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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 26, 2011

The Prez Says:



Hello ET Turners,

Collective Wisdom—Synergy is a much overused and abused term implying that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. It originated in the '90s and was used to infer that a dedicated team of workers could produce more than the sum of the individuals themselves. It was used so much in my industry that it became repulsive.

I recently had an example of synergy or collective wisdom while helping **Nathanael Landry** turn a large square wall hanging to be a wedding gift for his sister. (I hope she gets it before her 1st anniversary, or 2nd, or 5th.) He had purchased a gorgeous piece of Bubinga at SWAT and wanted to incorporate some mineral inlay on the front. The square piece was too big to turn on my Powermatic lathe so he started turning the front side offboard, using an outboard tool rest.

The front went well, but we knew we had to come up with a way to hold this monster when he turned the piece around to complete the back. **Charles Brooks** came to the rescue with a huge, foam-covered, steel platen that fits the

lathe spindle threads and was adaptable to vacuum holding. The next issue was how to align the piece when turned around. Since it was too big to fit over the lathe rails, we could not use the traditional tailstock and live center to align. Initially, we tried a laser on a heavy camera tripod to shine on a drive point in the lathe spindle. We reasoned that if the laser shined on the drive point, then the piece could be adjusted to put the laser beam on the center point of the backside before clamping with vacuum. To avoid parallax issues with the beam, we slid the headstock from one end of the lathe to the other while adjusting the laser. The results were not satisfactory because the adjustments on the tripod were not fine enough and the tripod was not stable enough.

While trying to align the laser, **Mike DeLong** came by and suggested instead of the laser, we use a mini-lathe with the tailstock reversed. The mini-lathe was positioned at the end of my Powermatic. It needed to be raised on blocks and shimmed to get the reversed live center point at the same level of the

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Welcome New Members

ETW had 2 new members join in January. Please welcome **Larry Pope** and **Richard Redman** to the club. - **Bill Holmes**

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 26, 2011 9:00am (4th Sat.)**
Regular Club Meeting
- Mar. 26, 2011 9:00am (4th Sat.)**
Regular Club Meeting
- Apr. 2, 2011 9:00am**
ETW Learn-2-Turn Meeting
- Apr. 16, 2011 9:00am**
MOST Day, PAC Shop (Mineola)
- Apr. 30, 2011 9:00am (5th Sat.)**
Regular Club Meeting
- May 4, 2011 1:00pm**
SC Mtg. TJC Rm. 101
- May 14, 2011 9:00**
Regular Club Meeting
- May 21, 2011 9:00am**
MOST Day, PAC Shop (Mineola)
- June 8-10, 2011 9:00am**
Jimmy Clewes Hands-On Classes
- June 11, 2010 9:00am**
Reg. Club Mtg. - Jimmy Clewes

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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 kay199417@gmail.com

Wanted: Pen and small turning projects equipment including mini lathe. Please email me with offers and prices. **Don Wade** azledon@msn.com

For Sale: Craftsman lathe - Good shape - Works well. \$75 Darryl Roberts (903) 526-1991 darryl.roberts62@yahoo.com

For Sale: Jet Mini Bed Extension, in box, never used - \$50.00; Sears 10" Radial Arm Saw with cabinet stand - \$100.00; Delta 1/2" Spindle Shaper with cutters - \$225.00 Norman Dixon, 903-753-6980, normandixon@cablelynx.com

For Sale: Custom built router station with router and bits, Oscillating sander with stand and various sanding sleeves and sizes, heavy duty plunge router with multiple bits. All items have very little use on them. The heavy duty router is new with new 1/2" carbide bits. Email Don Wade at azledon@msn.com

Personalized Turning Classes:
Paul Coppinger - Mineola - 903-638-6008
paulcop68@thecoppers.net

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 \$9.00 per gallon. To obtain it, pay our treasurer, Archie Stivner, and then see Dennis Lorenz. If you need some between meetings, contact Dennis at 903-565-0651 or dlorenz67@gmail.com

The Jan. **Show and Tell** pictures can be viewed on the East Texas Woodturner's website at:
<http://www.easttexaswoodturners.org/>

ETW 2011 Program Schedule

Feb. 26, 2011	Dennis Ford	Thin-Stemmed, Natural-Edge Goblets
Mar. 26, 2011	Joe Berreth	Intro To Air-Brushing Techniques
Apr. 30, 2011	Ed Heuslein	Hollowing From The Bottom
May 14, 2011	Robert Trimmell	To Be Announced
June 11, 2011	Jimmy Clewes	To Be Announced
July 9, 2011	Paul Coppinger	The Art of Finishing

East Texas Woodturner's Raffle Items

Tickets can be purchased for each raffle at the monthly club meetings and are priced at \$1 each or 6 for \$5

February 26, 2011:

(Monthly items are subject to change based on availability)

1" Crown Super Drive Center Henry Taylor Slipstone Set
Big Diamond Honing Stone J. Clewes 3/8" V-Bowl Gouge
P&N 1/2" Bowl Gouge w/ 15-1/2" Ash Handle

First Quarter 2011 (Mar): Kelton 3-piece Mini-Hollowing Set, Kelton KH1 Handle, and a Lee Valley Tool Roll.

Annual 2011 (Dec.): Oneway 1" Talon Chuck with ; #2 and Step Jaws, Beall 1" Collet Chuck Kit, and 1-1/4" to 1" spindle adapter.

February 26, 2011 Setup/Cleanup Roster



The following members have generously volunteered to handle the setup and cleanup chores for the next meeting. Please thank them and consider volunteering to help at future meetings.

Worth Holmes	José Alanis
Bobby Barron	Jack Day
Mike Tate	Charles Brooks

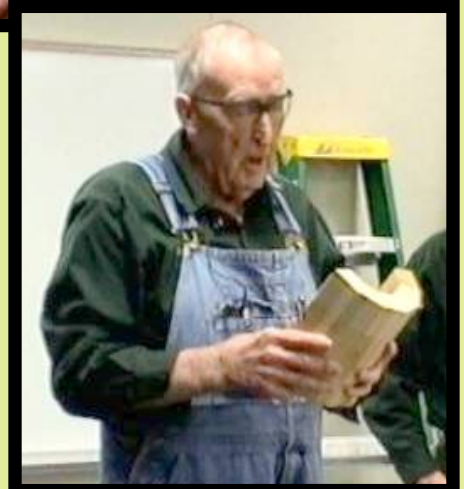
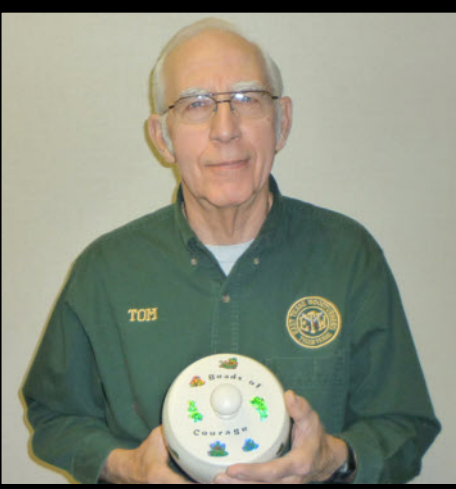
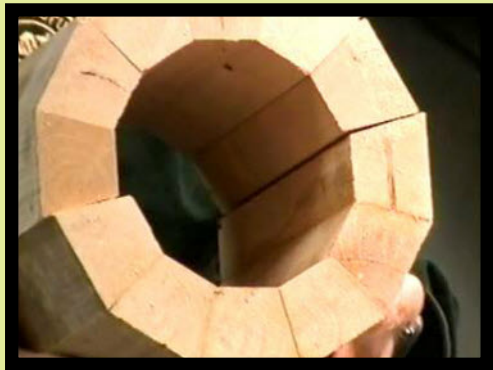
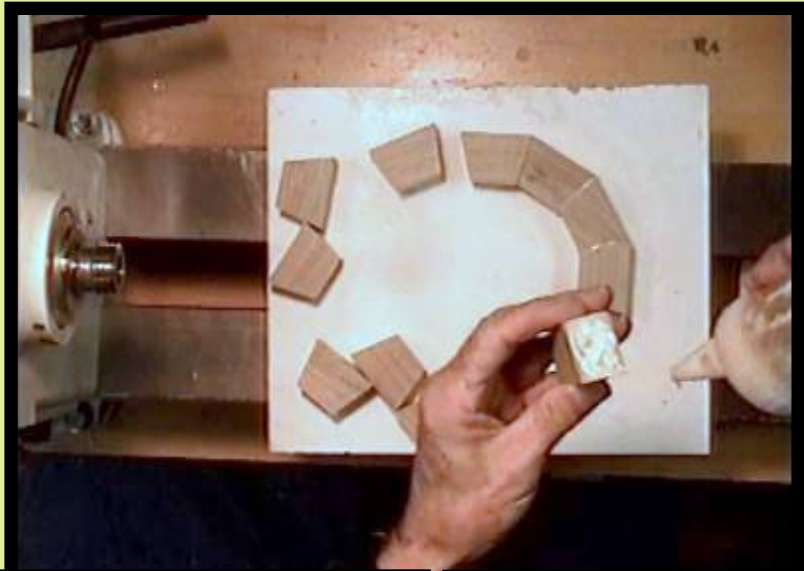
2011 CLUB SHIRTS

If you are interested in ordering a club shirt the following is a size/price list:

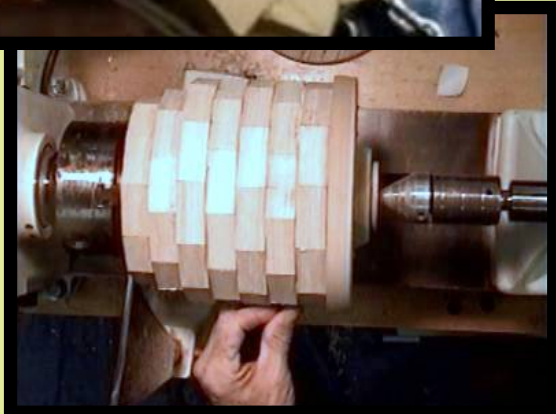
Size and Price list:

Polo – S-XL \$23.00; XXL \$24.00
Long Sleeve Twill – M-XL \$31.00; 2X \$32.00; 3X-4X \$33.00
Short Sleeve Twill – M-XL \$30.00; 2X \$31.00; 3X-4X \$32.00
Tee – S-XL \$18.00; 2X-3X \$19.00
Sweat – S-XL \$20.00; 2X-3X \$21.00

Please contact me by e-mail ctomsturnings@aol.com or see me at the next meeting to get your name on the list if you would like to order. When I get enough I will contact you for payment prior to my placing the order. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.
Thank you – **Marjorie Crosby**



**Tom Crosby and Bill Holmes
Beads of Courage Box Ideas**



Powermatic drive center point. After this, the live center was withdrawn enough using the tailstock wheel to allow the piece to be fit between the two lathes. The mini-lathe drive center was placed in the backside center point of the piece and then the piece was pushed into the foam-faced platen and vacuum applied. This not only worked but was repeatable enough to allow removal and realignment as needed. (Ya got it?)

Now, Nathanael and I probably would have found a way to hold, align and reverse his piece, but the collective wisdom or synergy of Charles, Mike and us all together, really sped up the process. So when you are faced with a dilemma, don't be bullheaded or too embarrassed to ask for suggestions or help. That is what a club is for---to bring together ideas from each other to help you produce a finished product. This may be by listening to Show and Tell explanations, visiting someone else's shop or just pleading for help. Regardless, this is the type of synergy I can live with.

Hope to see ya there – PAC

JIMMY CLEWES "HANDS ON" SEMINAR

JUNE 8, 9, 10, 2011



At the request of a large number of ETW members in 2009, the ETW Steering Committee has scheduled **Jimmy Clewes** for our annual "Hands On" seminar this year. As in the past, the classes will be held at **Paul Coppinger's** shop on Wednesday (June 8), Thursday (June 9), and Friday (June 10). The same hands-on projects will be presented on all three days. The primary project each day will be "Turning A Lidded Box". If time permits an alternate project, "A Square Edged Item" will be offered.

For Saturday, June 11, the club demonstration will be held at TJC as normal, starting at 9:00 a.m. with lunch, for those interested, brought in. Jimmy will demonstrate three projects, the first being "A Multi Axis Platter" followed by a "Hat", and if time permits, a third project of Mr. Clewes choice.

The cost for the "Hands On" seminar will be the same as last year which was \$125.00 for a one day class, with lunch included. As many of you know, Paul and Donna (or should I say DONNA) provide an outstanding lunch. Reservations will be based on a first come basis regarding your choice of day with the first 24 commitments being assured a day. Advanced payment is required. Initial signup will be at our February meeting on February 26 or by contacting Ken Terrell at 903-839-4735. I encourage those of you that are interested to get your reservations in early as Mr. Clewes is one of the most booked woodturning demonstrators in the U.S. – **Ken Terrell**

ETW Member Tip

You can never have too much light when turning. And often, you need it focused on a specific area of your turning. One low-cost solution for those turners who wear a ball cap (properly, not backwards or sideways) is the Orion white LED cap lights available at Academy Sports, priced 2 for \$8.99. Amazon also sells a larger unit for \$7.71. These units have clips to attach to the ball cap bill such that the light points wherever your head is pointing. The batteries are internal and included with the package. If you don't have enough light around your lathe, pick up a pair of these, put your hat on and see the difference.



– **El Presidente**

Interesting Websites

ETW member **Kelvin Burton** has provided the editor with a wealth of wood-turning related website addresses he has discovered. I will be sharing these addresses in the newsletter over the next few months as space allows. – **Editor**

The following is **Russ Fairfield's** personal website. Russ' name is well know to those that visit Wood Central on the Internet. Unfortunately, Russ passed away earlier this year. He will be missed by the woodturning community. His website is a wonderful source of turning and finishing information. The website was still up on 02/18/2011. Hopefully someone will archive this great information on another site. – **Kelvin Burton** with comments by the Editor



<http://www.woodturnerruss.com/WoodturnersPage.html>

2011 Membership Drive



The ETW annual MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL is coming to a close. Only members as of the end of March 2011 will be included in the printing of the annual directory. We are trying something new this year. Ed Heuslein is emailing a copy of the 2011 RENEWAL FORM to all members.

Please PRINT THE FORM FROM YOUR OWN COMPUTER and bring it to the meeting already filled out. If there are no changes in personal information from last year, fill in your name ONLY.

Please pay attention to "SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAMS" and "LIBRARY RULES."

Dues remain \$36.00 for the year.

Thanks, Bill

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Editor's Show & Tell Favorite

**Carved Mesquite Hollow Vessel with Inlay
By John Wood**

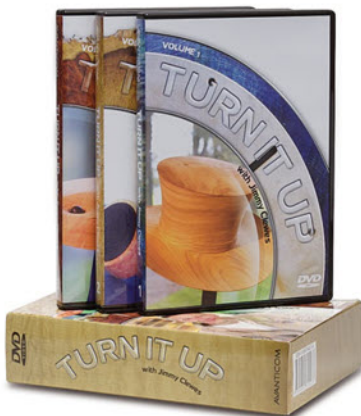


Mineola Open Shop Turning Day (MOST Day)

There will not be a MOST Day in March

It's time for Mike & Paul to do their version of *Spring Break in South Texas*. No young women will be approached, but the Mesquite trees better watch out.

The shop will reopen on April 16, 2011



East Texas Woodturners Library

Now would be a good time to check if you have any items from the **ETW Library** that need to be returned. Some of your friends are waiting to enjoy them too.

PLEASE RETURN THEM



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

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800 North Coit #2500
Richardson, TX 75080
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<http://www.rockler.com/>

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1-800-551-8876
FAX: 801-377-7742
<http://www.woodturnerscatalog.co>

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13163 Market Ave N
Hartville, OH 44632
800-345-2396
<http://www.hartvilletool.com/>

Packard Woodworks

P.O. Box 718, Tryon, NC 28782
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Wood World

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972-669-9130 CST
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