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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 14, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m.

## Calendar of Events

### The Prez Says:

Hello East Texas Woodturners,

Man did I mess up last month on this column. I wrote the column and then sent the February column to Peggy our newsletter editor. Hopefully, I have fixed that problem. But with me you never know. The following paragraph is from the real march column and is the only part of that column that has not been overtaken by events.

On behalf of ETWT, I am pleased to welcome the following guests who were in attendance at our February meeting: **Johnnie Jerome, Alton Dahl, John Dees, Nancy Mullins, and Pat Jones.** We are so glad you chose to visit with us and hope that you will come again. We hope that you will choose ETWT as your club home. In fact **John Dees** did just that at the February meeting along with **Thomas Watts.** We are proud to have you in our fold and hope you will make maximum use of the services ETWT provides. We think our library is second to none and we continue to build on it under the leadership of Tom and Marjorie Crosby.

On behalf of ETWT I am pleased to welcome as guests at our March meeting **Larry and Joanie Genender.** Larry is a new member of the board of directors of AAW. He made a short presentation on his views of AAW. It was most interesting.

Ken Terrell did his usual outstanding effort with the annual Q&A session. I though the members present asked very good questions. I picked up a tip or two. It appeared to me as though everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks Ken for your Leadership of this session.

The Empty Bowls dinner was last Saturday evening. They raised over \$15,000. To find out how our wooden bowls did come to the meeting on April 14 when Ken Terrell will make a report.

Our demo this month is by **Judy Williams** from Austin. Her demo will be on making lace bobbins. I have seen pictures of lace bobbins and wondered how they were made. Now I will find out. Welcome Judy.

The Treasurer's report the, East Texas Woodturners Club, is as follows;

All funds are kept on deposit at, Guaranty Bank Tyler, Texas

Beginning balance, 12/16/06	\$2527.70
Total deposits	5669.34
Total checks paid	3275.70
Ending balance, 03/15/07	4920.97*

### Library Notes

We have had some problems with DVDs not operating correctly. We believe that has been corrected, however there may be some circulating that have not been fixed. If you find a DVD that does not work properly, please bring it to our attention so that we can fix it.

We now have Alan Lacer's DVD Son of Skew which has several projects for the skew. In addition to Jimmy Clews DVD Turnaround, we now have 2 copies of the 3 DVD set Turn It On and his newest 3 DVD set Turn It Up. Any of these are highly recommended to all skill levels. These are the very best DVDs available both in the quality of filming and the presentation of the techniques used.

Remember to bring back the items you have at home and to let us know if there are any woodturning books or DVDs you would like to have in the library.

Tom and Marjorie Crosby  
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## Classifieds

### Custom Woods

Woods for Craftsmen, Builders and Hobbyist. Jim Tobias 903-396-2196  
Located between Kerns & Trinidad, off Hwy 31.

### The Hardwood Barn

New shipment of new turning blocks of all sizes. Toni @ 903-822-4113  
[toni@hardwoodbarn.com](mailto:toni@hardwoodbarn.com)

**For Sale:** Woodturning Aprons – Made of material that sheds those pesky shavings - \$25.00  
Please contact Kay Leonard at either 903-592-6009 or at [jd38@flash.net](mailto:jd38@flash.net) Thanks

### Looking for a lathe

I am looking for either a promatic or Rockwell delta, heavy duty lathe.

KL Snodgrass  
903-683-4961  
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[snodkis@msn.com](mailto:snodkis@msn.com)

Thank you  
KL Snodgrass

## The Prez Says (continued)

\*Note, \$1600.00, of this total is members that have paid \$100.00, each to attend, the, Frank Penta class in, June 07.  
See you Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> at TJC West at 9:00AM.

John

### April Demo

Our demonstrator for April is Judy Williams. Judy's demo will deal specifically with Lace Bobbins. The following is a brief demonstration bio from Judy:

"I am a spindle turner and although I specialize in lace bobbins I do, at times, turn larger pieces as well. This will be a demonstration of techniques of spindle turning with emphasis on tool control and the use of various kinds of tools. Although this demonstration could be classified as a basic "how to", I hope those present will be able to take away a tip or two to enhance their own turning."

"For far too long, spindle turners have not been given their due recognition in the turning world. Usually a new turner will mangle a pen or two and move on to bowls and vessels and being very "creative." Spindle turners often get classified as only production turners (think furniture legs, chair rungs, etc.) yet there is far more to this type of turning than merely duplicating beads on a stick. This demonstration will show how different tools cut wood as well as the many ways a single tool can cut."

### Looking for a Chuck

Norman Dixon recently contacted John Leonard with a request. He requested he circulate that he is looking to buy a "four jaw chuck", for a Record Lathe. He is planning to come to the April meeting and join the club. The spindle thread size for a Record Lathe is 3/4 X16 TPI. If you have such a chuck and are willing to sell it to Norman at a really good price, either contact him at [normandixon@cablelynx.com](mailto:normandixon@cablelynx.com) or at the April meeting. He is on Social Security Disability and has very limited funds.

Thank You, Norman

**Stronghold Chuck For Sale** – Almost new, two sets of jaws #2 Cont. 2" to 3 1/2", Exp. 2 5/8" to 4 1/2", and a #3 jaw; cont. 3 7/8" to 5 1/4" exp. 4 1/2" to 6", an insert for a mini jet lathe or a Powermatic. \$200. John Stroud 903-236-3058

### ETWA 2007 Programs

Apr. 14, 2007	Judy Williams	"Lace Bobbins"
May 12, 2007	Mark Anthony	"End Grain Plugging of Hollow Vessels"
Jun. 7, 2007		"Hands On Day with Frank Penta"
Jun. 8, 2007		"Hands On Day with Frank Penta"
Jun. 9, 2007	Frank Penta	"Multi-Axis Platters"
Jul. 14, 2007	Paul Coppinger	"Hand Chased Threads"
Aug. 11, 2007	Ed Heuslein	"Rim Treatment"
Sept. 8, 2007	Ken Terrell	"Finial Enhanced Hollow Vessels"
Sept. 15, 2007		"Shop Day"
Oct. 13, 2007		"Club Day"
Nov. 3, 2007	Raul Pena	"Turning With A Hook Tool"
Dec. 8, 2007		<b>OPEN</b>

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## **CLUB SHIRTS!**

For those of you interested in ordering a club shirt the following is a size/price list:

Polo – S-XL \$23.00; XXL \$24.00  
Long Sleeve Twill – M-XL \$29.00; XXL- \$30.00; 3X-4X \$31.00  
Short Sleeve Twill – M-XL \$28.00; 2X \$29.00; 3X-4X \$30.00  
Tee – Sm-XL \$18.00; 2X-3X \$19.00  
Sweat – S-XL \$20.00; 2X-3X \$21.00

Please contact me by e-mail [ctomsturnings@aol.com](mailto:ctomsturnings@aol.com) or see me at the next meeting to get your name on the list if you would like to order. When I get enough I will contact you for payment prior to my placing the order.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you – Marjorie Crosby

## **Highlights from the April 4, 2007 Steering Committee Meeting**

Items that were discussed voted on and carried on April 4, 2007.

- Due to a general lack of interest among club members ETW will not participate in the Broken Bow show this year.
- The Bank of America exhibit also will not take place this year due to remodeling at the bank. Further discussion suggested that this activity be placed on hold until an appropriate place can be found.
- Our “Empty Bowls” project was very successful. Ken reported that items donated by ETW members brought in \$6,408.00. The club will participate again in 2007-08, and members are urged to start making contributions of turned items IMMEDIATELY. Turned items OTHER THAN BOWLS will be accepted this year. Acceptable items and the quality of items donated will be discussed by Ken at a future regular club meeting. ETW will donate at least 300 items in 2007-08 for this project. **PLEASE NOTE: That number equates to ONLY (4) items per member.**
- There are several members who have not renewed membership for 2007. Please pay your dues as soon as possible. The steering committee members have suggested that, in future years, the cutoff date will be the March meeting as the last date for renewal of membership. The secretary will notify all unpaid members that failure to pay by the March date will result in the loss of membership status and all privileges associated with ETW.

## **EMPTY BOWL SUCCESS**

In January, at a Steering Committee Meeting, the subject of finding a worthy civic project for ETW was reviewed. Ed Heuslein and Tom Crosby suggested that we consider getting involved in an Empty Bowls effort.

After a review of this potential in the Tyler area, it came to our attention that Marvin United Methodist Church sponsored an Empty Bowls event that benefits the Food Bank, PATH and St. Paul’s Outreach Ministry. Following discussion with Melissa Brigman, Missions Director at Marvin and Coordinator of the Empty Bowls event, the decision was made by ETW to get involved. Our goal was to furnish 200+ bowls. By the middle of March, 2007 we had collected 226 finished items to be donated.

The Empty Bowls program developed an online auction prior to the dinner along with a silent auction that took place the night of the dinner and program. In addition, there were a number of pieces that were selected for a live auction that night. With approximately 250 attendees at the dinner, a total of \$15,500.00 was raised for Empty Bowls. Of this total, \$6,408.00 came from the pieces furnished by ETW. This \$6,408.00 will generate 51,264 meals to be provided within the Tyler area.

As Chairman of this project, I would like to commend our club for their effort in this endeavor. It was greatly appreciated by the Empty Bowls Committee and we have been approached to continue the effort in the coming year. Thanks to all of you who participated and donated bowls to this worthy cause and again I say, good job ETW!

Ken Terrell

## **Return To The Community Project**

The AAW would like to remind the membership about the Return to the Community Project. This is a service activity in which the woodturning community can express its gratitude to the city that hosts our annual Symposium.

This year the AAW chapters in the Portland area have selected the Doernbecher Children's Hospital as the recipient of the project. Doernbecher Children's Hospital cares for youngsters from all over the Pacific Northwest and is an excellent facility. It is another one of those hospitals that is bursting at the seams with patients.

The age of the patients run from neo-natal to teenagers. If you have an opportunity to visit the hospital while you are here you will find it a very cheerful, but sobering experience. Any toy that kids can play with turned or otherwise, will be gratefully appreciated.

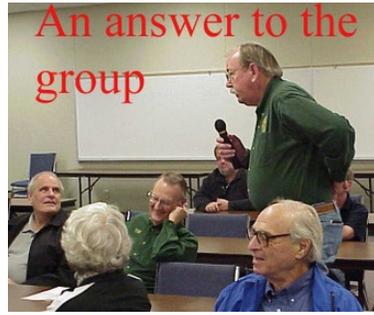
Suggestions include finger tops, pull string tops, toy cars and trucks, as well as rattles for the little ones, but we are certain that the ingenuity of AAW members will produce some inventive toys. One word of caution: these kids are often very sick and sensitive to lots of things. As a result of the medications that they receive they often become extra sensitive. So, any finish that is put on the toys should be as neutral as possible and digestible.

We suggest mineral oil as a finish. If you have something else, that is fine, but the finish on all toys needs to be identified. The Pacific Northwest chapters of AAW wish to thank all woodturners in advance for the work that they will be contributing to the hospital for the use and enjoyment of the children, and look forward to being the local hosts for the upcoming Symposium.

March 2007 Meeting



A question for the group



An answer to the group



Which one said that



A visit between friends



Larry gathering information

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