

Woodturners of North Texas



36 years



Next Meeting: Thursday, May 29th, 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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Travis Clayton Wood + Metal



My artistic journey began with pottery as a teenager, I then studied glassblowing in my 20s under Justin Ginsburg at UTA and Clifton Crawford at SeNaCa, and was a former instructor at Dallas Glass Art. During the lockdowns of 2020, I got into woodworking and began experimenting with casting hot metal into wood on charcuterie sized live edge slabs and bringing it to a mirror finish. Two years ago at an art show in 2023, I realized I needed to buy a lathe to take my work to the next level in a way that my background in pottery and glass would contribute. Creation is often made by rotation in some way. After getting a lathe, I got hooked, joined the Woodturners of North Texas, and founded T Wood + Metal. I have taken

woodturning classes from John Horn and Nick Agar. I find artistic purpose in making weird flawed wood beautiful. My mission is to make beautiful things unlike anything else.

In this demonstration, I will demonstrate my technique of casting hot pewter into wood, turning it, and bringing it to a mirror finish. I developed this technique through much trial and error and have acquired a strong knowledge of challenges presented when working with metal accents in wood, as well as different methods and ways of doing it. I'll discuss the physics involved and tools I use, in a way that any woodturner could do with their own tools without any other special equipment. I will also show how to polish it and go over finishes I like to use for metal. Raw pewter ingots will be available for purchase for anyone interested in trying the technique for \$27/lb. I'll also have some extra brass shavings, free for anyone interested in cold casting. The purpose of this demonstration is to encourage and challenge turners to think about ways to incorporate metal accents into their own work, whether using this pewter technique, wire wraps, cold casting, or any other technique.

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

Have you worked long and hard on a project and want to show it off? Do you have a question about how to do something? Want to sell a tool that you no longer use? Need inspiration? Want to start a discussion? Have wood to share?

The club has an additional Facebook page where you can post anything woodturning related. It's a member's only page so you have to ask and be approved to join. Search Facebook for Woodturners of North Texas, (WNTX.org) Members Forum. (The picture is of people planting flowers????)

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

Calendar of Events

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>

June 3rd Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM

Location: Remote - Zoom meeting

Meeting Link:

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

June 26th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club

Demonstrator: TBD

Subject:

Meeting Link:

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



President's Notes for May, 2025

Greetings,

After taking a month off it is good to be home.

The last week of our journey took my wife and me to Greece where we were immersed in Greek history where one archeological site took us to a Mycenae museum where the artifacts discovered were in pristine condition. Granted the pieces were made of clay, but they date back to 1500 BC, but the shapes and forms are what we as wood artists duplicate each time we are at our lathes whether it be a bowl or hollow form vessel. Like the great pyramids, seeing the size stones they carved and moved to create the structures that housed the artifacts makes one wonder what engineering feats they conquered to build these structures. The other piece of the equation in this highly seismic region of the world, the design of the structures and tombs have stood the test of time.

I have an email from North Ridge Middle School, and the following is all I know at this point. I have asked Mr. Chambers to attend our meeting and detail what he is looking for.

Our school has its own woodworking shop. Our amazing librarian, Mr. Chambers, would like to get the shop up and running next school year , but we would need volunteers in order for it to be successful and work. I have included him on this email as he can provide more info into what is needed, if you all would be willing and or able to help.

From the post on Facebook this months challenge appears to be very popular, I look forward to seeing all the different mallet designs you have come up with.

Blake

Critique/Display Items



Bob Wiggins



Dewey Johnson



Dewey Johnson



Travis

Who's Up For A Challenge?

My challenge for the month of May is to turn a mallet. It can be any size or shape or material but it must be a mallet. There is no limit to what you can create. I look forward to seeing what you all bring to our next meeting.

Good turning!

Bob

Challenge Items



Ann Mellina



Bill Holt



Steve Mills



Danny Woods



Stephan Sear



Jim Combs



Jim Barkelew



Jim LeGrand



Ron Howe



Stephen Hill



Travis



Jeff Allen



Stephen Sear



Tim Verbeke



Travis



Steve Mills



Tim Verbeke



Jim Combs



Bob Grinstead

Last Month's Demonstrator



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 BEANCOUNTER'S BULLETIN MAY 2025

WNT 2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE JANUARY 1.

Only 109 members have prepaid 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 card is accepted at the regular meetings. The membership application or renewal form may be filled on the website.

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 limited supply of lacquer and with a breakeven price of \$10. Attempts to reach the supplier to order more and to order sealer have been unsuccessful. Clicking on the website address results in an error message. It appears that the company may no longer be in business.

WNT SHIRTS AND CAPS-NEW PRICES

POLO-SHORT SLEEVE \$38

BUTTON FRONT-SHORT SLEEVE \$47

BUTTON FRONT-LONG SLEEVE \$49

CAPS \$18—I will order more caps before the June meeting.

RESIDENT BEANCOUNTER

JAMES HAYNES, TREASURER

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 next Event will be held on Friday, April 25, 2026. The last Event raised over \$300,000 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 the wood bowls and provides a top turning demonstration at the event. I will be getting a top turning demonstration team together this month.



We had fun at the last event. A big thanks goes out to Ann Millena, Jim Barkelew, David Baulch, and Danny Woods. Dewey would have been there but hurt his back so couldn't make it. We ended the event with only three tops left so we'll have to plan on a few more next year. Ann said

several people picked up 5 or 6 tops. I assume one for each of the grandkids. We ended up with a lathe with no tool rest. Danny was creative and used the chuck key for a tool rest. It was pretty small and not very close to the top you were turning but doable. Good thing we were only turning tops!

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 2025/2026

<u>Turner's Name</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bob <u>Grinstead</u>	1	1
Steve Mills	1	1
Monthly Total	2	
Grand Total		2

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.

Surplus magazines, DVD's, and books are available at club meetings for free or a small charge (books).

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**.

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.
- Discounts in AAW online store.

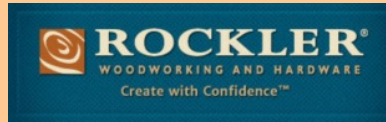
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1-800-377-7297

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.