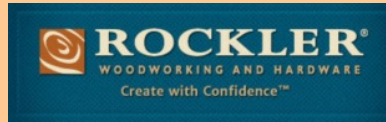
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The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30PM in person or via Zoom.

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 Blake Hickerson 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.