

Woodturners of North Texas



36 years



Next Meeting: Thursday, July 31st, 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.

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Jim Bob Burgoon Flask Vase



Jim Bob is a graduate of West Texas State University with a degree in Industrial Education. He oversaw the Woodworking class at Levelland High School from 1983 to 1998. He then served the Lubbock Independent School District, teaching Technology Education at two middle schools until his retirement in 2011. During his teaching tenure, numerous students competed in the Technology Students Association's regional and state project competitions. He was named Regional

Outstanding Teacher by the South Plains Industrial Teacher Association three times during his teaching career.

Burgoon joined the South Plains Woodturners upon its inception in 2006. Since then he has served in the capacities of club librarian, Treasurer, 1st Vice-President, President, and Past President. He is currently serving his fifth term as President for SPW. Jim Bob is the current vendor chairman for SWAT.

With his extensive background in woodworking, Jim Bob has demonstrated numerous times for his local club. He has also demonstrated for the Panhandle Area Turners Society (PATs) in Canyon, Mountain Top Turners in Ruidoso, New Mexico, Woodturners of North Texas in Fort Worth, Comanche Trail in Midland, Concho Valley in San Angelo, Central Texas Woodturners in Austin, Hill Country in Kerrville, and SWAT. Jim Bob is the lead teacher for the South Plains Woodturners beginner and intermediate classes held 6 times annually. He has also been an instructor in the Nave's Woodturning Retreat and the Trinity Council Woodturning Retreat.

Since retirement in 2011, Jim Bob has opened a woodworking shop. He does a wide variety of woodworking activities from custom production turning to flat work! His work can be viewed on Facebook by searching @jimbobburgoonwoodworks. Jim Bob annually turns commemorative baby rattles for Monterey Church of Christ's Family Commitment Sunday. He has lived in Lubbock since 1985. Burgoon is married, with two children and two grandchildren.



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

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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.

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



Calendar of Events

July 31st Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club

Demonstrator: Jim Bob Burgoon

Subject: Flask Vase

Meeting Link:

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

August 5th Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM

Location: Remote - Zoom meeting

Meeting Link:

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

August 28th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club

Demonstrator: TBD

Subject: TBD

Meeting Link:

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



President's Notes for July, 2025

Greetings,

I would like to start by thanking all the volunteers who participated in the woodturning demos at both ROCKLER and WOODCRAFT. I know there were spectators and interest at both locations, and we hope they join us to see what woodturning is all about.

Browsing FaceBook this morning, I ran across an individual who has recently picked up a used lathe and was asking about tools and such to start turning. Beyond reading the post and answers I looked at his profile, it turns out, if the profile is current, his current location is Fort Worth. I responded to his post and sent a personal message telling him about our club , mentor program, and contact information. So when you are reading posts check out the profiles, we just might get a new member from being friendly and tell them about our club.

SWAT is around the corner and if you have never been you are missing out. No matter your interest, SWAT addresses so many facets of woodturning. I always find inspiration from the instant gallery. The demonstrations are first class with national and regional demonstrators. The raffle is always exciting, even though I always consider my tickets a donation to the event, you could be like our club member Steve Mills who brought home a new ROBUST American Beauty lathe last year. Of course there are vendors and no matter what you are looking for from pens to platters and everything in between you can find it at SWAT. So if you haven't signed up it is time to do so.

With the heat and humidity when you are out whether it be working around the house or woodturning, take time to hydrate. I haven't had a doctor remind me of this since yesterday. So whatever the activity, take a break and drink a glass of water for your health.

See you at the meeting,

Blake

Critique/Display Items



Ann Mellina



Stephen Hill



Dewey Johnson



**Jim
Combs**



Karl Akers

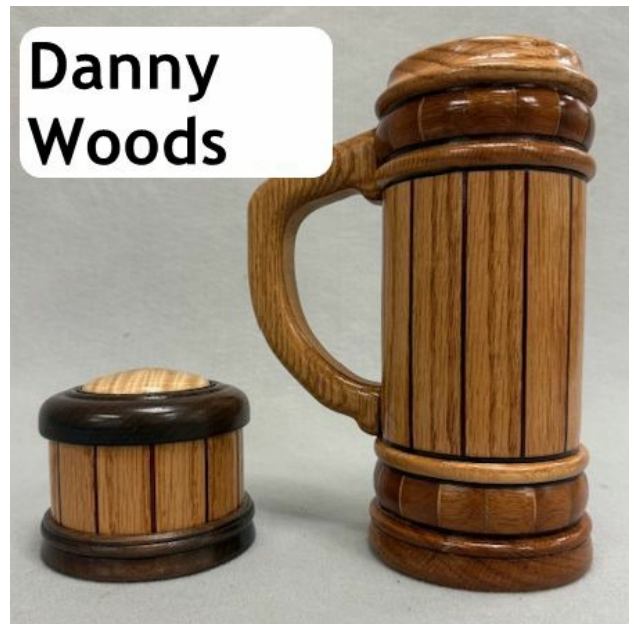


**John
Lauderbaugh**





Jim Combs



Danny Woods

Flask Vase Details



A flask vase is not a new idea. While looking through periodicals and books, many similar styles abound. What appeals to me is it primarily utilizes 8/4 material, which is available in most markets. By featuring a decorative medallion, you can create a stunning effect. A challenging aspect of this project is turning on more than one axis.

PLANNING: There is no specific size requirement for this project. When designing a decorative piece, consider where it is likely to be displayed. A simple method of choosing dimensions is to consider photographs, as their size is based approximately upon the golden mean. 4 X 6, 5 X 7, and 8 X 10 are standard photo sizes. By utilizing the chart below where the width dimension is multiplied by the golden mean ratio, the blank height can be determined.

4	1.618	6.472
5	1.618	8.09
6	1.618	9.708
7	1.618	11.326

Allow an extra inch in length to accommodate a tenon for chucking plus a safety margin so you avoid the chuck while turning. The last page contains a sketch based upon a final size of 4 X 6. Graph paper can assist in visualizing accurate overall dimensions and proportions of the elements of the final piece.

MATERIAL SELECTION: Walnut, Cherry, Maple, Mahogany, Mesquite, or Poplar are good choices for the body of the flask. Oak, Ash, and Pecan would also work but the stronger grain patterns make medallion selection more challenging. The primary consideration for the body is consistent color.

The decorative medallion can utilize a highly figured disk. The medallion on the one pictured above is Olive. When choosing the disk, look at complementary colors. As woodturners, this gives the opportunity to feature stunning figure while not needing an abundance of material. Another option for disk selection would be to feature wood of a contrasting color. Blackwood, Wenge, Bloodwood, Yellow Heart, and Purple Heart are options for consideration. The turned medallion can also be textured, which can add another dimension to the overall appearance of the piece.

MATERIAL PREPARATION: Locate centers on both ends of the body blank. The 3/8 hole for the top can be drilled to a depth that will intersect the cavity on lower portion of the piece. (This can also be done later during the turning operation) Having material square will ensure this hole is accurate. A fence on the drill press facilitates keeping the blank true while drilling. The faces of the blank can be sanded at this point. Using hot glue, adhere sacrificial 1/4 thick material to both faces. The sacrificial pieces will be useful during the sanding process to maintain crisp corners on the body. MDF or Baltic Birch Plywood will be suitable for this application. Draw the centerline on one face of the blank. Locate the center point of the circular portion on the lower end and scribe the radius of the outside circle. This will aid in visualizing the accuracy of the part the round disk will fit into. Bore a hole on this center point to accommodate using your chuck in expansion mode. Using a square to mark transition points on the face of the blank will simplify locating them during the turning process.

TURNING (Part 1): With the body blank mounted between centers turn a tenon on the bottom end to fit your chuck. Transfer the blank to a chuck, utilizing a revolving cone center in the tailstock. Higher turning speeds will make turning the rectangular blank easier. Turn the edges to a curved profile from one end to the other. Transfer the transition points from the front face to the edges. Measuring depth of the transition points with calipers can assist with staying true to the design. When turning the circular area on the lower portion, stop frequently to assess your shape by comparing it to the scribed circle on the front. Once the lower circle is shaped, proceed to turn the cylindrical portions on top. Back the live center off. If the drilled hole was not cut earlier, it should be drilled at this point. Use light cuts to shape the interior of the vase top.

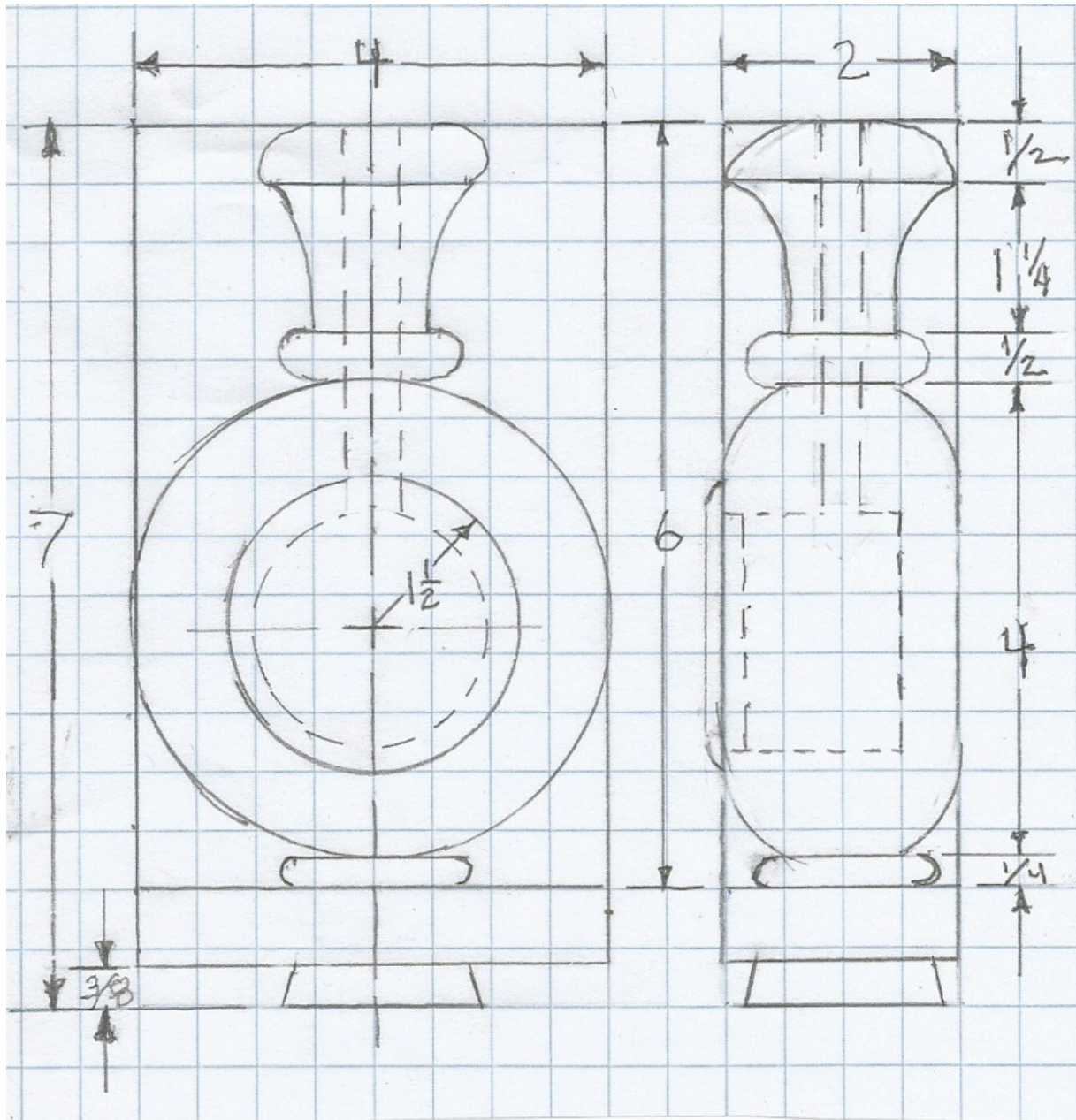
SANDING: Previous versions lost edge crispness during sanding because they were turned without sacrificial pieces. The trailing edge experienced more erosion than the leading edge during the sanding process. The erosion had a notable effect on the circular shape of the disk portion of the vase. Due to the rectangular shape of the circular disc, higher than usual sanding speeds must be utilized for this area. Hand sanding, with the lathe off will be a requirement on the lower portion. Part the vase body at the bottom of the foot, making sure the bottom surface is slightly concave.

TURNING (PART 2): This procedure will describe the method for creating a cavity where the decorative medallion will be installed. Mount the flask onto the chuck in the circular hole on the center of the face. Using thick CA glue, adhere a waste block to the back face of the vase. Utilize the tailstock while forming a tenon to fit your chuck. Reverse the vase in the chuck. Expand the diameter of circular area but allow a flat area, for a glue surface, for the medallion. Extra material can be extracted from the inside area of the flask, to decrease the weight of the finished piece.

TURNING (Part 3): Mount the disk blank for the medallion in a chuck with the outside face towards the inside of the chuck. Cut an appropriately sized rabbet joint so the medallion will fit into the recess of the body blank. Slight wiggle room allows for minor adjustments when glueing it to the body. Reverse the blank in the chuck gripping the foot of the rabbet joint. Shape the outside of the medallion to a slightly domed contour. The surface where the medallion will meet the body should have a slight radius where it flows into the domed shape.

Sand the medallion prior to gluing it into the body of the vase. When applying glue, ensure that the grain of the medallion disk is oriented correctly.

FINISHING: My preference for finishing is anything that has a matte sheen. A surface that is non-glossy shows less dust.



Who's Up For A Challenge?

This month's challenge will be to turn a small spindle project. This challenge has not been done in some time and is perfect for those turners who do smaller projects. These can be a tool handle, pen, bottle stopper, or other small spindle turnings. Finishing and embellishments can be added for effect but not required for this challenge. The only requirement for this challenge is it must be a new turning project and not one of your old inventory.

Happy turning!

Bob Nelson

June Challenge Items



Ann Mellina



Stephen Hill



Steve Mills



Forest Calhoun



Dewey Johnson



Jeff Allen

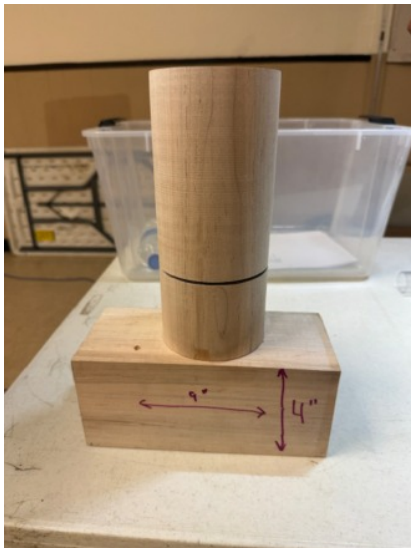


Jim Barkelew



Last Month's Demonstrator

John Bohn - Kaleidoscopes



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

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 of the wood bowls and provides a top turning demonstration at the event.

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>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ron <u>Traylor</u>		2	1	3
Jeff Allen		2	1	3
Bob <u>Grinstead</u>	1			1
Steve Mills	1			1
Steven Hill		1		1
Dave Wilson			1	1
Monthly Total	2	5	3	
Grand Total				10

Librarian Notes (librarian@WNTX.org)

With the passing of David Ellsworth it is interesting to look back at the founding of the AAW organization. The library has a copy of the first issue of the AAW newsletter that contains a lengthy article by Davis on the state of woodturning in the 1980's. The AAW website has a digital version of the first issue. Worth a read.

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.

The WNTX on-line library is currently offline to address a security issue and future usefulness for the club.

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

Get Ready! SWAT 2025

August 22, 23, 24

Rotation Schedule

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/>

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.

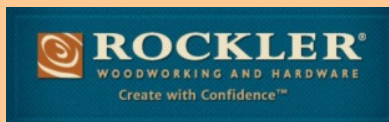
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The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30PM in person or via Zoom.

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.