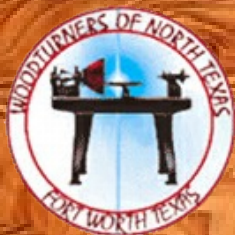


Woodturners of North Texas



36 years



Next Meeting: Thursday, April 25th, 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](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86406>

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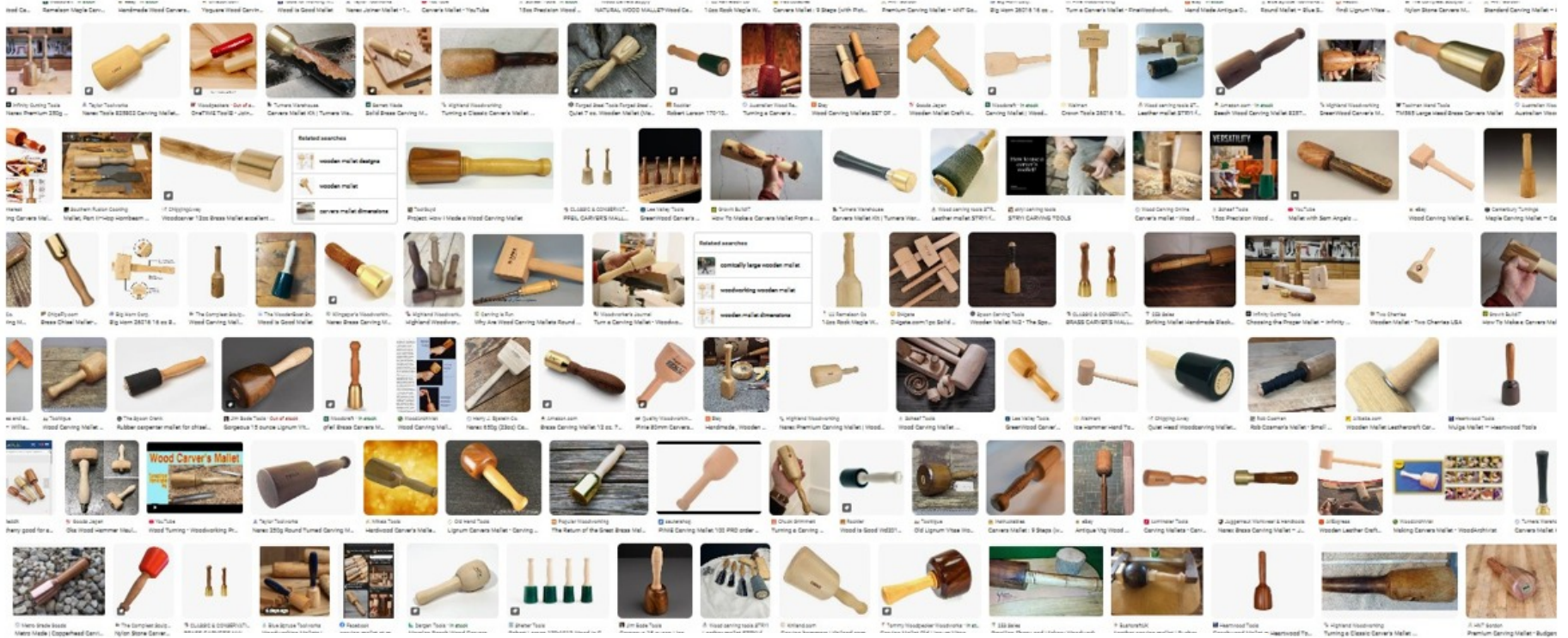
Jim Barkelew Mallets



I've been making sawdust, in some form, for as long as I can remember. I've been turning since I spun a piece of wood using my Dad's electric drill. I did my first lathe demo in a college woodworking class I took for fun (1974?). My next demo was a few years ago at a club meeting. The club and the AAW are a continuous inspiration to do better. I enjoy using my woodpile to come up with turning projects such as segmenting and mallets. A simple turned mallet is a

perfect project for a beginning turner. It's a useful tool, doesn't require sanding or a finish, and any of the basic turning tools can be used.

35+ years ago I turned a pecan branch into a mallet that I still use. I also have several “better” mallets that I have made. These enhancements can be done for little or no cost compared to commercial mallets. The internet is great for overwhelming you with ideas if you need a mallet.



Somewhere in the middle!!



Demo Projects:

-Enhance a traditional carver's mallet by giving it a backbone.

This mallet is based on a design available from Blue Spruce Toolworks. A metal lathe can be used to make an excellent “backbone” but alternatives will be discussed.

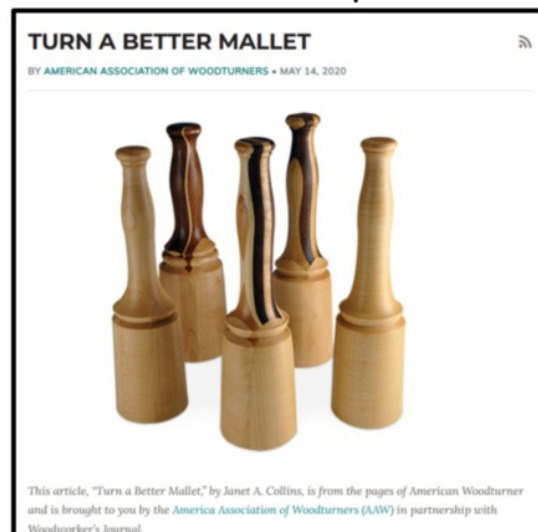
A good, solid, nice looking traditional mallet.



-Glue up a mallet blank to optimize the grain direction.

This method provides a more durable mallet that is a step above a turned log, and not quite a purely decorative mallet blank. This method came from a Woodworkers Journal article.

Traditional solid wood mallet that is “special”.



-Two ways to add a metal head to a mallet for minimal cost.

Brass head mallets are readily available but brass is relatively expensive (and not easy to turn on a wood lathe). Lead can be used but there are health concerns. The two methods in the demo use readily available low cost hardware. I don't remember the magazine source of this idea.

A solid, compact, hard hitting mallet.



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

April 25th 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>

May 6th Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM
Location: **Remote - Zoom meeting**
Meeting Link:

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

May 29th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM
Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**
Demonstrator: Travis Clayton
Subject: Pewter Inlays

Meeting Link:

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



President's Notes for April, 2025

Greetings,

As many know I broke my leg in my shop tripping over what I thought was a good idea to eliminate tripping hazards. I had purchased the cable protectors like we use in the meeting to protect the cables for the A/V connections for the televisions, speakers and cameras. I want to encourage each and everyone to look around your shop, studio, or work space, and take the time to clean, pick up, and put away those things laying around that could potentially be a hazard in your work space. One never knows when an accident will happen.

The last meeting I believe we are 22 bowls short of the goal for the Empty Bowls event for the Tarrant County Food Bank. I encourage everyone to turn a bowl to meet our goal, for the event takes place on Friday after our meeting. I also want to thank Ron for heading up this event, and those who have volunteered to turn tops and represent our club at the event.

SWAT registration is open, if you are going now is the time to submit your registration, and save last minute registration fees. I also understand that the weekend of SWAT is the same weekend that students are moving into Baylor for the fall semester so if you are going and staying in Waco you want to book your hotel room. I understand the blocked rooms have already sold out, so you will have to do a little searching for a hotel in the area. Below is the link to the registration page.

<https://www.swaturners.org/swat-registration-2025.html>

Blake

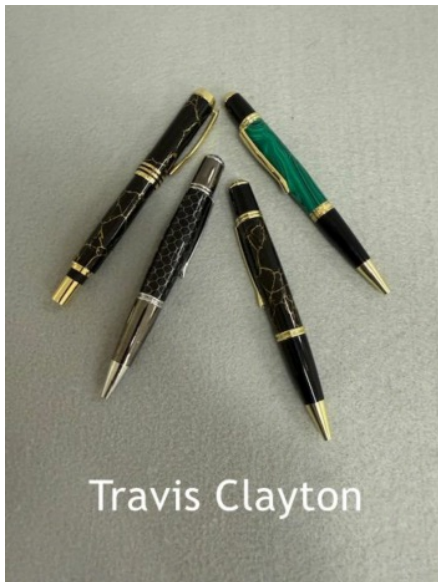
Critique/Display Items



Mark Gist



Jim Combs



Travis Clayton



Dave Wilson



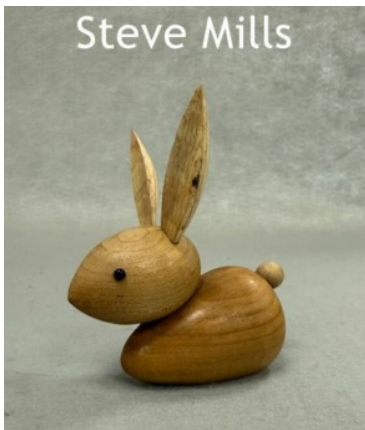
Challenge Items



Mike Stephens



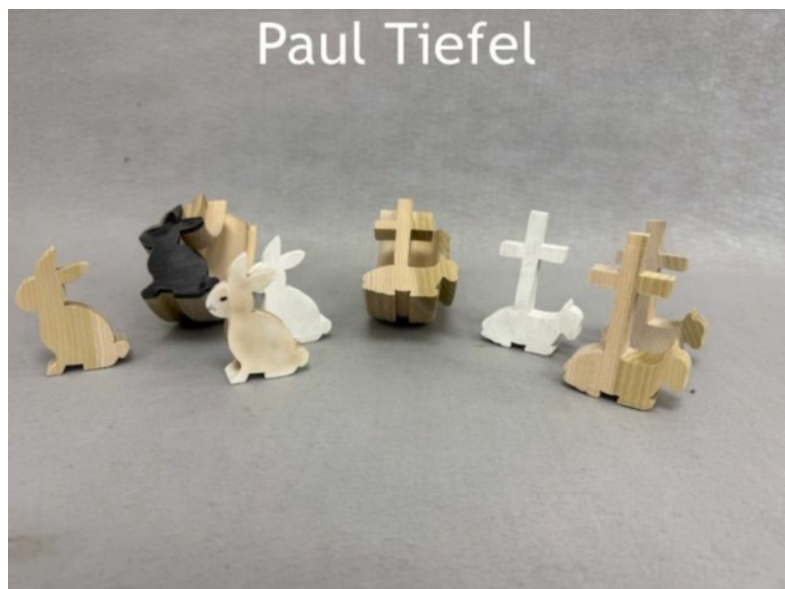
Ann Mellina



Steve Mills



Jim LeGrand



Paul Tiefel

David Baulch



Danny Woods

Gordon Kayser





Karl Akers



Who's Up For A Challenge?

My challenge for the month of April is to turn something solid and hollow it using any hollowing tools. I do not mean bowls or boxes with a wide opening but rather something with a smaller opening and a larger interior. There is no limit to what you can create, but you must use some sort of hollowing tool to complete your work. I look forward to seeing what you all bring to our next meeting.

Good turning!

Bob Nelson, WNTX VP

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 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. Lawerance 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

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.

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.

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.

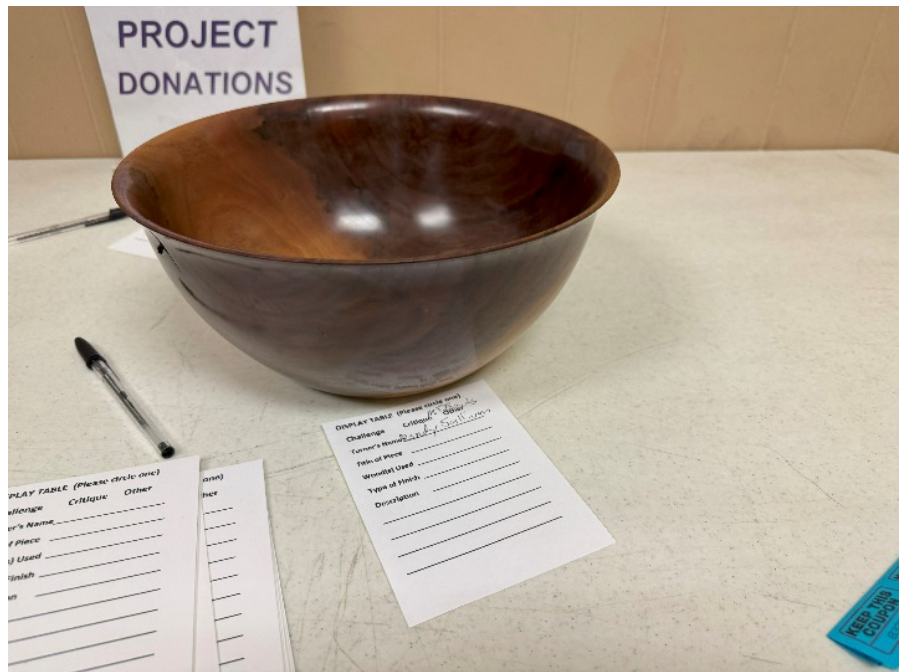
The WNT Board has agreed that Empty Bowls is a very worthy activity and should be supported by the Club. Our Club contributes almost all of the wood bowls and provides a top turning demonstration at the event.

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>Barkelw</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 Nish
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/>

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**.

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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 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.