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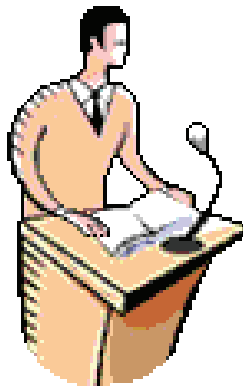
Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month, 7 PM

Message from the President:

Greetings Woodturners,

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Do you remember a few months ago I brought up a suggestion about getting the Christmas planning group together and I said then before you know it December would be here! Well here it is May already; I can't believe the year is nearly half over.

On a sad note I have to let you know about two of our brothers who had some health problems this past month, Bill Oliver has been in the hospital; he had a cancer removed from his lung and is now home recuperating. Bob Matern has had a stroke and is now in the hospital (at the time of this writing); he seems to be doing as well as can be expected. Dan Henry and Marvel Gates have been in touch with both and have reported that both are doing much better. Our prayers and best wishes go out to them and their families.

Our open shop this month is going to be something new with our club. Antonia and Marvel came up with the idea and have volunteered their house and shop for this history making event. Our open shop for the month of May will be a family event, in other words it will be a covered dish Saturday will all the family welcome to attend. Marvel will give you more details within the monthly newsletter. Thank you Marvel and Antonia, a great idea and I hope this will be the start of more to come.

Howard Fitzgerald



HCW Calendar:

- * Regular meeting 7PM, May 10, 2007.
- * Demo topic will be "Coasters" by Dan Henry
- * Open Shop, at Marvel and Antonia's, May 12, 2007.
- * Next month's regular meeting is cancelled as we will be at the Hunt County Fair. Any business will be addressed at the Officer's Meeting on June 7th, all are welcome to attend.

May Meeting will be at the Crestview Christian Church

Fred Groves has obtained the hall at his church, the Crestview Christian Church, where we have the Christmas party, for the meeting on May 10th. The church is located on Wesley right next to the closed Randy White BBQ Restaurant.

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Open Shop:



We didn't have an open shop in April, instead we had a garage sale fundraiser. We set up in the church hall because of bad weather. Thanks to good advertising we had a pretty good turn out and made a respectable income.

Thanks to all the people who came by to help, thanks to all that donated the 'good stuff', and thanks to all that bought stuff.

I want to really thank the Crestview Christian Church for supporting our efforts. Their continuing backing really helps us to stay active.

May Open Shop will be at Antonia and Marvel's house, Saturday May 12, 9AM until 3PM. We will serve **pasta with chicken** around noon and we ask that you bring a dish, drinks, or dessert to share (store bought is fine). Please bring chairs for yourselves. Lets make this a club **family picnic**, let us know what you are bringing so we don't have lots of duplicates see above for telephone and email address. Spouses are invited to bring their hobbies, if other than woodturning, to share with all. We would like this to be a real family affair, come enjoy the day with us.

By Marvel Gates

Editor's notes:



~ **SWAT:** We still need people to volunteer for SWAT camera work. See Clyde to volunteer.



~ We need to start making Christmas toys now. Lets think about tops, cars, jump ropes, ball and toss games, and any other things we can come up with.

~ Don't forget to bring something for the WINS donation box.

Marvel

The Fund Raiser of the Year Continues

We are holding a penny raffle this year to raise funds for our club. The penny raffle works like this. There are 500 tickets priced from \$0.01 to \$5.00. The fun is drawing the tickets to see what amounts you are privileged to donate to the club. When all the tickets are sold (this will probably happen at our year end Christmas party) we will have three drawings to award:



#1. Jet Mini Lathe, (New) Indexing head, variable speed.



#2. Barracuda2 System, Four-jaw lathe chuck.



#3. An 8" sharpening grinder with two white wheels.

See the Treasurer, Antonia, if you would like to take the raffle tickets to sell.
Submitted by Marvel

Outings

The club did a demo at the Greenville Lowe's on Saturday April 28. We had 8 members there turning Freedom Pens and Clyde turned a bowl. There were a few onlookers that were interested in turning, maybe we will see them at a future meeting.

The Hunt County Fair is rapidly approaching; June 8 thru the 16th. I think we are almost ready for 9 days of Freedom Pen turning. We have the kits and most of them have been make into blanks ready to turn. We will have a sign up sheet at the May Meeting. Put your name on the list and get a free pass to the fair. Everyone is invited to participate in the event. If you are a new pen turner we will pair you up with an experienced turner. We need at least 2 members and it is better if we have 3 or 4 there. It is a lot of fun and we usually have a lot of lookers. The Free passes will be on Fred Groves front porch in a coffee can, stop by and get one and after you get to the booth, give it to the closer to be returned to the can. Clyde Marks is coordinating the event.

The club has been invited to a Freedom Pen Turn-A-Thon at Wood World on July 21, bring your lathe, turning tools and have a great day making pens for the troops, more info at the May meeting.

Hunt County Fair Turning Entries

Entries will be received at the Arts and Crafts Building on Tuesday May 29 from 2:00 to 7:00

Will cost .50 cents per entry with a max of 5 entries per class

Pick up entries at the Arts and Craft Building on Monday and Tuesday, June 18 and 19, 4:00 to 7:00

Turnings will be entered in Item 23 in the Adults Crafts catalog

Woodturnings

Type A: Spindle

Type B: Small (Pens, perfume atomizers, other items turned on a mandrel)

Type C: Large (rolling pins, candle sticks, etc)

Type D: Vessels (bowls, vases .boxes, etc)

Type E: Segmented (Both open and closed)

Type F: Turned Art

Submitted by Dan

New Woodturning Educational Resource In North Texas

Up until now, woodturning schools were located primarily east of the Mississippi. No more! There's a new facility in North Texas located just west of Lewisville in the city of Copper Canyon. The name is Canyon Studios

www.canyonstudios.org

and it is the creation of Gene Colley, well-known to many Texas woodturners. He's had leadership responsibilities in SWAT, is a multi-year donor to SWAT's 2-for-1 raffle and he's also past president of the Golden Triangle Woodturners.

Instructors for the woodturning classes (either 2-day or 5-day) include such professionals as Jimmy Clewes, Don Derry, Robert Rosand and Curt Theobald. Plus, the school will make donations to HCW when AAW members complete courses there.

In addition, plans are in the works to offer classes in other artistic areas such as glass, ceramics and woodcarving.

Check it out.

Submitted by **Bob Matern**

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Member Tools for Sale

Fred Groves has 2 drill presses, \$25 and \$75. He also has an 8" table saw and a tool cabinet. Fred will try to have all these things at the next meeting. anyone with questions can call (903) 454-1599 or email fred226a@tx.rr.com

Historically Speaking

Member contributions/corrections invited

I'm working on a written history of our Club.

The Hunt County Woodturners was established as an official chapter in the American Association of Woodturners on May 8, 1998.

I know the first members included Pleas McKee as president, as well as Dan Henry, Bill Oliver, and Fred Groves. I think there were others.

They met at the high school (Greenville?) where Pleas was a shop teacher.

The club, from the beginning, wanted to teach others how to turn (education) and make things to give to others, such as the toy cars, spin tops, ball tosses, and jump ropes with turned handles (charitable projects). The toys were turned and given away to organizations to give to needy children at Christmas.

One of the most impressive and patriotic projects they have been involved in is the Freedom Pen Project. The national project started in February, 2004, and involves turners from all over the country making pens to be sent to our Servicemen and Women "In Harm's Way," mainly in Iraq and Afghanistan. The HCW club got involved about April or May. They turned 700 Freedom Pens at the Hunt County Fair in June, 2004. They also attended many Turn-a-thons over the next 3 years, including TATs at Rockler in Mesquite, Woodways in McKinney, Woodcraft in Addison, The Outdoor Pro Shop (owned by member Craig Fyock) in Garland, and at every Hunt County Fair since.

Our club was recognized nationally in June, 2004, with a "We Salute the Hunt County Woodturners" message on the Freedom Pen web site for turning 1306 pens at the Hunt Co. Fair, the Curly Woods TAT, and members' personal pen turnings. This was the year that Dan Henry turned 49 pens in 1 day! That was a challenge to other turners, and Dan's record was broken at a TAT in Tyler the next year by "some young whippersnapper" member from the Tyler club (Dan's description).

The Club has made a fine reputation for itself locally by giving demonstrations at various events in Hunt County and beyond. They turned over 300 "Veterans' Pens" one year and presented them to veterans in Bonham at the VA hospital and assisted-living facility. Member Daren Evans met with some Boy Scouts a couple years ago and guided them in earning a woodworking badge. Several members have attended high schools in the area and encouraged teenagers to learn woodturning. With the contacts and efforts of members Antonia Messing-Gates and Marvel Gates, the club has had month-long displays of turnings at both the Rockwall and Greenville Public Libraries.

Will you help me with this history? I need club rosters from the beginning of 2003 back to the end of 1998. I also need memories and stories of the club's activities from the beginning. I appreciate all your help.

Submitted by **Margie Hendrix, Historian**

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We're on the web:
www.HuntCountyWoodturners.org

Hunt County Woodturners, Inc. (a Texas Non-Profit Corporation) also known as Hunt County Woodturners (HCW), is organized exclusively for educational purposes, and its mission is to educate woodturners and the public in and about the art and craft of woodturning. This mission is accomplished by encouraging and facilitating the establishment of training programs for woodturners; by disseminating information about sources of material and equipment; by exposing the art of woodturning to the public; and by serving as a center of information about woodturning for members, galleries, other interested groups, and the general public. Further, the Corporation is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Financial records are available for inspection upon request.

Hunt County Woodturners, Inc. is recognized by the United States Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. (Gifts to Hunt County Woodturners, Inc. are fully deductible for U.S. Income Tax purposes.)

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in HCW, Inc. entitles you to discounts on selected items at the following fine businesses.

Local:

Rockler Woodworking
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Wood World

Online:

Craft Supplies, USA
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Woodturners, don't forget to check out *The American Association of Woodturners*. HCW is a Chapter of this fine organization and each member should seriously consider becoming a member of AAW. The insurance protection alone is well worth the dues.

<http://www.woodturner.org>

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