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Meeting at TJC West

February 10, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m.

Calendar of Events

- January 31, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- February 10, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- February 17, 2007**
New Turners Seminar
- February 28, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- March 17, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- April 4, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- April 14, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- May 2, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- May 12, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- May 30, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- June 9, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- July 5, 2007 (Thursday)**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- July 14, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- August 1, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- 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 20, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101

The Prez Says:

Hello East Texas Woodturners,

Hope you have had a good month and stayed warm. I haven't been out in the shop much as it was too cool out there to be much fun.

Tom Crosby, you are incredible. What a great demo. We all got the idea even though the wood did its best to stop you. Tom' demo was great to show not only the way to make a lidded bowl/dish but more importantly what to do when presented with an unwanted "design opportunity". Thanks.

We have 5 new members. They are Denny Burd, Dan Grounds, Wendell Kahler, Bruce Lester, and Jim Wayne. Welcome and please make use of the opportunities ETWT offers. This is now your club also.

The website now has the latest address book of members. This is the same list you get from Ed via email. Go to the Club website at www.easttexaswoodturners.org, click on "Announcements", then "address list". It is password protected and the password is "shear cut" (two words). Paul Coppinger made this possible. Thanks Paul.

Starting with the February meeting we will have "greeters" to meet visitors and get them introduced to ETWT. These folks are Bobby Barron, Joe Berreth, Grady Fisher, Brooks Fowler, Cary Grant, Steven Hagler, Kevin Stevenson, John Stroud, and Ken Terrell. They will show the visitors around, get them signed in, get them a name tag (outlined in RED), explain our raffle, library, and introduce them to members. Except that if you bring a visitor you will be responsible to introduce them to other members. We will continue to recognize them at the beginning of the meeting. We will send them a copy of the Newsletter and I will recognize them in this column. I request each of you to welcome them while they are visiting with us.

Our scheduled Back to Basics class will be held in Room 104, our regular meeting room, instead of the East building where we have been in the past. That space is no longer available as TJC will be converting that space to classrooms and labs.

Mike DeLong has agreed to help with the Newsletter. Thanks Mike.

We still need a photographer. If you would like to take pictures of beautiful wooden pieces and/or candid shots of the meeting please see me. This is getting to the point that we may have to stop taking the pictures. The folks doing it now can't commit to doing it all the time. I would hate to see us stop taking the pictures and not having them on the website for the world to see what great work you do.

The SWAT symposium will be October 5, 6, and 7 in Wichita Falls. There will be 3 demo periods on Friday starting at 10:30 AM, 4 on Saturday and 3 on Sunday finishing early in the afternoon. There will be six national lead demonstrators. Registration will be \$125.00, which includes 3 lunches but not the banquet. Donations (not registration fees) to SWAT are now tax deductible.

See you at TJC west on Saturday February 10th at 9:00 AM.

Learn To Turn Day

Reminder: Learn-2-Turn day is February 17, 2007 (the next Saturday after our regular February meeting). We will have mini lathes set up with instructions on: bowls, skew use and hollowing. We will also have instruction on the Wolverine sharpening system and finishing. Anyone planning to attend and did not sign up for lunch at the January meeting, contact Cecil Cox. Box lunches are \$7.00 and the sandwich choices are ham, roast beef, turnkey and smoked turkey.

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Classifieds

Custom Woods

Woods for Craftsmen, Builders and Hobbyist. Jim Tobias 903-396-2196
Located between Kerns & Trinidad, off Hwy 31.

The Hardwood Barn

New shipment of new turning blocks of all sizes. Toni @ 903-822-4113
toni@hardwoodbarn.com

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

Financial Report for last Quarter of 2006

Club balance, Oct. 17, 2006	\$3,539.10
Deposits	337.00
Checks Paid (12)	-1,348.77
Ending Balance 12/15/06	2,527.33

(This is the dates on the bank statement)

Archie Stivner, Treasurer, ETW

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Library Notes

Thanks to our loyal club members, the library had a very good year. It appears that the library is gaining in popularity. More things being checked out and more are being brought back, just like it should be. Do look around the house and see if you have anything that has been collecting dust for a while that came from the library. There are still a few things that we once had that we don't have now; they have to be somewhere. Remember, if there is some item that you would like to have available, let us know and we will get it if possible.

The rules say you can check out 3 items at a time. Let us know if you think that 4 or 5 would be better. If there is enough interest we will give a try and see how it works.

As you know only current members can use the library so now is the time to renew your membership if you have not already done so. Be sure to sign the form agreeing to the terms and conditions for use of the library. We will be looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting. Your librarians, Tom and Marjorie Crosby

Membership Renewal for 2007

Membership renewal has gone well so far. Forty-two renewals were received in December, with 12 renewals at the January meeting. In addition five New members joined ETW in January. They are Denny Burd, Dan Grounds, Wendell Kahler, Bruce Lester and Jim Wayne.

Bill

Turning a Hollow Form

Way back in the 70's (was that before some of you kids were born?) in Fine Woodworking magazine, there were a couple of articles about David Ellsworth, with lots of photos of the amazing hollow form vessels that he was turning. At that time, no one else was doing anything close to that. I looked at those pics and decided that I wanted to turn something like that. It was several years later that I made a boring bar hollowing tool and got started. That was over twenty years ago. Since then I've scarcely turned anything else.

I teach classes in beginning hollow forms and I have a how-to handout for the students. It occurred to me that for those of you who are just getting started in hollow forms, that some of the tips from the handout might prove helpful. (I could have used some help when I was getting started)

Set the tool rest height so that the cutter on your hollowing tool is cutting on the centerline, or better yet, a little above center. Cutting below center invites a catch.

Use your hollowing tool with the cutter tipped down slightly. This will give sort of a shearing cut. This is especially true when using a rounded scraper on your tool.

Never allow the tool to touch the rim when cutting. A sure way to break the vessel if a catch occurs.

If you plan to apply decorative beads or grooves, or other turned adornments, do it before final hollowing of the roughed-out inside. The vessel will distort a little as you turn the walls thin.

If you use a glue block on an end-grain piece, you'll get stronger glue joint if you cut a small tenon on the blank. Cut a matching opening in the glue block. I don't recommend using a glue block on deep end-grain pieces.

A vessel often warps a little as you turn the walls thin. To avoid problems later, you should complete all turning and sanding of the area around the rim before proceeding on to final hollowing.

Do final hollowing a section at a time, working your way down so that you're always cutting against thicker wood. Measure wall thickness frequently. That's especially true when you're deep inside the vessel. Calipers, such as double ended calipers are a must.

Some turners completely turn and finish hollow vessels while the wood is still wet, and that's okay. I prefer to allow the rough turned vessel to dry. When adding a collar or other rim treatment I don't want any later distortion of the wood as it dries.

Turning a Hollow Form (continued)

For deeper pieces, a steady rest is really a necessity. One can be shop-built, using plywood and in-line skate wheels.

There is, of course a lot more too hollow form turning, but these are some of the basics. The ultimate success of a vessel is determined by its form.

Written by Wally Dickerman of Arizona

Submitted by Ed Heuslein

The January 3rd Steering Committee Meeting

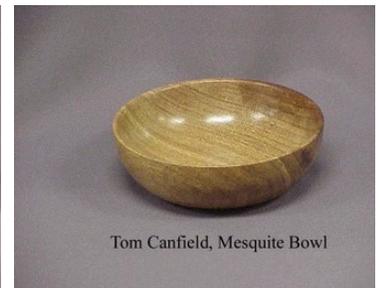
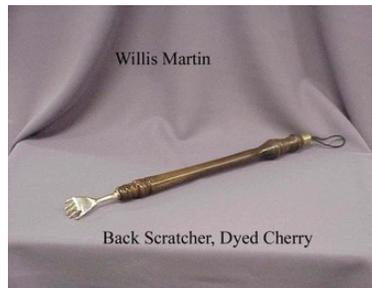
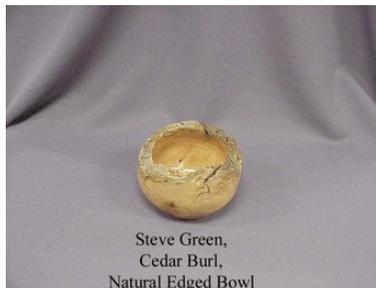
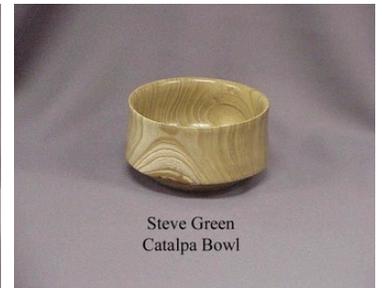
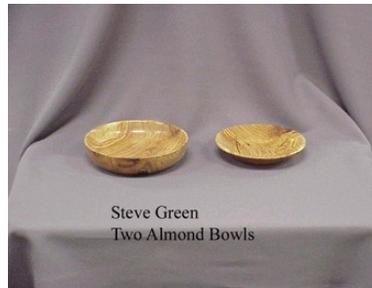
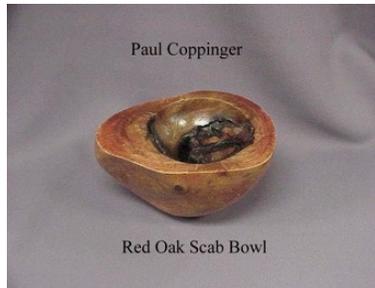
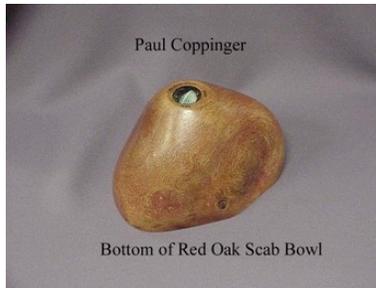
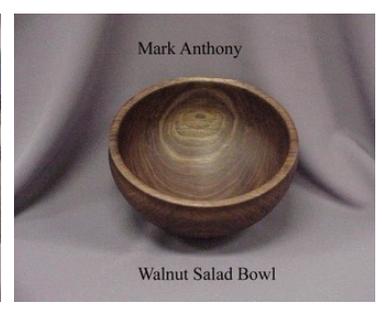
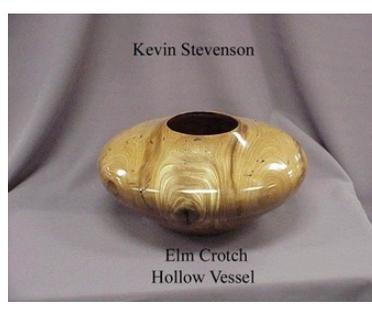
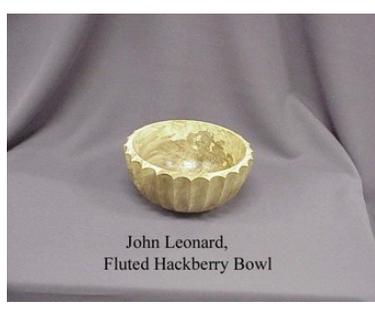
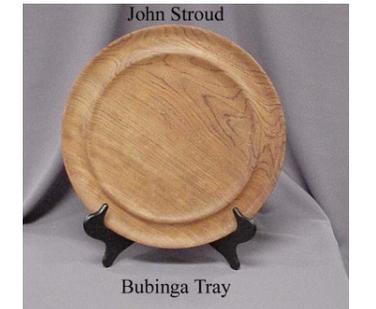
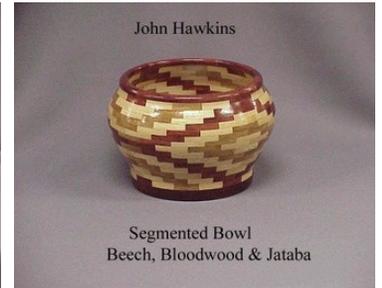
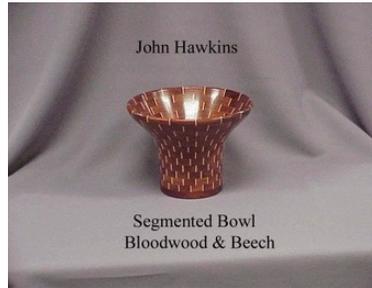
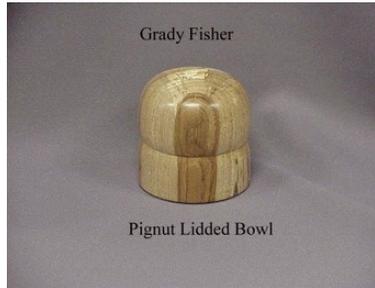
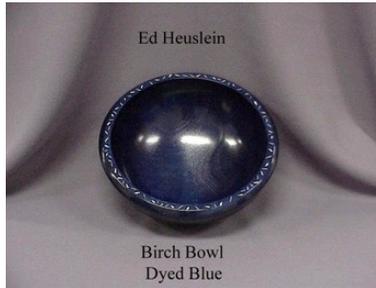
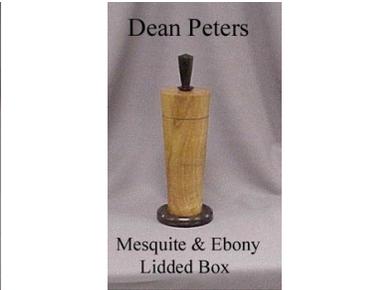
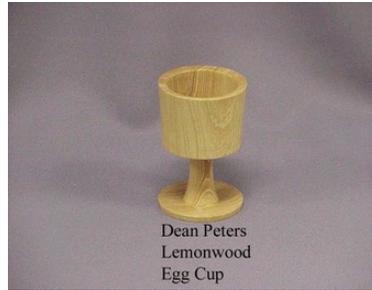
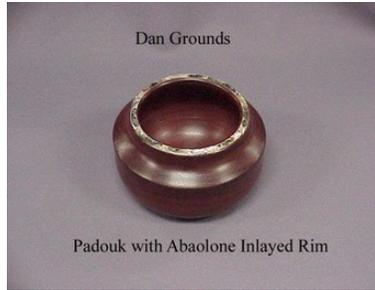
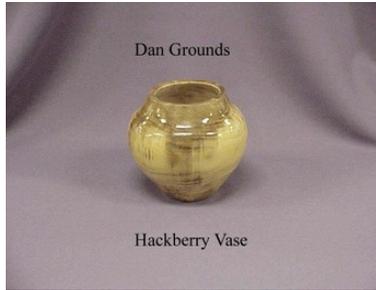
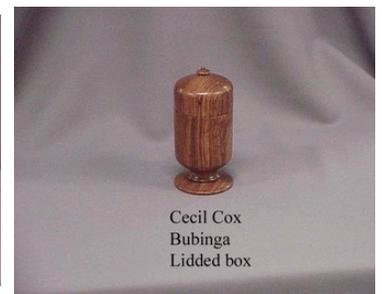
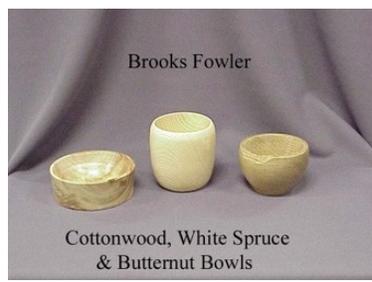
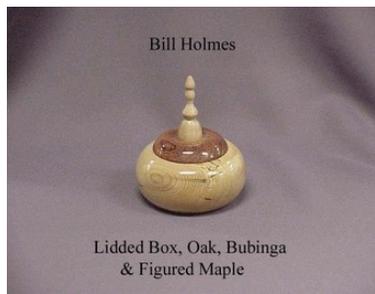
The following are the issues discussed and motions past at the January 3rd Steering Committee Meeting:

- For several weeks there has been some discussion and research regarding the acquisition of a copying machine by ETW. Ken reported that we could get a refurbished used machine from a local company. Although it was agreed that ETW would pay the cost of the machine (\$200.00), it is possible that a "barter" arrangement can be made. More, later about that.
- It was agreed that ETW would have a Christmas Party rather than a club picnic. The Christmas Party will take place at the regular club meeting in December 2007. Finger food will be available, and there will be a show and tell. Additional activities may be added at a later date.
- All raffle items for 2007 have been purchased. Some of the suppliers donated gift cards to the club. Once it is learned how many gift cards will ultimately arrive, their disposition will be determined.
- Forty-four membership renewals were received and recorded during the first month of the membership drive.
- It was suggested that a committee be nominated to review the clubs By-Laws and recommend any changes. John Stroud agreed to serve on the By-Laws committee.
- There will be an effort made to enlarge the "mentors list". Charles Brooks, Walter Tate, Mark Anthony and L.V. Filak agreed to become mentors.
- Regular club meeting in 2007 will include a five minute "hints and tips" presentation.
- The club still needs an assistant newsletter editor and a photographer.
- Other items discussed, were such items as the purchase of a TV monitor that would benefit demonstrators making presentations at regular club meetings, and the potential acquisition of earphone sets that would be available for those members who are hearing impaired.
- It was recommended that a member be appointed to "prep the lathe" before each regular meeting. Bobby Barron agreed to take charge of the lathe.
- The annual rent of the storage facility has been paid and we received a ten percent discount in the process.
- The Frank Penta visit, demo and classes have been confirmed for the 7th, 8th and 9th of June. The demo will occur on June 9th at the regular club meeting, and the classes will take place at Paul Coppinger's shop on June 7th and 8th. There is a limit of eight students per class, the tuition for each class is \$100.00, and the classes will be restricted to the first 16 students who pay their tuition.

ETWA 2007 Programs

Feb. 10, 2007	John Leonard	"Using the Beal System"
Feb. 17, 2007		"Back to Basics Turning Day"
Mar. 3, 2007	Ken Terrell	"Questions and Answers"
Mar. 24, 2007		"Shop Day"
Apr. 14, 2007	Judy Williams	"Lace Bobbins"
May 12, 2007	Mark Anthony	"End Grain Plugging of Hollow Vessels"
Jun. 7, 2007		"Hands On Day with Frank Penta"
Jun. 8, 2007		"Hands On Day with Frank Penta"
Jun. 9, 2007	Frank Penta	"Multi-Axis Platters"
Jul. 14, 2007	Paul Coppinger	"Hand Chased Threads"
Aug. 11, 2007	Ed Heuslein	"Rim Treatment"
Sept. 8, 2007	Ken Terrell	"Finial Enhanced Hollow Vessels"
Sept. 15, 2007		"Shop Day"
Oct. 13, 2007		"Club Day"
Nov. 3, 2007	Raul Pena	"Turning With A Hook Tool"
Dec. 8, 2007		OPEN

January Show & Tell



Mentors List

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