

Woodturners of North Texas



36 years



Next Meeting: Thursday, January 29th, 2026
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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Tool Sharpening

Danny Woods

Danny Woods is an experienced wood turner with over 15 years practicing his skills. Danny has been a participating member of the Woodturners of North Texas since 2016. Danny has also been leading our team of mentors for the last 3 years. Men want to be him and women want to be with him, a legend to all who know of him, let's put our hands together for Danny Woods!"

We, like many of you, have been doing some form of wood working since we were in high school or at the feet of our families. As a

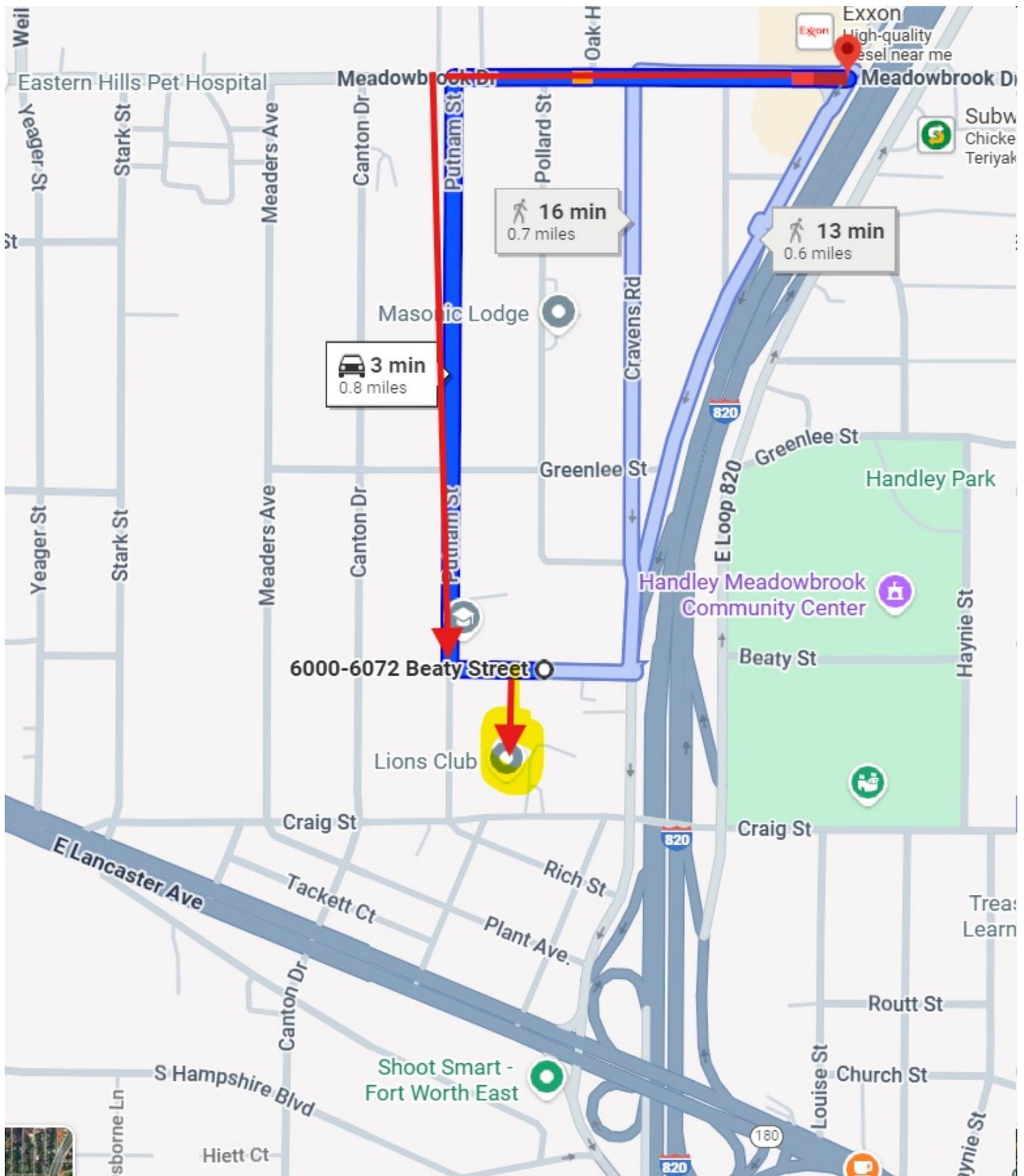
group we easily have over 100 years of woodturning cumulative experience.

Sharpening our tools can be one of the most controversial subject in woodturning because there are so many choices like angles, steel, techniques, etc. It is my firm belief the best way to learn to sharpen is to "See one, Do one, Use the sharp tool (so you get the feel of a sharp tool), teach one". This way you get hands on with your own mentor guiding you then you would teach the others that are gathered around. We plan to have 3 grinders, 3 mentors and one mentor at the lathe so you can test your sharp tool.

We will start with the basic tools (spindle roughing gouge, parting tools, scrapers, skew, bowl and spindle gouges, if we have time we will do some other grinds like 40/40 grind.

Please bring a few of your tools you want to learn how to sharpen. YOU will be the one doing the work!

Depending on the participants we may have to limit the number you will be able to submit. This will be a very interactive class and welcome all input. We became mentors because we love the craft and want to share our skills.



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.

The Woodturners of North Texas newsletter is published monthly. Inputs are due to the editor by the tenth of each month for inclusion in that month's newsletter.

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Calendar of Events

January 29th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM
Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**
Demonstrator: Danny Woods
Subject: Tool Sharpening
Meeting Link:

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

February 3rd Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM
Location: **Remote - Zoom meeting**
Meeting Link:

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

February 26th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM
Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**
Demonstrator: TBA
Subject:
Meeting Link:

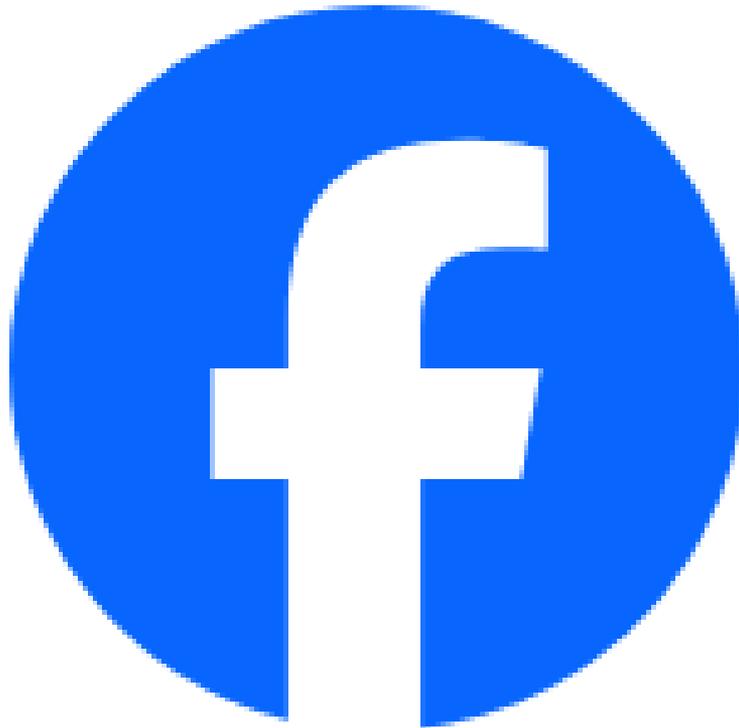
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Facebook

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>



DID YOU KNOW ?

During a conversation with our financial advisor, I learned when you are required to take a minimum distribution from a qualified 401K, IRA, Etc you can make a Qualified Charitable distribution to an organization like The Woodturners of North Texas being a 501(c)3 and save paying tax on that amount at the same time it counts toward the minimum distribution.

If you have question please discuss with your financial planner or tax specialist for specific details.

Blake



President's Notes for January, 2026

Greetings and welcome to a new year in wood turning,

This month's demonstration is interactive with you, the membership. The demonstration is sharpening your tools, so if you have a tool or tools that you are having trouble grinding to where it cuts properly or how you think it should bring it to the meeting. The objective is for you to learn how to sharpen your tool where it cuts. We will have several sharpening stations as well as a lathe set up where with the help and supervision of a mentor you will sharpen the tool and then try it on the lathe to see how a properly sharpened tool works for you.

I know we are all preparing for the upcoming winter storm. Please be safe and careful if you have to be outdoors or on the streets.

With the winter storm, there will possibly be downed trees in your neighborhood. Be on the lookout, you never know when you will come across one. Remember your chainsaw safety and your back if you happen to be harvesting one. We do not want anyone injured.

See you at the meeting,

Blake

Christmas Banquet 2025







Who's Up For A Challenge?

For January, this will be our last push for Empty Bowls. The challenge is to turn a nice bowl to be donated to Empty Bowls program.

The bowl should be large enough to hold food during the event and also finished with food safe products. Feel free to add embellishments to make it look nice.

We are doing good on this event but need one more strong push.

Thank you to all who have provided bowls thus far and let's make a good presentation this year.

Happy turning,

Bob

November Challenge



Mark Nelson



Jim Barkelew



Mark Nelson



Blake Hickerson



Danny Woods



Jeff Allen



Stephan Sear



Travis Clayton



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				
Turner's Name	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total
Blake Hickerson	6	3	2	25
Bill Holt	11			17
Ron Traylor		2	2	9
Ron Howe				9
Jim Barkelew	4			8
Ann Melina				7
Greg Stehle		5		5
Dewey Johnson				5
Danny Woods	5			5
Randy Sullivan				4
Jeff Allen	1			4
Steve Mills				3
Bob Grinstead				3
Travis Clayton				2
Jim Combs	1	1		2
Steven Hill				1
No Signature				1
Gordon Kayser			1	1
Dave Wilson				1
Brad Pearson	1			1
?	1			1
				0
				0
Monthly Total	30	11	5	
Grand Total				114

Librarian Notes
(librarian@WNTX.org)

On a trip to Half Price Books some years ago a large coffee table book caught my eye. The cover was a 1900 era group of loggers sitting on a giant log. The title was "Kinsey, Photographer". Darius Kinsey and his wife produced 4500 photographs documenting the 1910 -1920's logging industry around Sedro-Woolley, Washington This tome has over 200 of the best and it's one of my favorite books. Kinsey is well worth a web search to see how it was done before chainsaws and helicopters.





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.

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 **FUND**amentals, 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.

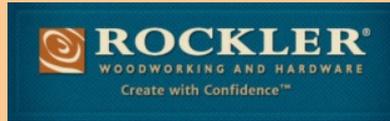
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The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30PM in person or via Zoom.

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.