



Hunt County Woodturners Newsletter

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Message from the President:

Greetings,

Wow, Warm weather is just around the corner! It was very nice of Michelle Lee to visit the February meeting to thank the club for the Christmas toys.

We sure had a great turn out at the Feb open shop at the Caddo Mills High School, made a lot of hook tools, and sharpened some turning tools. Thanks Joe for letting us use the shop.

The entries for the Something for Valentines were very good, Sharon's Wine bottle, Goblet and flowers blew the competition away!!

Remember the contest to decide on a theme for the Hunt County Fair, what do we want to make? Our turning entries will be entered in the Fair exhibit this year. I would like for us to make some Freedom Pens along what ever else is decided by the contest that will be at the March meeting.

We will start making pens for the Veterans at Bonham, when we find out the quantity of pens to make. This a great club project. We have Clay Foster on the Calendar for an all day demo on Nov 5; his demo will be very inspiring.

Also looking forward to Wayne Furr's Log to a Bowl presentation at the March meeting, see you there and bring some thing for show and tell.

Happy turning,
Dan



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This Month's Meeting:

Place: Caddo Mills Senior Citizen Center

Date: March 10, 2005

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Topic: How do you get FROM TREE TO FINISH? Wayne Furr is a member of the both the Central Oklahoma and Tulsa Woodturners clubs. Wayne is one of the turners sharing their expertise through the Central Oklahoma Woodturners Associations' mentoring program. His power point presentation, which has been presented to other turning clubs, will help to explain the mysteries of wood grain. What difference does the direction of wood grain make? How can you make the best use of that wood you found? How should you cut up that tree you're removing? Come get the answers to your questions.

HCW Calendar:

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| March 10, 2005 | Wayne Furr presenting "FROM TREE TO FINISH" |
| March 12, 2005 | 9 to noon, open shop: Back to Basics at Clyde Marks' shop located |
| April 14, 2005 | Bob Matern's FANCY SEGMENTED TURNING |
| April 16, 2005 | open shop, segmented turnings |
| May 12, 2005 | Darren Evens' NATURAL EDGE TURNING.
Quarterly challenge: good things come in small packages, create a turning less than 3" in each direction. |
| May 14, 2005 | 9 to noon, open shop on natural edge turnings |
| June 3 –11, 2005 | Hunt County Fair: freedom pens and other turnings this takes the place of an open shop |
| June 9, 2005 | monthly meeting held at the Hunt County Fairgrounds |
| July 14, 2005 | monthly meeting |
| July 16, 2005 | open shop |
| August 11, 2005 | monthly meeting |
| August 13, 2005 | open shop |
| November 5, 2005 | All day demonstration by Clay Foster |



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Event Calendar:

March 2nd, 3rd, 4th 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. The Dallas Area Woodturners, are hosting **Michael Hosaluk** a professional turner from Canada who creates both functional and



sculptural work for 3 days of hands on instruction. His work has been sold in many countries. These are two of Michael's designs. HCW has been invited to attend. The fee is \$125.00 per day. For info and reservations contact Jimmy at 214-497-4043. For more about Michael use any search engine or www.turnwood.net/michaelhosaluk_1003.html



April 22, 2005 At the Fort Worth **Woodcraft**, **Don Ward** of Wichita Falls is holding a pen turning symposium. He will demonstrate pen turning. There will also be 9 lathes available to use. Bring your tools and blanks. This is a day for area pen turners to meet, share ideas and learn from other pen turners.

July 22 – 24, 2005 AAW National Symposium in Overland Park, Kansas. There will be many demonstrations including those by internationally known turners, the largest trade show, an incredible instant gallery, auction and banquet. Any young person ages 10 through 17 years old may attend and receive full registration including the banquet (\$245.00 value), free, if they are accompanied by a registered adult. If you aren't a member you are missing out on a great magazine dedicated just to turners, a resource directory, and insurance that covers AAW members from lawsuits from spectators. The insurance alone makes the \$40.00 membership a bargain.

September 30th–October 2nd SouthWest Association of Turners (S.W.A.T.) 2005 Annual Symposium will be held in Wichita Falls. This is the same facility as the 2003 S.W.A.T. Registration includes 3 lunches. To encourage new turners family members ages 10 through 17 will be admitted free when accompanying a paying adult. Individual registration is \$75.00. Couples and family fees not yet set.

November 5, 2005 All day demonstration by **Clay Foster** Hosted by HCW



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Notes from the Editor:

~Tired of making the same things? Looking for inspiration? You can find ideas in unexpected places. Try looking at ceramic or glass items for shape and embellishment ideas. If you see a large vessel, wonder how it would look in miniature. How about a miniature turned into a large piece? Any quilt pattern can be the start of a segmented design. Why not combine two quilt designs? Look to nature for graceful lines, a leaf shape for example or a texture to imitate. The biggest obstacle to creativity is not giving yourself permission to wonder what if...? So think outside the box, you will be amazed and pleased with what you conceive.

~Would you would like to host an open shop? Please inform one of the officers.

~The board would like to encourage all members, especially new members, to attend our open workshops. They are a great time to try out new skills, receive help with a problem or practice what was demonstrated at the previous meeting. All new members will especially benefit from the March workshop which is dedicated to learning basic skills. Demonstrations are wonderful, but can't compare to having one-on-one instruction. These experienced turners are happy to share their expertise, and it's free. So, don't be shy. Bring your tools, if you have them.

~Bob Thorman of Woodways is sponsoring our Veterans Pens project. This is a new project this year. We plan to present the veterans residing in the Bonham Veterans Home with a hand turned pen on Veterans Day.

~Here is the web-site that Bob Matern used for the alcohol method of drying wood http://www.woodcentral.com/cgi-bin/readarticle.pl?dir=turning&file=articles_473.shtml

~The board has decided all pieces displayed at the Hunt County Fair should be entered into competition. This is because our display was unsupervised last year. While competition items are behind glass which protects all members work from damage.

~If you're looking for education and lots of inspiration plan on attending The AAW and/or SWAT symposiums. The demonstrators who come from all over the country cover a wide variety of subjects. The instant galleries will amaze you.

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