



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

August 13, 2016



The Prez says:

Well, I have actually been doing some turning lately – ‘gotta get out early in the morning to avoid the heat, but it’s really been fun. Every year about this time I think about putting AC in the shop – maybe next year?

Jim Burt’s July program on candy dispensers and heart-shaped bowls was quite interesting. I expect there will be at least a few grandkids getting a candy dispenser soon.

The August issue of American Woodturner had an article on Keith Gotschall – you recall he was ETW’s hands-on turner in 2015 – excellent presenter. There were pictures of Keith’s VB36 bowl lathe (English manufacture) – 36” swing with a capability of handling a 500 pound blank (no mention of a forklift or overhead crane to mount the blank). And then there’s his Vicmarc lathe complete with a 12’ bed extension. The surprising part to me is that Keith is an accomplished rock climber as well – well, not my cup of tea, but to each his own.

Here’s a shop tip - I had an occasion recently to clean and lube my Oneway Stronghold chuck. After blowing out the chips and dust, I decided to try some Teflon spray lubricant on the chuck – seems to have worked very well.

For those who need additional information on managing their turning wood, here’s a great article on storing and turning unseasoned wood – see: http://www.hillcountryturners.org/Projects/Unseasoned_Wood.pdf

The title for Robert Trimmell’s program this month is “finials and sanding” – this ought to be good and I’m looking forward to it.

Don’t forget to register for SWAT soon – the deadline for the \$140 registration ends on August 8 at 10:00 PM – after that, you must register in person during SWAT and the cost is \$175.

Back to turning!

Dennis Lorenz

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CLUB CALENDAR:

Aug 13th, Regular Meeting
Demo by Robert Trimmell
(Finials)

Aug 26, 27 & 28th; SWAT

Sept 10th, Regular Meeting
Demo by John Wood

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**
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FOR SALE: Stubby S-750 lathe. Has an additional banjo and an auxiliary bed that attaches in 5 places and has three configurations at each point. It is 16 inch lathe that has a sliding bed that allows turning up to 30 inches. The bed also swivels. It comes with 5 tool rests. It weights 750 pounds. You won't ever need another lathe. Price: **\$4500 Contact John Leonard 903-592-6009.**

FOR SALE: General 26020 lathe; 20 inch swing with electronic Variable Frequency Drive. This lathe was made in Canada and is high quality, comes with Stronghold chuck, Jamieson hollowing system and several gouges \$2200. Also a Delta 14 inch bandsaw made in USA with gearbox (wood cutting speed and multiple slow speeds for cutting metal) \$500.
Contact Lew York 936-414-3602 (Lufkin TX)

For sale: Jet 1hp dust extractor, \$95. Not used since I bought it from Mike Conley, recently acquired a larger unit. Kelvin Burton 903-780-7590.

For Sale: Bowl Drying Box approx 2' x 2' x 4' insulated, with thermostat controlled fan/heater. \$65. Ben Gallagher 903-297-3858
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Mineola Open Shop Turning Day

MOST Day

We will NOT have MOST in August

Turning, Fun and Fellowship

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

Set-up and Clean-up Teams - July Meeting

Set-Up: Worth Holmes, Tim Case

Clean-Up: Worth Holmes, Tim Case, Robert Trimmell

Thank you all for volunteering!

July 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.

Mentor List

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800-345-2396

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

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

Rockler

Promenade North Shopping Center
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5479 Columbia Road North Olmsted, OH 44070
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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

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Member Profile
JOHN LEONARD
By Bill Preston



Every member of the Club is a unique and special person with a distinct personality and turning talents/skills all their own. Each month as the time approaches to focus on the Member Profile article I look forward to visiting with another outstanding wood turner and learning about their life journey and their entry into the world of wood turning. This month ***I was privileged to interview a very dedicated club member and turner – John Leonard.*** John and Kay's modest but very attractive home is located on approximately 6 acres near the community of New Harmony about 10 miles northwest of Tyler. On a hot and dry July afternoon, typical of Texas, I met with John and listened to his story....and as always was impressed and inspired as I learned more about another club member.

Since John has a lengthy resume of club leadership service he is well known to most long term club members but relatively newcomers like me do not know, but need to learn, the history of the East Texas Woodturners, and perhaps all of us need to be reminded of the time and energy given by John and others like him to sustain the club through the years.....Now a brief attempt to relate John's story. He was born and reared in the Panhandle town of Borger, Texas where his father was the Fire Chief. John has a brother who still lives in Borger. After graduating from

Borger HS in 1956 John attended Frank Phillips Junior College also located in Borger. After completing Junior College studies John had an urge to visit places beyond west Texas so he joined the U. S. Navy to see the world, but after basic training in San Diego John was assigned to a Naval station in Kingsville, Texas...not exactly a glamorous other side of the world destination, but the landscape was a heck of a lot different than that of Borger. During off-duty hours John was able to attend the Texas College of Arts and Industries – later changed to Texas A&I University, and today, Texas A&M – Kingsville. After about 2 years of study he earned a BS Degree in Secondary Education. Leaving Kingsville but not going very far, John continued his career with the Navy in a civilian role as a Position Classification Specialist at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi. Then moving further east along the Gulf Coast, the next assignment was as Chief of Naval Reserve in the New Orleans Headquarters Command Office. After two and a half years in New Orleans John was chosen to open and obtain staff for the Naval Oceanography Office, a division of the Naval Research Laboratory, at the Stennis Space Center just across the Mississippi River from New Orleans. The Center is a secured NASA facility located on 125,000 acres and is home to numerous federal and state government agencies, private corporations, non-profits and educational institutions. The staff John hired included over 200 civilian scientists and today the NRL employes more Ph. D.'s than any other federal agency at the Center. John retired from Civil Service Branch of the Navy in 1995.

Enough of his career story - John is blessed with a wonderful family as well. In 1962 he married his Borger high school sweetheart, Kay, and will soon celebrate 54 years together. They have 2 daughters, Pamela and Vicki, and 2 grandsons. Pamela is a talented architect with a firm in Atlanta, Georgia, and Vicki is a computer specialist who lives in Mississippi. After retirement, John and Kay wished to return to Texas and to move further inland. Through a fishing buddy connection John had come to East Texas several times to test his bass catching skills in numerous lakes in our part of the state. One of Kay's passions is quilting and she often came with John on his trips so she could visit with quilting friends in Tyler. Before long they knew East Texas was the place they wanted to be full time, and after a short period of looking at real estate options, they found and purchased the home they still occupy. Yes, it included a large shop building which was one of the necessary items on John's real estate check list.

After arriving in East Texas and settling in the new home, John became interested in wood turning and obtained his first lathe as a Christmas gift in 1999. John said it was a sturdy looking Craftsman – 15 inch, variable speed, direct drive, but it turned out to be not well designed, engineered, or constructed (probably a bit of all 3)... the spindle wobbled slightly and the Sears techs did not know how to correct it...so back it went to Sears. John then obtained a Nova 3000 which he liked and which worked well.

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Not long after he started turning, John learned of the ETWT and following a phone conversation with a guy by the name of Ken Terrell, John became a member. The club was then meeting in a building owned by a doctor just north of Mother Francis Hospital. After several years of turning, John wanted a large and very sturdy short-bed lathe. While attending the American Association of Woodturners Symposium in Kansas City in 2007 John looked at numerous brands but decided a Stubby met his needs more than any other. The Stubby is an excellent piece of equipment that requires very little maintenance and should last several lifetimes. Not long ago regretfully John developed a problem with his right leg due to unrelated surgery which doctors and therapists cannot seem to fully correct. John is not able to use the Stubby as much as he would like so after months of

thought and deliberation, he has decided to sell the Stubby for a very reasonable price. Please contact him if interested. John has always possessed a service minded attitude and a desire to be of help and to become involved. With such characteristics he was easily motivated to serve in numerous club officer positions – Librarian, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, and 2 terms as club President. Wow!!! Thanks to John for giving of your time and energy to help the club become one of the best in the SWAT region...I never would have known about John's leadership roles in the club without this member profile interview. The next time you see John take a minute or two to thank him for his years of service to help make wood turning a better experience for all of us.

Editor's Show & Tell Highlight



What I liked about this piece:

- * Pleasing form (always most important to me)
- * Technical difficulty
- * Precision of the joints; no visible glue squeeze out is impressive in itself.

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