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Meeting at TJC West Campus

June 12, 2004 9:00 a.m.

THE PREZ SAYS

WOW! What a meeting, maybe we should meet at Archie's all the time. I usually say that if you were not there you really missed something, however since we had almost 60 people in attendance you were probably there. Was that a great program or what? Raul Pena is, without question, one of the best demonstrators in Texas, as well as a fine gentleman. I can't remember a clearer explanation of how and why tools work. If you didn't learn several things this month you were not paying attention. I hope that you try the hook tools; they are wonderful for making endgrain boxes. Especially thin wall boxes. There is nothing else that will let you make walls as thin as a hook tool. That is what I used to make the "glass" for my Hourglass turning.

NEW MEETING PLACE

Starting this month we will be meeting at The TJC R & D Center at the intersection of the West Loop 323 and Robertson Rd. Dr. Larry Genender will be our first demonstrator at this location. He does a great demo and has written several articles about turning including an article in the American Woodturner about demonstrating. So come ready to be impressed.

The winners of the raffle for this month will have a choice of, swing arm light, dial calipers, 10" carbide tip saw blade, long reach flashlight, 6 piece measuring set, face shield, #2 Morse taper cleaning tool, and thin parting tool. This is the month to award the Vacuum Pump; you sure want to win this one.

And only 7 more chances to buy the winning ticket for the Christmas present, A Stronghold Chuck with an extra set of jaws. If you win this and don't want it let me know!

It is time to sign up for the South Western Association of Turners, SWAT, symposium. This will be held October 1- 3 in Temple, Texas this year. If you haven't made room reservations yet, DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER. There is a big football game and some other things going on in the vicinity and rooms are going fast.

In connection with the SWAT symposium, there will be a display of turnings from the participating clubs the month before the meeting. Each club is to send 4 turnings for display, 2 from each club will be displayed and 2 more are needed for possible use depending on how space works out. PLEASE bring your best turning with you this month. The pieces will be voted on during the meeting to decide which ones will be sent.

Be thinking about how you want to participate in the Freedom Pens endeavor for our combat troops. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting this month. You can turn pens at your shop, at others shops, donate money of materials if you don't want to turn, help prepare blanks, clean up or whatever. If you don't have the equipment or the knowledge, that is not an excuse, you can get help with that. If you are not familiar with the Freedom Pens they have a web site at www.freedompens.org.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at the new site.

Tom

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May Meeting



Cary Grant
Mabogany



Raul Pena' - May Demo



Gene Kretz
Bach Bowl
Mesquite Cordfence



Don Walworth
Maple



Paul Coppinger
Mesquite



Lidded Box Demo

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Autobiography

Larry Genender is a member of both the Woodturners of North Texas and the Dallas Area Woodturners of North Texas. He has been turning sporadically since 1996, but more seriously since retiring from surgical practice in 1999. He is the Immediate Past Chairman of the Board of SouthWest Association of Turners (SWAT). He has taken classes with Ellsworth, Raffan, Keith Rowley, Rodger Jacobs, and others.

“I bought my first lathe in 1996, and as soon as I saw the shavings fly, I was hooked. It took 2 years before I stopped calling the tools instruments. I went to the Craft Supplies’ workshops in Utah in 3 successive summers, and a platter was a project at each level, with a 10” platter in the beginners course progressing up to a 14” platter in the advanced course. I was impressed with how turning platters developed technique, and after demonstrating and helping others turn platters, they sort of stuck to me. My main interest is technique, and I like to make large pieces with lots of chips flying.”

I will first show the methods of mounting, and how to turn a 12” blank held in a 1/16” deep recess. The piece will be finish turned with only 2 mountings. Time permitting, I plan to complete a platter during the demo, which will be mostly turning and less talking – that’s why they call it a demo and not a lecture!! A handout will be provided giving all the detail you need to try this project back home

Editor's Corner

Hello again. This is our 6th issue for this year, where has the time gone? I would like to report that this past month I have turned several exquisite projects not one of which ended up in my cull box. Truthfully, I haven’t spent any time in my own shop at all.

Please notice a couple of important changes in the club officers. Due to family responsibilities, I am no longer able to perform the duties of Secretary. Your new Secretary is Mr. John Leonard. Mr. Steve Green has volunteered to perform the duties of Librarian. I would like to thank John and Steve for their support and willingness to accept this responsibility. I will remain as the Newsletter Editor.

Speaking of Officers, now is the time to start thinking of volunteering yourself or someone you know for next year’s positions.

This past month I was able to spend some time with Paul and Mike as they showed me how to make Shaker boxes. I really picked up some good tips and left with three nesting boxes of which I am very fond. I realize this isn’t turning, but it was really a lot of fun.

Well, that is all for now. I will see you all in July.

Take care,

Joseph

Miscellaneous

Don't forget to bring your turned cars for the kids to the meeting. Bill Dean will be picking them up then.

The new (June) issue of Woodezine is now available at.
http://www.woodezine.com/06_2004/0604_nav.html

S.W.A.T.

Bring your pieces to this meeting. Of the entries, we will choose four (4) to be displayed in Temple.

The 13th annual 2004 SWAT Symposium will be held on October 1, 2, & 3, 2004 at the [Mayborn Center in Temple TX](#)

New Members

Ken Carr - Mineola

Jeff Mayfield - Bullard

March Attendance

44 Members

(Actual Count was 55 so some people didn't sign in)

1 visitors

Tip of the Month

I often use a commercial tung oil/varnish mixture as finish on wood projects. Unfortunately, this product's shelf life after the initial opening is limited. I usually end up throwing a good portion of the product away because it thickens and becomes difficult to apply when stored in the original container after opening. I've tried many re-sealable containers without success.

Lately I have begun pouring the unused oil/varnish into an empty wine bottle after the initial opening. I then use a manual vacuum pump and rubber cork designed specifically for wines bottles. A few pumps to evacuate the air remaining in the bottle is all it takes. The next time I need to use the finish I pour the required amount into an appropriate container for application, usually a small tin bowl. When no longer needed, I pour the unused portion back into the wine bottle and once again evacuate the air with the pump.

So far this process has more than doubled the shelf life of my oil/varnish finish and the clock is still ticking. I obtained my pump and stoppers at Bed Bath & Beyond. The pump and one stopper cost around \$12. Additional stoppers are about \$4 a pair.

Mike DeLong

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