

WELCOME
Jimmy Clewes

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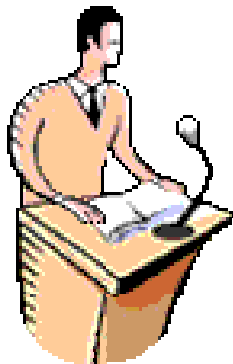
Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.

Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month, 7PM

Meeting Location:

Crestview Christian Church
Wesley Street Greenville, TX

Message from the President:



Everyone needs to mark March 13th on their calendar. Our demonstrator will be Jimmy Clewes, a world class instructor. Because of this we will change our normal routine for our Thursday night meeting. The doors will open at 6 PM ; raffle tickets for door prizes will go on sale then. We will have a show and tell so bring your stuff. At break time we will have our drawing, and go through the show and tell. If we feel it is necessary or someone has some business to discuss we can have a short business meeting after the demo.

We have been talking about having a class or classes on the fundamentals of turning. Well now is the time. On April 26 we will have a class at my shop. Our first project will be the toothpick holder as found on page 72 of the March 08 issue of Wood Magazine. If you do not have this magazine, copies of the article will be provided. If you have a particular type of wood you would like to use please bring it. It will need to be 3 inches in diameter by 6 inches long. The smaller pieces will be provided.

Our plan is that 4 or 5 lathes will be set up in my shop. Each lathe will have an experienced turner and two students. Everything will be provided except you will need to bring you own tools or chisels. If you don't think you have enough come anyway, we will figure something out. The purpose of this class is to learn something and have a good time. We chose this project because it will require most of the fundamentals yet can be made in an hour to an hour and a half. One student will make one and then another student will make one. We will start about 9AM and should finish about noon. If you are going to attend you will need to contact me and get your name on the list. We do not want a bunch of experienced people to show up and no students. I will also need experienced people to volunteer so I don't have to draft people. If everyone does not get in this first class we will have another one until we meet every ones needs. Questions or to sign up call me or e-mail me, Mike Kizer, lmkizer@verizon.net or 903-883-0837, or my cell 903-456-8308.

On March 4th we received word that we had been awarded the Educational Opportunity Grant from AAW that we had applied for. We were awarded 1200 dollars to upgrade our audio/visual system. Clyde Marks has agreed to take the leadership roll in identifying the equipment and putting together the package.

Everyone show up early and get a good seat. It will be a good show.

Mike Kizer, President

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HCW Calendar:
March meeting
 Jimmy Clewes
 Open Shop--Bob Calvert
 (see Bob for Directions.)
April meeting
 Pleas McKee -Skew
 Open Shop--Mike Kizer

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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>

AAW Symposium, Richmond VA
June 20-22, 2008

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, 18661 I635, Mesquite, TX
(972) 613-8848

Craft Supplies USA, www.woodturnerscatalog.com
(800) 551-8876

Klingspor's Woodworking Shop, Hickory, NC
(800) 228-0000, ask for discount

Hartville Tool, www.hartvilletool.com
(800) 345-2396

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.

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

Contact Secretary at:
fwu1866@hotmail.com
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Editors Notes:

Thanks to Bill Kloeping for hosting the February open shop, 13 members attended and new skills were acquired. I personally want to thank Bill for giving me an individual demo on turning bangles, very nice. Bill was also our quarterly challenge winner. (He did show some of us how to do the color scheme that was on his winning bowl).

We have another option for tool shopping, Hartville Tool is going to give discounts to Hunt County Woodturners. Check them out.

Clyde Marks, our Audio/Visual Chairman, would like some help. Anyone wanting to learn how to operate the camera, sound and lights please get in touch with him. He will be setting up a class soon and the club needs to have more people trained to be able to operate the equipment. Please contact Clyde if you have an interest in learning how to set the equipment up and make it work.

For those members who don't know and those members who have forgotten, March 2008 is a milestone. Yes, 10 years ago Pleas McKee and a hand full of others started Hunt County Woodturners. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

We Still Have Some Members Who Need To Pay Their DUES, YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

Fred Uphoff, Secretary/ Newsletter Editor



Board minutes: March 6, 2008

Old Business:

Freedom Pen Inventory:

250 Kits on hand. Discussed how many more needed

Club Project:

Discussed Sit Down Lathe and how Bill Oliver was enjoying using it. Bill Kloeping will contact the Herald Banner about featuring an upcoming article.

Hunt County Fair:

Dan Henry reported he will send the clubs recommendations for the woodturning fair classes to the fair board.

New Business:

Demonstrations:

Will ask Jimmy Clewes to do demonstrations on his Oriental Box and Colored Piece in March. Discussed how Show and Tell and the raffle will be at the intermission between the demos.

Quarterly Challenge:

The theme for the May quarterly challenge will be "Something For The Yard".

EOG Grant:

Mike Kizer informed the board that HCW was approved for the Grant that was submitted to the AAW.

Membership Update:

Mike Kizer ask to have a list of unpaid members so he may contact them about renewing.

Open Shop Theme:

The March theme will be tool use and tool control to be held at Bob Calvert's shop.

Training Class:

Discussed holding a training class for members to learn how to turn a toothpick dispenser. The tentative date is April 26, 2008 at Mike Kizer's shop. Limit it to 10-12 members and 5-6 instructors.

No further business meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by: Fred Uphoff, Secretary

Happenings

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Hunt County Woodturners Inc. welcomes the world famous Jimmy Clewes for an evening of woodturning enjoyment

Demonstration will be:

“ Oriental Box”

“ Colored Piece”

Club Project

The Hunt County Woodturners Inc. has embarked on a new endeavor. Two of our largest projects have been The Freedom Pen Foundation, where we make hand crafted pens and provide them to the Foundation run by the Chaplains of the Armed Forces, who in turn distributes them to the men and women in harms way in combat zones. Our other large project is to make hand crafted toys for local charity organizations such as WIN, Sheriffs Association, Salvation Army and the Rainbow Room, part of CPS. Hundreds of each were made and distributed this last year.

We have now started another project geared toward individuals who could benefit from our particular skills. One of our elder members, also one of the founding members has been stricken by illness recently and is no longer able to stand at a lathe for any period of time. So Bill Oliver was selected as our first candidate. The project was to take a standard lathe and turn it 90 degrees and lower the stand where it could be operated comfortably from a chair or even a wheel chair if the need should become necessary. This is not as easy as it sounds. For one thing the lathe is quite heavy and the stand must withstand the vibration and inertia of a piece of wood whirling at high speed. The second problem is the tool rest had to be repositioned so it is in front of the individual and strong enough to support the tool or chisel during turning. Two club members took on the task, Dan Henry and Fred Groves, who presented the stand to Bill at our February Meeting. The next day Dan went to Bill's house and installed his lathe on the stand and you can see the results. Bill is happy back doing what he loves.

One very happy turner, Bill Oliver, shown below using the new Sit-Down Lathe Stand for mini lathes. Glad to see you back in the shop Bill. Looks like the Club will have a new project.



Lathe Tip

As your newsletter editor I'm taking it upon myself to try and help the less experienced turners in the club with these lathe tips (some of the more experienced turners might like to read this for a good laugh). Much of the information is gathered from first hand knowledge and other turners, some will be gleaned from the internet. This will not be an in-depth guide, but rather something to whet the appetite and bring about a discussion. I'm asking the more experienced turners to step up and help me, if you have a tip that you use or care to pass along, get in touch with me so that it may be included in upcoming articles.

I was told a long time ago, when I first started turning that the easiest way to learn turning is to make nothing but chips. No bowls, no candlesticks, nothing but chips, mainly to get the feel of the tool and handling. Most of us crawled before we walked, woodturning is no different. Learn and listen to what the lathe does at the different speeds. Watch how you present the tool to the wood, get a feel of how different angles of tool presentation make the chips fly differently. So go out to the old wood pile, grab a chunk and put it on the lathe and have fun. Use common sense when mounting a log on the lathe. Get it as close to center as possible. I still do this if I have not turned for a time, just to keep from messing up the good stuff (which still happens). It seems to make the mind and hands get back in the groove.

Tools, oh boy am I going to open myself up for a flak attack on this one. Essentially woodturning is either spindle turning or faceplate (bowl) turning. In spindle turning the grain of the wood runs lengthwise. In faceplate turning the wood grain runs perpendicular to the axis of rotation.

The following are only **my suggestions** for the minimum tools needed for each type of turning:

Spindle Turning	Faceplate (bowl) Turning
Roughing Gouge	Deep Fluted Bowl Gouge
Skew Chisel	Heavy Duty Bowl Scraper
Parting Tool	Thin Parting Tool
Round Nose Scraper	Round Nose Scraper
Spindle Gouge	Spindle Gouge

Now that I've opened this can of worms, let the arguments begin. I'm not recommending any brand or any size. I just feel that these tools are the minimum needed to turn. Over time every wood turner has their own preference for tools in each category depending on the size of the item being turned. These are some of the tools that I use, and can be found in most starter sets. Notice that the last two tools in both categories are the same. You don't need them, but they are very nice to have available. Remember that a roughing gouge should only be used in spindle work. Each wood turner has to decide what type of turning they wish to pursue, and the bigger question, how deep is the pocketbook. Let's face it, the lathe is the cheapest part of woodturning, it's everything else that costs the big bucks. I will suggest that when buying tools today get the high speed steel (HSS) type and a good grinder to sharpen said tools. Most of us have probably visited or have catalogs from some of the various woodturning companies, that owe their existence to us, looking for the latest or newest tools. Boy do they have some great looking tools!

In April we'll have Pleas McKee demonstrating the skew. This is the one tool that still to this day try's my patience. I get some very beautiful spirals occasionally, but I can't seem to duplicate the same one a second time. Every tool has a learning curve, and the only way to learn is **practice, practice, practice**. Sometimes I amaze myself by actually making something, boy is this woodturning stuff fun! There you have it, my two cents for this month.

Submitted by Fred Uphoff

Safety Tip:

Remember that the most dangerous tool in the shop is the one that you are using!



Upcoming Events

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March 15, 2008 Open Shop
Bob Calvert

April 10, 2008 HCW Meeting
Demo - Pleas McKee

April 12, 2008 Open Shop
Mike Kizer

April 19, 2008 Keep Greenville
Beautiful, (Demonstration)

May 8, 2008 HCW Meeting
Demo - Allen Tucker

May 10, 2008 Open Shop
Clyde Marks

June 6 - 14, 2008 Hunt County Fair

September 5-7, 2008
Masters at Work

Happy Birthday
Hunt County Woodturners
 10 Years and going strong
 Be safe in your turning endeavors



As most of you know, Sam Robinson was a victim of theft on Thursday February 28. He had his Jet mini lathe and tools stolen. He contacted me and asked if I could help him by contacting the Clubs' members, thus the emails last week. I thank all who responded in seeking further information, both from our Club as well as the Tyler, Denton, Dallas and Ft. Worth Clubs. As of this newsletter the case has not been solved. I ask everyone to please be alert in your neighborhoods, especially if someone is trying to sell a lathe cheap. **Contact the local authorities.**

This incidence makes one reevaluate their security procedures. Make sure you document and store in a safe place, all serial numbers and other numbers you might use on your equipment, so that it can be used in recovery. It also helps to take pictures of the equipment. Above all make sure you lock your shops.

Fred Uphoff, Secretary

Another Thanks for our Efforts

Mr. Groves,

Thank you very much for the pen. You honor all the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Civilians who proudly serve our great nation. It is indeed awesome to be assured that folks like you and your organization remember us every day, especially in your prayers. I will no doubt think of you each time I use my pen.

God Bless You,

Mel Kelder
 MNC-1 Safety Director
 Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq

Belton, Texas
 III Corps and Fort Hood

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**. The membership cost is \$30.00. Please pay at the meeting, or an application form may be downloaded from our website and sent along with the appropriate remittance to:

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

Dues are prorated for new members

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HCW HISTORY—TEN YEARS OF TURNING

The Hunt County Woodturners was established as an official chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) on May 8, 1998. The club was organized as a local woodturners' club one and a half years earlier.

Founding members included Pleas McKee, Gary Sanders, Deej Heath, Randy Morrison, and Chuck Day. They met at the Greenville, Texas, Middle School shop building, where Pleas was a shop teacher, for about 2 years. They began meeting at the Senior Center in Caddo Mills in 2001, maybe before. When the membership grew to 30, the Club moved to Quality Woodworking Services on Highway 34, south of Greenville. The larger meeting place was offered by John and Jenifer Hines; their only fee was membership in the Club. The Club met at Quality Woodworking Services from September, 2005 until June, 2007, when John and Jenifer moved to a larger building which had no room for the Club's assets. Crestview Christian Church on Webb and Wesley in Greenville became the Club's permanent home in June, 2007.

The first president of the Club was Pleas McGee. Dan Henry took the job in August, 2001 and held it for over four years. In 2006 Clyde Marks was elected president, followed by Howard Fitzgerald in 2007, and Mike Kizer in January, 2008.

The Club has grown from the initial 5 or 6 founding members in 1997 to about 55 members at the end of 2007. Two long-time members are deceased—Jim Grubb in 2006 and Wyman Schnepf in 2007. Both were much-loved members who were instrumental in teaching and encouraging others in the art of woodturning.

Jim Grubb put together the first newsletter in 2004. The newsletter has become a major monthly project, as well as the online web site. In 2008 the Club will enter the contest for the best web site within the AAW.

The Club has also developed the "standard" for other clubs within the Southwest Area Turners (SWAT) organization for equipment to use for videotaping programs and demos. This system was initially set up by members Darren Evans, Fred Groves, and Dan Henry in 2003. Clyde Marks took charge of the system in 2005 and has done a great job. Others have helped keep it upgraded and current for growing media needs.

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 are turned and given away to organizations to give to needy children at Christmas. The Club has purchased and maintains an extensive library of books, videos, and DVDs for the education of members.

The Club applied for and was granted 501(c)3 (non-profit) status with the IRS in 2006.

One of their most impressive and patriotic projects 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 U. S. Servicemen and Women "In Harm's Way," to show appreciation for their service. They mainly go to Iraq and Afghanistan. The HCW club got involved about April, 2004. They turned over 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, Curly Woods in McKinney, Woodcraft in Addison, The Outdoor Pro Shop (owned by member Craig Fyock) in Garland, WorldWorld in Dallas, The Country Woodpile in Tyler, and at every Hunt County Fair since 2004.

The 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). Steve Hagler of East Texas Woodturners turned 68 pens in 6 hours.

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, Texas, at the VA hospital and assisted-living facility. Member Daren Evans met with some Boy Scouts one year and guided them in earning a woodworking merit badge. Several members have attended high schools in the area and encouraged teenagers to learn woodturning. Member Joe Grimes, high school shop teacher in Caddo Mills, is diligent in encouraging his students and offering his expertise with woodturning. With the efforts of members Antonia Messina-Gates and Marvel Gates, the club has had month-long displays of turnings at both the Rockwall and Greenville Public Libraries.

The Hunt County Woodturners continues to grow, attracting new members who want to learn woodturning and follow the Club's tradition of education and giving to others.

Submitted by Margie Hendrix, Historian