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THE TURNING TIMES is published monthly as an information source for members of the East Texas Woodturners (ETW). ETW is a chapter of The American Association of Woodturners (AAW) and is committed to serving woodturners in the East Texas area surrounding Tyler, Texas. The ETW Chapter joins with the AAW in its dedication to providing education, information and organization to those interested in woodturning.

Meeting at Center Point Energy Entex, 7008 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX

April 12, 2003 @9:00 a.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE "A NOTE FROM THE PREZ"

Hello fellow members. Well another month has rolled by and I hope you have had a good one. The only thing about this time of year is it is now yard work time and the fish are starting to bite. Which means less time to turn. I hope you keep your priorities straight and remember what is really important.

If you did not attend the March meeting you really missed a good one. Joe Berreth, with much assistance from Janice, gave a great demo on pen turning using antler and turquoise. After watching them work I know why they are so successful with their sales. Besides having a superior product at a great price, who could refuse when Joe says You WANT to buy a pen! Joe has a talent for getting his message across.

I am continually amazed at the quality and variety of the abilities of the members of this club. At the Steering Committee meetings we have discussed the wisdom of spending \$500 or more to have a "named" turner demo for us. Our answer is always the same, "Why do that when we have such great turners in our Club." In case you don't know the Steering Committee meeting is open to anyone that would like to attend, especially anyone who has an idea or suggestion to improve the Club.

In addition to a great demo Charles "Second Place" Brooks put on a once in a lifetime show. At least I hope it was once in a lifetime as far as I am concerned. For those who were not there, Charles conducted an impromptu Roast of your President. This was the most fun and the best laughs I have ever had. In addition I got an Original "Brooks" caricature, which I plan to frame as soon as I learn how to turn a square frame. You just had to be there! Thanks again Charles and I WILL repay you someday.

Don't forget that this month we will be awarding the Robert Sorby 3/8 bowl gouge to the lucky winner of our quarterly raffle. Also this month's raffle will feature a thin parting tool along

with several other items. Remember to get your tickets for the annual raffle, the complete Wolverine sharpening system. I need suggestions for items to have for the raffles, please give me some help.

It is time to plan our Club Challenge for this year. We would like to have some different members on the teams this time, so be thinking about signing up for the fun. We will also need some help putting this on, either volunteers or assigned volunteers, your choice.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting April 12. Tom

THE HARDWOOD BARN

WOODWORKERS DAY

Anyone interested in joining us for our monthly WOODWORKERS DAY is welcome. Traditionally held the **third Saturday** of each month **from March through November**. We provide an informal atmosphere for those of you who turn wood just for the pleasure of it. Whether you want to bring your lathe and give demonstrations, just watch, or ask questions (remember, the only dumb question is the unasked one). Come join us. **Chef Lois** will again be on hand to delight you with her culinary cuisine, which is hot dogs and hamburgers. So if you find yourself with nothing to do come make sawdust with us and make some new friends. If nothing else the tall stories fly along with the wood shaving. We are located in **Mt Enterprise on Hwy. 259 South**. We start around 9:00AM and end around 2:00PM.

Dave Maher from The Hardwood Barn will bring 'Anchor Seal', end grain sealer to the April meeting, which will be sold to members at \$15.00 for 1½ gallons. BEST DEAL IN TOWN!

THANKS, DAVE

**APRIL MEETING
GENE AND PEGGY KIRCUS
TO DEMONSTRATE INLAY TECHNIQUES**

Gene has always been interested in woodworking. Traveling around the world in the US Air Force for thirty years did not allow the accumulation of many tools, especially something as heavy as a lathe. About six months prior to retirement in June, 1992, he attended a two-day turning workshop by Dr. Lee Carter of Colorado State University.

Immediately hooked on turning, he bought a lathe the next day and started turning in his garage. A firewood permit from the Forestry service in Colorado allowed cutting all the aspen he could possibly turn in a year's time. He turned a lot of aspen! Since moving to Texas Gene have fallen in love with mesquite.

Alone in the garage Gene says he made a lot of mistakes. He admits to still making a lot of mistakes, but now is comfortable sharing his blunders and helping others avoid making the same ones. He enjoys turning for its pleasure, the creative aspect, and the satisfaction of a beautiful finished project.

Peggy's woodcarving brings together a lifetime of artistic endeavors. She spent time painting with oils and acrylics, sculpting, doing calligraphy and woodturning (lots of lace bobbins and bottle stoppers).

After seeing Frank Sudol's work at an AAW Symposium, Peggy decided to invest in the tools to carve turnings. She began with a flexible-shaft carver, piercing designs into aspen bowls. Later she purchased an air-driven engraver for doing finer, more delicate and detailed carving. She says it has been a process of learning by doing, stumbling onto the right bur and technique for the desired effect.

Peggy became the expert at inlaying turquoise, especially on bowls where Gene had goofed! Both Peggy and Gene now do different types of inlay using a variety of materials. Their demonstration will include techniques for inlaying bands of material around a bowl, filling cracks, artistic designs, and the finishing of inlaid vessels.



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MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Mark Anthony:

double lipped spalted

Hackberry bow.

Tom Criswell: Maple vase



WHO'S WHO OR WHICH IS WHICH? DOG! WHAT DOG?



Howard Murray:
Poplar, Inlaid bowl,
Southwest style.



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ETW MENTORS LIST:

A mentor is someone who enjoys providing training, encouragement, advice, help in building jigs, and other woodturning related help for the rest of our club members. If you are interested in taking advantage of their offers, all you need to do is contact them. They will listen to your requests, decide how they can best help and they will provide you with telephone assistance, invite you to their shop, or come to your shop. This is an offer you need to take advantage of. All you need to do is ask. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses are provided below. You can also talk to them at our club meeting.

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SAFETY TIP: Don't try to adjust the tool rest with a tool in one hand with the lathe running. It only takes a second for that tool to catch in the wood or worse in the chuck. Actually you **should not** reposition the tool rest with the lathe running, but I know everyone does it. Submitted by Tom Crosby

SHOP TIP: This is an inexpensive way to control dust. Build your own dust filter. Mount angle aluminum strips to each side and bottom of the intake side of a regular household box fan. Be sure this space between the strips and the fan is only wide enough to slide a washable air filter into it. Now you can place the fan assembly near your work so that the fan will draw the air away from you. The amount of particulates that are captured will be dependent on the type of filter you use. This is not the "be all to end all" but it will help. Always remember to work in a well ventilated area and wear a respirator mask when working with or creating airborne particulates like sawdust and spray paint. This is from The " Hunt County Woodturners Newsletter". This was sent to me by Tom Criswell. Thanks. Good Idea!!

Tom Crosby's shop:

The shop is 24x30, divided into 2 rooms. The rear room, 10x24 is the lathe room. The front is for regular woodworking. It has a Delta contractor saw with 32" Uni fence and 3hp router mounted in the right side of the table. A Sears radial arm saw, Jet 14" bandsaw, 4" jointer and small bench top drill press are the other main tools. The shop has a restroom and a window air conditioner is in the lathe room. Hopeful improvements will be a finishing area, central vacuum, dust collection system and improve air compressor, more cabinets and interior painting. But don't hold your breath waiting for these. All members are invited to visit whenever the mood strikes just give Tom a call.



Must be Heaven!

Thanks for sharing your space with us.

I think I need to take a trip to Canton. How about you?

