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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 22, 2011

The Prez Says:



Hello ET Turners,

Woodturners generally are much better at turning than finishing. My first AAW Symposium really drove this home. They had hundreds of great turnings in the Instant Gallery but many had really bad finishes. By bad, I mean they had runs, droops, dust particles, etc., that were visible and feel-able. I believe a turning is to be both seen and touched. To accomplish both, the turner needs to apply a suitable finish and then "finish the finish". "Finish the finish" can be obtained using several techniques. All the techniques require a sufficiently thick finish so some abrasive process can remove a small portion of the top surface to planarize (smooth) the surface and then polish using progressively finer abrasives. This is the same progressive process as sanding, just using another medium.

The most popular technique for turned items is using the Beall Buffing System after the piece is off the lathe. This

utilizes different buffing wheels with 2 abrasive grits plus carnuba wax, all in separate molded blocks. The courser grit (tripoli) is held against the accompanying spinning buffing wheel to transfer abrasive to the wheel, then the turning is buffed until a uniform dull appearance is obtained. Be very careful as this buffing wheel can catch your piece and throw it across the shop...DAMHIKT. Then the finer grit stick (white diamond) is transferred to its buffing wheel and the piece is buffed again until a nice shine appears. The wax is then applied to its own wheel for luster buffing as above. This wax adds that unique waxy feel of quality.



For either on or off the lathe, Micro Mesh can be used. It comes in progressively finer sheets that can be used to "finish the finish". If on the lathe, do not use much speed as it will generate too much heat that can damage your finish or the Micro Mesh. If off the lathe, it can be used like sandpaper with lots of elbow grease. I find I am usually ready to give up on obtaining the luster I desire until the last 2 grits. Then the piece will really jump up and shine.

Calendar of Events

- Jan. 22, 2011 9:00am (4th Sat.)**
Regular Club Meeting
- Feb. 2, 2011 1:00pm**
SC Mtg. TJC Rm 101
- Feb. 4-6, 2011**
Florida Symposium - Eustise, Fla.
- Feb. 12, 2011 9:00am**
MOST Day, PAC Shop (Mineola)
- 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

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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

Wanted: Late model Oneway chuck. Call Marvin Cade at 903-539-8845

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
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Wanted: Small (3" to 6") tool rest. Contact Dave Dischiavo 903-438-0226

For Sale: Delta Model #31-352, 1 x 42 inch, Inside & Outside Bench, 3 wheel + Idler Wheel Sander/Grinder, Tilt Table, 1/2 HP Ball Bearing, 115 V. Heavy-Duty Capacitor Start w/ Reset Thermal Overload Motor. Includes Manual. \$90 Tom Criswell 903-509-1042

For Sale: Wood Burning Fireplace Grate, Ashes Tray, 5 pc. Tool Set, 22 x 19 inch Stainless Steel Fireback Reflector and a 36 x 27 inch Wire Mesh Screen. \$25 Tom Criswell 903-509-1042

ETW 2011 Program Schedule

Jan. 22, 2011	Tom Crosby	Beads Of Courage Ideas
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

January 22, 2011:

(Monthly items are subject to change based on availability)

P&N 1/4" Spindle Gouge Henry Taylor Slipstone Set
Combo B/W/R Veneer Pack Wagner Tex. Tool 1/4" x 16tpi
Waterlox Original Tung Oil with Micro Mesh kit

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.

January 22, 2011 Setup/Cleanup Roster



The 2011 roster will be passed around at the January 22nd meeting. Please signup for a month or two. And, if possible, some volunteers for the January 22nd meeting would be appreciated. – PAC

2011 Membership Drive

The ETW annual MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL is well underway. 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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The classic approach to “finish the finish” has been French polish. Traditionally this was used on shellac finishes and produces outstanding deep luster, but takes lots of effort, i.e., elbow grease. After the shellac finish is applied, a buffing pad is used to rub by hand pumice stone powder and shellac into the pores. The pad uses shellac diluted with alcohol to lubricate the rubbing process and to provide a binder for holding the pumice in the pores. After drying, another pad is used to polish with rotten stone rubbing powder. This pad has to have alcohol as a lubricant and to dissolve the top surface of the shellac. Finally, wax is applied with a soft cloth. The Jan/Feb 2011 copy of *Fine Woodworking* has an excellent article on French polishing by Vijay Velji.

Two other products to accomplish this same process on non-dissolving finishes like lacquer and varnish are Mequiar’s Auto finishes and Howard’s Furniture polishes. Howard’s comes in two grits, Fine and Super fine, and are available at Ace Hardware. Mequiar’s have two grits (The Professional Med Cut Cleaner #1 and Fine Cut Cleaner #2) plus a swirl remover (#9) and are obtainable from any auto paint supply source such as English Paints. All these can be messy and if done off the lathe, require significant effort, i.e., more elbow grease. The process is simple: pour some on a rag and start rubbing. Turn the rag to keep it clean. Always use a clean rag when you go to the next finer grit polish. Finally, buff with a soft, clean cloth and wax.

Regardless of which approach you take, the result is worth the effort and makes the difference between nice turnings and outstanding turnings. Try one or more and let me know what you think. Later this year, I plan to present my “Art of Finishing” demo which will touch on this with examples.

Hope to see ya there,
PAC

Mineola Open Shop Turning Day (MOST Day)

February 12, 2011

Projects: Lidded Boxes

Paul Coppinger's Shop in Mineola
(see website for map)

Turning, Fun and Fellowship

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

ETW Member Places In Houston Art Show

ETW member **Dennis Ford** placed third in a January 13th, 2011 Houston art show with the Walnut vessel shown below. Dennis' submission was the only wooden piece in the competition. Since this piece was the editor's Show and Tell favorite for February 2010, I can say with confidence the Houston judges had good taste. Dennis encourages other wood-turners to enter art shows. He said “*sometimes wood-turning is considered more of a craft than art, but it can be both, and wooden items are welcome in many art shows*”.



– Editor



ETW Membership Tip

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

I don't know whether this turner from Arizona is well known or not, but he has a very interesting blog that he started in August last year where he set out to post an entry about his wood turning every day for a month, then ended up doing it for a whole year!

The start of the blog is at:

<http://agoodturndaily.blogspot.com/2009/08/first-of-hopefully-many.html>

I have found it intriguing to go through his daily posts - he does some very interesting work. – **Kelvin Burton**

Call For Volunteers

The **ETW Photo Team** is looking for a few good people to assist in showcasing the outstanding work done by the club's membership. You don't have to be a "pro," just be willing to help. If you like to take snapshots of the family, you'll do just fine. Email **Pat Martin** or see him at any regular meeting to volunteer or to ask for more info.

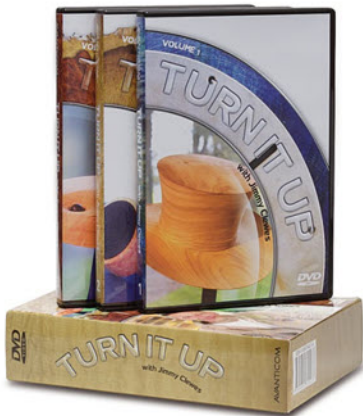
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NOTE:
 The *Editor's Show & Tell Favorite* picture will return with the February newsletter



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



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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