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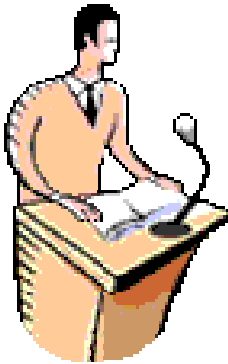
Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.

Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month, 7PM

Meeting Location:

Crestview Christian Church  
Wesley Street Greenville, TX

## Message from the Vice-President:



While Mike Kizer is on vacation I have the privilege of offering my comments for this month's newsletter.

I wish to add my thanks to Jimmy Clewes for showing the Hunt County Woodturners an outstanding demo at the March meeting.

Spring is here and with that the club's events start in earnest. The Club's meeting will have one of our own, Pleas McKee, demonstrating *Using the Skew*. The open shop will continue with the skew theme on April 12 at Mike Kizer's shop. Come

out and we'll try to duplicate what Pleas shows us.

This month we'll be demonstrating at the Greenville Garden Show. What a great way to let the community see what we do. I ask the members to step up and give a little of your time to promote the Club on April 19. I would like to see us turn some of the toys that we do for Christmas, but turn whatever you feel comfortable doing. We have been told that we can offer for sale items that we turn.

April 26 is the Club's turning class, making a toothpick holder. This event will be held at Mike Kizer's shop, if you haven't signed up please contact Mike. You as members have asked for wood turning classes and we do need participation to continue doing these. We also need ideas for future classes, contact any board member if you have something you would like to learn.

I have asked our newsletter editor to include an article about a past AAW President, Phil Brennon. Several area Club's are responding to this plea for help. Anyone who has been an AAW member for any time will recognize this individual. He has done numerous wood turning articles for various magazines.

I look forward to seeing everyone Thursday night.

**Bob Calvert, Vice-President**

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**HCW Calendar:**  
April meeting  
Pleas McKee--Using the Skew  
Open Shop--Mike Kizer  
(See Mike for directions)  
May meeting  
Alan Tucker  
Open Shop-- Clyde Marks

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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](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com)**

(800) 551-8876

**Klingspor's Woodworking Shop, Hickory, NC**

(800) 228-0000, ask for discount

**Hartville Tool, [www.hartvilletool.com](http://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.

**Editors Notes:**

Oh boy, wasn't that an impressive demo that Jimmy Clewes gave at the March meeting. He sure made everything look so easy. We had a very nice turnout, 63 members and guests were at the meeting, and yes it was a longer than usual meeting. I think most of us gained some valuable insight on some unique turnings. Jimmy Clewes has a very clever way of making a presentation interesting. I thought someone said Texans have an accent.

Spring is in the air and that means among other things that the Greenville Garden Show and the Hunt County Fair will be soon upon us. We need members to sign up for a shift or two for the events. I'll have the sign up sheets at the meeting so contact me with the shift you would like. The Club is in charge of the wood turning display at the Fair. Anyone interested in entering their items here is your opportunity.

It's not too early to start turning the toys for our Christmas Projects. We hope that all members will contribute. Those members who are not familiar with our project, we turn toys for the children at the Salvation Army, WIN, Sheriff's Department and the Rainbow Room. We turn wooden cars, ball toss's, tops and jump rope handles. Any member who may have a new toy or idea please contact a board member.

Fred Uphoff, Secretary/ Newsletter Editor

**Board minutes: April 3, 2008****Old Business:****Hunt County Fair:**

Dan Henry reported he'll be in charge of the inside wood turning display at the Fair and asked that other members be in charge of the outside turning project. Will need to have shift signup for members. The Fair dates are June 6-14.

**EOG Grant:**

Clyde Marks discussed the camera, DVD/VHS recorder, microphones and speakers needed to update the club's audio/visual needs to better record the demonstrations. This will improve the quality of the DVD's made and also let us convert the old VHS format to DVD's for members to view.

**Training Class:**

The training class to learn how to turn a toothpick dispenser is April 26, 2008 at Mike Kizer's shop. Limited to 10-12 people and 5-6 instructors. We still have room for more people. Contact Mike Kizer.

**New Business:****Demonstrations:**

Pleas McKee will be our demonstrator for April and will teach us how to properly use the Skew.

**Open Shop Theme:**

The April theme will be skew use to be held at Mike Kizer shop on April 12.

**Newsletter/Web Site Contest:**

Johnny Campbell reported that HCW did not make the final 3 in the web site competition, no word on the newsletter competition yet. Johnny also asked that a committee be set up to help with new ideas for the web site. Anyone interested should contact Johnny.

**Garden Show at Greenville:**

HCW will be demonstrating at the Fletcher Warren Civic Center on April 19, 2008 from 10 AM-4 PM. We'll have 2 shifts, 10 AM -1 PM and 1-4 PM. There will be 4 lathes to use. We need members to help out. Members will be allowed to sell their items if desired. We do need 1 item for the silent auction from the Club. Anyone wishing to donate should contact any Board member. Sign-up sheet will be at the Club meeting.

**Club Meeting Raffle:**

Starting with the April meeting, HCW members will sign the raffle tickets they purchase. Besides the usual items, all tickets will be entered for a special quarterly drawing. Essentially every ticket will have a 2 for 1 chance of winning. That quarterly drawing will be for a special item determined by the Board.

No further business, meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by: Fred Uphoff, Secretary

## Happenings

### Welcome to the following new members:

George Francis  
 Jim Goggans  
 Guy Gosh  
 Michael Hammock  
 Gary Mulson  
 Ray Shuman

*Thank you for joining*



 **Quarterly Challenge for May 8,**   
**2008**

 *"Something For The Yard"* 



### Sit Down Lathe Stand Project

Dan Henry has a stand available to anyone in the community. If you know of someone whether HCW member or not that could benefit from this type of stand, please contact him to make arrangements on getting it. There will be some material costs involved, but these are very minimal.

### *Some sites suggested by Marvel Gates:*

[http://tnvalleywoodclub.org/Articles/2003\\_Fall\\_Symposium/basic\\_woodturning.pdf](http://tnvalleywoodclub.org/Articles/2003_Fall_Symposium/basic_woodturning.pdf)

<http://www.mnwoodturners.com/newsletters/December2003.pdf>

<http://www.bigtreertools.com/articles/sharpening1.html>

<http://www.bigtreertools.com/articles/sharpening2.html>

Check out the current Wood Magazine, Issue 183 May 2008 it has an article on page 70 titled *Learn to Love Your Skew Chisel*. It is very informative and has a number of excellent pictures detailing sharpening and using the skew chisel. This goes well with the April demonstration by Pleas Mckee. For those members who have internet access but don't get the magazine, there is a site you might try:

<http://www.woodmagazine.com/skew>

There are 2 short videos on the skew, 1 is sharpening the skew chisel and the other is about planning cuts, V-cuts and making beads.

Submitted by: Clyde Marks

Friends of Phil Brennon - It's your turn to help

Former AAW President Phil Brennon is an inspiration to many in the woodturning world. You may know Phil from his five productive years as an AAW board member and two years as AAW president. Or perhaps as the accomplished turner and teacher from Chino Valley, Arizona. Or maybe as a co-owner of Van Gogh's Ear, a successful crafts gallery in Prescott. Or from one of his sparkling articles in American Woodturner or WOOD magazine. Or maybe as someone who enjoyed hiking, canoeing, and hunting with Phil in western states. One thing for sure: If you know Phil, you know a person who makes the most of each day. And you no doubt have been inspired by his determination.

Phil's mobility challenges began in 1982 with an ill-performed chiropractic procedure (the chiropractor soon abandoned his practice). Since then, Phil has endured eight surgeries on his neck and hips. A weaker soul would have thrown in the towel, but not Phil. He found the strength to soldier forward and continue his giving back to the woodturning community, often to the detriment of his own career.

An ominous ninth surgery in July 2007 brought Phil once again to life's edge. A surgical team at Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix performed an emergency 10-hour procedure to de-tether his spinal cord. Following his latest surgery, Phil was paralyzed from the neck down. He then spent 107 days in the hospital and neurological wing floor. Five hours of therapy consumed large chunks of every day. He is now at home and spends nine hours a week with occupational and physical therapists who are working with Phil to regain movement. Because he is a quadriplegic with little hand movement, Phil has a high-tech wheelchair that he steers with his head by sensory pads.

Phil's family is optimistic that he will regain movement in hands and legs with time (doctors say it can take up to two years to see what movement will be regained). In recent weeks, Phil has had occasional mobility in his left arm and sporadic movement in both feet, which is encouraging.

Friends of Phil: It's your turn to help - In spite of healthcare insurance, the uncovered medical and therapy expenses have exhausted the Brennon's finances. For example, by the end of May, Phil will have depleted the therapy allotments for 2008. To help meet expenses not covered by insurance, a "Friends of Phil" checking account has been setup at a Chino Valley bank. If you're able to help this generous and caring woodturner, please send a check (payable to Brennon, Account 778853713) to:

Chase Bank AZ1-0536 31 Butterfield Road Chino Valley, AZ 86323

## Lathe Tip

I know that this article will stray from the normal lathe tips, but I believe that this is a topic that can't be ignored and should be addressed. This can be classed as the lighting and safety tip and most of us will have to address this problem sooner or later.

We have them now or sometime in the very near future we will have them. What I'm talking about are compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) the squiggly, coiled bulbs that generate light by heating gases in a glass tube. CFLs generally use 50 percent less energy and last several times longer than incandescent bulbs. But while the bulbs are extremely energy-efficient, one problem hasn't gone away: All CFLs contain mercury, a neurotoxin that can cause kidney and brain damage. The amount is tiny about 5 milligrams, barely enough to cover the tip of a pen, but that is enough to contaminate 6,000 gallons of water beyond safe drinking levels. Even the latest lamps promoted as "low-mercury" can contaminate more than 1,000 gallons of water beyond safe levels. An average incandescent bulb lasts about 800 to 1,500 hours; a spiral fluorescent bulb can last as long as 10,000 hours. In just more than a year, since the beginning of 2007, 9 million fluorescent bulbs have been purchased in California alone, preventing the release of 1.5 billion pounds of carbon dioxide compared with traditional bulbs, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

By now you are probably wondering what the heck I'm talking about and what this means to wood turners in general. Well, sometimes bad things can happen, like a broken bulb. These bulbs are definitely not shock proof! I had the misfortune of breaking a bulb and I quickly grabbed the old shop vac and proceeded to clean up the mess that laid all over my lathe and everything in the area. I then dumped the contents from the vac into a garbage bag and put it in the trash. That evening I was searching the internet on how I should have taken care of the situation. There are very limited options for safe recycling of fluorescent bulbs and I broke most of them in cleaning up my mess. Ideally, broken bulbs and their remains should be recy-

clad at a facility approved to handle fluorescent lamps and not put it in the common trash, but such facilities are not common. California, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin are the only states that ban disposing of fluorescent bulbs as general waste at this time. Yet, qualified recycling facilities are limited to about one per county and collection of CFLs are conducted only at certain times of the year. In fact, qualified places to recycle CFLs are so few that the largest recycler of fluorescent bulbs in America is Ikea, the furniture chain.

One or two bulbs in the landfills no big deal right? Wrong! Imagine for a moment how much mercury would be put in the local landfill if everyone in the community just put one bulb per person per year into the trash. Now, that starts to add up and it becomes an issue for everyone, not just wood turners. I do think that wood turners everywhere strive to be good stewards of the earth by using wood that otherwise would be added to the landfills. We also sometimes create a situation where we unknowingly can be at fault and not even realize it. I'm including from the EPA site how to properly clean up after a broken fluorescent bulb. Hopefully the next time one of these bulbs break you and I will be more informed and careful on how to handle and clean up the area properly.

### **How to clean up a fluorescent bulb:**

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

#### **Before cleanup: Vent the room**

1. Open a window and leave the room for 15 minutes or more.
2. Shut off the central forced-air heating/air conditioning system, if you have one.

#### **Cleanup steps for hard surfaces**

3. Carefully scoop up glass fragments and powder using stiff paper or cardboard and place them in a glass jar with metal lid (such as a canning jar) or in a sealed plastic bag.
4. Use sticky tape, such as duct tape, to pick up any remaining small glass fragments and powder.

5. Wipe the area clean with damp paper towels or disposable wet wipes and place them in the glass jar or plastic bag.

6. Do not use a vacuum or broom to clean up the broken bulb on hard surfaces.

#### **Cleanup steps for carpeting or rug**

7. Carefully pick up glass fragments and place them in a glass jar with metal lid (such as a canning jar) or in a sealed plastic bag.

8. Use sticky tape, such as duct tape, to pick up any remaining small glass fragments and powder.

9. If vacuuming is needed after all visible materials are removed, vacuum the area where the bulb was broken.

10. Remove the vacuum bag (or empty and wipe the canister), and put the bag or vacuum debris in a sealed plastic bag.

#### **Disposal of cleanup materials**

11. Immediately place all cleanup materials outside the building in a trash container or outdoor protected area for the next normal trash.

12. Wash your hands after disposing of the jars or plastic bags containing cleanup materials.

13. Check with your local or state government about disposal requirements in your specific area. Some states prohibit such trash disposal and require that broken and unbroken lamps be taken to a recycling center.

#### **Future cleaning of carpeting or rug**

14. For at least the next few times you vacuum, shut off the central forced-air heating/air conditioning system and open a window prior to vacuuming.

15. Keep the central heating/air conditioning system shut off and the window open for at least 15 minutes after vacuuming is completed.

So there you have it for this month, on top of all the other stuff we expose ourselves to, this issue I felt needed to be addressed. We have all had a bulb break and we really do need to know the proper way of disposing of the pieces safely.

Submitted by: Fred Uphoff

Upcoming Events

April 12, 2008 Open Shop: Mike Kizer

May 10, 2008 Open Shop: Clyde Marks

April 19, 2008 Keep Greenville Beautiful  
(Demonstration)  
Fletcher Warren Civic Center  
10 AM - 4 PM

June 6 - 14, 2008 Hunt County Fair

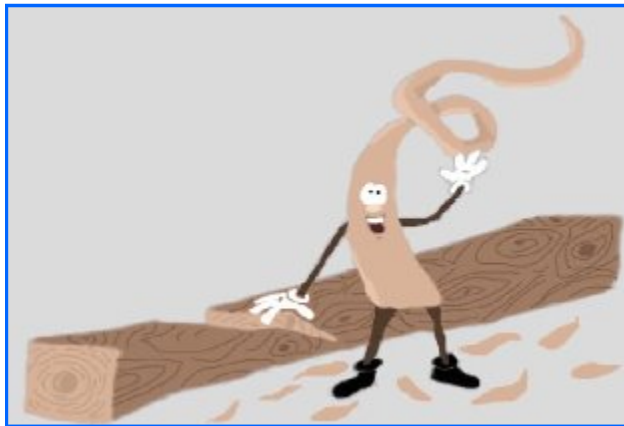
June 20-22, 2008 AAW Symposium  
Richmond, VA

April 26, 2008 Special Turning Class  
Contact Mike Kizer

September 5-7, 2008 Masters at Work  
Beavers Bend State Park  
Oklahoma

May 8, 2008 HCW Meeting  
Demo - Allen Tucker  
Quarterly Challenge Due

October 17 - 19, 2008 SWAT  
Waco, Texas



**Safety Tip:**  
Rotate the work piece by hand to make sure it clears the tool rest and bed before turning the lathe on. Be sure that the work piece turns freely and is firmly mounted. Never adjust the tool rest with the lathe turned on.

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**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**  
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