

# Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.

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**Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.**

Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month, 7PM

Meeting Location:

**Crestview Christian Church  
Wesley Street Greenville, TX**

## *Message from the President:*

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Saturday's open shop was a success with over 20 people attending. Several went home with swan-neck tools and hooked tools thanks to the expert guidance of Fred Groves. We want to thank Joe Grimes for his hospitality at the Caddo Mills High School.

At this month's open shop we are going to target tool control and any other specific problem someone wants to bring forward. There should be plenty of lathes, but bring yours if you want to and bring your tools. Bill Klopping has graciously agreed to keep his shop open as long as someone wants to work.

The Board reviewed this year's membership applications and 12 to 14 have requested some sort of beginner's class. Maybe we should have a class on a Saturday or one night with about three to four lathes, one experienced turner and two students at each lathe. It would be to make a specific item and would encompass most skills but something that could be made in an hour to an hour and a half. What would everyone like?

Also I would like to throw up a challenge for everyone to make 5 pens and five each of the toys we make. These items employ the basic skills and if you have a problem I am sure someone would be glad to help. We may give each one a door prize ticket for each item brought in.

The DVDs from 2007 SWAT are in. Check the library.

If we are going to continue to support WIN, which I think is a great organization we need to start to bring in donations, shoot for three food items, household items or clothes or if you forget drop in a dollar.

Jimmy Clews visit for the 13<sup>th</sup> of March has been confirmed

Also take a look at the Web site and make comments to Johnny Campbell. He is trying to get it ready for the AAW contest in March.

Although we may come up with some great ideas, remember this is a voluntary organization, so don't let us run anyone off.

**Mike Kizer, President**

### HCW Calendar:

#### February meeting

Turning Bunny Rabbits by  
Marion McDaniel.  
Open Shop- Bill Klopping

#### March meeting

Jimmy Clewes  
Open Shop at Bob Calvert

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[www.HuntCountyWoodturners.org](http://www.HuntCountyWoodturners.org)

**ATTENTION TURNERS!**

**Quarterly Challenge**

A Bowl whose dimensions are no larger than will fit in a 6 inch cube area. It can be smaller. Let your imagination run wild. Those turners who only have a mini lathe should be able to compete in this event. This project is due at the February 14, 2008 meeting. Let's fill the table with your creations.

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.



*Ol' Chippy says:*

**Wear a dusk mask when dust is generated (e.g., during sanding operations).**

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**Editors Notes:**

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Many thanks go to Joe Grimes and the Caddo Mills High School for allowing us the use of their facilities at the Open Shop on January 12, 2008. We had a great turn out and a lot of us learned to make new tools thanks to Fred Groves. People were trying different tools out and Dan Henry had his Rose Engine Lathe doing that fancy stuff. This is what the open shops are all about, learning, exchanging ideas and tips with fellow woodturners.

We as woodturners are appreciated, page 4 has a sample of letters and thanks received by some of our members for the Freedom Pens and Toy projects. Thanks to all who contribute to these worthwhile projects.

On page 5 you'll find a new column titled *Lathe Tip*. We have many new turners who have joined recently and need a source of information. Check it out and if you have any valuable information to pass along to the newer turners let me know so it can be included. Maybe some of the more experienced turners will step up!

We have a special treat coming for all Hunt County Woodturners. Margie and Art Hendrix have arranged to have Jimmy Clewes present a demonstration at our March 13, 2008, meeting. Mark your calendar, you don't want to miss this meeting. Please note that the Demo's have changed since the last newsletter Pleas McKee will now be our April Demonstrator.

Members, remember that we'll have a lathe set up and experienced turners at 6:00 PM to answer your questions or show you how to use the different tools. So if you need help try to come to the meeting early.

**Members, remember to pay your dues!**

Fred Uphoff, Secretary/ Newsletter Editor

Board minutes: February 7, 2008

**New Business:****SWAT:**

Mike Kizer discussed what was learned at Waco for the Fall Convention. Fred Groves will follow up.

**Freedom Pen Inventory:**

Mike Kizer asked how many pen kits were on hand (approximately 100 kits) will have a definite count at the club meeting.

**Demonstrations:**

Demo's changed since we will be hosting Jimmy Clewes in March. Marion McDaniel will be February. Pleas McKee will be April and Alan Tucker will be May.

**Quarterly Challenge:**

Bowl whose dimensions must be no larger than will fit into a 6 inch cube, it can be smaller and is due this month.

**Club Project:**

Discussed stand for Sit Down Lathe for turners who can no longer stand at the lathe. Dan Henry will have one at the Club Meeting for viewing.

**Community Project:**

Discussed what might be done by the HCW in the community.

**Membership Update:**

29 members have paid their dues. Remind the members who haven't paid to do so. 3 new members joined in January.

**Toys :**

Discussed ways of encouraging members to contribute to the toy project. Giving a raffle ticket for each completed toy brought to the meeting.

**Hunt County Fair:**

Dan Henry reported that the Fair Board has asked for the HCW to be in charge of the wood turning display. The HCW board appointed Dan Henry to be the Chairman.

**Newsletter and Web Site:**

Fred Uphoff and Johnny Campbell discussed changes that are taking place.

Respectfully submitted by: Fred Uphoff, Secretary

## Happenings

**Demonstration:** Turning Bunny Rabbits by Marion McDaniel, February 14, 2008  
**Open Shop:** Feb. 16, 2008 9:00 AM til ? Bill Kloepping  
 ( see Bill for directions to his shop )

### **ATTENTION WOODTURNERS:**

Jimmy Clewes will be our demonstrator for the March 13, 2008, meeting promptly starting at 7:00 PM. The business portion of the meeting will take place after the demonstration. We are very lucky to be able to have Jimmy visit our club for the evening. The following brief info is from his web site. ([www.jimmyclewes.com](http://www.jimmyclewes.com))

Jimmy is not your ordinary woodturner. Upon a first meeting one would think of him as a renegade, a free thinker and not within the stereotypical image of a woodturner. His charming British style, unending wit, creative mind and magnetic personality are only some of the attributes that make him popular in the woodturning demonstration circuit.

Jimmy is on the Register of Professional Woodturners in the United Kingdom and a member of the American Association of Woodturners. He has over 20 years of experience in woodturning and woodworking. The demand for his services as a freelance demonstrator takes him all across the United Kingdom, Europe, the United States, Canada and now New Zealand.

*These are some of the letters that have been received by some of the Hunt County Woodturners lately*

#### Letters of Thanks for the Freedom Pens

From: Headley, Scott T 1SG MNF-I 1AD  
[scott.headley@iraq.centcom.mil](mailto:scott.headley@iraq.centcom.mil)

Sir, I just wanted to say thanks for the new pen, it's excellent and reminds me of the things my father used to make in woodshop.

1SG Scott T. Headley  
 1AD Band  
 VOIP 242-1278  
 DSN 318-845-1043/1117

From: [timothy.kane@iraq.centcom.mil](mailto:timothy.kane@iraq.centcom.mil)  
 Bob,

I am not sure what to say... except Thank-you. I received a gift a few minutes ago from one of the Chaplains. It was a ball point pen handcrafted by you. I have been in the Air Force over 19 years...this is by far the best thing I have ever received from anyone! I am in total shock that someone would take the time, energy and heart to do this for someone they don't know. Thank you for your gift, thoughts and support. You are an incredible person...

timmyk  
 USAF MSgt Timothy Kane  
 MNC-I PMO Watch NCO  
 Camp Victory Iraq

#### *Toy Thanks*



**HUNT COUNTY SHERIFF**

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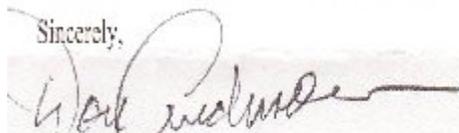
LARRY BROWN, Sheriff  
 P.O. Box 3000  
 Orem, UT 84057

Dear Mr. Calvert:

We at the Hunt County Sheriff's Office would like to express our gratitude to you for your help at our Toy Round-Up. Each year we strive to help as many families as possible, and with the help of the Wood Turners, we are able to achieve our goal.

Our employees enjoy the chance to brighten a child's Christmas and do something positive for the children of Hunt County.

Sincerely,

  
 Don Anderson  
 Hunt County Sheriff

## Lathe Tip

### **Lathe Maintenance**

Today's modern wood turning lathes have very few moving parts, however it turns items that can become flying objects. It's these objects and their affects that will determine the amount of maintenance that needs to be performed.

As with any inspection or maintenance make sure all power is disconnected to the lathe; i.e. power cord unplugged and all moving parts have come to a complete stop. Failure to follow these simple precautions may cause serious personal injury. Besides, it's not easy explaining to the ER staff "you were only making a toothpick" as they start stitching the wound.

Make it a top priority of inspecting your lathe each time you use it. Check for and repair or replace the following conditions.

1. Loose mounting bolts, over time out of balanced wood blanks may loosen these.
  2. Worn or damaged cords, plugs or switches.
  3. The bed and other metal surfaces should be protected against pitting and rust. Remove chips and dust to prevent moisture from becoming trapped against the metal surfaces. There are as many "secret" concoctions and remedies to do this as there are woodturners.
  4. Headstock and tail stock shaft bearings. Most lathes use shielded and pre lubricated bearings which sometimes will last the life of the bearings or the lathe, whichever comes first. Generally they usually fail when one is turning late at night or trying to get that piece made for the quarterly challenge.
  5. Belts, those things between the motor and headstock that pinch the fingers when changing speeds. Check for cracks and fraying, replace as necessary. This step is only for those woodturners who still like to pinch their fingers.
  6. Shields, the things that get in the way of checking the belts or those flying objects. They are in place to protect us even if we don't like them. Use them!
  7. Any other condition that prevents the safe operation of the lathe. I like this one. This usually means one must find that little booklet that was included with the lathe in the box. (Yes, that piece of paper you drew the platter shape object onto). Every lathe manufacturer will have procedures on maintaining each lathe. Contact them if you have misplaced the book. I suppose I'll have to read that book again. Now where did I put it?
- These are only recommendations and should be performed daily. Most of these are a visual or touching operation and can be performed in a few minutes.

Submitted by Fred Uphoff with assistance from Joe Grimes

### Welcome to these new members who recently joined

**Arlan Purdy**  
**Michael Ragsdale**  
and welcome back to **Bill Schluter**

### **Future Demos and Open Shops:**

March meeting– Jimmy Clewes

Open Shop at Bob Calvert

April meeting - Pleas McKee, Using the Skew

Open Shop at Mike Kizer

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

- \*\* Wood World, 13650 TI Blvd. Dallas, TX (972) 669-9130 \*\***
- \*\* Rockler Woodworking and Hardware, 18661 I635, Mesquite, TX (972) 613-8848 \*\***
- \*\* Craft Supplies USA, [www.woodturnerscatalog.com](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com), (800) 551-8876 \*\***
- \*\* Klingspor's Woodworking Shop, Hickory, NC, (800) 228-0000, ask for discount \*\***

Woodturners, don't forget to check out **The American Association of Woodturners**. Hunt County Woodturners Inc. 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>



**DUES-DUES-DUES**  
**Just a reminder, members pay your dues. We have kept them at \$30.00 for the year. Where else can you be around such talented people? Hunt County Woodturners, Inc that's where.**

**Join the fun**  
**Become a member today**  
**Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.**  
 Membership is renewable annually for a calendar year, and covers individual and family **at the same address**. Please pay at the meeting or mail an application, along with the appropriate remittance to:

**Hunt County Woodturners, Inc**  
**Sheryl Kendall, Treasurer**  
**3321 Eastland St.**  
**Greenville, TX 75402**

**MEMBERSHIP**  
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An application form will be emailed to you for your BIO, or you may download it from our website. This form is used for all sorts of things like determining what demonstrations you want, finding demonstrators, and building/maintaining an up-to- date roster.