



THE TURNING TIMES

President	J. J. Altier	903-833-2197	jjaltirtx@gmail.com
Vice President	Don Derryberry	903-665-1647	drderryberry1932@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer	Archie Stivner	903-876-4085	archiestivner@embarqmail.com
Secretary	Jack Day	903-566-1798	jaday@suddenlink.net
Program Coordinator	Ken Terrell	903-839-4735	kpterrell@suddenlink.net
Librarian	Tom & Marjorie Crosby	903-567-4701	ctomsturnings@aol.com
Newsletter Editor	Dennis Ford	936-676-9652	dennis@denniswoodart.com

Visit us at www.easttexaswoodturners.org

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 8, 2014**

The Prez says:



Spring... did somebody say it was the beginning of spring. I say NAY NAY. Yesterday it was to be somewhat pleasant, only to produce a low of 19 and a high of 28. When it gets this cold even the rancher doesn't want to go out and feed. Isn't it nice to know that no matter what the temperature, we have a warm and great place to hold our meetings? Let's hope that the school will allow us to continue to meet at this location for some time. We will continue to have an opportunity to be here for a while if we fulfill our obligations, one of which is to leave the room as we find it, tables and chairs in their proper places, and the floors left clean. We try to do this each and every week, but it seems to be

that only the same folks help out each month. We need new blood in the set up and take down of the lathe and equipment. Please don't wait to be asked, just step in there and lend a hand. If you don't know where to start, just ask "how can I help"? Someone will show you what to do. I want to thank each and every one you who continue to give us a hand each and every month. Help guide your neighbor in giving his club the assistance needed to keep fulfilling our obligation to the school. When the meeting is over, don't just stand up and leave, lend a hand. Stand up look around at the tables and chairs. Are they aligned, are the chairs slid back into position? If you help out, you will be helping the club. Spend a few minutes rather than rushing out by helping out.

Table of Contents

Note from president	1
Member's Classified Ads	2
DNA dying article	2
Janurary Meeting Pictures	3
Molly Winton class info	4
ETW Mentor's List	5
Raffle Items	5
MOST day information	5
ETW shirt order information	5
Calendar	5
Member Highlight (Tom Criswell)	6
ETW Supporter's List	7

John, I want to thank you for your safety talk last month. I don't know if everyone got something out of it I hope they did. I say that because I got something out of it. Breathing seems like such a natural thing to do, but it may not always be so for us turners if we don't take precautions. Take me, in the shop the other day. I wanted to make a peppermill for a loved one, well that may be a little strong. I mean for my sister in law. I found an old piece of oak in the rear woods on the ground for some time. I cut it to the proportion needed. Oh my, how beautiful, spalted and yet not too punkie, yes I can work with this. Oh no, it wasn't long enough. Problem solved just add 3/8 inch of African Blackwood to each end. The dust from the African Blackwood is ever so caustic as is the mold in spalted wood. I started to turn and realized after five minutes, I should wear a mask. The "dust be gone" mask was not near enough protection. I put on the Trend air shield, it was not charged up. "Oh well, I'll keep turning." BIG mistake, I was sick for three days. Guys, just because we can't see the damage the dust is causing to our lungs, nasal passages and sinuses, doesn't mean we are not damaged. John thanks for the reminder, I promise to listen more attentively to the safety talks in the future.

Yours Sincerely

Hoping to remain your president J. J. Altier

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

Personalized Turning Classes:

Paul Coppinger - Mineola - 903-638-6008
paulcop68@thecoppingers.net

For Sale: 4" Robust tool rest w/1" post: \$25
(2) new 8" white grinding wheels: \$5
Wolverine diamond grinding wheel dresser: \$25
Worth Holmes (903) 561-7833

For Sale: -----\$1200.00 CASH

Miller Econo Twin HF Welder
AC/DC Gas Tungsten-Arc or Shielded Metal-Arc
Welding Machine
Approximately 25' ground, 40' lead cables 2AWG
TIG setup with regulators, cable, hose, shield and
hand piece
~20-30' 220v extension power cable
A few TIG hand piece accessories, few lbs welding
rods, mostly 6011

Charles Brooks 903-216-5564
cbrooks@suddenlink.net

For Sale: Baldor High Efficiency Industrial 1-1/2 HP
Electric Motor, 1725 RPM, 115/230 Volt, 16/8 Amp, 60
Hz. Single Phase, 56 Frame, Thermally Protected
With Manual Reset, 5/8 Inch Shaft. Wired With Switch,
6 Foot Corded and Plug. \$180. New Cost \$350.

Tom Criswell
903~509-1042
tom_criswell@yahoo.com

For Sale: ----- Lathe & Accessories

I am sorry to say that I am being transferred and will not be able to take my lathe with me.

This is a practically brand new JET JWL-1642EVS, 1 1/2 hp wood lathe with hundreds of dollars worth of tools and accessories thrown in. (see pics). This is a powerhouse and will turn anything you can think of. I've only turned on it a few times but unfortunately I'm being transferred and can't take it with me. This is a turn-key wood turning set up. Everything you could need to turn bowls, pens or anything else made of wood or acrylic. call Chase at 903-530-1837



Using Denatured Alcohol to Speed up the Wood Drying Process

About a week before Christmas, a friend asked if I had any spare bowls for sale - he wanted one for his wife's Christmas present. I told him I did not - I did have some green wood, but he would have to wait until I could dry a blank. He said that would be fine.

I googled "drying wood" or something like that and eventually found some information on soaking green wood in denatured alcohol (DNA for short) - the moisture combines with the alcohol and after drying a few weeks, the wood should be ready to turn.

The procedure:

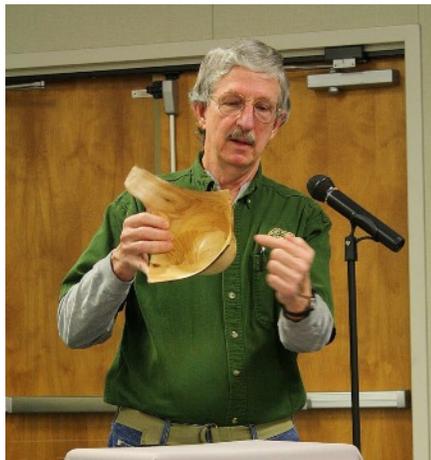
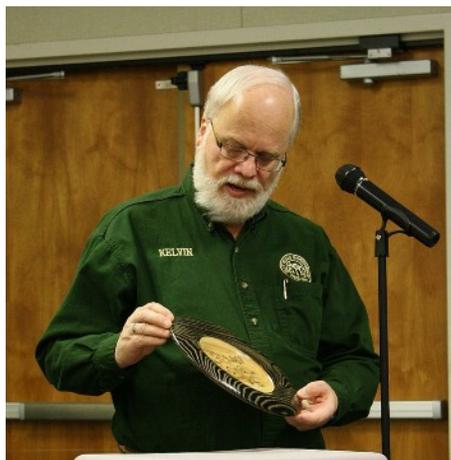
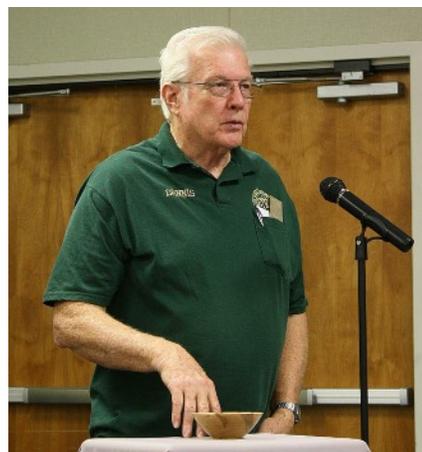
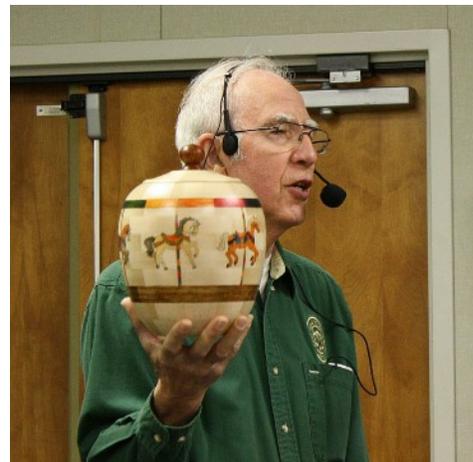
1. Rough-turn a bowl (can be down to 1/2" or so).
Soak the bowl in DNA for 8-12 hours and let air-dry for 1-2 hours.
3. Wrap the bowl in brown paper, leaving the hollow side uncovered.
4. Place the bowl upside down on a rack to dry - could take several weeks.

I tried this and it worked quite well (the bowl was rough-turned to 1" thickness - final size is 13-1/2" by 4" tall). I placed the wood and DNA in a heavy garbage bag inside a plastic tub so I could tie the bag and minimize evaporation. There was no cracking and very little warping.

A couple of caveats:

1. DNA is about **\$16 a gallon**, so it's not a cheap process (after the bowl and a few smaller experimental pieces, there is only about 1 pint of DNA left). I do know that 5 gallon containers are available at a better per-gallon price, but I didn't want to make that level of commitment. (By the way, the best price I found locally was at McCoys).
2. DNA is **HIGHLY** flammable, so due caution is a requirement.
So, if you need a blank dried in a hurry, DNA may be worth a try.

January 2014 Show & Tell Pictures



Molly Winton Classes

As most of you are aware, the Steering Committee has scheduled Molly Winton for April 9, 10, 11 and 12, 2014 demonstrating her Woodburning and Woodbranding Techniques. April 9, 10, 11 will be Hands On Classes with April 12 being a Club Demonstration day. Lunch will be catered in and the sandwich list will be passed around at the February 8 club meeting.

Attached is an email from Molly covering the Hands On Classes for your review. For those of you that have signed up, you can mail your checks to Ken Terrell or pay at the February 8 club meeting in the sum of \$125.00. A light breakfast is normally available and lunch will be served as in the past.

As of this date (Feb 1); I have two openings and would like to have an alternate or so. Please call if you have a question.

Ken Terrell
19323 JoBar Dr.
Tyler, TX 75703
903-839-4735

Materials List

Making Small Bowls with Branded Rim with Molly Winton

This class will focus upon turning small bowls with a rim wide enough to brand/burn a textured pattern. I will discuss design elements and lay-out techniques. The second portion of the class will be dedicated to branding/burning textures on to the bowl rim made in class, and/or on a piece brought from home. I will show how to make various brands, and how to apply them to the rim.

I will supply nichrome wire to make the brands.

You will need to bring the following:

- Woodturning tools for bowl turning.
- Wood to turn – recommend 6"x6"x3" blank (please no exotics). (Club Furnished)

Equipment for burning/branding:

- Woodburner (*Burnmaster, Detail Master, razer-tip, Colewood, or similar) *if considering purchasing one, I recommend the Burnmaster (Club Furnished)
- Woodburning pen that can accept home-made brands (i.e. Burnmaster pen seen here: (Club Furnished) http://www.packardwoodworks.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Store_Code=packard&Product_Code=219305&Category_Code=surdec-burnmaster-rpens)

Optional tools to bring:

- Needle-nosed pliers
- Vise grip pliers (small)
- Wire cutters

****Be sure to bring appropriate safety equipment i.e. eye and respiratory protection.****

**If you have any questions about preparing for this class, please don't hesitate to email me at turningmaven@hotmail.com **

Note: Paul is contacting Burnmaster for potential discounts on Burnmaster Units, Woodburning Pens, etc. That will be discussed at the February 8th club meeting.

Mentor List

Mark Anthony	903-963-7128	Van	emark.anthony@gmail.com
Charles Brooks	903-216-5564	Whitehouse	cbrooks@suddenlink.net
Paul Coppinger	903-638-6008	Mineola	paulcop68@thecoppingers.net
Tom Criswell	903-509-1042	Tyler	tom_criswell@yahoo.com
Tom Crosby	903-567-4701	Canton	ctomsturnings@aol.com
Norm Dixon	903-753-6980	Longview	normandixon@cablelynx.com
L. V. Filak	903-885-2550	Sulphur Springs	lrfilak2@suddenlink.net
Ed Heuslein	903-834-3838	Kilgore	heuslein@gmail.com
John Leonard	903-592-6009	New Harmony	jdl1938@gmail.com
Walter Tate	903-839-6505	Tyler	waltertate1@suddenlink.net
Ken Terrell	903-839-4735	Whitehouse	kpterrell@suddenlink.net

ETW Club Shirts

ETW CLUB SHIRTS

This is the final chance for you to order a club shirt in 2014.

I will be accepting orders for club shirts at the February 2014 club meeting.

Payment is accepted at the time you place your order. Below is a size/price list:

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

This is a once a year order so if you are interested in having a shirt now is the time to order.

Thank you – Marjorie Crosby

CALENDAR:

- Feb. 8, 2014 Regular Meeting
- Feb. 15, 2014 MOST (PAC shop)
- Feb. 26, 2014 1:00 pm Steering Committee meeting (Tyler Junior College West Campus)
- Mar. 1, 2014 Regular Meeting
- Apr. 9 - 11, 2014 Hands on Seminar (PAC shop)
- Apr. 12, 2014 Club demo (Molly Winton)
- May 10, 2014 Regular Meeting
- June 4, 2014 1:00 pm Steering Committee meeting (Tyler Junior College West Campus)
- June 14, 2014 Regular Meeting

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, Archie Stivner, 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 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 8, 2014:

(Monthly items are subject to change based on availability)

Dr Kirks Scratch FREEE Woodturners Polishing Wax	
Streamlight Flexible LED light	P & N 5/16" bowl gouge
"Dust Bee Gone" mask	D - Way 3/8" spindle gouge

Quarterly: Hollow Pro Rocket Hollowing Tool Set

Mineola Open Shop Turning Day (MOST Day)

MOST day will be February 15th

Start time 9:00 am

Turning, Fun and Fellowship

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



You ever notice that quiet guy who sits on the left somewhere in the middle. He is the sole survivor of the group that started this club. His name is Tom Criswell. Born and raised in Oklahoma, Tom has Indian blood somewhere in his background. He doesn't know it but is what is known as "he who walks easily in his own skin". This is an old Indian medicine man's way of saying he is quiet and unassuming, and is very confident and comfortable with whom he is. The reason is his life experiences though out his childhood to the present day. Tom started working at 10 years of age and held jobs as a soda jerk, gas station attendant, and bag boy at a local grocery store. He earned a whopping .35 per hour for 77 hour week.

He attended elementary, high schools and attending college in Oklahoma. His college major was Mechanical design. He spent his summers working with an electrical contractor. Tom shakes his head and giggles, he tells the story that one of his job was to wire the house for electric, this was his first one he had done. He was handed a bunch of wires already strung and told to get the house wired. Tom says you could switch on the living room light nothing happened in the living room, but the bedroom light came on. This went on and on through the house. Did I say he brags about wiring his 700 sf shop?

Tom met his wife, Mary, of 36 years through a singles group in Tyler. He visited her one day to become better acquainted; she had just baked a pecan

pie. Tom mentioned that he liked pecan pie. It brought no response from her; he mentioned it again, still nothing. After a total of five times saying pecan pie was his favorite, she finally relented and offered him some pecan pie. Now, that is persistence on his part. Or was it persistence on her part. Either way it was that love of baking pie and love of eating pie that brought them together.

Tom has had a great deal of education in all sorts of areas such as Math (yuck), Electrical engineering, Materials testing (trying to make things fail). He had classes in structural metals, A/C design and much more. Tom came to Tyler when he was recruited by GE as a draftsman in 1957. He was there through the Trane transition and after that he was there for the American Standard transition. After 42 years in the same office at the same desk, Tom Retired as one of their top engineers. He said he thought he retired in 1998, he started to do the math, but I asked him if they gave him a plaque, he said yes. Well wouldn't the date of retirement be on it? Well there you have it, no need for math here. Chalk up one for J. J.

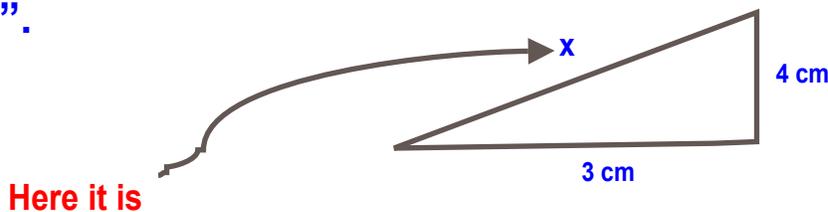
Tom was one of the original three that started East Texas Woodturners Club and is the only member of the original three that remain in our club. The club met at Mason Machinery Back room and was there about two years, and then it went to the Rehab building on Fleishel. That is when the club started to grow. It was there that Ken Terrill joined as Charles Brooks welcomed him to the bosom of the club. Tom has served as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and programs officer. Tom said that the first meetings were about a couple of guys just sitting around talking about wood turning. Later they began bringing in some turnings for critiquing, later they had community projects which entailed woodturnings. His first lathe was a Delta Homecraft an old model not made anymore. Thus, turning became his passion. Tom turned as many as 150 pieces per year to take on the road to sell. He was with the Edom group and belonged to that group selling his turnings for 25years. He has since quit traveling to shows and quit the Edom festival. It was getting too much for him to set up and tear down. Tom had a kiosk at the DFW Airport for a while. He has had his turnings in various galleries, such as Art Encounter Gallery until they quit business, the Miller Fine Art Gallery in Seledo. He had showings at the East Mountain School. Why heck, he was even interviewed by the famous Joan Collins. No, that's not right; wait let me refer to my notes, OH! it was the less famous Joan Hallmark of Tyler Texas notoriety. Sorry about that. I had a thing for Joan Collins at one time; till Linda pointed out she had a mustache.

I hope you enjoyed learning about our most elder of member, not in age but in longevity with the club. Please shoot me an email and let me know your feelings for continuance of this sort of article. Let me have suggestions, pros and cons of the articles. If you have an interest in writing one of these columns let me know. Here is a bit of engineer humor from a non-engineer standpoint. Did I say Tom was an engineer? Here's a problem for ya, Tom.

Keep smiling J. J. Altier

Math question for engineers

Find "X".



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

1430 Marsh Lane Addison, Texas 75001

(972)-241-0701 CST

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

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/>