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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 11, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m.

Calendar of Events

- August 11, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- August 29, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- September 8, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- October 3, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- October 13, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- October 24, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- Nov. 3, 2007 (1st not 2nd Sat.)**
Regular Meeting
- November 28, 2007**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- December 8, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- January 2, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- January 12, 2008**
Regular Meeting

The Prez Says:

Hello Turners,

We begin on a sad note. Brooks Fowler, one of our members, passed away earlier this week. Brooks was one of our "Greeters" (those folks that meet and make welcome visitors) and he really enjoyed the job. There will be a memorial service on Tuesday August 7th at 1:30 pm in the chapel of Lloyd James Funeral Home located at 1011 East First Street in Tyler. It is near the hospitals between Beckham and Flishel. Our condolences go out to his family, we will miss him also.

I was extremely impressed with Paul Coppinger's Demo last month. I talked to Paul On Friday and he had problems with the boxes and had decided to quit working on them and just think about what needed to be done. Paul it worked. I was so inspired that I came home and got out my chasers and made a set of threads that worked. Didn't have enough wood to make anything. Thanks, Paul.

I recommend that each of you invite ever turner you know to attend the August meeting. There will be an occurrence that has been a long time coming and will probably be a long time before it happens again. I mean Ed Heuslien is doing the demo. It will be on rim treatment assuming Ed can determine what that is. I don't know, so I'm glad it's him and not me. The last time I talked to Ed he wasn't sure what he was going to do. Ed, follow Paul's lead and just think about it. All kidding aside I'm sure it will be a most informative demo. Ed doesn't do anything halfway.

Don't forget to register for the SWAT Symposium. In case you didn't see Ed's email. The Holiday Inn was flooded and won't be open for SWAT. If you had reservations there you need to change them.

ETW is offering our first scholarship. Go to the Web site for info on applying. I have had a couple of requests to extend the first application deadline from August 11 (our meeting day). They felt the deadline was too short. Therefore the deadline is August 31 and the selection will be made by September 30.

I am proud of this Steering Committee. They are very dedicated to development of our member's turning skills as shown by giving a registration to SWAT, the Penta Classes, the scholarship program, and expanding the number of Mentors. Good job, Guys.

Speaking of the Mentor Program, it is the most under utilized benefit we offer. These folks are truly interested in helping you become a better turner. Contact one of them and you will be surprised by their willingness to help.

I have appointed a Nominating Committee to develop a slate of officers for next year. John Stroud, the Chairman, is assisted by Mark Anthony and Ed Heuslein. Contact one of them to express your interest in an officer position. Both the President and Vice-President positions are wide open and offer you a great opportunity to serve ETW.

Don't forget the Empty Bowls Project. Last year we offered bowl-turning sessions and we can do it this year if there is a need. We will have a signup sheet at the meeting so we can see how many we need and where we need to do them.

See you Saturday @ TJC West @ 9:00 AM.

John

RV Parking for SWAT

For anyone interested in RV parking at SWAT this year, please note the following:

Reservations relative to a specific location are on a first come basis, although you can call to hold in advance and ask for Virginia to reserve a site at 940-796-5500. The sites are \$17.00 per day with electricity and water furnished. Breakers are sized at 30 amps. A sewage dumpsite is on the grounds.

For anyone not familiar with the facility, the RV site is located at the MPEC facility.

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TURQUOISE

Classifieds

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 Thanks

Looking for a lathe

I am looking for either a Powermatic or Rockwell Delta, heavy duty lathe. 903-683-4961 or 903-721-1118 - snodkis@msn.com
Thank you, KL Snodgrass

For Sale: Powermatic Model 90 Lathe and related equipment. Contact Steve Green at S6570@aol.com or (903) 489-1507.



I am building a new lathe and will need to dispose of my old home-made lathe once the new one is finished. (Probably next month) This old lathe has been my only lathe for several years. It is very heavy and will turn large pieces (18" dia). It works but is not nearly as convenient to use as a commercial lathe. I would like to give it to someone who can make use of it. The base is concrete so it will require some dedicated space. The spindle is 1" – 8 tpi. Above is a picture with a large oak blank mounted. The small grinder mounted behind headstock does not go with it.

Dennis, Lufkin, TX - wfordiii@consolidated.net

Jointer For Sale:

Delta 37-275X 6" Professional Jointer, 1 HP 110/220V, with mobile base and new set of blades (in box). Purchased 8-26-03. \$350.00
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4824 Prestwick Lane, Tyler, TX 75703
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On a recent trip to a turquoise mining facility in Kingman, Arizona, and a jewelry making supply store in Gallup, New Mexico, I had the opportunity to learn a little about turquoise. I thought I would share that little knowledge with you.

Turquoise got its name from the Levantine traders called Turks who brought the stone to Europe from Persia via Turkey centuries ago. Native Americans have prized turquoise since time of the Aztecs, who mined it in Mexico.

Untreated turquoise is a fragile, porous stone with a tendency to undergo undesirable changes in color when exposed to light, perspiration, oils, and detergents. Kingman turquoise in particular is very chalky and unworkable in its natural form. This turquoise has been stabilized which saturates the pores and gives the stone a richer color. It also hardens the turquoise so that it is workable for jewelry.

When buying turquoise, there are some terms you should become familiar with:

Natural. This material has not been altered in any way from how it is found in nature. Natural turquoise will probably change color over time.

Enhanced. A hard turquoise which is treated with varying electrical currents that harden the stone, and enhance the color of the turquoise. No dyes, resins, waxes, or oils are used. Enhanced turquoise will not change color over time.

Stabilized. Impregnated with acrylic or epoxy to harden the stone and enhance the color. Stabilized turquoise will not change color over time.

Compressed. A treatment that uses pressure to harden the stone.

Fracture-Sealed. The stone is treated with a fracture sealer which hardens the matrix in it.

These types of stone are representative of what I encountered at both facilities. Making a decision on what to purchase would certainly depend on the end use. The most common types of crushed turquoise provided by woodturning supply stores appear to be *Stabilized*.

One thing I was never able to figure out was what determines the costs of the bulk stones. Natural seemed to be priced higher than some of the others, even though it appeared to be a duller color and softer. I didn't care for the look of the enhanced as it appeared too artificial looking. Some of the stabilized was much more expensive than others which looked the same to me. The one outstanding stone was that which had a significant quantity of iron pyrite in it. Some of that cost \$1000.00 per pound.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Colbaugh Mine in Kingman, AZ and Thunderbird Supply Co. in Gallup, NM for providing me with the above information in a format that is much clearer than I could ever provide myself. If you have a desire to buy turquoise in bulk form, please feel free to contact me for contact information.

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Colbaugh Mine website: <http://www.colbaugh.net/home.html>

Thunderbird Supply Co: <http://www.thunderbirdsupply.com/>

Editor'e Note: I forgot to mention in last month's newsletter that you could download copies of Frank Penta's demo handouts (and a lot more information) at his website: <http://www.woodspriteturnings.com/sites/penta/>

Also check out Paul Coppinger's new tip on the ETW website concerning adding a tachometer to your lathe: <http://www.easttexaswoodturners.org/>

East Texas Woodturner's 2007 Program Schedule

Aug. 11, 2007	Ed Heuslein	"Rim Treatment"
Sept. 8, 2007	Andy Chen	"Long-Stemmed Goblets"
Sept. 15, 2007		"Shop Day"
Oct. 13, 2007		"Club Day"
Nov. 3, 2007	Raul Pena	"Turning With A Hook Tool"
Dec. 8, 2007		OPEN

July 2007 Meeting



Paul explaining the process of hand-chasing threads



Not a closed eye in the house



A good turn-out for Show & Tell



Some excellent turnings were displayed



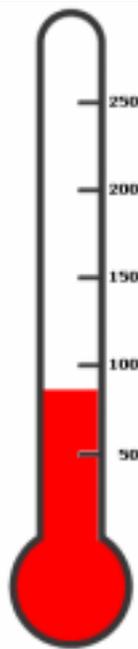
A good month for Empty Bowls too

Empty Bowls - 2007

As of the July 2007 meeting, sixteen ETW members have contributed 84 items for the Empty Bowls project. This year our goal is to generate 300 items, not specifically "just bowls". Each item submitted will receive one chance to win a turning block of wood each month and some months we may be able to have more than one block for the drawings.

Please start turning out the bowls, hollow vessels, platters, pens, etc. that you plan to submit.

Ken Terrell



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SWAT Update

For those that plan to attend the SWAT Symposium this year, October 5, 6, and 7, 2007, in Wichita Falls and have not registered, the time is approaching rapidly. The SWAT Executive Committee has asked that each club bring to the attention of their membership consideration for early registration.

It should be noted that the registration forms do not have a cut off date as to when registrations should be in. That date is September 7, 2007. Any registrations after that date will be at an increased cost. These forms are available on line or can be picked up at our normal club meeting day.

A list of hotels with discounted rates is available on the SWAT website. Ken Terrell