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THE TURNING TIMES is a 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 Campus

November 20, 2004 9:00 a.m.

## Calendar of Events

### November 18, 2004

Steering Meeting  
3:00 p.m. TJC West

### November 20, 2004

Regular Meeting

### December 11, 2004

Christmas Party

### December 16, 2004

Steering Meeting  
3:00 p.m. TJC West

### January 8, 2005

Regular Meeting

### February 12, 2005

Regular Meeting

## The Prez Says

October was a fun month. First we had Larry Hancock show us just all there is to know about deep hollowing. This guy is a great turner and maybe even a better instructor. He knows what to do and how to tell you about it. We had another big turnout for his demo. Our club consistently has about 60% or more members at every meeting. In case you don't realize how good that is, the average for this kind of club is about 30%. I guess other clubs don't have the high quality demos that our Program Coordinator, Ken Terrell, keeps providing us with. A big thanks to Ken!

Those of you that did not come to the New Turners Seminar missed out on a lot fun and learning. We had about 40 people show up and made a lot of shavings. There were several folks that had not turned before that went away eager to learn more The facility is excellent for this kind of program, plenty of room for as many lathes as we need. I'm sure we can find other uses for it in the future. We are very fortunate to have found such a great place to meet and to have the outstanding cooperation of the folks in charge that we enjoy.

Sir Norman Dixon, Knight of the Round Wood, will be doing the demo for November. If you have not seen a demo by Norm you are in for a treat, even if you have seen one it will be a treat, the guy is good. Remember that this month the meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat the 20<sup>th</sup>, instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. This is due to the annual Wooden Wonderland Show and Sale at the Rose Garden on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Be sure and come by, you will not only see some great turnings but some outstanding carving by some of the areas best carvers.

Bring money to the meeting, raffle items for this month are 1oz, turquoise, 5 pc HSS Mini Turnings set, Swing arm light, Center finder Scale, #2 Morse taper cleaner, and a Face shield. Don't forget to bring extra for the 3-month raffle and the Christmas Raffle. You can never have too many live centers and chucks.

We will vote on the revised By-laws, there will be copies of the old and new to check out and voting will be done after the break. Our new officers for next year will be announced at that time also. We will not have a vote for officers since we were not able to get more than one person to agree to hold the offices.

Don't forget to put the Christmas Party on your calendar for the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup> of Dec at Traditions.

Don't forget Show and Tell, this month bring the First thing you turned if you have it or the earliest you have as well as something new, unless it is the same thing.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Tom

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## October Meeting



## S.W.A.T. Symposium



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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</b>

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### Website News

The website

[www.easttexaswoodturners.org](http://www.easttexaswoodturners.org)

continues to grow and add new articles, tips and announcements in addition to the monthly Gallery of photos from the meetings.

Make it a habit to check the homepage often to see these changes, additions and notices.

Paul Coppinger

Webmaster

### November Demo

Norm Dixon – Picture Frames With A British Influence

Larry Hancock's website: [www.turnedtreasures.com](http://www.turnedtreasures.com)

### New Members

Jim Leistra – Mineola, TX

John Deatherage – Mabank, TX

Casey Collins – Flint, TX

Diana Hulsey – Gary, TX

Harvey Ramsey – Tyler, TX

John & Dotti Roberson – Troup, TX

### Freedom Pen Project

To date: ETW has sent 228 pens to the troops. We have about 40 finished and an even hundred (100) will save on shipping costs.

This is not a total count for ETW because of the inability to track the pens made at the various Turn-a-Thons.

Ed has received 200 more kits. Once the corian centers are made, a very tedious gluing process, they will be available. We need more mesquite for blanks. Scraps, end pieces, etc all work well if you have some to donate.

Ed has also provided several pictures from the various Turn-a-Thons. Look for them in the next newsletter.

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## Tip of the Month

### Drying rough turned bowls quickly.

Fred Holder was kind enough to publish an article I wrote about drying bowls in More Woodturning. I am not sure where you can obtain a copy of the November issue or if Fred has extra copies available for purchase. The process is something I have worked on for many years and it has proven very effective.

In the interest of turners who would like to turn bowls from green wood and give them for gifts this coming Christmas I am posting the process in a nutshell. Please let me know your results, good or bad, so I can write a follow-up article about the general use of the process.

#### ALCOHOL SOAKING GREEN BOWL BLANKS IN A NUT SHELL.

Turn the bowl to a thickness of ½" for small bowls (< 6 inches). Larger bowls may need to be thicker to allow for distortion.

Place the bowl in a container of denatured alcohol.

Let soak for 2 or more hours.

Remove the bowl and place it on a rack upside down for 1 hour to let the surface dry.

Wrap the bowl in heavy paper such as a grocery sack. On a bowl simply gather the paper around the rim and secure with a couple turns of masking tape. On a closed form the paper can be tucked into the opening and held in place with masking tape across the opening. The opening must be open to allow air circulation.

Place the bowl upside down on a rack so air can circulate into the opening.

Record the weight and date on the bottom of the paper. When the weight stops decreasing it is ready to finish turn.

Small bowls will stop losing weight in one week or less. Large bowls will take about two weeks. Hollow forms vary in drying time due to the small opening which inhibits air exchange. It is not necessary to record the weight every day but initially you may want to check the progress to satisfy your curiosity. I keep my shop heated and dehumidified year round so my drying time may vary from what you may experience.

Nearly every turning I have posted on this forum has been dried using this process. There have been some failures but they have been rare exceptions. So don't use a priceless irreplaceable piece of wood to test this drying protocol.

I owe a big thank you to the many people who helped me test the alcohol drying process during the past year and those who encouraged this project. They validated my findings, edited text and gave me the confidence to publish the results. In no particular order these people are David Propst, Bill Grumbine, Dominic Grecco, Jennifer Shirley, Mark Kauder, Larry Hancock, Scott Greaves, Sean Troy, Barb Siddiqui, Mike Schwing and Ellis Walentine.

Good luck.

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