



# 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

September 10, 2016



### The Prez says:

I don't know about everyone else, but I really enjoyed the recent high temps of less than 80 – not shabby for August. And I hope everyone got a good dose of the rain – we needed that. Fall starts on September 22 – something else to look forward to! SWAT 2016 was great – lots of places to spend money! There were over 225 Beads of Courage boxes and about 500 Art Gallery displays (ETW did it's usual great job in running the Art Gallery). And there were about 1100 attendees. Oh yeah, I believe

two of our members won a Lyle Jamison hollowing tool and a Cactus Juice stabilizing kit! What did I win? The usual – zip, nada, zilch (I'm beginning to detect a pattern here).

Just finished looking at <http://www.woodturningonline.com/> - there's a neat video about a French woodturner who likes to turn very thin (2 mm – a little over 1/16") oak pieces. He then sandblasts the soft wood between the hard growth rings for a lacy effect. Now we wait until someone in ETW acquires a sand blasting machine and goes down a new path. There's also a nice write-up about finials if you need a 4 page reference.

Robert Trimmel's program last month on "Finials and Sanding" was very informative – I really liked the idea of turning standard tenons on the finials (enables "mixing and matching"). I have to admit I was a bit concerned about the sanding portion (I really did not want to see a sanding demo). The Sanding Glove was a neat concept – see <http://www.thesandingglove.com/> for this and other products.

John Wood is our September demonstrator – he will talk about "Southwest Pots and Decorations". He has turned some neat Southwest style hollow forms and I'm looking forward to his demo.

**Don't forget to turn some tops!** We still need a bunch for Mineola Naturefest on October 1 – bring the finished tops to the September meeting or to MOST. And let me know if you need blanks!

Back to turning!

Dennis Lorenz

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### CLUB CALENDAR:

- Sept 10th, Regular Meeting  
Demo by John Wood
- Sept 24th, MOST day
- Oct 1st, Mineola Naturefest
- Oct 8th, Regular Meeting  
Demo by Tom Crosby

## 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.

**For Sale:** Woodturning Aprons – Made of material that sheds those pesky shavings - \$25.00. Please contact Kay Leonard at 903- 592-6009 or at [kayl99417@gmail.com](mailto:kayl99417@gmail.com)

**For Sale:** Acrylic blanks made to order by Richard Redman. I start with 2part resin, mix colors, can incase just about anything (pinecones, sweetgum balls, waspnest, beans and more). Email [crazydick177@hotmail.com](mailto:crazydick177@hotmail.com) leave contact information and what you would like done.

**For Sale:** Nova 3000 lathe with swivel head, stand, extension, ext tool rest, plus: \$1200 Dana Hettich **903 497 6149**  
[Danahettich6149@gmail.com](mailto:Danahettich6149@gmail.com)

**FOR SALE:** Stubby S-750 lathe. Has an additional banjo and an auxiliary bed that attaches in 5 places and has three configurations at each point. It is 16 inch lathe that has a sliding bed that allows turning up to 30 inches. The bed also swivels. It comes with 5 tool rests. It weights 750 pounds. You won't ever need another lathe. Price: **\$4500 Contact John Leonard 903-592-6009.**

**FOR SALE:** General 26020 lathe; 20 inch swing with electronic Variable Frequency Drive. This lathe was made in Canada and is high quality, comes with Stronghold chuck, Jamieson hollowing system and several gouges \$2200.

Also a Delta 14 inch bandsaw made in USA with gearbox (wood cutting speed and multiple slow speeds for cutting metal) \$500.

**Contact Lew York 936-414-3602** (Lufkin TX)

**For Sale:** Bowl Drying Box approx 2' x 2' x 4' insulated, with thermostat controlled fan/heater. \$65. Ben Gallagher 903-297-3858  
[bfgallagher@cablelynx.com](mailto:bfgallagher@cablelynx.com)

### Mineola Open Shop Turning Day

**MOST Day will be September 24th**

**Turning, Fun and Fellowship**

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

### 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](mailto:dlorenz67@gmail.com)

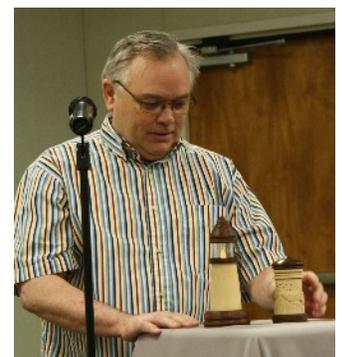
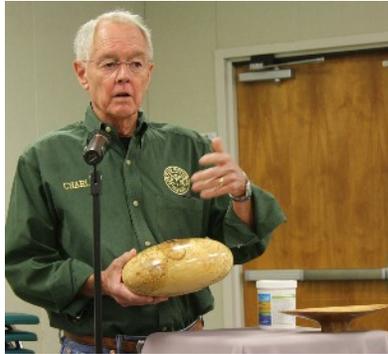
### Set-up and Clean-up Teams - Sept Meeting

**Set-Up:** Worth Holmes, Glenn Galloway, Robert Ray, Larry Morris

**Clean-Up:** Worth Holmes, Glenn Galloway, Robert Ray, Larry Morris

**Thank you all for volunteering!**

## August Meeting Pictures



### Tops Needed for Mineola Naturefest

Tops are a quick and easy project for those times you are not ready to start a complicated project. Please bring tops to September meeting or MOST day, let Dennis Lorenz know if you need top blanks.



## 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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### Craft Supplies USA

1287 E. 1120 S., Provo, UT 84606  
1-800-551-8876  
FAX: 801-377-7742

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

### Hartville Tool

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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Promenade North Shopping Center  
800 North Coit #2500  
Richardson, TX 75080

(972) 613-8848 CST

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

### Thompson Lathe Tools

5479 Columbia Road North Olmsted, OH 44070  
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<http://www.thompsonlathetools.com/>

### Woodcraft

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  
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**Member Profile**  
**KELVIN BURTON**

**By Bill Preston**



***Once a month I travel from my residence in Henderson to another East Texas home where when I arrive I have the opportunity to interview and visit with another club member. The reward of the trip is always greater than the effort expended each time I go on one of these trips because I am able to spend about an hour one to one with not only a very talented wood turner but also a genuinely great person. A few days ago I headed to Van to interview our member profile turner for the month of September - Kelvin Burton.***

Many of you already know Kelvin as he is a very faithful attender of the monthly meetings and almost always has an item to display and talk about in the gallery – show and tell – session. If you listen carefully to his presentation you will immediately notice his speaking voice does not sound like someone originally from East Texas....I

assumed he was from one of the British Isles or Australia, or perhaps even Canada. I was surprised to learn Kelvin was born in Owensboro, Kentucky, a town of approximately 50,000 (currently) situated on the banks of the Ohio River about 100 miles southwest of Louisville. Kelvin lived there until age 4 when his parents moved to New Zealand (aha, now we know where his speech patterns were learned). Kelvin's father was a soldier in the U. S. Army during World War II who served in the South Pacific which toward the end of the war included a stay in New Zealand. While there he met and soon married a lovely young New Zealand woman. After a few years in Kentucky with her husband the New Zealander wanted to return home so the family, now including Kelvin, headed to New Zealand. Kelvin's father became a successful home building contractor there and Kelvin's first exposure to wood working occurred in his father's shop where cabinets were made for customer's homes. Kelvin was assigned the tasks of sweeping up the shop each day when he returned home from school in the afternoon. He also spent some time at another woodshop in the neighborhood where the owner did production woodturning.

Kelvin's parents returned to the USA when he was 16 and his father attempted to start a home building business in Kentucky, but this was in 1966 and the economy and homebuilding had taken a down turn about that time so they soon returned to New Zealand. While in Kentucky Kelvin attended a local high school and had to take courses on several grade levels since the educational system in New Zealand did not quite match the one here. Before he could graduate from high school in the US, Kelvin was back in New Zealand where he did graduate. He then attended Auckland University for about a year and a half before deciding he wanted a change. Kelvin had a bit of computer knowledge and in 1970 landed a job with a data processing company which was the equivalent of IBM in the US. He remained with them for 17 years before again deciding to make another change in the course of his life.

In 1973 Kelvin married a lovely young New Zealand woman, Robina. She was originally from Scotland but her parents migrated to New Zealand when she was a young girl. Kelvin and Robina have 3 daughters – Amy, Sarah, and Rebecca. Amy lives in New Zealand, Sarah in Australia, and Rebecca in Van, Texas with her parents. Sarah has 2 children – a girl age 3 and a new son who is only 4 weeks old. Robina has a trip scheduled soon to New Zealand to see and to hold her new grandson - photos from the internet are great – but not the same as holding a new grandchild in your own arms....so we wish her safe travels and a wonderful time with Sarah and the grand- children. Kelvin has to stay home and work, but he knows he will be there in the future.

In 1986 Kelvin and Robina were very involved and committed to mission and ministry outreach programs of their church. They felt called to begin ministry on a full time basis so Kelvin left the computer company and began working for Youth with a Mission (YWAM) which is also associated with the Mercy Ship ministry. In September of 1990 Kelvin, Robina, and family came to Van, Texas for what was to be a 2 year assignment at the Mercy Ship headquarters located in Garden Valley which is near Van....but the 2 year assignment has now become 26 years and they call Van their home. Kelvin is still with the Mercy Ship ministry, and if you are not familiar with this international medical care provider to 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries you need to learn a bit about them.

**Now, you probably know more about Kelvin's life than you may have desired to learn, and are wondering where did wood turning come into the picture???** As mentioned earlier Kelvin did have some exposure to woodturning in his youth but did not think much about it for many years. In the late 1970's before coming to the US he and Robina were in a new home and needed some finials made for the end of the curtain rods they were installing....so Kelvin obtained a used electric motor and made his own lathe which he said worked somewhat well most of the time – at least long enough for him to make the needed finials, and then he did not think about wood turning again for several years. In 2009 he and Robina were back in New Zealand visiting family and friends (his mother, now 92, still lives there). While there he visited a community known for its many skilled craftsmen and artisans...including wood working and wood turning. Kelvin again became intrigued with woodturning and was inspired by the beautiful work of some of the turners. In October of 2009, back in Van, he decided it was time for him to pursue wood turning as an off-duty passion on a regular basis. He learned about the East Texas Wood Turners and joined the club in about 2010. He obtained his first lathe – a small Delta – from a member who was upgrading which was a very good start, but ultimately he want to turn larger items and in 2013 purchased a Powermatic 3520A from the widow of a deceased club member. This is the lathe he still uses and is shown in the photo taken in his shop....and of course along the way he has obtain the other tools and equipment helpful in a woodturning shop – compressor, band saw, drill press, and many of the other tools and accessories turners think we need to have. Kelvin likes to turn bowls that are both beautiful to see but also functional which he normally gives to family and friends. He uses native East Texas timber as well as more exotic wood he obtains at SWAT and from other sources. He also likes to make Beads of Courage bowls several of which have been prize winners – Potato Head, and Penguin. Kelvin showed me several beautiful chunks of mesquite he brought back from the recent SWAT session. Thanks to Kelvin for sharing his story with us and at future club meetings I look forward to seeing many more beautiful pieces he will turn from the wood he purchased.

Thank You East Texas Woodturners

First, let me say joining this club has been a joy that passes description. I've found so many kind, helpful and giving people in this organization. Everyone seems to want to share their knowledge, skills, and wood. Shows me that there are still some great people in the world.

Second, Thank you all so much for the gift scholarship to SWAT. This was truly a wonderful, educational, entertaining experience.

I sat in classes with Dick Sing, Stuart Batty, James Johnson, Larry Roberts, Tom Canfield and Gary Barnes. Plus I got spend time and have tea with Stuart Batty and Carl Jacobson (YouTube host and producer)

Each of the demos was worth every minute spent listening and observing them. I was impressed with the audio visual teams. They made everything seamless.

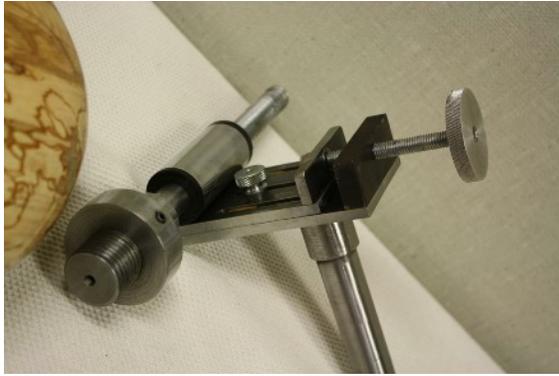
The vendors made it a great experience as well. Being able to see things before buying was better than buying from a catalog or online.

I was impressed with the generous gift of time and effort given by so many of our club members in working the art gallery. I was also moved by the many, many Beads of Courage vessels made.

I plan to make SWAT a part of my yearly schedule. Thank you again for giving me this special gift and opportunity.

Sincerely,  
Joe Chase

### Editor's Show & Tell Highlight



\* This threading jig is not a woodturning but is a turning tool and we all like those.

\* The design appears simple although I can say from experience that building one that works accurately is NOT simple or easy.

\* This jig looks well made and well thought out. Not included in this picture is the collet and cutter that fits in the lathe headstock. This has inspired me to tune up the threading jig that I made.

### Blast from the Past



Steven Hagler at the Arlington Woodworking Show, 2003; giving a small goblet to a young admirer who had stood transfixed watching him turn the whole thing.



Club Christmas Party, 2003 at Traditions. This is Tim and Jane Casey. They haven't changed a bit.