



# 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 11, 2015**



### The Prez says:

Well, I finally finished a walnut bowl that I had been working on during the recent rainy spell – I’m here to tell you that quick-dry varnish does NOT “quick-dry” in high humidity!

Richard’s program on acrylics at our 3/21 meeting was very interesting. In introducing Richard’s program, Ken Terrell noted that he needed to warm up to the idea of a program on

acrylics. (This would not have been a problem if Richard had just turned a fishing lure).

Congratulations to Mike DeLong for the highest bid on the Jim Adkins bowl – I’m sure it will be displayed in a prominent place in his home.

MOST was a lot of fun last Saturday – over 80 tops were turned – these will be given to a children’s hospital in Dan Diego. Neat stuff! I wish Richard had come and turned some acrylic tops – that would be cool!

Keith Gotschall will have our program at our 4/11 meeting – this will be an all-day event, of course. As in other all-day demonstrations, we will NOT have show-and-tell nor will pictures be taken. If you haven’t visited Keith’s website, you ought to - go to [keithgotschall.com/woodturning](http://keithgotschall.com/woodturning) and take a look – there’s obviously some sculpture in his background.

The weather is great, folks, so get out in the shop and turn something!

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### CLUB CALENDAR:

April 11, Regular meeting  
(Program by Keith Gotshall)

May 9, Regular meeting  
(Demo by Dennis Ford)

June 13, Regular meeing  
(Demo by Robert Trimmel)

July 8th, Steering Committee

## 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 [kay199417@gmail.com](mailto:kay199417@gmail.com)

**Personalized Turning Classes:**  
Paul Coppinger - Mineola - 903-638-6008  
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**For Sale:** Wife says only one lathe at a time! Must sacrifice current Delta lathe. Current work done on a Delta Midi Lathe, Model #46-545. This is a variable speed lathe **PLUS** a Model 46-408 matching Delta Wood Turning Duplicator. Original manuals for both included. CONTACT: Don Cutler, 903.521.0729 (cell) or [drdoncut@focusfinancialgroup.net](mailto:drdoncut@focusfinancialgroup.net). Willing to help deliver.

**FREE** (to a good home) - one 55 gallon Anchorseal drum - there is still a bit of residue to clean out. Comes with lid and 2 bungs.

Call Dennis Lorenz (903-565-0651) if you want it.

**For Sale:** Dennis Lorenz has about 275 new (but old) USA twist drill bits from Archie's estate (sizes range from 5/64" to 1/2") - all are in great condition. These are for sale at about 50% of retail (proceeds go to Archie's widow) If you are interested, call Dennis at 903-565-0675 for details

### Set-up and Clean-up Teams April Meeting

Set-Up  
Marvin Cade, Wayne Smith, Joe Berreth, Lino Martinez, Gary Hearthman

Clean-Up  
Joe Berreth, Wayne Smith, John Hodge, Jerry McQueen, Rex Parkinson, Lino Martinez

**Thank you all for volunteering!**

### April Meeting

Meeting will be "all day" program by Keith Gotschall.  
We will **NOT** have a "Show & Tell"

### Trying new things

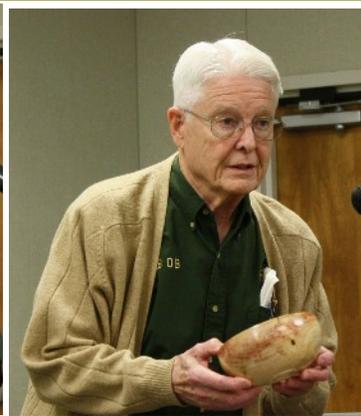
Dennis Ford

There are many styles of woodturning that we can explore. Spindle turning, functional pieces, hollow forms, segmented turning, surface decoration; just to name a few. Many woodturners eventually develop a "signature" form or style. Specializing on a favorite type of turning results in higher quality and/or quantity of work. An example of this is Ken Terrell's pierced hollow forms. When one lands on the Show & Tell table, we are pretty sure that Ken made it before looking at the signature. This type of specialization is highly recommended by galleries and helps those who wish to sell their work.

We probably all specialize to some degree but some enjoy trying new or different things frequently (I am in this group). A potential downside is explained by the phrase "Jack of all trades but master of none". Some benefits of trying new things frequently: reduced burn-out, learning new techniques that can be used on one's signature work.

For those of us not expecting to make a living from turning; it is about personal satisfaction. If you feel that you might be approaching burn-out, trying a new type of work might prove to be satisfying even if you try that style only once.

March Meeting Show & Tell Pictures



## **Mineola Open Shop Turning Day**

**We will NOT have a MOST meeting in April**

**Turning, Fun and Fellowship**

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

## **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](mailto:dlorenz67@gmail.com)

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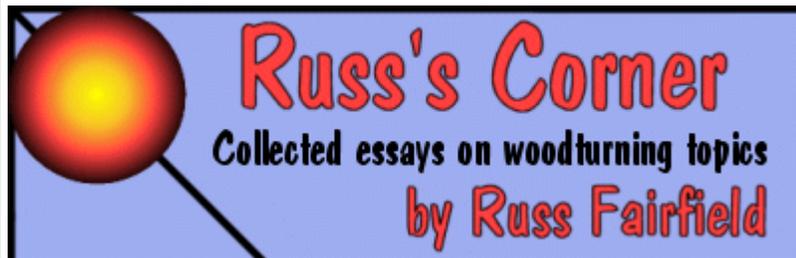
## **Show & Tell Editors Highlight:**



### **What I liked about this piece:**

- \* It has a pleasing shape with good proportions.
- \* The surface decoration's design works well with the basic form.
- \* It is recognizable as being made from wood (barely)
- \* The extensive pyro work is very well done, showing considerable patience.

This material was written by Russ Fairfield; (a well known turner who has passed away) and suggested by Ed Heuslein



## The "Universal Truths" of Woodturning (As I Know Them)

These Truths I hold as self-evident. These are the things about woodturning that I have learned to accept without question. They are above argument. I have no doubt that many more can

be added as I become more proficient in the art/craft of woodturning. I also have no doubt that there will be arguments on the merits of some of those that I have included. There is no importance in their listed order; I wrote them down as I thought of them.

1. Before using Mineral Oil, keep the customer in mind (again). Ask yourself if you would want to use a salad bowl that was covered with the same thing that your mother gave you as a laxative when you were a child.
2. That didn't do it? If you wouldn't put motor oil on the wood, why would you want to use Mineral Oil? They are the same thing. (This one always gets an argument!)
3. There is no such thing as a "food-safe" finish. Somewhere, sometime, someone will be found who has an allergy to anything that we can put on the surface of a piece of wood, or to the wood itself. If it considered as being safe, it's because that person hasn't been found, yet.
4. Woodturners and chemical companies are the only people who believe that, "All finishes are food-safe after the solvents have evaporated." Try explaining this logic to a generation of folks who believe that their health has suffered from "Better living through chemistry."
5. If the bottom isn't finished, the piece isn't finished. And, a flat surface from a belt sander, or a glued-on piece of felt, is not a finish.
6. If it isn't signed, it isn't finished. If you don't think enough of it to sign your name, nobody else will think much of it either.
7. Always wear face and eye protection, even while sanding. You never know when a piece of wood will explode, and the heat from sanding can be enough to do it.
8. Do not sand without covering your nose and mouth with a respirator or air filter that is approved for fine wood dust. A cheap paper mask is neither. If you think that this isn't important, come back in 20 years and tell me again that it isn't.
9. I have never met a woodturner that I didn't like. There have been a few that have pushed that statement to the limit, but in the end, they are all good folks.

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