



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

February 13, 2016



The Prez says:

So, who has turned a penguin? Kelvin demonstrated a very interesting project with a great result at our January meeting (my wife saw a picture and wants one for herself).

SWAT – yes, its January and SWAT is in August, so why the earlier hoopla this year? Well, this year is the 25th SWAT, so more attendees are expected, especially with more national leads, maybe more vendors, and more raffle prizes. All

this to say if you are interested in attending, get your hotel/motel reservations in earlier rather than later.

Eric Lofstrom will be demonstrating at our April meeting (4/16) and conducting hands-on classes on 4/18, 4/19, and 4/20 – check out his gallery photos at - there's some really neat stuff out there! AND, there are still openings in his hands-on classes, so contact Ken Terrell to sign up (903-839-4735, 903-372-1400 (cell), or email at <mailto:kpterrell@suddenlink.net>) - **we need to finalize the attendee list by our February meeting** to order materials. Don't forget there are 3 separate classes – take one or more classes (Ken has the details).

Well, I have dusted off my segment cutting sled and checked it out for accuracy, with the next steps being a Beads of Courage bowl design, cutting segments, assembly, and turning. Now if I can just get started on the "next steps".

Dennis Ford will be taking us through the intricacies of spindle turning at our February meeting on 2/13. One of the issues in spindle turning is that there is usually more than one spindle in a project and how in the world do you make them all the same (yes, I know – very carefully)?

Spring is around the corner and the days are getting longer (by about 1.5 minutes each day), so go turn something!

Dennis Lorenz

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CLUB CALENDAR:

Feb 13th, Regular Meeting
Demo by Dennis Ford

Mar 19th, Regular Meeting
Demo by Tom Crosby

April 16th, Regular Meeting
Demo by Eric Lofstrom

April 18, 19 & 20 Hands on
Classes with Eric Lofstrom as
instructor

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**
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: 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

Mineola Open Shop Turning Day

MOST Day

February 27, 2016

Turning, Fun and Fellowship

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

Editor's Show & Tell Highlight



What I liked about this piece

- * Use of wood as found showing its natural character without attempt to cover up natural defects.
- * Simple design with emphasis on the wood
- * Excellent workmanship keeping this intact while creating a nice shape

ORDER YOUR ETW CLUB SHIRTS NOW:

I will be accepting orders for club shirts at the next meeting. This is a once a year order and payment is to be made when you place your order. If you plan to order please have the exact amount as I will not be able to make change. Checks will be accepted. The prices are as follows:

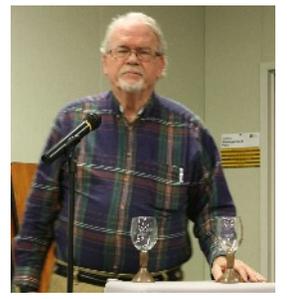
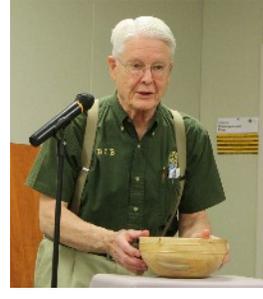
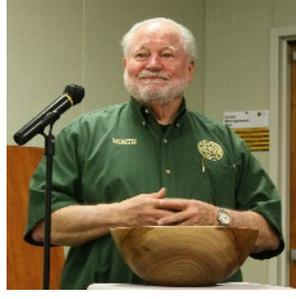
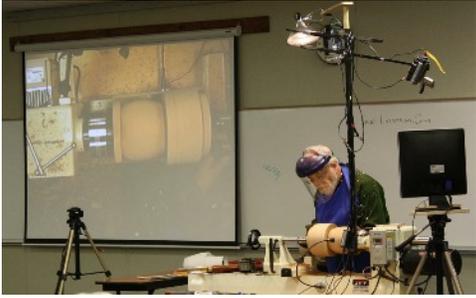
Polo – S-XL \$23.00; XXL \$24.00
Long Sleeve Twill – M-XL \$31.00; XXL \$32.00; 3X \$33.00; 4X \$34.00
Short Sleeve Twill – M-XL \$30.00; 2X \$31.00; 3X \$32.00; 4X \$33.00
Tee – M-XL \$18.00; 2X-3X \$19.00

Thank you – Marjorie Crosby

President's Challenge:

Please bring your first turning (good, bad, or ugly) to the February meeting - we'll set up a table with "First Turnings". All of us should find this interesting, especially the newer turners. Thanks!

January 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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Tip from Tom Crosby

I'm sure everybody knows that oven cleaner is great for cleaning saw blades. It is also great for cleaning cloth backed sandpaper, like that used on belt and drum sanders. Be sure to take the paper off the machine, then spray liberally wait about 10 min and rinse with water. If there are some spots that don't come clean you can usually remove them by rolling the belt between your hands. Try it you'll like it!

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

Welcome new members

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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.

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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/>

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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

<http://woodworldtx.com/>

Member Highlight

By Bill Preston



Another talented club member profiled this month is WORTH HOLMES of Tyler. He joined the club in 2010 after moving to Tyler in 2001. Worth is a native of Sacramento, CA where he graduated from high school in 1959 and then attended California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo and received a degree in Industrial Engineering. His first job was with Columbia Records in the Record Club division (*perhaps a few of us remember those days – I think was a member*) and his assignment was to improve the workflow process of filling customer orders. Using his creative talents Worth lifted the process to a level his boss did not believe would be possible including placing roller skates on the young women who filled the customer orders – the women loved it and the number of employees required was cut in half with the non-skaters transferred to another section that needed more employees. Because of his abilities Worth was asked to move to Columbia's corporate headquarters in New York City in 1966 and so he did along with his wife of two years, Barbara. Worth and Barbara will celebrate 52 years of marriage this year. They have 3 grown children – 2 daughters and 1 son – and 5 grandchildren – 1 girl and 4 boys. The daughters and their families live in Tyler and the

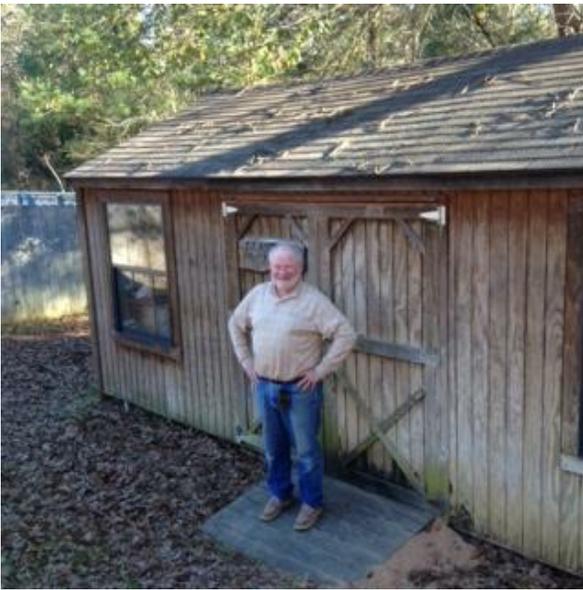
son and his family in Colorado.

Worth's first woodworking and woodturning experience came shortly after he married Barbara and they needed a few furniture items for their house, but the retail store prices were not in the budget....so Worth found a local high school teacher who taught an evening woodworking class to adults. The school shop had a lathe with 3 tools – a roughing gouge, a skew, and a cut-off tool. Under the teacher's supervision Worth turned legs for a coffee table and a side table he made in the class – the materials cost a fraction of the price he would have paid for ready made store items. After that learning experience Worth did not do much woodturning for many years.

He worked in NYC for about 4 years commuting daily from his home in Connecticut into the city. As computer systems moved into the business world, Worth expanded his technical skills to include software development in a Bridgeport wholesale distributor. In 1976 he had the opportunity to move to Dallas and join his father in a new business venture centered on consumer incentive discounts offered by local merchants. Since there was little initial income to the start-up company Worth also worked part time for another business to support his family. The new company required a large injection of capital (money) to fund the costs of becoming a viable and profitable entity. Worth and his father located a successful business leader willing to invest and the program started with great success but regrettably the investor suddenly went into bankruptcy leaving Worth's father's company without a future. Worth returned to the part time employer and obtained a full time position which lasted until 1985 when Worth formed his own software consulting company. Then in 2008 he joined Kemper Insurance's IT department and remained with them primarily working from home until 2015 when he retired. The Holmes wished to leave the Dallas area and Barbara suggested Tyler where two of their good friends lived. In 2001 they moved into a historic Tyler home located on South Chilton St in the Azalea District, but about 6 years ago the historic/heritage events had worn thin so Worth and Barbara moved into a newer home in a subdivision just south of Tyler.

After the move to Tyler Worth had more time to devote to woodworking and especially woodturning. He joined the ETWT in 2010 and his first lathe was obtained from Walter Tate. As Worth's skills and enjoyment of woodturning improved he wanted to purchase a new lathe and while attending SWAT in Waco 3 years ago he planned to (and did) purchase a Jet 12x21 from Wood World who was offering a very good price at the symposium. Worth also purchased several raffle tickets (\$20 total cost) and could not believe it when one of his tickets was drawn awarding him a Robust American Beauty 24x40 lathe. He returned the Jet lathe to Wood World who already had it sold to another customer, and with the help of Bobby Barron and other friends he was able to transport the hefty Robust lathe back to Tyler. He proudly and gratefully shows this excellent American made machine to any wood turner who comes by for a visit. Worth's shop is small but neatly and efficiently arranged as one would imagine an industrial engineer would have it.

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Worth is currently working on some table legs a friend wanted done – spindle work produced with his large Alan Lacer skew – as well as several bowls. He also recently turned a beautiful pecan bowl out of wood salvaged from the Van tornado. Worth is also a member of the popular men’s vocal group – East Texas Men in Harmony – which may be why the sign off line on his email’s is “You don’t grow old if you keep singing while turning!” Well, I’m not certain that works for some of us, but thanks to Worth for sharing his story and as always I am grateful for the time spent with him.

The interviewing experiences inspire me to return to my lathe and attempt to further hone my turning skills. I hope everyone enjoys the articles about their fellow wood turners.

ETW members received an email earlier reflecting SWAT’s upcoming SWAT Host Hotels. As in the past, the Hilton and Marriott Courtyard have extended room rates and these rates include two breakfast coupons per day per room.

SWAT is scheduled for August 26, 27 and 28, 2016. Should you plan on attending this year (which I highly recommend), I suggest you make reservations **EARLY** at either of these facilities or other area hotels.

This year SWAT will be celebrating its 25th year. Given this occasion, the plan is for an expanded agenda, increased number of national leads, hopefully an increased vendor base and raffle prizes. (I would note that this year there will be TWO large quality lathes raffled off along with three Jet lathes.

If you have never attended a SWAT Symposium, this is the year! ETW will again be sponsoring the Art Gallery for the 10th year.

Ken Terrell

ETW Annual April Hands On Demonstration

In January, the Steering Committee presented the clubs April 18, 19, and 20th, 2016 “Hands On” classes. The cost of these classes will be \$125.00 per class as in the past. If the classes do not fill up, we will allow members to sign up for two classes at a discounted rate of \$200 for the two classes. (Call if you have a question on this).

This year our demonstrator will be Eric Lofstrom from Washington. Eric has been highly recommended from a number of sources, and especially by Keith Gotschall (one of our past demonstrators).

Our direction this year is slightly different than in the past as we plan to have a different program each day if all goes as planned. On Monday the 18th, Eric will present Skew Skills: “Making the Cuts”; Tuesday the 19th, Artistic Endgrain Bowls”; and Wednesday the 20th Endgrain Boxes – with Friction – Fit Lids.

I still have openings and need to fill the classes no later than the February meeting in an effort to allow ordering time for the material requirements we will need.

Please consider confirming your reservation if you are interested in these classes. I can be reached by telephone at 903-839-4735 (Home) or 903-372-1400 (Cell), or email at kpterrell@suddenlink.net