



Hunt County Woodturners Newsletter

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August 2005

Message from the President:

Greetings, Hopefully we are through most of the very hot Texas summer heat!! Even though it is still hot it is time to start thinking about our Christmas toy program. The organizations that we have made toys for in the past need more toys now and surely will need more in December. In September we will start having more than one open shop per month for toy making. The idea is to have some experienced turners group up with some beginners to make toys; this is a good way for the beginning turners to gain turning experience, more info at the August meeting.

The club will be participating at the Freedom Pen Turn-A-Thon on August 13th at Woodcraft in Addison from 10:00 to 5:00, Lunch and drinks will be provided. They will have 600 pen kits ready to turn; we have prepared 200 for them. Bring your mini lathe and turning tools.

There will not be an open shop for August.

I am looking forward to moving our meetings to the new location in Cash. We will be at Quality Woodworking Services, 4159 Hwy 34 2 doors north of Woodways. There will a lot more room and good place to store our equipment.

Also the SWAT symposium is less than 2 months away, get your registration sent in before Sept 16th to save some money and make hotel reservations in Wichita Falls. The club will be sponsoring Demo Room 4 and we need a Room Assistant for each Demonstration, there will be a sign up sheet at the meeting. The assistant has the best seat in the room and will get to meet some very good regional turners; you might just get some great turning tips!!

The Challenge for our August Meeting is making the best possible pen from a 7MM Slim line Kit. Let the creative juices flow!!

Bring some thing for show and tell and will see every one On Aug 11th.

Remember, this will be the last meeting at the Caddo Mills Senior Center, the September meeting will at Quality Woodworking Services in Cash.

Happy Turning!! Dan

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Minutes of the July Meeting:

The monthly meeting of the Hunt County Woodturners was held July 7, 2005, at the Senior Center in Caddo Mills. President Dan Henry welcomed about 22 members and 4 visitors. John and Jennifer Hines were present and everyone enjoyed meeting them. Mr. and Mrs. Hines have graciously invited our club to begin meeting at their place of business, Quality Woodworking Services, a cabinet and molding shop, and even offered to obtain chairs for us. Since the club has grown to around 40 members this year, we needed a larger place to meet. We will begin meeting there in September.

Doug Thompson reported on the pictures he has taken for the club handbook. They should be ready for viewing at the August meeting.

Plans were discussed for the sound/video system our club is building to take to SWAT in September. The group involved has the system nearly completed. It will be used to record the demos at the SWAT meeting.

Cliff Pryor reported that there are 3 new books available in the library.

New business discussed included the Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon to be held at Woodcraft in Addison August 13th. Several HCW members indicated they will attend the event, which will be held from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Dan asked them to bring their tools and lathes.

Clyde Marks presented an idea for a resolution to be put to a vote. The new resolution allows complimentary annual dues to any active HCW member who has served as Club President for two years or more. After discussion, the club voted on the resolution, and it carried.

Pleas McGee gave an interesting demo on "Use of the Skew" for the program. His program was enjoyed by all attending. Pleas seems to use a skew for most everything he turns, whereas the rest of the club tries not to use a skew unless nothing else will work.

Three new members joined the club. The bring-back for the month was a used drill press donated by Cliff Pryor. A record amount of \$73 was raised for the club library.

The open shop was held the following Saturday, July 9th, at the shop of Clyde Marks.

The next club meeting will be August 11th at the Senior Center in Caddo Mills.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Hendrix, Treasurer
For Darren Evans, Secretary

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This Month's Meeting:

Place: Caddo Mills Senior Citizen Center

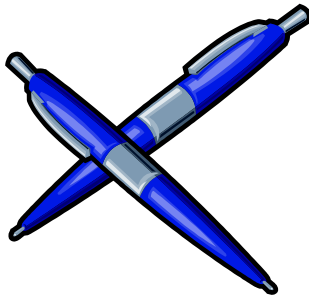
Date: August 11, 2005

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Demo: Turning With a Natural Edge presented by Darren Evans

Quarterly

Challenge: *HOW CREATIVE CAN YOU BE WITH A SLIM LINE PEN?* We've all



turned wood. Some of us have used antler or corian. Recently we've seen leather turned into a pen. Dan is experimenting with polymer clay. So what material or style can you come up with? We had great entries for the last challenge. Who will discover something inventive for this one?

All entries are welcomed.

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

HCW Calendar:

August 13, 2005

no open shop, instead members are encouraged to attend The TAT at Woodcraft. See event calendar

September 8, 2005

Pleas McKee presenting tricks to turn bowl bottoms

September 10, 2005

open shop at Pleas McKee's

September ?, 2005

toy making open shop

October 13, 2005

monthly meeting

October 15, 2005

open shop

October ?, 2005

toy making open shop

November 5, 2005

All day demonstration by Clay Foster

November 10, 2005

monthly meeting

November 12, 2005

open shop

November ?, 2005

toy making open shop

December 8, 2005

Annual holiday party

Please patronize our freedom and veteran pen sponsors:

* Bob Thorman of Woodways 903-883-5577 custom furniture, tools and supplies

* Steve Worcester of Sanding Disks for Woodturning 972 424-7958

Email your questions to Steve@turningwood.com

*Bob Lloyd of Bob's Roofing & Remodeling, Inc. 903-527-4972

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Event Calendar:

~August 13, 2005 TAT at Woodcraft. Bring lathes and tools. Lunch provided. Take 635 west, exit Marsh lane, north on Marsh lane. Woodcraft is on the corner of Marsh and Spring Valley. (972) 241-0701 14380 Marsh Lane, Addison, TX 75001

~September 30th-October 2nd SouthWest Association of Turners (S.W.A.T.) 2005 Annual Symposium will be held in Wichita Falls. You will be inspired. 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 Hosted by HCW. All day demonstration by Clay Foster. Mr. Foster, born in Austin in 1954, still lives in Texas. Clay Foster has been learning about woodturning for 20 years and has been a woodworker for over 40 years. An international demonstrator and teacher, he is a founding member of the American Association of Woodturners and has work in many collections including Yale University, Detroit Institute of Art and Arkansas Art Center. He has written for American Woodturner and Woodturning - Guild of Master Craftsmen of England and others. Cost is \$5.00 for members, \$25.00 for non-members and includes lunch.



Untitled" Pecan: turned, carved, and painted
19"h x 10" diameter

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SHOP NOTES by Clyde Marks:

The July open shop was held at Clyde Marks' residence on 7-16-05. Those in attendance were: Dan Henry, Bill Oliver, Fred Groves, Denny Byrd, Darren Evans, Maxey Hooks, Art Hendrix, Cliff Pryor and Clyde.

After Pleas McKee's demonstration on the skew, at the regular meeting on the 14th, we decided to exercise what we learned. Pleas' teaching was a success. With a little practice all of those who feared the skew, should be using that tool more. Darren Evans turned a captive ring using the skew. Several of us turned coves and beads on a wood blank. Thanks Pleas.

Bill Oliver demonstrated his skills at miniature bird houses and a cherry wood box. Dan Henry showed us his box threader and explained the operation of it.

Cliff Pryor turned some Christmas cars reminding us that we need to get started on our Christmas pledges.

Fred Groves demonstrated a new Jet pen lathe and suggested several improvements needed. He convinced my daughter that she needed a pen lathe.

Notes from the Editor:

~ Does anyone have a SWAT patch to sell to Pleas McKee?

~ Check out this fun program "lathesim" at www.download.com. It has a simulated lathe you can turn on.

~ Does anyone have any ideas for toys that could be quickly and inexpensively, mass produced? How about something for teenagers? Put your thinking caps on please.

~ We need to pick up the pace on our Penny Raffle. Talk about this to your friends and family. It's for a good cause. The profits from this raffle help to fund our Christmas donations. For our new members we donated around 250 cars, 150 string tops, 70 ball toss games and 10 pens last holiday season. These were donated to the Hunt County Sheriffs Office, the Women in Need Shelter, Salvation Army, the Hunt County Rainbow Room, and the Greenville Police Department. We helped to share the true meaning of Christmas to a lot of kids. We also got to feel good.

~ Any volunteers for a demonstration? Judging by the quality of June's show and tell, and quarterly challenge our members have a lot of talent. Please share.

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Turners' Tips:

~ When tightening a drill bit or a piece of wood in your chuck, put the chuck key in all of the holes of the chuck and tighten with the same pressure as this will even out the tightening force equally around the wood or drill bit, and will hold it better.

Submitted by Dan Henry

~To protect the lathe bed from splashes of sanding sealer and other finishes use a piece of thin aluminum sheet bent over at each side to locate on the bed shears or bars. By making two pieces to slide over each other any length of work can be accommodated.

~Spraying the lathe bed or bars with a silicone lubricant or use of a wax lubricant allows the saddle and tailstock to slide easily on the bed. Be careful not to spray the headstock bearings as the solvent in the spray will leach out the grease or oil from the bearings.

Submitted by Frank Clark RPT at <http://www.cheamturners.co.uk/tipslc.asp>

~ When turning very small items between centres, I used to find that my live centre sometimes penetrated too far into the end grain of the timber. I found that if you insert a very small flat washer (4/40 UNC or the like) over the end of the centre it will only allow a minimum penetration, will still centre and the washer applies ample pressure on the end of the timber.

~ Still on the subject of live centres. I found on occasions that I wanted to apply pressure to a work piece, say the base of a bowl when the inside is finished and it is mounted in a jamb chuck, without marking the timber. I put a plastic or neoprene cup, of the type used on tubular steel furniture legs to protect your floors, over the point of the centre. If you use a white or light coloured cup it will allow sufficient pressure and will not mark the surface in any way.

Submitted by: Dave Barber to <http://www.fholder.com/Woodturning/tips.htm>

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