



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 TJC West

November 11, 2017

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Worth's Words

Hi fellow woodturners.

Kelvin Burton gave a presentation on what to do with cracks and imperfections found in turned artwork, to make them useable or more beautiful. There are many times when worm holes appear when turning or cracks develop when pieces dry, and Kelvin did a good job in showing us many of the solutions to those problems. Thanks, Kelvin!

I was made aware of a relatively new program in Tyler, called Tyler Innovation Pipeline. It's mission includes a place for innovation with a varied assortment of development tools for beginning businesses. Some of the "tools" are 3D Printers, Laser Cutters, Embroidery Machine, Sound & Video Labs, ShopBot CNC Router (4'x8'), and many Apple/Mac Desktop Computers, and more. Training is provided on the tools, and access is provided to members. They have several levels of memberships ranging from \$12 to \$75 per month. Hours are 1:00 to 8:00 Monday thru Saturday. www.tylerinnovationpipeline or (903) 201-6247.

This month's demonstrator will be the famous Sharon Ayers! Her topic is "Wood To Look Like Metal" or "Wood To Rust". I am sure it will be entertaining and informative, as are all of her presentations, both here and at SWAT.

See you all next Saturday! Bring your most recent turnings for show and tell!

CLUB CALENDAR:

- Nov 11 Regular meeting
- Dec 9 Christmas party

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.

Personalized Turning Classes

Paul Coppinger - Mineola - 903-638-6008

paulcop68@thecoppingers.net

LESSONS: Woodturning classes my shop.
Please call afternoons for more info 903-216-5564. cbrooks@suddenlink.net

Charles Brooks (Whitehouse, Texas)

For Sale: LIKE NEW

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Tools, pen sets, workbench, accessories and other items,

Whole package \$800.

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ANCHOR SEAL FOR SALE

The Club has Anchor Seal end grain sealer for sale at most Club meetings. It is available in 1 and 2 gallon jugs at \$10.00 per gallon. To obtain it, pay our treasurer, Walter Tate, and then see Dennis Lorenz. If you need some between meetings, contact Dennis at 903-565-0651 or dlorenz67@gmail.com

2018 HANDS-ON DEMO'S

Please mark your calendar for our Spring Hands-On Demo's. The dates will be April 11, 12, and 13th. A club day will be April 14th. Our national turner to present this demonstration this year will be Rudy Lopez from Florida.

For those of you that were at SWAT 2014, Mr. Lopez was one of our National Leads that year. You can view Rudy's website at rudy@rudolphlopez.com

Ken Terrell
Program Chairman

For Sale: I have a 1950's model Rockwell Delta table saw with a 6 inch Delta jointer. Table and jointer are on the same stand. This is a heavy duty unit made in the USA. 220 volt. I want **\$400.00** for it.

David Largent 903 852 7928

Free to a good home - used 55 gallon drum (Anchorseal) - it has been rinsed out but there is still some residue left. Complete with lid and plugs. Call **Dennis Lorenz at 469-865-6745.**

Update on Tops

There's still time to turn tops!

I'll have more blanks at the 11/11 ETW meeting, and there will be blanks at MOST (11/18). Or you can furnish your own wood.

You can turn in finished tops at the 11/11 ETW meeting or at MOST or you can bring them to the ETW Christmas party on 12/9.

Thank you for participating!

Dennis Lorenz

Mineola Open Shop Turning Day

MOST Day will be Nov 18st

Turning, Fun and Fellowship

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

October Meeting Pictures



East Texas Woodturners Fact-Sheet

We meet once a month (usually on the second Saturday) at 9:00 AM at Tyler Junior College West, room 104. At our monthly meetings, there is a show and tell table, an open library (hundreds of DVDs and books), a raffle for tools and/or gift certificates, and a demonstration. Oh, yeah – there is always lots of discussion and opinions – don't be afraid to ask!

Please visit our web page at <http://www.easttexaswoodturners.org/> - also, find us on Facebook – look for East Texas Woodturners. Take a look at the “Mentor Program” on our web page to see contact information on 15 mentors that will help you with turning situations. There is also information on ETW's vast library resources (see “Library”). And for dues information, click on “Membership Form”.

Also once a month (usually one week after our normal meeting), a lot of us gather at Paul Coppinger's shop in Mineola for MOST (Mineola Open Shop Turning). This is a come-and-go “hands-on” event, where you can turn on one of seven mini lathes, ask questions, or just watch. See “MOST Day” on the web page.

ETW participates in the “Beads of Courage” program – this is a national program where kids undergoing various medical procedures (usually cancer) are awarded beads for these procedures and need a container for their beads. See <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/> for additional information.

SWAT (Southwest Association of Turners) has an annual symposium in August – it is a 2-1/2 day event usually held in Waco at the convention center. The 2015 meeting had about 850 attendees, 50 vendors, a variety of demonstrations, and a gallery of beautiful turnings. See <http://www.swaturners.org/> for more details and cost information.

Member discounts are available from several vendors – please ask the vendor if a discount is available. Please remember that most discount lists are usually updated only once a year, after the dues are collected in the Spring.

Have questions? See the Newsletter for club officer contact information.

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<http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/>

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13163 Market Ave N Hartville, OH 44632
800-345-2396

<http://www.hartvilletool.com/>

Johnson Wood Products

34897 Crystal Rd., Strawberry Point, IA 52076
563-933-6504 CST

<http://www.johnsonwoodproducts.com/>

Klingspor's Woodworking Shop

3 Locations in North Carolina
1-800-228-0000 EST

<http://www.woodworkingshop.com/>

Packard Woodworks

P.O. Box 718, Tryon, NC 28782
1-800-683-8876
FAX: 828-859-5551

<http://www.packardwoodworks.com/index.html>

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Thompson Lathe Tools

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440-241-6360 CST

<http://www.thompsonlathetools.com/>

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Suite 145 601 W. Plano Parkway Plano, TX 75075
(972) 422-2732

<http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=317>

Woodline.com

111 Wheeler St., LaVergne, TN 37086
615-793-0474 CST

<http://www.woodline.com/>

Wood World

13650 TI Blvd. #101, Dallas, TX 75243
972-669-9130 CST

<http://woodworldtx.com/>

East Texas Hardwoods

Pittsburg Texas
Joe Hallonquist
Cell- 936-577-4306

Carter & Son Toolworks

Woodturning Tools 206-878-7672

<http://www.carterandsontoolworks.com/>

(see Dennis Lorenz or Paul Coppinger for discount code)

Member Profile Bill Preston

By Mike Connoly



A few months ago I was approached by the club's intrepid Vice President for a Member's Profile for the ETW news letter. I gracefully (I think) declined, citing the fact that I thought there were plenty of other, more interesting and deserving members to be "featured". (I have been proven right on that point a number of times since).

When he approached me again in May about a profile, I made him an offer. Turn about is fair play, sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander (please continue to supply your own analogies at this point...) and I did the interview.

What follows is Bill Preston making good on a deal.

Born and raised in Henderson, TX in the later part of 1945, Bill spent much of his early life as most small town kids do. He attended Henderson High School and went on to graduate from Texas A & M University. The plan was to continue his education by going on to law school and becoming an attorney.

This is where the story turns.

President Johnson and Defense Secretary Robert McNamara sent Bill a letter inviting him to join thousands of others in their fight to protect American interests and put an end to communist aggression in South Vietnam. Bill was drafted into the Army in 1969, served two years on active

duty and another four in the inactive reserves. As an added bonus, he spent more than half of his active duty tour in Germany as a company clerk.

Discharged in June of 1971, he returned to his Texas roots and once again intended to go to law school in the fall. It seemed his father could use some help in the family insurance business. Founded by his grandfather in 1920, Preston Insurance Agency was a thriving business and Bill found he actually liked the job. Plans of law school slipped away and he settled in with the company. He eventually became a partner with his father, and after his father retired in 2001 he became the sole proprietor. He sold the business several years ago to a bank who wanted to get into the insurance game, and Bill retired.

In the midst of all of this he met his wife of 49 years, Nancy, a Kansas girl, in Washington DC while they were both interns for a banking concern. (Honestly, he explained what the internship was all about, and once I figured out that he was indeed speaking English, I was hopelessly lost) The gist of it is that he asked a young woman out on a date and the rest, as they say, is history. They have two daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth, who married and now live in the Dallas area. Bill and Nancy have four grandchildren, 3 boys and a girl who, according to Bill, they can't spend enough time with. (many of us know the feeling)

Bill was a hobbyist wood worker for 30 years before being introduced to the lathe. Making furniture for family and friends he wound up in West Virginia with an acquaintance to make a Windsor style chair. Of course the legs, braces and back spindles have to be turned, and he discovered he liked doing it. When he came home to the house that he and Nancy have owned for 47 years, the addition of a Jet 1022 seemed the right thing to do. Bill, like many of us, does his woodworking in one half of a two car garage. He does occasionally spill over into Nancy's side, but not for any appreciable length of time. His shop does not have a lot of square feet, but it is well thought out and all of his equipment is well cared for and of good quality.

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Bill has been a member of the club since 2013 and he likes to turn bowls. He names Al Stirt as a source of inspiration and instruction. He gives credit to James Patrick, a former club member, and Tom Criswell, a current club member, for teaching him and mentoring him in the ways of the lathe. He related that both men showed a great deal of patience. Bill recently acquired a Nova 1424, once owned by a current member of the club, has it fairly restored to its former glory and ready to produce a wider variety of pieces than the Jet would allow.

As most wood turners do, Bill is evolving in this craft we've chosen and I think we can look forward to seeing some interesting pieces come out of his shop in times to come.

I asked him what he liked best about the club and his response was immediate and definitive.

The people.

The fact that they share without reservation or expectation or an over abundance of ego. That he can learn from some of the best wood turners in the country and have fun doing it. The fellowship and community of the club is important to Bill, and it shows.

Of course, I asked the opposite question as well.

What don't you like about the club?

This soft spoken man went even more quiet, and I could tell he wasn't comfortable with the question. He thought about it for a few moments, gave a half smile and never did give me an answer.

He is the kind of guy who lives the philosophy, "If you can't say anything good.."

That Bill Preston is an asset to our club is undeniable, and we are fortunate to have him serving as our Vice President. It was great fun visiting him in his shop, and I hope to be invited back to turn something as a collaboration.

In the meantime, ask him why Nancy won't let him put an A&M flag out in front of the house.....

A personal project



I am working with a young man (16 years old) to build him a lathe. He is a hard worker (paid for his small lathe and tools by making and selling pens, bottle-stoppers etc).

A fellow wood-turner donated most of the steel and we are using a few things I had in the shop. John Wood supplied the banjo (he had an extra Powermatic banjo). The white you see in this picture is primer, the final color will be "hammered" silver/grey. The 10-3/4" pipe, motor, drive belt and inverter are purchased items, everything else is spare parts or fabricated by us.

We are not yet finished (getting close) but clearly this will be a nice machine that Jake can use for many years. It is a satisfying project for me, teaching some shop skills to a good student and wood-turner.

Dennis Ford