



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

December 12, 2015



The Prez says:

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is looking forward to Christmas. As a kid, I recall seeing the shopping days countdown to Christmas – wow! 20+ days until Christmas – it'll never get here! Now it's wow! – 20+ days and I haven't started shopping...

Apologies to all for our missed November meeting – we really don't know exactly what happened, but we got dropped off TJC's calendar for both November and December. We have verified that

ETW is on the calendar for the rest of 2015 and all of 2016, and we are also checking with TJC Admin folks to make sure we're doing things the best possible way in securing Room 104 for our activities.

Well, the Mineola Naturefest rainout on 10/24 left us with 250 tops. I assumed we would hold on to the tops until next year, until Mike Connolly told me that perhaps Toys for Tots could use them (our own Krysabelle Gilbert is the new chair of that event) – the Steering Committee agreed, so Toys for Tots now has stocking stuffers. And we have quite few top blanks for 2016!

Here's a neat video of a Chinese turner turning a set of several bowls on a foot-operated lathe - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfpo3MasyKQ> - the blank preparation is interesting (can you use a hatchet to create a tenon on the blank?). And the lathe is operated by both feet – maybe if I had one of those I could lose some weight!

The ETW Christmas party is on next Saturday, 12/12, and it's a special party this year with Keith and Krysabelle Gilbert catering the food (Krysabelle is the prize-winning cook and Keith is the valued assistant). We'll have the usual raffles and prize drawings.

Don't forget – activities start at 10:00 AM – not 9:00 AM.

See you next Saturday - in the meantime, go turn something!

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CLUB CALENDAR:

Dec 12th, Christmas party
10:00 am

Jan 9th, Regular Meeting
Demo by Kelvin Burton

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: Grizzly 16 x 42 lathe. Rated 2HP at 110 volts Model G0462 for \$400 Frank Woodington **903-570-1932** frank@woodington.net

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: Nova 3000 lathe, John Griffiths at one time was a member of ET Woodturners (several years ago). He bought the Nova 3000 lathe and unfortunately was only able to use it a few times. We are in the process of moving and he would like to sell it. He would take \$800.00 or best reasonable offer. It comes with an outrigger and bed extension.
903 570 2752 (Shirley Griffiths)

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: My deceased husband collected wood planes over a span of 40 years. The collection contains approx 100 - many are Stanley planes. I need to sell them as a collection and would consider best offer over \$1000.00. Joan Risinger jrisinger44@gmail.com
903 386 0275

Christmas Party Display

Please bring a few turned items for display at our Christmas Party. They do NOT need to be new items; our spouses will enjoy seeing what other turners make.

Membership renewals:

Please print out the Membership Form on our website and bring it to the meeting (with \$36.00)

You can also find the form on the last page of this newsletter

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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Safety Tip from Robert Trimmell

Put a piece of tape on the chuck that is long enough that it sticks out past the jaws to hit hand before the rotating four jaw chuck hits and takes knuckles off. I had a young turner in studio this week and was asked why that tape was there. I showed her that putting hand into tape was so much better.

Was good reminder of the simple things us old turners sometimes don't think about.

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

East Texas Woodturner's Supporters

The following businesses have graciously provided support for the activities of the East Texas Woodturner's club. Please show your gratitude by giving them your business when possible.

Craft Supplies USA

1287 E. 1120 S., Provo, UT 84606
1-800-551-8876
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/>

Wood Species Information - Black Gum

Dennis Ford



Black Gum also known as Black Tupelo; Scientific name *Nyssa sylvatica*
This picture shows the fall color when the tree is the most noticeable.

Black Gum is commonly available to turners in East Texas but rarely shows up in our Show & Tell.

Some good information about the tree is available at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nyssa_sylvatica and at:

http://tree-pictures.com/black_tupelo_tree_pictures.html

Data on the properties of Black Gum wood is available at:

<http://www.wildfowlart.com/AboutTupeloWood.html>

and at: <http://www.wood-database.com/lumber-identification/hardwoods/black-tupelo/>

In my experience; Black Gum turns very well, is easy to cut cleanly and is fairly resistant to cracking. It does warp quite a bit when drying and takes longer to dry than some woods (although not nearly as long as White Oak). The wood is usually bland making it a good material for enhancements such as carving and woodburning. An excellent wood for carving also. It is not resistant to decay but I have not been happy

with any that spalted, it usually got punky and the spalted colors were not attractive in my opinion.

Many people associate Black Gum with Sweet Gum but the two are un-related. They do share a common trait of being difficult to split. Comparing the two; I would say that Black Gum is more dense, holds detail better and that Sweet Gum has better color in the heartwood.



This southwestern pot by John Wood was made of Black Gum. I believe he added some yellow tint to the natural wood color.



This Beads of Courage pot was made of black gum. The wood was a beige color with a few small dark spots before the dye was applied.

East Texas Woodturners Membership Form 2016

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Are you a member of AAW? Yes () No ()

Do you have a request or a suggestion for a monthly program? _____

Dues: \$36.00 per year (January 1 to December 31).

Please send checks (preferred) to:

Jack Day, 3406 Big Oak Dr, Tyler, Texas 75707

For use of the Secretary

Date received: _____ Amount received: _____ (Cash/Check # _____)

Date money to Treasurer: _____ List # _____

LIBRARY RULES

The East Texas Woodturners Library is available to all current members of the Club. Following are the rules governing the use of this facility.

1. Current members, as defined in the By-Laws of the Club, may check out up to three (3) items per month. These items must be returned before additional items may be checked out.
2. Members are responsible for items in their possession. Items lost or damaged will be replaced with an identical item or by reimbursing the Club the cost of such replacement.
3. Copying or otherwise violating copyrights of these items is not allowed.
4. Before checking out items each member must agree to abide by these rules. A copy of these rules bearing the signature of the member must be on file in the Library prior to the initial use of the library.

Name _____ Date _____