

THE TURNING TIMES

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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 Center Point Energy Entex, 7008 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX

July 12, 2003 @9:00 a.m.

A Note from the Prez.

Boy am I sorry that I had to leave early and missed Steve's demo. I've tried turnings spheres and there has got to be a better way than the way I tried. My sources tell me that Mr. Shirley did an excellent job of taking the mystery out of making a piece of wood round in all directions. Another example of the vast amount of talent residing in this club. No matter what you want to do there is somebody that can help you do it. Thanks Steve for a great demo.

Don't forget July is the month for the Club Challenge. We have some good looking teams lined up and with Mr. Berreth overseeing it should be an interesting meeting. A special note: The 3 spindle gouges that will be awarded to the chosen team are a gift from the guys at Woodcraft. We certainly need to support them when we need any type of woodworking equipment.

John Lenoard is again in charge of the Bank Of America show, with much help from Kay. Let John know the turnings you are going to display so that he and Kay can make up tags for them. The showing will be from 30 July to 27 Aug. I want to encourage all club members to bring at least one of your turnings for display. This gives us great exposure and we have always had many favorable comments each year. This is one of the ways we gain new members and make the public aware of what woodturning is about..

The raffle items for this month are a wave edge sanding holder with 3 backings and a supply of sandpaper, a flex light, for looking down in those hollow turnings, a \$15 gift certificate from Craft Supplies, a bottle of super thin CA glue, and a swing arm light. So bring MONEY! We will be giving away the Beall buffing system this month. You don't want to miss a chance on that. Christmas is not that far away so you need to be getting tickets for the Wolverine sharpening system.

If you haven't been to our new web site you need to take a look. Go to easttexaswoodturners.org and see how we are doing. Paul Coppinger has done

an exceptional job in a short time. We will be building on this foundation and there will be more to come. A big Thank You to Paul.
See ya, Tom



THE HARDWOOD BARN

WOODWORKERS DAY

Anyone interested in joining us for our monthly WOODWORKERS DAY is welcome. Traditionally held the **third Saturday** of each month **from March through November**. We provide an informal atmosphere for those of you who turn wood just for the pleasure of it. Whether you want to bring your lathe and give demonstrations, just watch, or ask questions (remember, the only dumb question is the unasked one). Come join us. **Chef Lois** will again be on hand to delight you with her culinary cuisine, which is hot dogs and hamburgers. So if you find yourself with nothing to do come make sawdust with us and make some new friends. If nothing else the tall stories fly along with the wood shaving. We are located in **Mt Enterprise on Hwy. 259 South**. We start around 9:00AM and end around 2:00PM.

REMEMBER: Early registration for “SWAT” PREVIOUSLY “A TEXAS TURN OR TWO” AUGUST 29-31, 2003. Single-\$65, Couples:\$95, Each add'l family member: \$30, Students: \$35, One day pass w/lunch: \$40, Lunch for non reg. Spouse: \$8, **Add \$10 per person after July 15, 2003.** Copy of Registrations will be available at the meeting.

WANTED: Donations for young missionary going to Mexico in August. Has Lathe, needs tools. If you have any spare turning tools, contact Paul Coppinger 903-569-9780
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FINISHING TIPS:
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FRENCH POLISH

This finish has been around for years. The formula has been claimed by many, acclaimed by many more, but actually attributed to no one. It is excellent for small turnings – under 3-5” in diameter.

Shelf life is about 6 months so mix up small portions – it goes a long way.

Mix equal parts of:

Boiled Linseed oil
White Shellac
Shellac Thinner (alcohol)

Place in a small container and shake well before using each time.

- Sand the work to 400 grit.
- Finish with Gray then White “Scotchbrite”.
- Buff with a rag (sweatshirt works well).
- Apply the finish to the work with a rag (sweatshirt) while the lathe is turning.
- Keep the rag moving*, and burnish the polish it to a high shine.
- Repeat if necessary until the entire work is even.

WOODTURNERS OIL:

This finish is used for “softening the grain” before making final cuts and sanding on bowls. It helps to eliminate the end grain tear out.

Mix equal parts of:

Boiled Linseed Oil
Turpentine
Danish or Tung Oil

-Apply the finish with the lathe at rest. Let it soak in for a couple minutes.

-Wipe off the excess.

-Using a “Shear Scraper” *very* lightly scrape off. Use the scraper at an angle similar to using a skew chisel.

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John LeBlanc

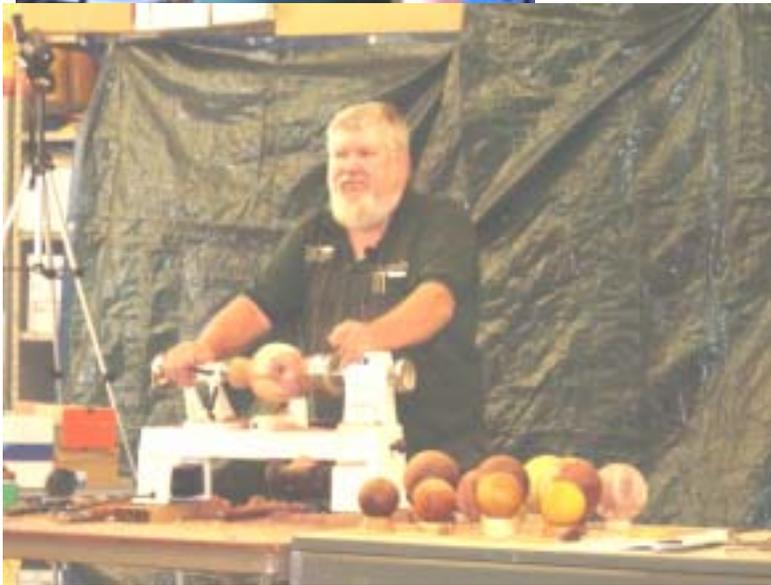


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Steven Shirley: Turning spheres- He made it look easy.



Ken Terrell- Maple vase with carving

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ETW MENTORS LIST:

A mentor is someone who enjoys providing training, encouragement, advice, help in building jigs, and other woodturning related help for the rest of our club members. If you are interested in taking advantage of their offers, all you need to do is contact them. They will listen to your requests, decide how they can best help and they will provide you with telephone assistance, invite you to their shop, or come to your shop. This is an offer you need to take advantage of. All you need to do is ask. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses are provided below. You can also talk to them at our club meeting.

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POTENTIAL TEAM STRUCTURE FOR CLUB CHALLENGE

Team 1: Norman Dixon
Willis Martin
Mike Taylor

Team 5: Walter Tate
Steve Hagler
J.J. Altier

Team 2: Gene Kircus
Howard Murry
Bobby Barron

Rules: Each team will turn from identical blocks of wood. The design will be left up to the team's discretion. Each team will have 1 hour and 30 minutes of turning time to complete their project. Each team member has to turn 30 minutes each. The turnings can be completed on either face plate or a chuck. The tools to be used are to be furnished by the team members. Lathes, chucks and face plates will be available. Each members of the winning team will receive a club furnished prize. Voting by the club members will be handled by ballot.

Team 3: Lynn Pratt
Steve Green
Joe Salos

Team 4: Tom Crosby
Mark Anthony
Jose Alanis