

Woodturners of North Texas



36 years



Next Meeting: Thursday, February 26th, 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

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

Rescheduled from January

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!"

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

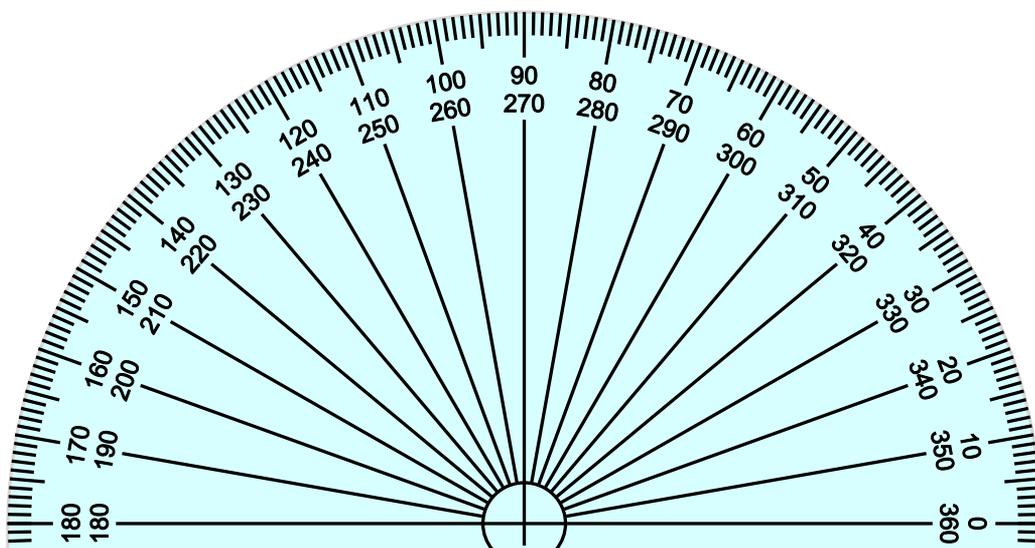
We, like many of you, have been doing some form of wood working since we were in high school or at the feet of our families.

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.

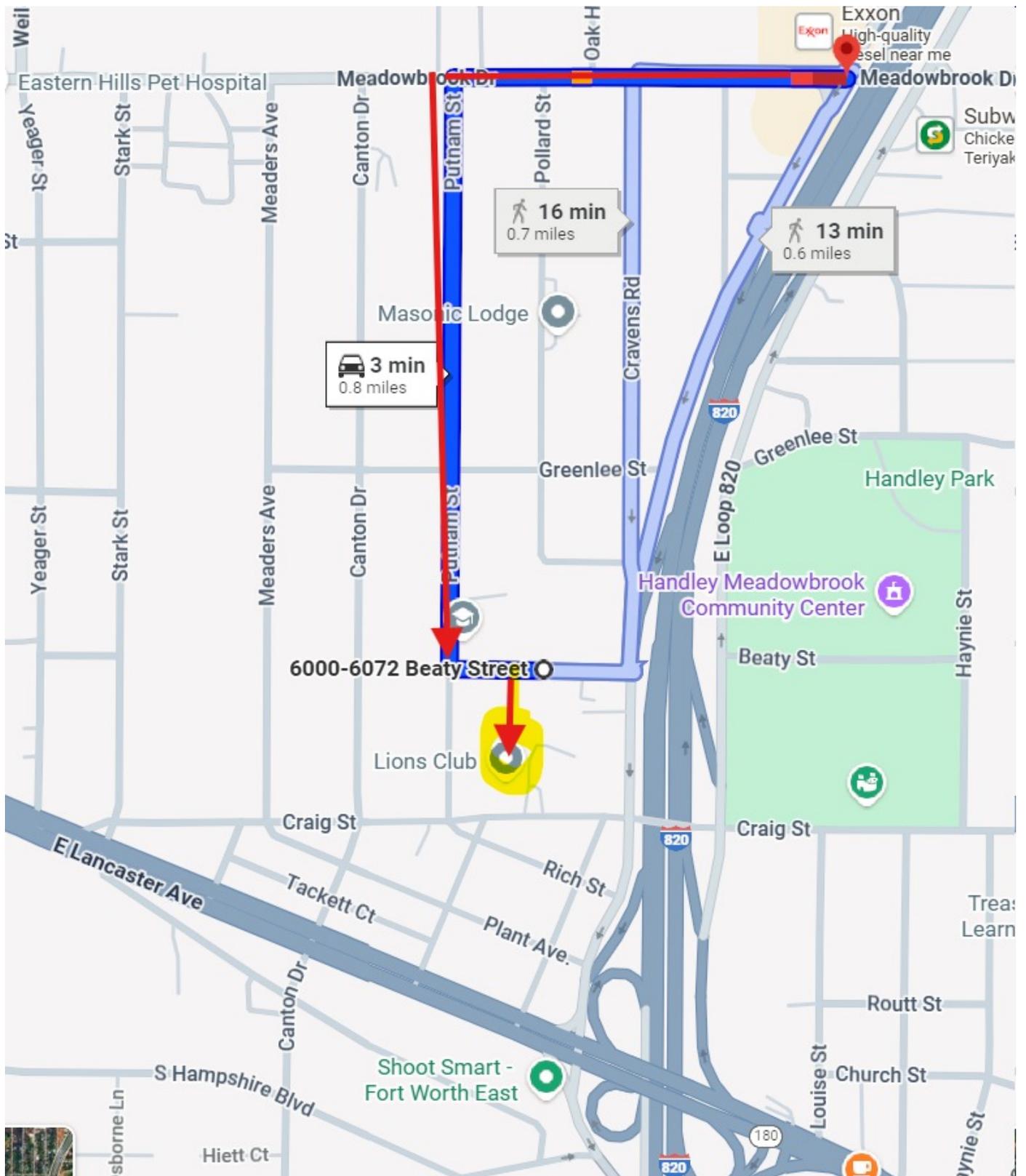
We will start with the basic tools (spindle roughing gouge, parting tools, scrapers, skew, bowl and spindle gouges, if we have time we will do some other grinds like 40/40 grind.

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.



Construction is ongoing so the back entrance will likely be used.



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

February 26th 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>

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

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

March 26th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM
Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**
Demonstrator: Pam Thompson
Subject: TBD
Meeting Link:

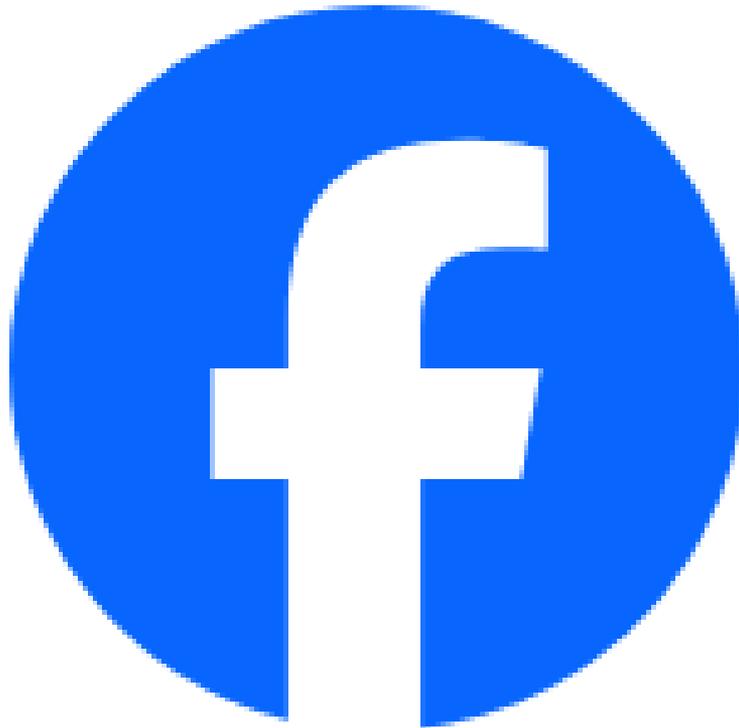
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Facebook

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>



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Good Shavings

President's Notes for February, 2026

Greetings,

On a sad note we lost one of our long time members this month, Louis Oberhue. You will want to be at the meeting to sign the memorial platter for the Oberhue family.

If you have not paid your dues, this month's meeting is an excellent time to take care of that. Lawrence will be ready and waiting this month and will accept cash, checks, and cards.

After last month's ice storm, Bob made a reconnaissance trip to the Lions Club and determined getting people and equipment in and out of the building safely was not going to be possible. So we are backing up and starting again. Danny Woods will be leading the sharpening demonstration planned for last month. So what this means, bring the tool you have trouble getting the cutting edge you desire, be it your spindle or bowl gouge, parting tool, skew to the meeting. In this interactive demonstration. Danny is going to go over the basics of sharpening and then with a mentor's guidance you will sharpen your tool and take it to the lathe to see if you have gotten the edge you desire on the tool.

Remember the challenge this month is for empty bowls. I hope you have taken advantage of the beautiful weather we have had the last couple of weeks to get out and turn some bowls. I know Ron will appreciate each and every one as we try to exceed the number we produced last year for this very worthwhile cause for our local community.

Beginning March 1st SWAT registration will open as well as the hotel booking. The Hotels with blocked rooms for SWAT are the Hilton, Marriott Courtyard, Holiday Inn Express & Even Hotel.

Online SWAT Registration and Hotel Reservations Open - March 1, 2026

See you at the meeting,

Blake

Who's Up For A Challenge?

For February, 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 Participants



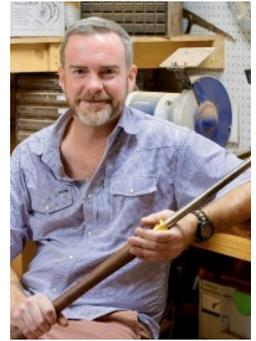
Blake Hickerson, Travis Clayton, Danny Woods, RAndy Sullivan, Stephan Sear, Jim Barkeley, Steven Hill, Mark Nelon, Jeff Allen, Steve Mills

WNTX Member Spotlight

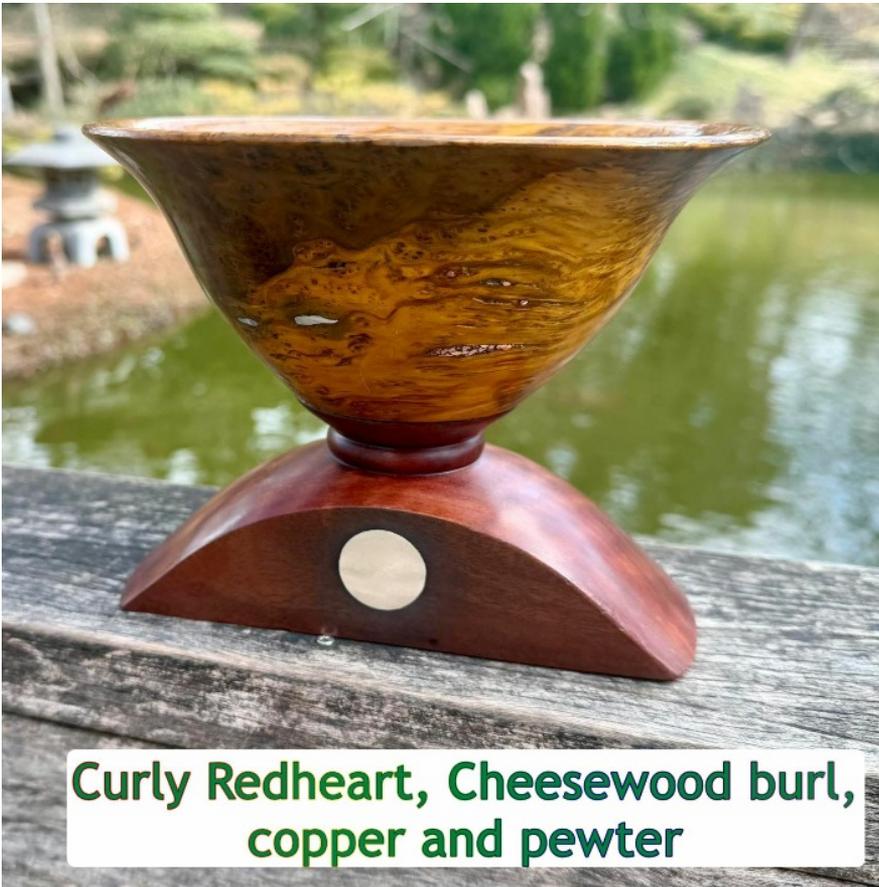
Travis Clayton

Emerging Artist- Main Street Arts Festival

SWAT 2026 regional demonstrator



Beer Stein w Pewter inlay



Curly Redheart, Cheesewood burl, copper and pewter



Manzanita root ball bowl



Travis Clayton

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.

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

The Great Raft

The typical turner gets a little excited about a downed tree. Imagine 160 miles of downed trees from Shreveport to Natchitoches along the Red River. "The Great Raft" log-jam stopped steamboat traffic upstream of Natchitoches in the early 1830's. It was estimated to have formed over 800 years through floods. Captain Henry Shreve engineered a way to clear the raft and between 1833 and 1838 it was cleared up to present day Shreveport. The raft re-formed in the 1870's and was cleared again.

The effects of clearing the raft were felt from Caddo lake (TX) to the flow of the Atchafalaya river into the Mississippi river. A web search of "The Great Raft" will produce a wealth of information on this slice of wood history.

The 1870 raft



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.

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
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				0
Monthly Total	30	11	5	
Grand Total				114

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



[SWAT February Newsletter](#)

[SWAT Homepage](#)

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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.

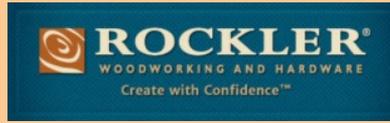
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The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30PM in person or via Zoom.

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.