

HUNT COUNTY WOODTURNERS



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November 2005

Greetings. Clay Foster did an outstanding demo on Saturday Nov 5. He had something for everyone; to bad more people did not get to see it.

The club still has many more events planned for the remainder of the year, open shops, meetings and our annual Christmas party on Dec 8.

The 5th annual Woodworkers/Woodturners hog roast held at Curly Woods in McKinney was a big success. The pen turning was a big hit. Along with other attendees over 60 pens were made. Many woodworkers made their first pen that day. The roast hog was great and we had a good spread of goodies that people brought.

We will be going to Bonham on Nov 10 to present pens to the veterans. It should be an enjoyable way to honor the veterans that have given service to our country.

The club will be electing officers for 2006 at the November meeting. If you would like to help the club, volunteer to be an officer. Either have someone nominate you, or nominate your self by calling Howard Fitzgerald 903- 994- 2762. Nominations will also be taken at the meeting.

It is time to start making something for the Christmas party silent auction. This has become a very good event. It's very interesting to see which items receive the most bids.

Sharon will have a sign up list for the dishes to bring for the pot luck dinner. Should be a fun evening and we will draw the lucky winner for the Penny Raffle lathe.

The November quarterly Challenge is something for Christmas.

We will have 2 open shops to get toys made for Christmas, on Saturday Nov 12 at Bill Oliver's shop and at Johns Quality Woodworking Services on Nov 19.

We will finish up boxing the toys at my Shop on Dec 3.

Bring something for show and tell and will see every one On Nov 10 at the new meeting location, Quality Woodworking Services at 4159 Hwy 34, about 5 miles south of Greenville.

Happy Turning!! Dan

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

November 10, 2005

7:00 P.M.

at

Quality Woodworking Services

4159 Highway 34

**DENNY BURD
WILL SHOW US
HOW TO TURN
A DUCK CALL**



Bring your

**Christmas creation for
this quarterly challenge**

HCW Calendar:

**November 10, 2005
Pen delivery to Bonham
veteran's home**

**November 12, 2005
toy making shop
at Bill Oliver's**

**November 19, 2005
Toy making shop at
Quality Woodworking**

**December 3, 2005
Toy packing shop
At Dan Henry's**

**December 8, 2005
Annual holiday party**

**December 10, 2005
HCW at the Arlington
Woodworking Show**

OUR CLUB IS ONLY AS STRONG AS WE ARE WILLING TO MAKE IT.

“Volunteers? This call seems to bring chills to some people who attend their AAW chapter meeting just to be entertained. In most volunteer organizations, it’s a comparative few who step up and shoulder the workload that is required to keep the organization effective and vibrant. We depend on our volunteers in the AAW national and local chapters, and I’m proud to say we have some of the best. The quality growth of your organization reflects these volunteers’ efforts. Remember John Kennedy’s famous words, and “ask yourself what you can do for your woodturning organization.” Phil Brennon, American Woodturner, summer 2005 Vol. 20 No. 2

Turners’ Tips: COMIC STRIP PEN (Dagwood Pen)

This little pen was easy to make, but I may not be able to explain how it was done. I’ll try and if you have any questions e- mail me and I will attempt to help. (hendrix@koyote.com)

My first effort to make a pen involved cutting $\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$ squares and gluing them together into a stack. It wasn’t long before it was obvious I would not live long enough to make this pen. I did use the little stack that I made and put a piece of wood on each end and made 1 blank. To me the results were not as attractive after I turned it as the other one that I made.

To make this pen, cut strips from a page of the comics about a $\frac{1}{4}$ ” wider than the length of a tube. Use medium CA to draw a vertical line near one end of a cut comic strip. Make 2 or 3 wraps around the tube and then soak this with thin CA. Repeat the wrapping and soaking process until you build up the desired thickness for your blank. About $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch is a good working thickness. It would be a good idea to use gloves for the wrapping and soaking process. I learned the hard way.

The blanks can now be squared and turned in your mandrel just as you would a wooden pen. All of the time- honored advice applies: have sharp tools, take thin cuts, etc. Stop often to check and be sure that the glue is holding. Add more thin CA if it is needed.

That’s about all there is to it. If you run into any really difficult problems, call Dan.

Art Hendrix

Minutes of the October 13, 2005 HCW regular meeting

Vice President Clyde Marks called the meeting to order. Clyde reported that SWAT was a fun experience. He gave us dates to remember: open shops 10/15 and 10/29, woodworkers Hog Roast at Curly Woods 10/22, Clay Foster demo 11/5, Party 12/8, wood show 12/10.

Howard Fitzgerald reported on the difficulty finding members willing to run for office. He noted that apathy was a huge problem and requested volunteers to run for office so we could continue to have a well functioning club. Howard passed out the ballot as it stands now; president Clyde Marks, vice- president Robert Calvert, treasurer Antonia Messina- Gates, secretary Marvel Gates, librarian Cliff Pryor, SWAT rep. Fred Groves. We will vote at the November meeting.

We had a great variety of pieces for show and tell. Sharon Ayres brought an item finished with gilding and patination. It was a really different and beautiful look.

Dan Henry gave an informative demonstration turning an inside out Christmas ornament using kiln dried $\frac{3}{4}$ ” stock.

The meeting was adjourned by Clyde Marks.

Respectfully submitted by Antonia Messina- Gates
for Darren Evans, Secretary

Think you can do better?
Want to make some changes?
Now is your chance!
Become an officer!

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR FREEDOM AND VETERAN PEN SPONSORS

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

Woodways will be OPEN prior to our meeting

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

Open Shop October 15, 2005

~ We had 14-15 members attend this excellent Open Shop at Dan's. The activities included making ball toss toys, tops...corian disks, and tool learning. I had a spectacular day! My first mistake was choosing Bois d'Arc to make a ball toss toy. Wow — hard stuff! Made a big mistake on the rim and the ball toss went flying. Dang! Dan helped me salvage the piece. While finishing the toy, wouldn't ya know it, I gouged in pretty bad, back toward the chuck. Well it pushed my tool down and broke the tool rest..sheared it off at the mounting post. After getting a new tool rest I finished the piece with Bill Oliver's help. I learned a lot...When you don't know what you are doing—choose a softer wood, Bois d'Arc is just too hard. Practice tool control. Both of my mistakes were because I had the wrong angle on the tool. Make sure the tools are sharp; also try to use the proper angle for the job.

A little aside: it's funny how silent a busy shop becomes when you call out "Hey Dan, you got any Band- Aids?" (Nothing serious!)

Submitted by: Marvel Gates

Open Shop October 29, 2005

~ This special open shop was held at John Hines—Quality Woodworking Services shop—where we have our meetings. What a great day! The weather was perfect and we had all the shop garage doors open; it was a great atmosphere. By my count we had 21 members attending and making toys for Christmas. The group made mostly tops with Corian spinners and lots of ball toss games. We had a total of eleven lathes operating non- stop. We worked from 9AM until around 4PM. Everyone had a great day and I, for one, look forward to doing this again...anytime. John and Jennifer provided a pot full of absolutely wonderful chili and members brought desserts and stuff. The meal was great. I can't stop using the word 'great' but it WAS!

As far as I could tell there wasn't one call for Band- Aids during the open shop. That in itself makes a successful day!

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Editor's notes: ~ Ernest Boney is recuperating from a series of mini strokes.

- ~ Randy Boney is home recuperating from surgery to correct the complications from recent surgery.
- ~ We wish both of them a complete and speedy recovery.
- ~ Marvel Gates ran into the Hunt County Sheriff a few days ago. Sheriff Anderson informed Marvel they have 500 children in the system, more than 2004. Last year the Sheriff's office was one of our toy donation recipients. We are including them again.
- ~ We got a late start on toy making this year. We need everyone's participation. Please attend the toy making shops. You may also make toys at home. Tops, ball toss games or something else.
- ~ Sharon Ayres came up with another toy idea, jump ropes with turned handles. She used a 2 x 2 piece of wood about 5" long with a 3/8" wide hole drilled 3" deep. Bill Oliver has the rope.
- ~You don't have to know everything to be an officer, volunteer, now is your chance to contribute to our club.



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