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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

January 12, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m.

Calendar of Events

- January 11-13, 2008**
FL Wood Turning Sym.
Eustis, Florida
- January 12, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
- January 25-26, 2008**
TN Woodturners Sym.
Nashville, Tennessee
- January 30, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- February 9, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
- February 16, 2008**
Back To Basics
- February 20, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- March 1, 2008**
(1st not 2nd Sat.)
Regular Club Meeting
- April 2, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- April 12, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
- April 30, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- May 10, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
- May 22-24, 2008**
Utah Woodturning Sym.
Orem, UT
- June 4, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101
- June 11-13, 2008**
Hands On Classes with
Alan Leland
- June 14, 2008**
Regular Club Meeting
- June 20-22, 2008**
AAW Symposium
Richmond, Virginia
- July 2, 2008**
SCTJCW Rm. 101

SCTJCW = Steering Committee Meeting @ TJC West Campus

The Prez Says:



Hello ET Turners,

Welcome to the new woodturning year. 2007 was another great year for the club with our membership base growing, a lot of great demos, workshops, and fellowship. That's what it is all about, and I'm looking forward to the fun that this year holds for our club.

I have to say thank you to **John Leonard** and the steering committee for guiding this club and for making so many good things take place over the last year. And to **John**, I have to say a **big thank you** for the indoctrination on the way this club operates. There is a lot going on to make this club successful that we don't always see at a Saturday morning meeting.

We put a great finish on the year with a fantastic Christmas party. I believe the attendance was around 106 with everyone enjoying trays of delicious food and good fellowship. Thanks to **John** for leading the effort to put on the party, and to all that had a hand in this effort, especially, all the **Ladies** that helped make it work.

Another big thank you to all of the **Turners** that displayed their work in the "Instant Gallery" display. The work displayed surely rivaled that displayed at SWAT and the AAW Symposiums.

I will be trying my hand for the Jan. 12th Demo and am working hard to make it interesting. I'm already looking forward to the Feb. demo, as we will have **Dan Henry** with an "**Introduction to the Rose Engine Lathe**".

That should really be an interesting and entertaining day as Dan always gives a great demo.

I'm proud to be part of the Steering Committee, a great group of guys that have the best interest of this club at heart. We will try to take care of the every day business of the club so that everyone can enjoy the benefits and fun of woodturning. Anything beyond every day stuff will be brought to the membership for vote. If you have suggestions to help the club improve, bring it to the attention of any of the club officers.

One of the things that we do need is to have a few folks, 5-6, to come in early Jan. 12th to help setup and stay a few minutes to help clean up. That's also a good time for extra visitation and to help out. More on this subject at the meeting.

Keep a sharp tool and let the chips fly. – **Charles**

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Empty Bowls Project Nearing Completion

We have less than two months to submit our items for the Empty Bowls project. We're still several items short of our goal. Let's get busy folks. This is a great way for ETW to help the those in need.

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 either 903-592-6009 or at jd138@dishmail.net Thanks

Shopsmith For Sale: 1989 Shopsmith Mark V Model 510 Home Workshop System. Has standard five tools (table saw, drill press, horizontal boring, 16" X 34" wood lathe with standard 5 piece turning tool set, 12" disk sander with original owner's manual). Also has dado, router, and hollow chisel mortiser attachments. Has extra arbor (5/8") to accept "off the rack" saw blades as well as a Shopsmith "Shopmate" clamping system. Used very few hours and in excellent condition. \$850.00 Contact Cecil Cox (903)882-5311 or coxcecil@yahoo.com

Jet Mini-Lathe For Sale: Standard 6-speed model (not variable speed) with stand and originally supplied accessories (faceplate, live center, etc.) Contact Jose Alanis at 903-825-2825

Woodworking Tools For Sale: Craftsman 13" thickness planer with stand and retractable casters Bought new in late 2002/early 2003 and comes with owner's manual and instructions. I also have a 12" Drill Press for sale. Kevin Stevenson - 903-570-1724 (CELL) or 903-825-1105 (HOME) Kevin@unitedcountrylakepalestine.com

Anchor Seal: 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 Cecil Cox. If you need some between meetings, call Cecil at 903-882-5311.

Jet 1236 Lathe For Sale: 3/4 HP Reeves Drive, with most standard accessories. Excellent to very good condition. Spare motor, 2 belts, and rolling stand/cabinet with heavy duty locking casters. \$375. Tom Canfield, t.canfield@att.net or Cell Phone 903-521-4526.

Delta Lathe For Sale: 12"/38" Variable speed, includes duplicator. \$950. Jim Powers, Phone 903-581-1955

Poulan Wildthing Chainsaw For Sale: 18 inch bar; one used and two new chains; carrying case. Runs and cuts good. \$100 John Leonard 903-592-6009.

Poulan Model 2050 Chainsaw For Sale: 14" bar. Runs and cuts good. \$45. John Leonard 903-592-6009.

Coming Next Month

A regular listing of raffle items available in the monthly, quarterly and annual club raffles. . – Editor

Why You Should Belong To The AAW:

By Larry Genender, AAW Chapters and Membership Chairman

Your Newsletter Editor, Mike DeLong, has asked me to write an article outlining the reasons why those of you who do not belong to the AAW should join. East Texas Woodturners is one of the best Chapters I know, and when I last visited you only about half the members in the room belonged to the AAW. This article will try and convince the other half to join up.

The AAW currently has over 13,000 members in over 275 Chapters worldwide. It is the cohesive force in American woodturning – if not for the AAW, your Chapter might not even exist, and all of us would be stuck in our workshops reinventing the wheel.

Besides this, there are tangible benefits of AAW membership:

- 1) The journal of the AAW, the *American Woodturner*, is currently published 4 times a year and is included with AAW membership. Plans are underway to publish 6 times a year. Many say that the *AW* alone is worth the price of AAW membership.
- 2) The *AAW Resource Directory*, included with AAW membership, is a valuable source of information. Its 243 pages include a listing of contact information for every AAW member as of Jan. 1 of that year, a listing of Chapters, the AAW Bylaws, an extensive listing of publications, DVDs, and videos related to woodturning, a listing of available demonstrators and resources, and much more.
- 3) The AAW personal liability insurance plan covers AAW members at local Chapter sanctioned events. This covers AAW members and Chapters from claims for injuries that may occur at local Chapter meetings, demos, and other activities.
- 4) Educational Opportunities Grants (EOG). Last year about \$80,000 was awarded to deserving Chapters and individuals to advance learning in woodturning. The deadline for applications this year is Jan 15, 2008. Rules can be found in the Winter 2007 issue of the *AW* and on the AAW website (www.woodturner.org).
- 5) The AAW website (www.woodturner.org) now has a Members Only section where you can access information available only to members. The open website has a host of useful information – I encourage you to visit it.
- 6) Chapter Competitions. The AAW sponsors Chapter competitions for their newsletters, for their websites, and also the Collaborative Challenge, which is a wonderful way for Chapter members to work together and produce a project to compete with Chapters from across the nation. I personally have been involved in 2 winning projects (OK, one came second!), and it is a source of fellowship and fun.
- 7) The Annual Symposium is an amazing event. There are demonstrations, exhibits, lectures and a huge trade show. If you haven't been to one you've missed a real woodturning experience.

All this for \$45 per year. Please consider joining the AAW – it will benefit you more than you think and will support the organization that supports you and your Chapter. There are 3 ways to join the AAW:

- 1) Go online and join through our website,
- 2) Complete the application in the AAW brochure. Want one? Contact me (Larry_G@woodturner.org) and I'll get one to you, or
- 3) Call the AAW office (651-484-9094).

If you want more information or have comments I welcome your e-mails and phone calls. – Larry

East Texas Woodturner's 2008 Program Schedule

Jan. 12, 2008	Charles Brooks	Inlay, Enhancements, Etc.
Feb. 9, 2008	Dan Henry	Intro To The Rose Engine
Feb. 16, 2008	Club Membership	Back To Basics Day
Mar. 1, 2008	Tom Criswell	3-Corner Bowl From A Cube
Apr. 12, 2008	Tom Crosby	Odds And Ends
May 10, 2008	Steve LaGrue	The Friendly Skew
June 14, 2008	Alan Leland	To Be Determined

Branching Out Results

In November Norm Dixon showed us some projects that could be made using easily available “branch-wood”. Norm has been busy putting his knowledge to good use as can be seen in the photos below.



Back To Basics Program Scheduled for February

ETW will once again sponsor a “**Back To Basics**” session. This meeting will take place at 9:00a.m., February 16, 2008, tentatively, in the same meeting room at the TJC West Campus that normal club meetings are held. This event is intended to provide ETW members of all skill levels, a fun and supportive environment in which to learn new, or improve existing woodturning techniques and skills. It is also a perfect time to get some “hands-on” experience with a tool that you are considering adding to your tool bag, or help with sharpening that pesky tool that just never seems to cut as well as it did when it was new. Several mini-lathes will be provided along with the requisite sharpening facilities. There will also be several of the club’s “mentors” available to offer help when requested. There is no better way to enjoy your hobby than by improving your skills and enjoying some fellowship with like minded individuals. Be sure and put February 16th on your calendar – **Editor**

2008 ETW Membership Drive

The 2008 membership renewal drive for East Texas Woodturners underway. Annual dues remain at \$36.00 per year for the period 1st January 2008 to 31st December 2008. Membership renewal forms will be available at the next three club meetings, along with 2008 club membership cards. Don’t delay, we have a great year coming our way – **Bill Holmes**



Hands-On Classes with Alan Leland Scheduled

ETW Program Coordinator **Ken Terrell** recently made arrangements with **Alan Leland**, a highly respected professional woodturner, to teach three “hands-on” classes and provide the program for the regular June ETW club meeting.

Alan is the owner of Leland Studios in Durham, NC. His passionate interest in woodturning led to his involvement with the Woodturners Guild of North Carolina where he is currently Vice President. He is a member of the American Association of Woodturners and The Furniture Society. He has demonstrated his skills at state and national symposiums and has worked with internationally known turners such as Alan Batty, George Hatfield, Soren Berger, Roger Jacobs, Stoney Lamar and Mike Mahoney.

Alan’s love of woodturning sparked his interest and passion for sharing his knowledge and skills through teaching. He regularly teaches a beginning turning class at the John C. Campbell Fold School, and often teaches classes at the North Carolina State University Craft Center, the Klingspors Woodworking Shop, and a local Woodcraft Store. He has authored an article in the AAW Journal (*Laminated Candlesticks*) and co-authored a book (*Woodturning Tools, Techniques, and Projects*) with Frank Penta.

Alan is scheduled to teach three classes, **June 11th, 12th, and 13th**, in **Paul Coppinger’s** shop in Mineola, TX. The cost will be \$100 and will include a delicious lunch provided by Paul’s wife Donna. The class curriculum is still being formulated, but will be derived from some of the following topics:

Projects Using Beads and Coves – simple projects such as a weedpots, mallets, candlesticks, honey dippers, toy solder ornaments, etc. Also possible is turning a tool handle for a class-made ¼” pyramid tool from HSS bar stock. There will probably be some discussion and guidance on sharpening techniques.

Facing Cut, Convex Cut, and Concave Curves – using the 3/8” spindle gouge to make a bird house ornament, a goblet, an acorn bird house, or a small box.

Hollowing Projects – turning a Christmas ornament globe with icicle, a small hollow form, or a small bowl.

Faceplate or Side Grain Turning using dry wood – using a 3/8” bowl gouge to make a small platter, or shallow bowl.

Please discuss these topic ideas with one of the club officers or Steering Committee members so they will know where possible participant interests lies. There will only be 24 student positions available. You are encouraged to register early to guarantee your spot in a class. As the class dates approach, registration could be opened to none ETW members in order to assure an ideal class size. Contact **Ken Terrell** or **John Leonard** soon to assure your spot in a class. – **Editor**

December 2007 Meeting



A great turnout for the club Christmas party.



Ticket sales for the raffles was brisk



There was a lot of good food on these tables...



With even more good food on these tables.



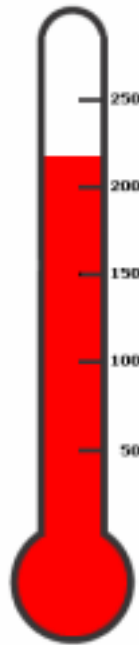
I think this guy should be banned from future drawings 8-)



THANK YOU John for being there when we needed you!



December was our best Empty Bowls month of 2007; but, we still have a ways to go to our 300 item goal. Let's get out to the shop for some fun, and help those in need in the process.



2007 - 2008

As of the December 8, 2007 club meeting, 35 ETW members have contributed 217 items for the Empty Bowls project. This year our goal is to generate 300 items, not specifically "just bowls". Each item submitted will receive one chance to win a turning block of wood each month and some months we may be able to have more than one block for the drawings.

Please start turning out the bowls, hollow vessels, platters, pens, etc. that you plan to submit.

Ken Terrell

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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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