

# THE TURNING TIMES

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

March 8, 2003 @9:00 a.m.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE A WORD FROM THE PREZ

Woodturners and (like me) Would be



turners. Well we have certainly had a great February, lots of chips and shavings at the ole meeting place this month. Thanks to Leon

McLemore for a great demo on segmented turnings. One of the great things about segmented turning is no cracks and no warping. If you haven't tried it you are in for a real treat. Leon really knows his stuff! And did you see the finish he gets on his pieces. One of these days I've got to get him to show me how he does it.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> we had a very successful Beginning Turners Seminar. There were more than 20 turners present. We had 5 lathes, 2 sharpening stations and a wood prep site all going for the entire seminar. A lot was learned by everyone, especially the coaches, and everybody had a good time. If you didn't make it you really missed something. Be sure to attend the next one, which will be in the fall. This is a good time to get with a Mentor and continue with what you learned. This will help to keep up the interest of both of you.

Thanks to Bobby Barron for his assistance in making the facility available for the Meetings and the Seminar. We would be in real trouble if we didn't have him.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting. We have a few folks that haven't been to a meeting lately if you know of one bring them with you. As you know guest are always welcome so bring them too.

Tom's Hour Glass turning! Wow!



## A Joint Effort of the AAW Chapters of Texas

Your "TTT" Board of Directors is soliciting your help in welcoming our vendors to the 12<sup>th</sup> annual symposium August 29-31, 2003 in Wichita Falls. We are asking our vendors to make available a larger variety of items along with the latest and newest supplies and equipment they have in stock. The success of the symposium depends greatly on the success of the vendors. Without them and without a variety of merchandise, the symposium suffers. Your Board is asking you, if at all possible, to put off any purchases that are unnecessary at the moment and instead, purchase them at the symposium. The vendors go to great effort and expense and travel long distances in an attempt to promote their company while providing us with new and exciting supplies and equipment. While at their booth, tell them how much you appreciate them participating in the "TTT" and ask them to come back next year.

Gerald Whitaker  
Publicity Chairman

BUSINESS MEETING: February 8, 2003

The new name of the board of directors for TTT is "American Association of Woodturners Affiliated Clubs of Texas". The web site is [www.ttt.com](http://www.ttt.com). The Texas Turner Two will be held Aug. 29-31 in Wichita Falls. The members discussed increasing our seed money to \$500. A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The motion carried

**The Ambrosia wood blank donated by WOODCRAFT in Addison and was won by Joseph Armstrong.**

The raffle items were won by Gene Kircus, Charles Brooks, Norm Dixon, John LeBlanc and DeWayne Nelson.



Ken Terrel critiqued the "Show and Tell" pieces. Some included a duck call made out of Purdue by Steven, maple bowl

with square lip by John Leonard, river birch lidded vessels and bowl by Norm, birch bowl by Mark, mesquite lacy vase by Ken, Large bowl out of Bradford pear by Walter.



Mike Mastin from Curly woods in Prosper brought some hardwoods. He has big leaf maple burl, myrtle burls, cherry and walnut. The blanks are 2-3" thick by 6" wide. He can be reached at [www.curlywoods.com](http://www.curlywoods.com).



Leon McLemore- Segmented bowls  
Maple and red heart bowl:



True up each ring. Keep segment sequel. Use spindle gouge to turn outside, and 3/8" bowl gouge for inside. Finish is mylar friction polish.



THANKS

LEON

#### TURNING TIPS:

- JOHN LEONARD- Warm up- pine pieces, round- dove -cove-beads- practice with skew.
- Walter Tate- Talk to others before finishing top of vase.
- Tom Crosby- Sandpaper-mark back for grit; cut off corners-1 corner for 100 grit-2 corners for 200 grit, etc.
- Gene- Grid off top of tool chest put different grit sandpaper in each section.
- Tom Criswell- When turning crossgrain you get a burr- use Johnson wax on burr. Getting chips out of hollow vessel use adaptor pvc pipe/ hose in vacuum.

#### Safety Tips:

- Listen to sound of tools  
Keep tools off Lathe

## “CLUB SPOTLIGHT!”

I have been doing woodworking for the past 30 years and have been turning for the past 18 years. I have made custom built kitchen & bathroom cabinets and furniture for the family. Now woodturning consumes most of my time turning from 60 to 100 pieces each year.

My shop was built in 1997. The shop building is 20 x 26 feet. There is a 95 square foot storage room that houses lawn and garden equipment. The shop has water, electricity, gas, sewer and phone utilities. Originally an alcove of 42 square feet for log storage, but as time has passed logs are stored both inside and outside the shop. There is a finish room with a exhaust fan and a laboratory. Also there is a toilet in its individual room. There are 14 electrical outlets, a gas heater, a window air conditioner and a ceiling fan. The shop equipment include a air compressor, a portable thickness planer, a table saw, a radial arm saw, a drill press, a band saw, 2 grinders, a scroll saw, a belt sander, a joiner and a work bench. There are 4 storage cabinets with assorted hand tools. I have 2 lathes, 2 shop vacs, a small dust collector and a ceiling mounted air filter.

My lathes are a Woodfast short bed with DC variable speed drive and a Jet mini-lathe. The main problem with my shop is that it is too small. I would like to have more windows and better insulation. However this is much better shop than what I started with, a large cardboard box on a covered patio.

I am very grateful to have the shop and enjoy and spend most day turning.

Tom Criswell



## TOM CRISWELL'S SHOP



## NEW TURNERS SEMINAR FEBRUARY 22

We all had a great learning experience. The women even got involved. All questions were answered with great care. All the teachers have such patience. If you didn't make it, you missed a wonderful experience. Another one will take place in the fall. Thanks to everyone!



### March Meeting:

#### Deer Antler Pens Inlaid with Turquoise

Joe and Jan Berreth were on vacation and spotted a bowl in a shop while on vacation in Idaho in 1999. After seeing the price, Joe said "I can do that" and upon returning home started looking for a wood turner's club and found this Club. After becoming members and several meetings later, Ed Heuslein invited us to his shop. We made our first two pens and got hooked. At first we made pens for family members and ourselves until somebody offered to buy a pen. The rest is history. Striving to make an affordable and marketable pen that not only looked good but also had a professional look became our goal. We took Peggy and Gene's class on Turquoise inlay and thought we could apply those techniques to our pens. After reading several books about pen making, we have developed ways to make antler pens that is not found in any books. We will share some of those techniques with you during this demonstration. Because we will be working with a small object we encourage you to bring a set of binoculars just in case Mr. Heuslein's camera work is not clear enough for you to see.

Joe Berreth

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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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