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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

March 3, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m.

Calendar of Events

- March 3, 2007**
Regular Meeting
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- April 4, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- April 14, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- May 2, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- May 12, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- May 30, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- June 9, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- July 5, 2007 (Thursday)**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- July 14, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- August 1, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- August 11, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- August 29, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- September 8, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- October 3, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101
- October 13, 2007**
Regular Meeting
- October 24, 2007**
SC TJCW Rm. 101

The Prez Says:

Hello East Texas Woodturners,

Hope you have had a good month and stayed warm. I haven't been out in the shop much as it was too cool out there to be much fun.

Tom Crosby, you are incredible. What a great demo. We all got the idea even though the wood did its best to stop you. Tom' demo was great to show not only the way to make a lidded bowl/dish but more importantly what to do when presented with an unwanted "design opportunity". Thanks.

We have 5 new members. They are Denny Burd, Dan Grounds, Wendell Kahler, Bruce Lester, and Jim Wayne. Welcome and please make use of the opportunities ETWT offers. This is now your club also.

The website now has the latest address book of members. This is the same list you get from Ed via email. Go to the Club website at www.easttexaswoodturners.org, click on "Announcements", then "address list". It is password protected and the password is "shear cut" (two words). Paul Coppinger made this possible. Thanks Paul.

Starting with the February meeting we will have "greeters" to meet visitors and get them introduced to ETWT. These folks are Bobby Barron, Joe Berreth, Grady Fisher, Brooks Fowler, Cary Grant, Steven Hagler, Kevin Stevenson, John Stroud, and Ken Terrell. They will show the visitors around, get them signed in, get them a name tag (outlined in RED), explain our raffle, library, and introduce them to members. Except that if you bring a visitor you will be responsible to introduce them to other members. We will continue to recognize them at the beginning of the meeting. We will send them a copy of the Newsletter and I will recognize them in this column. I request each of you to welcome them while they are visiting with us.

Our scheduled Back to Basics class will be held in Room 104, our regular meeting room, instead of the East building where we have been in the past. That space is no longer available as TJC will be converting that space to classrooms and labs.

Mike DeLong has agreed to help with the Newsletter. Thanks Mike.

We still need a photographer. If you would like to take pictures of beautiful wooden pieces and/or candid shots of the meeting please see me. This is getting to the point that we may have to stop taking the pictures. The folks doing it now can't commit to doing it all the time. I would hate to see us stop taking the pictures and not having them on the website for the world to see what great work you do.

The SWAT symposium will be October 5, 6, and 7 in Wichita Falls. There will be 3 demo periods on Friday starting at 10:30 AM, 4 on Saturday and 3 on Sunday finishing early in the afternoon. There will be six national lead demonstrators. Registration will be \$125.00, which includes 3 lunches but not the banquet. Donations (not registration fees) to SWAT are now tax deductible.

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Library Notes

The library will not be open at the March meeting.

Thanks,

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Classifieds

Custom Woods

Woods for Craftsmen, Builders and Hobbyist. Jim Tobias 903-396-2196
Located between Kerns & Trinidad, off Hwy 31.

The Hardwood Barn

New shipment of new turning blocks of all sizes. Toni @ 903-822-4113
toni@hardwoodbarn.com

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 jd38@flash.net Thanks

Looking for a lathe

I am looking for either a promatic or Rockwell delta, heavy duty lathe.

KL Snodgrass
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Thank you
KL Snodgrass

Membership Renewal for 2007

The Membership Renewal Drive continues, and all members who have yet to pay their 2007 dues are urged to do so as soon as possible. A renewal form is on the website and renewals may be either paid by mail or paid at the March meeting.

To date 76 members have renewed for 2007. This number does include new members Denny Burd, John Dees, Dan Grounds, Wendell Kahler, Bruce Lester, Thomas Watts, and James Wayne. Please join with me in welcoming these new members to ETW.

Bill

A NOTE FROM KEN

For those that have reviewed our program agenda, our March program will be "Questions and Answers". Hopefully there will be answers to all questions so begin jotting down the thoughts that we all have but forget at a later date. A good Q&A program can only be as good as the input from the membership.

In conjunction with this program, we have asked Larry Genender, recently elected AAW Director from the Dallas area, to give our club a brief AAW update following their first meeting of 2007. Larry will also be open for Q&A specific to AAW concerns and issues. So again, for those of you that have issues, concerns, or new directions for AAW, come prepared. This is an excellent opportunity to have direct input to a REAL, LIVE, INLIVING COLOR, AAW Director who is one of our own.

Hey Folks

Those of you that didn't attend the learn-2-turn day on Saturday the 17th missed out on some really good instruction. The members manning the instruction stations stepped up and did their usual exceptional job. We made bowls, hollow vessels, spindles and spheres, sharpened tools and buffed pieces. At last count, we had about 33 in attendance and everyone went home with all of their fingers, so it was a good day!!

I want to thank all of the mentors that made this day such a success, as well as Paul Coppinger, Mike DeLong and Bill Holmes who provided the wood for us to turn. Without you people, this event would not have been possible.

Keep up the good work guys,

Thanks again,

Cecil

ETWA 2007 Programs

Mar. 3, 2007	Ken Terrell	"Questions and Answers"
Mar. 24, 2007		"Shop Day"
Apr. 14, 2007	Judy Williams	"Lace Bobbins"
May 12, 2007	Mark Anthony	"End Grain Plugging of Hollow Vessels"
Jun. 7, 2007		"Hands On Day with Frank Penta"
Jun. 8, 2007		"Hands On Day with Frank Penta"
Jun. 9, 2007	Frank Penta	"Multi-Axis Platters"
Jul. 14, 2007	Paul Coppinger	"Hand Chased Threads"
Aug. 11, 2007	Ed Heuslein	"Rim Treatment"
Sept. 8, 2007	Ken Terrell	"Finial Enhanced Hollow Vessels"
Sept. 15, 2007		"Shop Day"
Oct. 13, 2007		"Club Day"
Nov. 3, 2007	Raul Pena	"Turning With A Hook Tool"
Dec. 8, 2007		OPEN

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The AAW and the Southwest Region

I was recently elected to the Board of the AAW, and while the election is national in scope and I represent all woodturners in the US and abroad, I know that my main base of support is Texas and the Southwest, and I feel that I am that region's unofficial voice at the AAW, which has grown to over 13,000 members and over 260 local chapters.

In late January I made a 5 day trip with the AAW Board. We first went to St. Paul MN, where the AAW headquarters is located. We saw the offices, saw the AAW Gallery and museum, toured the convention center (probable site of the 2011 Symposium), and had an all-day Board training session. We then went on to Portland OR, the site of the 2007 Symposium. We met with the local club liaison people, toured the convention center, toured the several museum locales where AAW exhibitions will be held as part of the 2007 Symposium, and had our first Board meeting. I came away from all this very invigorated with a greatly enhanced view of what the AAW represents, and it is this that I want to share with my fellow Texas and Oklahoma turners. The thoughts and opinions that follow are strictly my own, and do not represent the AAW, its Board or its staff.

The most significant event of the trip was the all-day Board training session. The AAW is just beginning a major overhaul of the way it operates administratively. We have a new Executive Director, Larry Sommer, who has joined with Mary Lacer, assistant Executive Director, to effectively double the administrative leadership of the AAW. Our session was led by Emil Angelica, a consultant with expertise in non-profit organizations, and his sessions were outstanding, both for new Board members like me and for others who had already served one or two years. The committee structure of the AAW will be divided between 1) policy and financial matters, which remain the responsibility of the elected Board and 2) administrative matters, which will now be run by the Executive Director and his staff. In addition, Butch and Pat Titus, who have served as Conference Coordinators for several years, have left and have been replaced by a conference coordinating company which will do many of the tasks previously done by Board members. These changes are important, because up to now the Board members did everything themselves, and the work load on them has become enormous as the AAW has grown in recent years. This represents a major culture shift for the Board, which will now be able to focus on the "big picture", i.e., policy issues and serving the membership which it represents. Look for significant changes in the way things get done, although not overnight – all for the benefit of the membership of the AAW and for woodturning in general

I was impressed by how "pure" the AAW is. There are no politics – everyone is dedicated to the AAW mission of fostering the art and craft of lathe turning. Decisions are reached by consensus, with virtually no dissent.

The financial health of the AAW is sound. Preliminary thinking has already begun about the AAW purchasing its own building to house its offices, merchandise, permanent collection, and museum. I would like the AAW to have its own woodturning school in that building. There are a lot of big things on the horizon – all in the idea stage!!

I was appointed to the Educational Opportunity Grants (EOG) committee, chaired by Malcolm Tibbetts. We are reading 118 applications for EOG's, and we will award money to the most worthy applicants. I encourage more of you to apply next year – I know there are many worthy projects that would receive an EOG in response to a well written application.

We have a new webmaster, Ed Davidson. Look for a bigger and better website. We are retraining the membership to renew memberships and to vote for Board members online. However, we will provide paper Ballots and registration for those luddites (Google that word!) who have resisted the digital age.

Membership growth is important. After my first Board weekend where I really saw the benefits of AAW membership (the American Woodturner magazine together with the insurance coverage is more than worth the annual dues!) I have changed from a so-so member to a very enthusiastic AAW member. Many of the attendees at club meetings are what I call wannabe turners – they sit and watch, but don't really get into it. We want those members to take a class, meet up with an experienced turner, and then get "hooked" onto woodturning like all the more involved members have become. Then you'll want to join the AAW and enjoy all it can do for you. Without the AAW you would all be in little groups with nothing to unite and advance the progress of woodturning. Look at how woodturning as an art form has progressed in the last decade!

One last thing – I bought one of the new design AAW woodturning smocks while I was in the office. This is the best one I have ever tried – it is light as a feather, zips completely up the front, has vented armpits, and a comfortably snug fit at the collar. Buy a biggish size, as they are longer. I got an XXL, and have turned in it – really comfortable. All for 35 bucks!

I hope this article will stimulate more interest in the AAW and will encourage more of you to become AAW members. I plan to travel about our region describing what the AAW does for you, and I welcome any questions you might have. If you'd like me to visit your club and talk about the AAW, please invite me – I'd love to come.

Larry Genender
AAW Board Member

February 2007 Meeting



Bill Holmes Ready for Visitors and Membership Renewals



Checking out Show & Tell



Deep Discussion



Opening of the Lathe



Preparing for the Lathe



Pulling Raffle Tickets



Raffle Items for the Day



The Start of Business



Visiting with friends



Wood for Turning

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