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Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.

Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month, 7 PM

Message from the President:

Greetings Woodturners,

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We got a big pat on the back this month! Our club has been selected to participate in the "Masters at Work", taking place in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Our club representative will be Dan Henry and he will be competing with his turnings from September 7 through 9, 2007.

We need to give Dan our support during these days, I know some of you have already made reservations for these dates and if you plan on attending you need to get your reservation in as soon as possible.

If you need more information please contact one of your officers or myself and we will provide you with that information.

Fred Groves has finalized all the details in securing our new home at the Crestview Christian Church and I would like to thank Fred for all the work he has done.

Hope to see all of you at the Hunt County Fair, even if you are not working please come by and visit.

Howard Fitzgerald



HCW Calendar:

- * July meeting on the 12th; topic "Duck Calls" by Denny Burd.
- * July 14th - Open Shop at Bob Calvert's shop.
- * August meeting on the 9th with Larry Genender, topic "AAW."
- * August 11 - Open Shop "open at this time" feel free to volunteer.

June at the Fair

Hunt County Fair. June 8th through June 16th. Stop by to enjoy our booth and the fair in general. You don't have to be listed as a booth worker to stop by and shoot the breeze for awhile. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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Open Shop:

May Open Shop was at Antonia and Marvel's house, Saturday May 12, 9AM until 3PM. We served **pasta with chicken** around noon and the dishes the attending members brought were great. This HCW family picnic wasn't as well attended as expected, but all that showed up had a good time and some valuable tutoring was accomplished. Open shops are an excellent way to gain knowledge. You have a question, step up and ask. Get your hands on a tool and have someone show you how to do 'it'. Hands-on is the best way to learn.

We are looking forward to the Hunt County Fair for next month's open shop. Come on out to enjoy the fair and help out in the booth, even if you haven't signed up for the day. We always have a good time at the fair.

Our next open shop will be Saturday July 14th; Bob Calvert is hosting. Bob has a great shop with lots of room to move about. Lets fill up the place.

Participation is the name of the game, get in there and make some shavings. A big pile of shavings is proof of a good time. Green wood shavings flying over your shoulder are a real kick.

A last note about open shops. Don't feel that you have to have an outing with a meal served. This is just something Antonia and I wanted to do. The standard open shop times are 9AM 'til noon, this is ample time to work on your skills and food service isn't standard or required.

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.

Marvel

The Fund Raiser...Items #1 and #2 are now purchased and on hand.

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. Purchased from Rockler's at a substantial discount. Thank you Rockler's of Mesquite.



#2. **Barracuda2 System**, Four-jaw lathe chuck. Purchased from Wood World also at a substantial discount. Thank you Wood World of Dallas.



#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

Congratulations Dan Henry! The Oklahoma Forest Heritage Center has accepted Dan's application to participate in the year's prestigious turning competition, "Masters at Work." The "turn-off" competition will be held September 7-9, 2007, in the Forest Heritage Center Museum Courtyard at the Beavers Bend Resort Park in Broken Bow, OK. The winning woodturnings will be displayed in a Master's at Work exhibit for one year.

The Heritage Center also wants to display 15-20 pieces from our club members to be showcased in their special fall wood art gallery! We must have our turnings mailed or delivered to the Center by August 10, 2007. Details on the pieces may be obtained from club officers. You may list a sales price (20% commission of sold items is retained for promotion of gallery.) All pieces must remain on exhibit until the close of the show, October 21, 2007.

The 21st Annual National AAW Symposium is being held in Portland, Oregon Friday June 29 - Sunday July 1, 2007 and Dan Henry and wife Mary are attending. Looking forward to hearing his report when he returns. <http://www.woodturner.org>

August Quarterly Challenge: This challenge is going to be something a little different. Our focus will be "Any Type of Turned Toy." This can be anything you can dream up, as long as it is turned and it is a toy. The challenge will be judged at our August 9th meeting. Maybe we can come up with a new idea for our Christmas toy endeavor.

SWAT is coming up, October 5-7, 2007 in Wichita Falls, TX. It isn't too early to make your reservations to attend. <http://www.swaturners.org>

Submitted by **Marvel**

Tips On Sealers and Wax

Homemade wood sealer

Paint the ends of your boards to prevent the ends from drying too fast and cracking. Any oil based paint will work, but I prefer to make my own very cheap sealer. Dissolve a block of paraffin in paint thinner over very low heat. Add more paint thinner as needed so that the mix stays liquid when cool. Brush on the end grain thickly with a throw away brush.

Editor's warning: Be very careful, both the paraffin and the paint thinner are extremely flammable and the fumes could ignite! Use caution!

Allan Batty (Wax Stopper Sticks) Ideal for melting into cracks or imperfections in your work so as to render them invisible. Melt them using a soldering iron, hot wire or a lit match.

Mixing 2 parts beeswax to one part carnauba is an ideal wax. Add artist coloring powders to make stopper sticks of different colors. Cast them in a suitable container such as a baking tray.

Example--if a small knot is missing from the work you could melt two or three different shades of brown stopper sticks into the hole & as each blends in to the other, you will create the impression of a knot. By experimenting you can disguise almost any defect. The beeswax/carnauba wax on its own is just the right shade for pine and beech.

Submitted by **Sharon Ayres**

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Pen Making Tips

Match grain in pen blanks: It's been suggested that we try to do a better job of keeping the two halves of each pen blank together so the top and bottom of each freedom pen we turn are from the same blank (results in better color and grain matching on the final pens). Here's a way to "easily" do this when you're batch preparing a lot of blanks:

Number all of the pen blanks before you cut them by using a magic marker and put the number about 1/4 of the way from each end of the blank and then draw a line between the numbers. Then cut, drill, glue tubes, trim and ream the blanks as you normally would. (By putting the number 1/4 of the way from either end of the blank you're reasonably assured that the number will be on each half after you cut the blank in two.) When you are finished preparing all the blanks, lay them out on a table and match up the numbers and secure the mated halves together with tape or rubber bands.

An alternative way to secure the mated halves together with less fiddling around with tape or rubber bands is to put a small drop of medium CA glue in the corner of one of the faces and stack the mated halves together (no clamping or pressing necessary - or desired!) and let the glue dry. When dry, the mated halves will be stuck together reasonably well but can be snapped/twisted apart fairly easily (as long as you don't use too much glue!). Note that if you do use too much CA glue it might require pliers or a saw to separate the pieces so you might want to practice on using the right amount of glue before you glue a bunch of blanks together (the last remark is a result of personal experience...). Note also that it's best to put the glue towards the end/corner of the blank face - putting it in the middle of the blank will require a lot more force to snap/twist the halves apart (and, as I discovered, might require pliers to separate them...).

When you start to turn a pen from the mated parts, mount the parts on the mandrel so the line between the numbers point to the center ring. This will result in the grain running as it was in the original blank.

Hint to make the pen look and feel nicer (given to me some time ago by Dan Henry) is to use a skew type tool and make a small, shallow, rounded "V" type cut where the wood meets the center ring - cutting both the edges of the center ring and the adjacent wood (being careful to not cut down to the brass). Doing this will allow the center ring to move around during use and the user won't be able to see or feel a sharp, square edge on the wood or ring. For additional decoration, I often put another "V" cut each place where the colors change on the red/white/blue center ring; resulting in a stacked ring look instead of a single multi-colored band.

Submitted by **Bill Kloeping**

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