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**Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.**  
**Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month, 7 PM**  
(see page 6 for location)

### *Message from the President:*

Greetings Woodturners,



**WOW!** I had no idea August and September were going to be so busy. I just so happened to keep a log this past month; six phone calls about goats (I raise goats), four calls and two meetings about building a new church, (I am on the building committee), dove hunting this past weekend (only two doves) and I help family and friends with their feeders and blinds, getting ready for deer season; 44 bags of corn I was involved in, that about did me in.

Now back to what you pay me for; 11 phone calls, 22 emails (11 requiring actions) three meetings and one trip to Broken Bow. I hope all of you can make the trip Friday, Saturday or Sunday it really is a beautiful place.

I don't know if you have been to Caddo Mills High School, but Joe is a very gracious host, I always have had a great time at his open shops, the next is on September 22.

And coming up next month our big event of the year at Wichita Falls October 5th, 6th and 7th. I hope to see you the club meeting on the 13th and bring something you've turned we would love to see your work.

Howard



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### *HCW Calendar:*

- \* Masters at Work, Beavers Bend OK, Sept 7, 8, and 9.
- \* Sept meeting on the 13th with Tom Crosby from the Tyler club, topic--Lidded Boxes.
- \* Rally 'Round Greenville, Sept. 15th, 9AM - 5PM.
- \* Sept 22nd, 9AM - 2PM Open Shop at Caddo Mills High School workshop, by Joe Grimes. Note: this is the first toy making open shop.
- \* SWAT October 5, 6, and 7 at Wichita Falls.
- \* Oct 11th meeting. Demo by Fred Groves topic: turning tools and techniques.
- \* Look for more toy making open shops for Oct and Nov.

### September Challenge

Extra added challenge because of poor response last month. Anything that will fit in a 3" x 3" x 3" space. Let your imagination run wild. Nothing is too basic or too advanced. Let's all get busy and submit something.

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*Open Shop:*

We had a very successful open shop at Bill Kloeping's workshop in August and everyone that attended gained information and skills, I know I did. Thanks Bill for another great day.

Our first open shop to create Christmas toys is scheduled September 22nd because of the Rally round Greenville happening on our regular date. It will be held at Caddo Mills High School woodshop, north of Caddo Mills on Hwy 36. The shop is located around back of school. Joe Grimes is always an awesome host and we look forward to a great turnout and a wonderful day of turning. The open shop hours are flexible 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bring your lunch and enjoy uninterrupted turning. Please come out we have a lot of work to do before December.

By Marvel

**VIEW FROM THE AUDIO/VISUAL SHOP**

Clyde is running his training sessions for the AV helpers that are needed at SWAT, not to mention for helping at our monthly meetings. The last session was very informative and all of us that attended learned a great deal. If you want to contribute by being an AV helper call Clyde Marks, (903)447-5733/(903)461-2171

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By Marvel

*Editor's notes:*

~ To see what is happening at SWAT this year go to the SWAT website at <http://www.swaturners.org> click on Symposium Info. Then click on Sessions and schedule. There is a great full color schedule available there. While there, wonder around and check out our beautiful site.

~ Dan, Howard, and others took a load of turned pieces to be on display at the

Masters at Work competition at Beaver's Bend. Looks like we will have a decent display. Come on up for a day or two and enjoy the great outdoors and a wonderful time.

~ Third notice: We need to start making Christmas toys now (see above). Lets think about tops, cars, jump ropes, ball and toss games, and any other things we can come up with. All members should turn some toys at home and we will get together final prep and packaging at a later date.

~ Bring your display items for the Greenville Library to the Oct meeting. Please bring something different from last year.

Marvel

## We are getting closer to D-Day... That is Drawing Day.

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 and thank you Craig Fyock.



#3. An 8" sharpening grinder with two white wheels. Donated by Woodcraft Supplies, and Sharon Ayres. Thank you Woodcraft and thank you Sharon Ayres.

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

## Outings

### Coming up:

- **Masters at Work, Beavers Bend State Park, September 7, 8, and 9.**
- **Rally 'Round Greenville, September 15th, 9AM - 5PM.**
- **SWAT, October 5-7, 2007.**
- **Library display in Greenville, November.**

Yours truly will be representing the club at the Masters at Work competition. Three other clubs will have turning contestants: Dallas Area Woodturners, Kevin Bassett; NE OK Woodturners Assoc, Bill Evans, (Darren Evans Dad); Central OK Woodturners Assoc, Mike Backard, . The turning competition is all day on Friday and Saturday and until noon on Sunday with the awards and reception on Sunday afternoon at 1:00PM.

The Rally 'Round Greenville event will have the club doing turning demonstrations and members can sell their items also. We will have a sign up sheet at the September meeting.

And on top of this, the biggest event of the year, the **SWAT Symposium in Wichita Falls on Oct 5, 6, 7**. This is a really great event for woodturners in the southwest. There will be 10 demonstration rotations; 3 on Friday, 4 on Saturday, and 3 on Sunday with 6 demos during each rotation, your choice on which demo to see. Make your reservations **NOW**, for more information go to web site [www.swaturners.com](http://www.swaturners.com)

There will be a banquet on Saturday evening, activities for the non-turners, a wonderful **Instant Gallery** and lots of vendors with wood and all of the new tools or lathes you have been wanting.

Submitted by **Dan**

## Farewell Common Sense

My parents told me about Mr. Common Sense early in my life and told me I would do well to call on him when making decisions. It seems he was always around in my early years but less and less as time passed by. Today I read his obituary. Please join me in a moment of silence in remembrance, for Common Sense had served us all so well for so many generations.

### Obituary *Common Sense*

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not children are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools

were required to get parental consent to administer Aspirin, sun lotion or a sticky plaster to a student, but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar can sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by three stepbrothers; I Know my Rights, Someone Else is to Blame, and I'm a Victim. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

*Author unknown*

*Submitted by Howard*

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### AAW Members Only Section

The AAW Members Only section is now up and running on the AAW website.

<http://woodturner.org/member/MemberLogOn.asp>

Everything is clearly explained in the FAQ section below the login area. I have had no problem with it myself and it seems to work very well. Take it for a test drive and see for yourself what you can do there.

Thank you, Sean Troy: AAW Chapters and Membership committee

## Workshop Safety

I know it was mentioned at one of the meetings that we should sometimes be reminded of the safety issues in our endeavors to turn wood.

Submitted by **Fred Uphoff**

### 12 Valuable Lathe Safety Tips

1. If you have to use *Brute Force* to make the wood do what you want it to do, chances are, the methods and tools you're using are wrong for the job.
2. If you grasp your lathe tools with an iron grip, you'll quickly fatigue yourself. In the long run, it's also dangerous\*.
3. For best results...and maximum safety...keep your tool rest as close to the rotating work piece as possible.
4. Always remove the tool rest before performing any sanding or finishing operations.
5. Keep long sleeves rolled up **above** your elbows during turning.
6. Don't let your apron strings fly into the path of your turning stock.
7. Tie back long hair.
8. Always wear Safety Goggles or a Face Shield when working on the lathe.
9. Sanding on the Lathe can easily turn into a full-scale *Dust Storm*...and dust can actually be EXPLOSIVE! Wear a dust mask and keep a window open for adequate ventilation during turning operations. Proper shop ventilation is of supreme importance! Use a dust collector and also invest in a shop air cleaner, and don't forget to turn it on.
10. Do your feet a favor! Since turning often requires long periods of standing, get an Anti-Fatigue Mat and use it when turning for long periods of time. It will save your aching feet, keep you from slipping and help you produce better results.
11. Avoid prolonged lower back strain. Take a breather when you feel the tension growing in your back muscles. To relieve strain, try squatting with your knees bent and your back against a wall. One orthopedic surgeon claims that Americans would suffer fewer back problems in general if they would make this a *daily* practice.
12. Sharp Chisels are far safer to use than dull ones. Keep your Chisels sharp at all times.

\* Production workers who persist in using a strangle-hold grip on vibrating tools such as Lathe Chisels can easily contract Carpal-Tunnel Syndrome, a debilitating malady that affects the nerves in the wrist, causing numbness and even partial paralysis.

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We're on the web:  
[www.HuntCountyWoodturners.org](http://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  
Woodcraft Supply  
Wood World

Online:

Craft Supplies, USA  
Klingspor's Woodworking

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>

Join the fun  
Become a member today  
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