

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.

Visit us at www.easttexaswoodturners.org

Meeting at First Christian Church

May 11, 2024



The Prez says:

Hello woodturners. It's time again for our monthly meeting Saturday May 11th. Our demonstrator this month will be Ron Walker.

Just a reminder next month we will be drawing for the scholarship for SWAT. If you are interested in attending let me, Ken, or Dan know by email or text to get your name in the hat. If you have never been it is well worth it as they have many world class demonstrators as well as regional demonstrators. Also the vendor areas always is a good place to spend time and/or money. And yes you can usually spend more than you intended too. Ask me how I know. Anyway it is a good 3 days of great woodturning and the instant gallery is also fantastic.

Don't forget your Beads of Courage boxes and wig stands and show and tell items. Also MOST will be the following weekend at Paul's shop in Mineola. See you Saturday.

David Chrisp

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Mineola Open Shop Turning Day

The next MOST day is tentatively scheduled for:

May 18, 2024

ANCHOR SEAL FOR SALE

The Club has Anchor Seal end grain sealer for sale at most Club meetings. It is available at \$15.00 per gallon. To obtain it, pay our treasurer, **Dennis Lorenz**. If you need some between meetings, contact Dennis at **903-565-0651**

or dlorenz67@gmail.com

Turning, Fun and Fellowship

If we are not having fun, we are not doing it right

CLASSIFIEDS

<u>Classified Ad Policy:</u> 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.

ANNOUNCING!! A new website for one of our members. Please check it out at: drdonswoodturning.com.

Thanks, Don Cutler

For Sale: 5 HP, 60 gallon, twin piston air compressor. This is a beast of a compressor! 220V, 30 amp circuit required (21 A running current). It is on wheels and can be moved easily, but it is very heavy to lift. \$800

Ken Wurtzel 267-884-9326 Bullard, TX

Personalized Turning Classes

Paul Coppinger - Mineola - 903-638-6008 paulcop68@thecoppingers.net

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

Charles Brooks (Whitehouse, Texas)

For Sale: Craftsman lathe see picture below. All including cabinet can be had for \$100! Contact **Don Cutler** for details. **903-521-0729**



My neighbor brought this piece to me, however, I don't have the experience to know how I could use it - so I will bring it to our next meeting for anyone who wants the challenge to have a go at it.

Just would like to see what the outcome ends up being. **Jose Contreras**





April Show & Tell pictures

















East Texas Woodturners Fact-Sheet

We meet once a month (usually on the second Saturday) at 9:00 AM at The First Christian Church, Tyler in the Conference room. At our monthly meetings, there is a show and tell table, 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 mentors that will help you with turning situations. There is also information on ETW's vast library resources (see "Library"). And for dues iformation, 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 2022 meeting had over 800 attendees, 32 vendors, a variety of demonstrations, and a gallery of beautiful turnings. ETW is responsible for the Art Gallery 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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Ken Wurtzel	267-884-9326	Bullard	kenwmo@gmail.com	

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http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/

Hartville Tool

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http://www.hartvilletool.com/

Johnson Wood Products

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

http://www.johnsonwoodproducts.com/

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

http://www.woodworkingshop.com/

Packard Woodworks

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

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http://www.rockler.com/retail/stores/tx/garland-store

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5479 Columbia Road North Olmsted, OH 44070 **440-241-6360 CST**

http://www.thompsonlathetools.com/

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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)

Sanding Tips

Dennis Ford

Our least favorite (but very important) activity is sanding our work. It is rarely demonstrated and rarely discussed even though we spend quite a bit of time doing it. I have no rules for sanding other than "don't bleed on the wood". I do have some suggestions.

Buy quality sandpaper

Use sandpaper as if someone else was paying for it. Sanding with worn out paper is a waste of time and patience. Running out of patience can be a waste of a whole project.

Spend most of your sanding time on the first grit, then go to a significantly higher grit. I like to double the grit number each time; for example: 120 grit - 220 grit - 400 grit is a good sequence for me. Some will say that we should not skip grits. I need to be able to tell the difference from the scratches the previous grit left and the scratches I am making. (80 - 150 - 320 grit is also a good sequence)

When I think a piece **may** be ready for the second grit, I will **briefly** sand with a much higher grit. This polishing will highlight any issues the first grit has **not yet** cleaned up. I tried to take pictures to show the effect that polishing with 800 grit had on a 120 grit surface but my photography skills were not adequate. Try it and see if it works for you.

How high a grit you end with is less important than how well you did with the previous grits.

Help needed

Dennis Lorenz has handled storing and distribution of Anchorseal for a long time and needs to pass this task to someone else. It requires storage space for a 55 gallon drum in a non-freezing location and bringing a few gallons to meetings. If you might be able to help with this, please call Dennis Lorenz to discuss details **903-565-0651**



