



THE TURNING TIMES

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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 TJC West

April 16, 2016



The Prez says:

Tom Crosby's March program on how to turn a cup with handle from one piece of wood was very interesting – I'm looking forward to seeing details on the work-holding jig in the "demo Handouts" section of the ETW website. By the way – there is some great information in "Demo Handouts" on several past programs – take a look if you haven't perused the topics there.

Have you ever had an interest in doing a program demo at one of our monthly ETW meetings? Ken

Terrell advises that he still has openings for 2016 – talk to Ken about your ideas!

Got my monthly email notification from <http://www.woodturningonline.com> the other day and there is a new area on their site listing a bunch of links to online woodturning videos. Looks like it's nicely organized – check it out if you're interested in watching stuff like this.

I have to confess that I haven't turned anything the past few weeks (sniffle). I've been more than busy with my new metal building - I did the site prep and dug 90 feet of trenching for electrical (I'm getting too old for that manual stuff). What am I going to put in it, you ask? Stuff of course! Especially the non-essential things currently in the shop like garden tools, the lawn mower, my wood stash, etc. Now all I have to do is get some shelving built and move stuff in. In the meantime, I discovered my tractor needs a new water pump and the grass (weeds) grow taller each day – oh well!

I'm really looking forward to Eric Lofstrom's all-day program at our 4/16 meeting. His web site has lots of very interesting pictures of his work. **Don't forget** – we will NOT have show-and-tell at our 4/16 meeting!

Time to go turn something! Or build shelving or work on the tractor...

Dennis Lorenz

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CLUB CALENDAR:

April 16th, Regular Meeting
Demo by Eric Lofstrom

April 18, 19 & 20 Hands on
Classes with Eric Lofstrom as
instructor

May 24th, Regular Meeting
Demo by Worth Holmes

CLASSIFIEDS

Classified Ad Policy: Classified ads run for 3-months unless the editor is notified they are no longer needed. At the end of the 3-month period, the ad will be dropped from the newsletter unless specifically renewed prior to the period expiration.

For Sale: Woodturning Aprons – Made of material that sheds those pesky shavings - \$25.00. Please contact Kay Leonard at 903- 592-6009 or at kayl99417@gmail.com

For Sale: Acrylic blanks made to order by Richard Redman. I start with 2part resin, mix colors, can incase just about anything (pinecones, sweetgum balls, waspnest, beans and more). Email crazydick177@hotmail.com leave contact information and what you would like done.

For Sale: Nova 3000 lathe with swivel head, stand, extension, ext tool rest, plus: \$1200 Dana Hettich **903 497 6149**
Danahettich6149@gmail.com

For Sale: Grizzly Model G1025 4-speed lathe located in Terrell. Mounted on sturdy wooden stand. Includes assortment of chisels. \$300 Ray Curtis hrc38@yahoo.com

Personalized Turning Classes:

Paul Coppinger - Mineola - 903-638-6008
paulcop68@thecoppingers.net

For Sale: 10" Jet contractor's saw with Vega 55" fence, Cast iron router table for the saw, 1hp dust collector, Jet 10" mini-lathe (stepped pulley type) Contact Ken Wurtzel at **267-884-9326** or kenwmo@gmail.com

For Sale: Bowl Drying Box approx 2' x 2' x 4' insulated, with thermostat controlled fan/heater. \$65. Ben Gallagher 903-297-3858
bfgallagher@cablelynx.com

Mineola Open Shop Turning Day

MOST Day

**We will NOT have MOST in April
Turning, Fun and Fellowship**

If we're not having fun, we're not doing it right!

Editor's Show & Tell Highlight

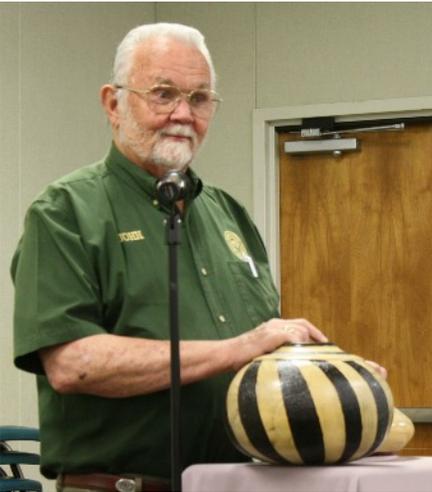
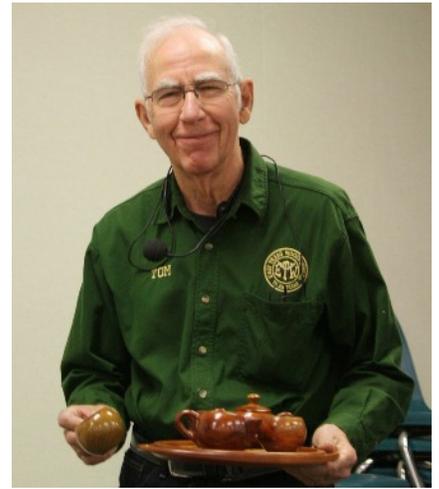


What I liked about this piece:

* The form; with black lacquer hiding the wood grain, there is not much left other than the form. This form is good enough that nothing else is needed. The slanted opening appears to be inviting one to peek inside, the delicate feet raise the piece up and give it an elegant look.

* The smooth glossy finish. Gloss does not work on all pieces but it fits perfectly with this one.

March Meeting Pictures



East Texas Woodturners Fact-Sheet

We meet once a month (usually on the second Saturday) at 9:00 AM at Tyler Junior College West, room 104. At our monthly meetings, there is a show and tell table, an open library (hundreds of DVDs and books), a raffle for tools and/or gift certificates, and a demonstration. Oh, yeah – there is always lots of discussion and opinions – don't be afraid to ask!

Please visit our web page at <http://www.easttexaswoodturners.org/> - also, find us on Facebook – look for East Texas Woodturners. Take a look at the “Mentor Program” on our web page to see contact information on 15 mentors that will help you with turning situations. There is also information on ETW's vast library resources (see “Library”). And for dues information, click on “Membership Form”.

Also once a month (usually one week after our normal meeting), a lot of us gather at Paul Coppinger's shop in Mineola for MOST (Mineola Open Shop Turning). This is a come-and-go “hands-on” event, where you can turn on one of seven mini lathes, ask questions, or just watch. See “MOST Day” on the web page.

ETW participates in the “Beads of Courage” program – this is a national program where kids undergoing various medical procedures (usually cancer) are awarded beads for these procedures and need a container for their beads. See <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/> for additional information.

SWAT (Southwest Association of Turners) has an annual symposium in August – it is a 2-1/2 day event usually held in Waco at the convention center. The 2015 meeting had about 850 attendees, 50 vendors, a variety of demonstrations, and a gallery of beautiful turnings. See <http://www.swaturners.org/> for more details and cost information.

Member discounts are available from several vendors – please ask the vendor if a discount is available. Please remember that most discount lists are usually updated only once a year, after the dues are collected in the Spring.

Have questions? See the Newsletter for club officer contact information.

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Craft Supplies USA

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FAX: 801-377-7742

<http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/>

Hartville Tool

13163 Market Ave N Hartville, OH 44632
800-345-2396

<http://www.hartvilletool.com/>

Johnson Wood Products

34897 Crystal Rd., Strawberry Point, IA 52076
563-933-6504 CST

<http://www.johnsonwoodproducts.com/>

Klingspor's Woodworking Shop

3 Locations in North Carolina
1-800-228-0000 EST

<http://www.woodworkingshop.com/>

Packard Woodworks

P.O. Box 718, Tryon, NC 28782
1-800-683-8876
FAX: 828-859-5551

<http://www.packardwoodworks.com/index.html>

Rockler

Promenade North Shopping Center
800 North Coit #2500
Richardson, TX 75080
(972) 613-8848 CST

<http://www.rockler.com/>

Thompson Lathe Tools

5479 Columbia Road North Olmsted, OH 44070
440-241-6360 CST

<http://www.thompsonlathetools.com/>

Woodcraft

Suite 145 601 W. Plano Parkway Plano, TX 75075
(972) 422-2732

<http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=317>

Woodline.com

111 Wheeler St., LaVergne, TN 37086
615-793-0474 CST

<http://www.woodline.com/>

Wood World

13650 TI Blvd. #101, Dallas, TX 75243
972-669-9130 CST

<http://woodworldtx.com/>

Member Highlight

By Bill Preston

Every month when I interview another ETWT member I am always impressed and awed by the creative talents and abilities they possess and readily share with others...and **Dennis Ford** whom I visited a few days ago is a perfect example of another one of our many gifted members. Each of us is different and special with a unique story to tell, but we also all have a common interest in turning wood, or plastic, into an item of beauty (we hope). This month we learn a bit more about our fellow member Dennis Ford. Dennis was born and grew up in the small West Texas town of Morton several miles west of Lubbock. He said, "if one drives west from Lubbock and comes to the New Mexico state line...stop, put the car in reverse, but don't back up you will be in Morton." Actually according to the map in the Texas Almanac Morton is about 15 miles from the state line...but heck, still not far from New Mexico. Dennis's father was a cotton farmer and like many farm kids Dennis had a natural and a parental encouraged ability to work with tools, implements, and equipment. After graduating from Morton High School in 1975 Dennis enrolled at Texas Tech University and obtained a degree in Agricultural Engineering.

While at Texas Tech Dennis also met Linda, who became his wife, on the day he graduated. Dennis said he could go to the graduation ceremony or to the wedding ceremony – he told Tech to mail his diploma and got married. This past May he and Linda celebrated 36 years of married life. After graduation Dennis and Linda moved to Dallas where he worked first for Factory Mutual Insurance Company as a safety engineer/inspector and Linda taught school. Then he moved to Automatic Switch Company as a representative in their sales department. After about 2 years he obtained an engineering job with Anadarko Oil & Gas in Breckenridge where he could use skills more suited to his background and interest. He worked in the production units (not drilling) with the title of electrical technician. Dennis continued with Anadarko many years moving from Texas to Mississippi and then back to Texas while with their off-shore units. In 2002 the Fords moved to Lufkin and rented for a year before moving into their current home in 2003. The home is located a few miles west of Lufkin in the Hudson community but they have a Lufkin address because Hudson does not have a Post Office. Dennis and Linda's home is not far from that of another ETWT – John Wood.

Dennis's introduction to wood turning began in a Morton ISD woodworking shop class where learning to turn spindles (legs for chairs and stools) was part of the course regimen. The school shop had a lathe and a few turning tools. Dennis also built a small lathe which he said was rather crude but it did work. During his career with Anadarko he had little time for turning but did numerous woodworking projects during his spare time. After retirement and settling into the home and shop he built, Dennis's interest in wood turning was re-ignited and his skills and abilities have grown and continued unabated since then. Dennis joined ETWT in 2006 and many of us are now benefitting from the demonstrations he provides from time to time at our monthly meetings. Dennis has two lathes in his shop – a small Jet mini and a large custom made lathe he designed and built. He also has a small metal lathe and most of the standard pieces of equipment found in a wood shop – many of these are older very sturdy industrial units which he has reworked, modified, and ungraded to perform like he wants them to perform.



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One of Dennis's favorite work horses is a small sawmill which again, he designed and constructed so he can haul those big tree trunks in from the forest and cut them to the dimensions he needs. While I was there he had a large log of Sweet Gum on the support tracks waiting to be milled and before I left he grabbed his chain saw, cut off a length of the log, split it and put the two pieces in the back of my truck....wow!!!...Not many interviews I do where I go home with two beautiful chunks of wood ready to be turned into bowls, plus he also gave me a small piece of Chinese Tallow....just hope I can make several nice bowls or vessels from these (thank you Dennis). Bowls and hollow vessels are the favorite and most enjoyable pieces Dennis likes to turn. Currently on his lathe was a large bowl of Black Gum which is a very different tree from Sweet Gum but the wood grain is fairly similar. The piece he is turning has a beautiful grain pattern and to enhance the upper section of the bowl he was burning an American Southwestern triangular design

around the top just below the rim....hopefully he will bring the finished product to a future club meeting. Thanks to Dennis for sharing his journey into turning with us. I hope everyone enjoys learning about another great ETWT, and a great person to have as a friend and fellow member.

Set-up and Clean-up Teams - April Meeting

Set-Up: Ralph Johnson, Judy Johnson

Clean-Up: Ralph Johnson, Judy Johnson, Denny Burd

Thank you all for volunteering!

ANCHOR SEAL FOR SALE

The Club has Anchor Seal end grain sealer for sale at most Club meetings. It is available in 1 and 2 gallon jugs at \$10.00 per gallon. To obtain it, pay our treasurer, Walter Tate, and then see Dennis Lorenz. If you need some between meetings, contact Dennis at 903-565-0651 or dlorenz67@gmail.com