



# Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.

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June 2008

**Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.**  
Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month, 7PM

Meeting Location:  
**Crestview Christian Church**  
**5605 Wesley Street**  
**Greenville, TX 75402**

## *Message from the President:*



This has been a very busy time since last month's meeting.

Preparation for the fair went well. We had good participation in the woodturning display. Everyone needs to get out to the fair and view the display. While there, stop at our booth and visit, we might let you turn a pen, even if you are not on the schedule. Congratulation goes to Bob Calvert, our distinguished Vice-President for winning the best in show.

Your board has taken on another task which I hope every one will approve of and get behind. The local Greenville Detachment of the National Guard has recently returned from a tour in Iraq. As a gesture of local support we decided to make a pen for each of the returnees. The project will be called "Patriot Pens". They will not have another drill until August so we have some time.

The Board and I thought our first "Fundamentals of Turning" went well and we would like to have another one this next Quarter if we can fit it in our busy schedule. Discussion has been one Saturday and one night class. I will discuss the details and our next meeting.

Remember July 26, 9 AM to 4 PM will be the annual Freedom Pen Turnathon at Wood World. This year's event is being dedicated to one of our members, Bill Oliver. We need to support this effort.

Check out the Hunt County Woodturners web-site. There will be information on some spindle turning classes at the Dallas Club.

The new Audio/Visual equipment and gantry should be ready for the July meeting, it's looking great.

I hope everyone can get to the fair and I hope you'll be able to attend the July meeting.

**Mike Kizer, President**

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**HCW Calendar:**

***June***

**Hunt County Fair**

**No Meeting**

**Come to the Fair and turn Freedom Pens**

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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>

**HCW Mission:**

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.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

June 6 - 14, 2008  
Hunt County Fair

June 20-22, 2008  
AAW Symposium  
Richmond, VA

July 10, 2008  
HCW Meeting

July 12, 2008  
Open Shop

July 26, 2008  
Wood World  
Freedom Pen Turnathon

August 14, 2008  
HCW Meeting

August 16, 2008  
Open Shop

September 11, 2008  
HCW Meeting

September 12-14, 2008  
Masters at Work  
Beavers Bend State Park  
Oklahoma

October 9, 2008  
HCW Meeting

October 11, 2008  
Open Shop

October 17 - 19, 2008  
SWAT  
Waco, Texas

November 13, 2008  
HCW Meeting

November 15, 2008  
Open Shop

**We're on the Web:**

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

Check the site out !

## Editors Notes:

We wish to thank Allan Tucker for his presentation on *Design and Form* at the May meeting. I for one found out why some of my pieces I like and why some end up under the bench.

The *Open Shop* for May was held at Clyde Marks shop. We focused on pen turning, mainly quality rather than quantity. We hope our Freedom Pens will stand out this year. Clyde also had a cook out and the members attending had an educational and enjoyable day. Thanks Clyde for letting us use your shop.

We need to give Frank Shrode a great big thank you for all the Club's business cards, the Freedom Pens cards and all of the other items which he has designed and printed for us. We really appreciate what you have done. Thanks Frank!

Well, it's June and that means it's fair time. It also means that we won't have a regular Club Meeting. Thanks to all members who have volunteered to work a shift at the fair. For those who haven't signed up stop by the booth and give a few minutes of your time and help promote the Hunt County Woodturners to the general public, maybe even turn a pen.



## Hunt County Woodturners Board minutes: June 5, 2008

### Old Business:

#### Hunt County Fair:

Dan Henry reported everything is ready for set-up on Friday morning June 6, 2008. Members to help in the set-up process will be Mike Kizer, Bob Calvert, Clyde Marks, Fred Uphoff and Dan Henry. Anything still needed after the set-up will be gotten before the Fair starts. Dan also reported that a very nice turnout from the wood turners is now on the permanent display during the Fair at the public events building. Dan also wished to thank Jon Lindgren (Dallas Area Woodturners) and Tom Crosby (East Texas Woodturners) for being the judges for the woodturning classes. Items that are entered may be picked up on June 16<sup>th</sup> or June 17<sup>th</sup> between 4-7PM each day.

#### Audio/ Visual EOG Grant:

Clyde Marks reported that the audio/ visual equipment is acquired and that he, Mike Kizer and Dan Henry are in the final stages of construction on the new gantry system and cabinets to hold the camera and lights above the lathe.

### New Business:

#### Training Class:

Mike Kizer proposed that the next wood turning class be miniature bird houses and be held late summer or very early fall. Board members decided to bring this proposal to the entire club at the July meeting and vote on it then.

### Demonstration:

Dan Henry will be our demonstrator for the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be showing how to turn spheres.

### Open Shop:

The July 12<sup>th</sup> open shop will be held at Dan Henry's shop.

### National Guard Pens:

The Board has decided since the local National Guard unit has recently returned from Iraq that we (HCW) will turn pens for each member who was deployed and make a presentation at the August or September Club Meeting. The pens will be known as Patriot Pens not Freedom Pens because we will be giving these to the Guard unit. Approximately 170 soldiers were deployed. This will be our way of thanking them for their service.

### Training Video Operators:

Clyde Marks is recruiting help for the training of video operators at the SWAT meetings in October. Training sessions will be held in August and September. Anyone interested in learning the new system should contact Clyde.

### Quarterly Club Challenge for August:

The Board decided that the Quarterly Challenge for August 14, 2008 will be a Lidded Box whose dimensions cannot exceed 5 inches by 5 inches.

No further business, meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by: Fred Uphoff, Secretary

## Lathe Tip

The month of June has arrived, half the year gone and we don't have a meeting this month. Those of you who don't know, we have had several members find themselves on the receiving end of an accident in recent weeks. As woodturners we deal with a lot of variables, the type of wood we use, which way the grain runs and the tool that we use, to name just a few. Some of these (variables) we can control and some we can't. Let's face it, when we flip the switch, something is going to happen. I have decided that this month all of us (Hunt County Woodturners) should review our safety procedures and try to reduce the rate that accidents happen. What better place to find information than the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). The following safety tips are from their web site.

### **The AAW Lathe Safety Guidelines**

1. Safe, effective use of a wood lathe requires study and knowledge of procedures for using this tool. Read and thoroughly understand the label warnings on the lathe and in the owner's/operator's manual.
2. Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses that include side protectors and a full face shield when needed. Wood dust can be harmful to your respiratory system. Use a dust mask or helmet and proper ventilation (dust collection system) in dusty work conditions. Wear hearing protection during extended periods of operation.
3. Tie back long hair, do not wear gloves, loose clothing, jewelry or any dangling objects that may catch in rotating parts or accessories.
4. Check the owner/operator's manual for proper speed recommendations. Use slower speeds for larger diameter or rough pieces and increased speed for smaller diameters and pieces that are balanced. If the lathe is shaking or vibrating, lower the speed. If the work piece vibrates, always stop the machine to check the reason.
5. Make certain that the belt guard or cover is in place. Check that all clamping devices (locks), such as on the tailstock and tool rest are tight.
6. Rotate your 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. It is always safest to turn the lathe "off" before adjusting the tool rest.
7. Exercise caution when using stock with cracks, splits, checks, bark, knots, irregular shapes or protuberances.
8. Hold turning tools securely on the tool rest and hold the tool in a controlled but comfortable manner. Always use a slower speed when starting until the work piece is balanced. This helps avoid the possibility of an unbalanced piece jumping out of the lathe and striking the operator.
9. When running a lathe in reverse, it is possible for a chuck or faceplate to unscrew unless it is securely tightened on the lathe spindle.
10. Know your capabilities and limits. An experienced woodturner may be capable of techniques and procedures not recommended for beginning turners.
11. When using a faceplate, be certain the work piece is solidly mounted. When turning between centers, be certain the work piece is secure.
12. Always remove the tool rest before sanding or polishing operations.
13. Don't overreach, keep proper footing and balance at all times.
14. Keep lathe in good repair. Check for damaged parts, alignment, binding of moving parts and other conditions that may affect its operation.
15. Keep tools sharp and clean for better and safer performance. Don't force a dull tool. Don't use a tool for a purpose not intended. Keep tools out of reach of children.
16. Consider your work environment. Don't use a lathe in damp or wet locations. Do not use in presence of flammable liquids or gases. Keep work area well lit.
17. Stay alert. Watch what you are doing, use common sense. Don't operate tool when you are tired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
18. Guard against electric shock. Inspect electric cords for damage. Avoid the use of extension cords.
19. Remove chuck keys and adjusting wrenches. Form a habit of checking for these before switching on the lathe.
20. Never leave the lathe running unattended. Turn power off. Don't leave the lathe until it comes to a complete stop.

**Be SAFE and stay alert in your turning endeavors.**

Submitted by:  
Fred Uphoff, Newsletter Editor

## Happenings

### Register Now for SWAT 2008

It is time for us all to begin making our plans for this coming October. Among dedicated woodturners throughout the Southwest, October means the annual gathering called the SWATurners Symposium. This year's 17th Annual Symposium will be held from October 17 through 19 at the Waco Convention Center in Waco, Texas. Waco has a nice, large facility and is centrally located for most of our supporting member clubs. There will be two headquarters hotels this year, the Waco Hilton and the Marriott Courtyard. Both are immediately adjacent to the Convention Center. In addition, there are numerous other hotels in Waco, as well as RV facilities. More details on accommodations will be available on the web site soon. In the meantime, if you are in a hurry, you can call the Hilton or the Marriott Courtyard directly. Just be sure to tell them that you are registering for the Southwest Association of Turners Symposium.

Registration and detailed information on this year's Symposium are now available at the SWATurners web site, [www.swaturners.org](http://www.swaturners.org). You may either print out the PDF form and mail it with a check as indicated or register on line. You will note that the Individual and Spouse Registration rates are the same as last year. You can register any time you want, but pre-registration will only be accepted through September 15. We expect to have the mail-out brochure in the mail by mid-June, and it will have a registration form in it as well.

Once again, we have an outstanding slate of Lead Demonstrators signed up for the Symposium. You won't want to miss demonstration rotations by:

**Trent Bosch, Donald Derry, Matthew Hill, Art Liestman, Binh D Pho, Mark St. Leger, Betty Scarpino**

You can read more about these fine turn-

ers and view examples of their work elsewhere on the web site.

### Instant Gallery

As always, one of the highlights of this year's Symposium in Waco will be the Instant Gallery. This is the event that can only be successful if we get lots of cooperation from the attendees. Once again, the Instant Gallery will be under the able guidance of **Ken Terrell** and the **East Texas Woodturners Association**. All attendees are encouraged to bring items to display. The gallery is open to both new and experienced turners, and a special invitation is extended to those who have been reluctant to bring items in the past to join our long-time exhibitors in bringing items for the gallery.

### Two-for-One Raffle

One of the favorite traditions of the annual SWATurners Symposium is the Two-for-One Raffle. In this popular event the raffle tickets are first drawn at the banquet on Saturday for turned wood art pieces donated in response to invitations extended to some of the finest turners in the region. Those winning tickets are then returned to the bin for the second drawing at the luncheon on Sunday. That drawing is for a number of tools and other items donated by vendors, as well as for a full-sized lathe. Raffle tickets will continue at \$1.00 each or 12 for \$10.00.

This year, the Executive Committee has elected to add a second Raffle to the mix. This raffle, which will be called the Gallery Raffle, will be for at least five of the most outstanding donated raffle pieces as selected by a panel. Raffle tickets for this drawing will be separate from the regular Two-for-One Raffle. They will cost \$2.00 each or 12 for \$20.00. There will be a separate bin for each of these pieces and you can put all your tickets into only one of the containers or distribute them among the containers for all the selected pieces as

you see fit. The winning tickets in the Gallery Raffle will not go into the bin for the Sunday drawing.

### Spouse's Program for 2008

We will have a Ladies Gallery at the Symposium again this year. Spouses are urged to bring samples of the art and crafts that they make during the year and share their skills with others. We have not scheduled organized tours this year. You can check the Waco Convention Center Website ([www.wacocvb.com](http://www.wacocvb.com)) for ideas on great places to visit in Waco. There will be fliers for attractions that you might want to visit in the area (no buses provided this year) available at the registration desk on October 17.

No couples entertainment or group dinner has been scheduled for Friday evening. Instead, there will be a slide show by the lead Demonstrators and you will be on your own for dinner.



### In Remembrance

**The Hunt County Woodturners notes the loss of a recent new member Jim Goggans, who passed away in April. Our sympathies go out to his family.**

**We also extend our prayers and sympathies to Fred and Marilyn Groves. Marilyn's father, I. W. Ayres, passed away in May.**

**Wood World's  
Annual Freedom Pen Turnathon  
July 26, 2008 9:00 AM till 4:00 PM**

\$100.00 in Gift Certificates will be given to the Woodturning Club who has the highest number of participants.

We would like to Dedicate this years' Turn-a-thon to Bill Oliver

Bill has been a driving force in the Freedom Pen Project since it began in early 2004. He is a long-time member of the Hunt County Woodturners. Most members of his club as well as a lot of other turners in the Metroplex area go to Bill for help with woodturning projects. Although he has a vast amount of knowledge he is patient and willing to help beginners. His belief that knowledge is to be shared has made him special to many of us.



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**Rockler Woodworking, 18661 I635, Mesquite, TX**

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**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

**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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