

Woodturners of North Texas



36 years



Next Meeting: Thursday, September 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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Finishing Jim Combs

I have been turning for 25 years, plus or minus. And, in that time, I was a volunteer teacher at El Camino Jr. College. I was also teaching intermediate and beginning wood turning to our club members for five years. I started putting color on my work about 15+ years ago, starting off with the TransTint dyes. I then moved my way up to Createx Colors, a water-based acrylic paint.

My air brush of choice is an Aywata. I have been carving pieces for about 10 years.

For my demo, I will be quickly showing you some airbrushing techniques and also show how I put on my finishes, mostly using a clear lacquer. My lacquer of choice is a Minwax lacquer, which can be found at Lowe's Hardware. The Createx Colors can be found at Hobby Lobby in a limited assortment. The best place to look is for them is online.

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 you can have a discussion before our meeting or during a break.

[Lions Club Teardown](#)

All tables must be put on the rack unless instructed not to.

All chairs can be placed on the wall (neatly) cushions out.

If the changes are modified for a specific evening it will be announced during the meeting.

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Calendar of Events

September 25th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM
Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**
Demonstrator: Jim Combs
Subject: Finishing
Meeting Link:

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

October 7th Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM
Location: **Remote - Zoom meeting**
Meeting Link:

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

October 24th-26 Art Worth <https://artworthfest.org/>
Volunteers are needed to setup, turning demonstrations,
and tear down.

October 30th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM
Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**
Demonstrator: TBA
Subject: TBA
Meeting Link:

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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>





President's Notes for September, 2025

Greetings,

By the time this is published, we will have had our event at the Arlington Main Street Arts Festival. Be thinking when you can volunteer to turn at the Art Worth Festival at the Clearfork shopping center in Fort Worth. Note that the Festival is paying us to demonstrate for the festival. I know those who participated last year had a good time and talked woodturning to quite a few folks during their time there. We will have a sign up sheet at the meeting.

I have seen several of the members post of the items they have turned for this months challenge. For me this was a fun little project for it has been a while since I turned a hollow form. This was a warm up for what I am going to be talking about for next month's program on end grain hollowing, but the principles can be applied to side grain hollowing also.

The last month I have been working on Christmas gifts and in my turning, trying to turn the perfect sphere (HaHa). Well to say the least, I had a wide variety I ended up using on the snowmen like I brought for show and tell last month. I discovered, when our granddaughter was over and she was showing her husband the one you saw at the meeting, I told her to go in the other room and pick out the one she wanted. It was not the perfect sphere but she called "the Fat Head". My point is every individual has a different view of art and what appeals or speaks to them. The bottom line is the smile or expression of the person receiving or purchasing your piece that gives us the gratification for the time and effort we have put into the piece.

I am really looking forward to see what Jim brings to us on his finishing demonstration this month.

See you at the meeting,

Blake

Critique/Display Items



Who's Up For A Challenge?

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This month's challenge will be to turn a hollow form. I'm especially interested in vases but any hollow form will do. For those of you unclear as to what a hollow form consists of, the following is a definition of a hollow form: "a piece whose defining feature is a void or cavity within the form, creating a delicate, enclosed structure. Unlike a bowl, the opening of a hollow form is intentionally much smaller than its widest point."

I'm looking forward to seeing what you all bring into the meeting!

Happy turning,
Bob

August Challenge Items



Ann Mellina



Blake Hickerson



Stephan Sear



Randy Sullivan



Dewey Johnson



Ron Howe



Steve Mills



Ron Traylor



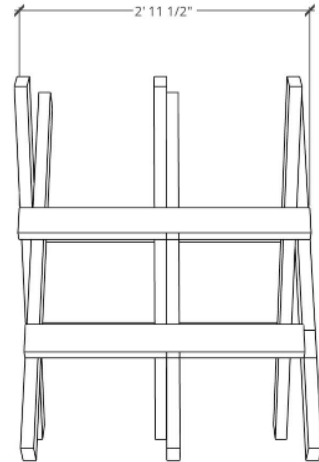
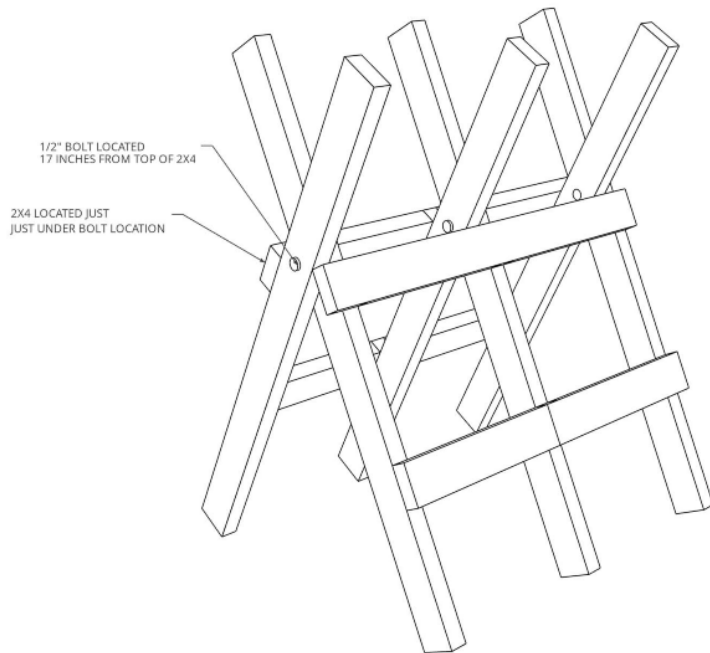


Corey Johnson



Steve Mills

FOLDABLE SAWBUCK (SAWHORSE)



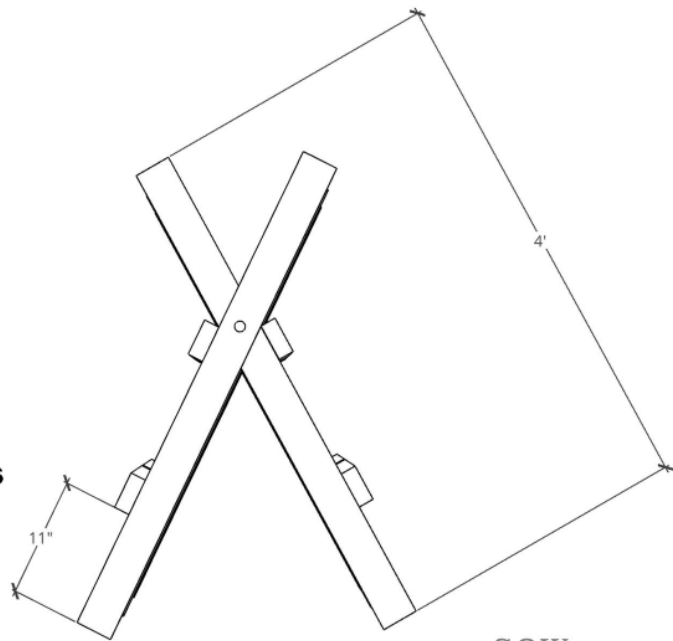
MATERIAL LIST

- (8) 2x4X8
- 2 1/2" Wood Screws
- (3) Bolts 1/2"-4" long
- (3) Nuts
- (3) Washers

NOTE:

This sawbuck is to help with cutting longer pieces of firewood. From twigs to larger logs. It can be folded and put away when not in use.

Drawn by: Jason Contreras



SOW
THE
LAND
HOMESTEAD

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.

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 24, 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>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Total</u>
Blake <u>Hickerson</u>				6	8	14
Ron Howe					9	9
Ann <u>Melina</u>					7	7
Bill Holt				6		6
Ron <u>Traylor</u>		2	1	1	1	5
Dewey Johnson					5	5
Jim <u>Barkelaw</u>				4		4
Randy Sullivan					4	4
Jeff Allen		2	1			3
Bob <u>Grinstead</u>	1				2	3
Steve Mills	1				2	3
Travis Clayton					2	2
Steven Hill		1				1
Dave Wilson			1			1
No Signature					1	1
						0
Monthly Total	2	5	3	17	33	
Grand Total						68

Librarian Notes (librarian@WNTX.org)

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.

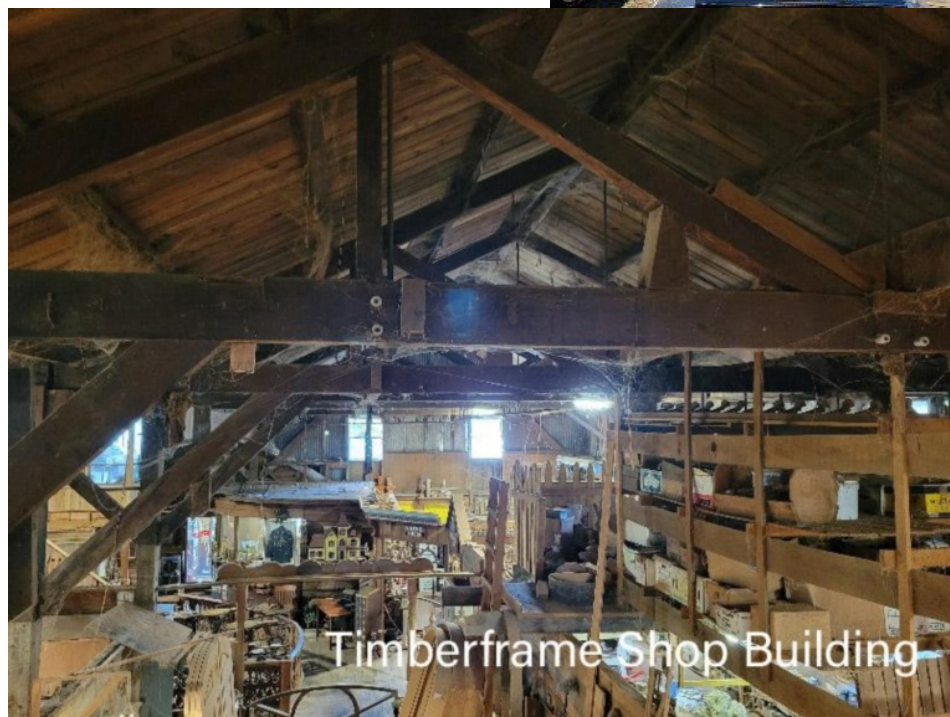
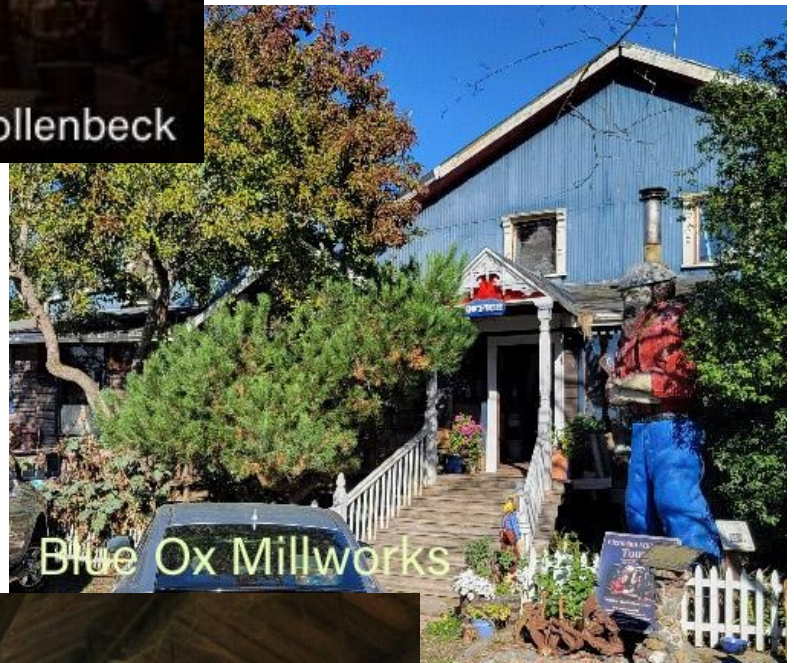
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Librarian Field Trip

On a trip to California and Oregon to visit my sisters, we traveled through Eureka on the north coast of California. We visited the shop of Eric Hollenbeck, the subject of the PBS/HBO show "The Craftsman". There is a huge collection of antique tools and machinery, virtually all being used. They are set up for self guided tours of the shop and grounds. If you haven't seen the TV show I highly recommend looking it up.

Eureka is not easy to get to but the town was the center of the coast redwood lumber industry. The old downtown area is filled with amazing

Victorian architecture. Nearby are old growth redwoods that every woodworker should visit at least once in their life. The tallest tree in the world is in the Humboldt redwoods park, 370 feet tall, a few miles from the photo below.









The Crockett Mansion
Eureka, CA



A Festival at Clearfork

October 24 – 26 | artworthfest.org

more than 80 exhibiting artists, performances of classical music & more!

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The festival's visual arts exhibition is equally enthralling. More than 80 artists, selected through a strict blind jury process from hundreds of mid-to-late-career applicants nationwide, will display their work. Half of them are traveling from outside the area, adding fresh perspectives to Fort Worth's already rich arts scene.

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.