



Hunt County Woodturners Newsletter

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Message from the President:

Greetings,

Our club is going to get very busy during the next month. We will have 3 outings, going to Mt Pleasant for demonstrations on May 14, going to Tyler for a Freedom Pen Turn- A- Thon on May 21 and to the Hunt County Fair for our annual pen turning and other demonstrations Jun 3 through 11. We need to prepare the Kits and blanks for the fair; I have blanks and kits and will bring them to the meeting.

The entries into the Hunt County Fair exhibit to turn in on May 23 from 2:00 to 7:00 PM and will cost \$.50 for each item. The categories we can enter turnings are; spindle work, either small or large, Vessels, Segmented open or closed, and turned art. The maximum is four entries per class. Items can be picked up on June 13 and 14 from 4:00 to 7:00 both days.

Our Quarterly challenge this month is for some turned item less than 3 inches in any dimension, should be interesting.

Looking forward to Bob Matern's segmented demo, bet we all can learn something.

Happy Turnings and I will see you at the May meeting.

Dan

This Month's Meeting:

Place: Caddo Mills Senior Citizen Center

Date: May 12, 2005

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Topic: HCW member Bob Matern will give a demo on segmented turnings. We have all marveled at Bob's wonderful and unusual segmented creations. This is a good opportunity to learn how he constructs some designs.

*****BRING A FRIEND TO OUR MEETING*****



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- * Bob Thorman of Woodways 903-883-5577 custom furniture, tools and supplies
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- Email your questions to Steve@turningwood.com
- * Bob Lloyd of Bob's Roofing & Remodeling, Inc. 903-527-4972

HCW Calendar:

May 12, 2005	regular meeting: Bob Matern , SEGMENTED TURNING Quarterly challenge: good things come in small packages, create a turning less than 3" in each direction. How creative can you be?
May 14, 2005	no open shop as we will be in Mt. Pleasant demonstrating
June 3 – 11, 2005	Hunt County Fair: freedom pens and other turnings this takes the place of an open shop. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to cover all shifts during the fair. If you can't make it to May's meeting but want to volunteer please call Dan Henry.
June 9, 2005	monthly meeting held at the Hunt County Fairgrounds
July 14, 2005	regular meeting: Pleas McKee , HOW TO USE THE SKEW
July 16, 2005	regular meeting: a quarterly challenge and Darren Evans , NATURAL EDGE TURNING,
August 13, 2005	open shop on natural edge turnings
September 8, 2005	monthly meeting
September 10, 2005	open shop
October 13, 2005	monthly meeting
October 15, 2005	open shop
November 5, 2005	All day demonstration by Clay Foster
November 10, 2005	monthly meeting
November 12, 2005	open shop

SHOP NOTES:

April 16th, 2005 Open Shop at Bill Oliver's

Good turnout! More than a dozen people showed up and everyone had a good time. There was plenty of coffee, donuts, and peanut butter cookies.

Lots of good advice was given and received and good skills were developed.

Sharon and Fred were hard at work making a tool out of drill bits and Sharon was developing the skill to hollow out a goblet with the new tool. This tool seems to work pretty well and the drill bits used are very inexpensive.



SHOP NOTES Continued:

I (Marvel) wanted some help with the new hook tool I made at February's open shop. There is a trick in using the hook tool and after some trial and error the technique came to light. These tools are really fun to make and use.

I also wanted help turning a platter and Bill Oliver is a really great teacher. We turned a platter in no time and the skills will be used to develop better techniques and better pieces. The demos during a meeting are good but getting a tool in hand and actually cutting the wood is much more helpful.

Maxey brought his tools to sharpen. He has a new lathe and other shop tools and is just getting started. Dan and others were more than happy to help him get his tools sharpened and learn the right way to do it.

Several people turned pens and it was interesting to see the tool selection to get the job done. What amazes me is Howard's use of a 1" skew to turn a pen. Skew work is really a skill that requires development; it doesn't come easily, at least to me.

I would say most people that came to the open shop learned something or taught something that was very useful. These open shops are becoming the best part of this organization in my book. The meetings are fun but actually getting the tools in hand and making piles of shavings is where it's at.

If you haven't yet made one of these open shops, you owe it to yourself to come and join the fellowship.

Submitted by Marvel Gates

Event Calendar:

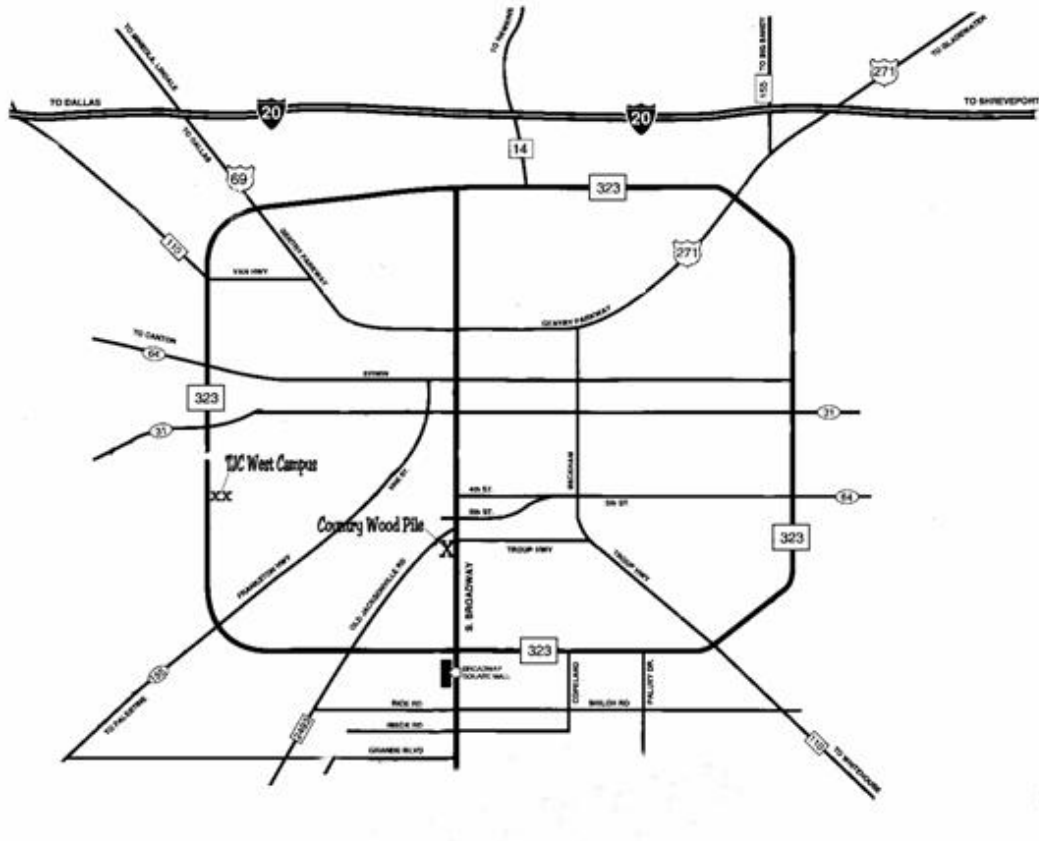
May 14, 2005 Mt. Pleasant, Texas Chamber of Commerce Celebration Note Time change: set-up 9:30 -1:00, 1:00 -4:30? clean-up. 0at Caldwell Park located between 2nd and 3rd, Johnson and Van Buren. In lieu of an open shop the club will demonstrate in Mt. Pleasant during a street fair. HCW has purchased a variable speed Jet mini lathe and stand at a substantial discount. We will bring both lathes to all events.

May 21, 2005 East Texas Woodturners TAT. 10AM to 4PM. We are the only other club invited. Please plan to attend. The Tyler club has been supportive of the Dallas and Hunt County TAT's and this is a nice way to reciprocate.



Event Calendar continued:

From their website: The East Texas Woodturners Club is sponsoring its second annual Freedom Pens Turn-a-Thon on May 21, 2005. This endeavor is generously hosted by Tom & Glinda Bauer, owners of The Country Wood Pile. Last year we turned 174 Freedom Pens using only 4 lathes. However, Steve Hagler was responsible for 68 of those pens himself and we don't anticipate this happening again. We will have 10 lathes set up this year and will have at least 200 kits ready to turn. We will be honored this year with the presence of some members of the Hunt County Woodturners. HCW president, Dan Henry, is responsible for organizing many FPP efforts in East Texas and we are pleased that he and his club are supporting us this year. The Country Wood Pile is located in Tyler at 2215 S. Broadway. That's in the Steinmart shopping center, across from the big cemetery between downtown and the south loop. Please visit our web site at www.easttexaswoodturners.org for a map or see below. Snacks and drinks will be provided but if you have any personal preferences, feel free to bring your own. Please direct any questions to Ed Heuslein at 903-834-3838.





Event Calendar Continued:

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. When accompanying a registered adult young people ages 10 through 17 years old may attend and receive full registration including the banquet (\$245.00 value) free. Registration can be done 4 different ways: Online until July 2nd. After July 2nd at the door. There are registration forms in the Spring AAW Journal to be mailed in. One can register by calling the AAW at 651-484-9094. To register a youth for free, a registration form for the youth must be done through the AAW office. Only youth properly registered through the office will be allowed in the symposium and be eligible for the drawing for the JET mini lathes, chucks, and tool sets. Call to register, info: <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2005>
A couple of options to get to the symposium from the airport. To reserve a shuttle call: QuickSilver Transportation - ask for Cassy or Jim at (800) 888-8294 or (913) 262-0905 they will pick you up at the airport for pre-arranged pick-ups. KCI Shuttle: 800-243-6383 no reservations required. The ride to the Symposium takes about 1 hour. Fares vary, depending on the number of passengers. Call for information.

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. The four lead Turners are Bonnie Klein, Malcolm Tibbetts, Mark Sfirri and Alan Lacer. Our own Pleas McKee will be demonstrating. His topic is designing and cleaning up bowl bottoms, tricks to turn bowl bottoms - 3 tried and true methods. Registration includes 3 lunches. To encourage new turners family members ages 10 through 17 will be admitted free when accompanying a paying adult. Individual advance registration is \$75.00, \$85.00 at the door. Couples advance \$105.00, at the door \$125.00. The Saturday evening banquet is \$20.00. Info at <http://www.swaturners.com/>.



Nov 5, 2005 Full day demonstration by Clay Foster. Hosted by HCW. Lunch provided. Mr. Foster, born in Austin in 1954, still lives in Texas. He has been a woodworker for 44 years. Some of the places Clay has taught are; Vicmarc Turn 2000 - Australia, Prince Albert Woodturning Symposium - Canada, AAW National Symposiums, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts – Tennessee, and A Texas Turn Or Two (now known as S.W.A.T.) Clay has been exhibiting since 1986. He has written for American Woodturner and Woodturning - Guild Of Master Craftsmen Of England and others. He is a versatile woodworker and turner. For info see

<http://www.home.earthlink.net/~claypen/index.html>



Turners' Tips:

~ When I mentioned to Pleas McKee that I was going to make a tool handle he suggested that I drill the hole in the handle before I start turning. Find the correct size drill bit; make the hole, then leave the drill in the hole. Take to the lathe and using a Jacobs chuck, mount the drill bit and using a live center tail stock, turn the handle. By leaving the bit in the wood, the entire handle is kept in alignment throughout the process. When done the handle is perfectly aligned. Works great!

Submitted by Marvel Gates

~ I often use a commercial tung oil/varnish mixture as finish on wood projects. Unfortunately, this product's shelf life after the initial opening is limited. I usually end up throwing a good portion of the product away because it thickens and becomes difficult to apply when stored in the original container after opening. I've tried many re-sealable containers without success. Lately I have begun pouring the unused oil/varnish into an empty wine bottle after the initial opening. I then use a manual vacuum pump and rubber cork designed specifically for wines bottles. A few pumps to evacuate the air remaining in the bottle is all it takes. The next time I need to use the finish I pour the required amount into an appropriate container for application, usually a small tin bowl. When no longer needed, I pour the unused portion back into the wine bottle and once again evacuate the air with the pump. So far this process has more than doubled the shelf life of my oil/varnish finish and the clock is still ticking. I obtained my pump and stoppers at Bed Bath & Beyond. The pump and one stopper cost around \$12. Additional stoppers are about \$4 a pair.

Copied from East Texas Woodturners' Association web site, from Mike DeLong

Notes from the Editor:

~ Turners' Tips, is a new feature of this newsletter. Please submit your turning tips, your handy web-sites, etc. You may think everyone knows your trick, wrong! I guarantee it will be helpful to someone. All members' contributions are welcome.

~ The Sheriff's Department, The Rainbow Room and Women in Need have gift requirements throughout the year and asked if we would remember them during the year. The Hunt County Sheriff's Department is now out of toys. Please consider creating toys at home or at the Fair for them. You may have a good idea for something different that is easy to create in mass quantities. One of our April meeting guests had turned a yo-yo. Yo-yos aren't time consuming, don't require a lot of wood and would be good to add.

~ Do you have a topic you would like for our quarterly challenge?

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