



# Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.

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

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

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## *Message from the President:*



The Hunt County Fair was a success and we had a good turnout for the Wood Turnings Creative Arts Display and Judging. Bob Calvert took top honors. We tip our hats to Dan Henry who worked with the fair board for the new format which resulted in a great display.

The Freedom Pen turning was a great success with 501 pens being made and shipped to our troops overseas. There were 39 people who turned pens. Each night we had plenty of support. Bob Calvert showed up everyone again turning 103 pens, Fred Uphoff 61 and Art Hendrix 50. We need to consider changing the weekend shifts from two to three shifts. The heat makes 5 hours rather long.

The Fundamentals of Turning class will be a little different this next time, I will explain the details at Thursday's meeting.

You may notice something new at the meeting. We have completed our new Gantry and Audio/Visual System. This is another reason to attend Thursday's meeting.

Upcoming events:

Wood World's Annual Freedom Pen Turnathon is July 26, 2008. This year it is dedicated to Bill Oliver. We need to support Craig in this effort as he certainly supports us.

SWAT Symposium October 17th thru 19th.

We need to start thinking about our Christmas toys. Remember the challenge the board put out at the start of the year. Each member is to make 5 of each of the major toys. Ball toss, Jump rope handles, Tops and top handles. If you need help, just ask. We are going to have a demo on the subject. Now is the time to start thinking about items for our silent auction in December.

Earlier this year we stated as the need arises we would as a club do community projects as they are identified. The Board built Bill Oliver a wheelchair ramp, as Bill is unable to do much walking. It was worth the effort when we saw the smile on Bill's face when he could get out of the house on his electric scooter. His wife said the first trip he made was to his shop and to see his dog.

We have decided to make pens for the local National Guard Unit. They have recently returned from a tour in Iraq. I will provide further details at our meeting.

Mike Kizer, President

**HCW Calendar:**  
**July 10, 2008**  
***Dan Henry***  
***"Turning Spheres"***  
  
**Open Shop:**  
**July 12, 2008**  
***Dan Henry's shop***  
**9 AM – 12 noon**

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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:**

July 10, 2008  
HCW Meeting

July 12, 2008  
Open Shop  
Dan Henry's

July 26, 2008  
Wood World  
Freedom Pen Turnathon

August 14, 2008  
HCW Meeting  
Quarterly Challenge

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 !

Johnny Campbell, our webmaster, continues to make improvements and updates. He is really making our web site stand out and be an asset for the Club.

**Editors Notes:****THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

I would like to thank each and every woodturner who gave their time and talents in making the Freedom Pen Turnathon a success at the Hunt County Fair. We have sent the Freedom Pen Foundation "501" pens. Congratulations, we did reach our goal. We also raised \$335 in additional sponsorship for the Freedom Pens.

Many of us are now working on making *Patriot Pens* for the National Guard unit here in Greenville. We need to make around 200 pens, so if anyone would like to help, contact any Board member and we'll see to it that you get some kits.

Congratulations to Bob Calvert on being awarded Best In Show at the Fair with his entry in the woodturning division. It was a very nice bird house and stand.

It's July, it's a little warm, the year 2008 is over half way behind us and what better way to enjoy the summer than to start making TOYS for the less fortunate children in our community for Christmas. Every year we say we're going to start sooner making the toys and every year we don't. Remember when you bring a completed toy to the monthly meeting you will receive a free raffle ticket. Make a top, a ball toss or jump rope handles. We will be having an upcoming open shop dedicated to the toys.

Remember the Freedom Pen Turnathon at Wood World on July 26th. (see page 7 of this newsletter). Also remember that the August 14th meeting is the Quarterly Challenge. Item is a Lidded Box which must fit in a 5 inch cube, it can be smaller.

The Women in Need (WIN) are looking for some particular items this time of year. They said that what they need most are: Towels (any kind - washcloths, hand towels, dish towels) plus any kind of children's craft or toys for their summer

activities (puzzles, games, craft stuff). Any members who may have these items and are looking for a good home to donate to please bring the items to the Club meeting and we'll see to it that they are delivered to the WIN shelter.

Clyde Marks needs your help! He is setting up training classes for the new audio/visual system which the Club has finished acquiring. This new system will be going to SWAT in October and we do need qualified people running the system. There will be a brief explanation of the system after the meeting. See Clyde for all the details.

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**Hunt County Woodturners  
Board minutes: July 3, 2008**

**Old Business:****Audio/ Visual EOG Grant:**

All items have been purchased and are in place. The system will be in use at the July 10 meeting. The total cost of the system was \$1427.92. Pictures and schematic of the system will be taken and sent to the AAW for the final portion of the grant money.

**Training Class:**

The board has suggested the dates of September 25 and September 27 for the next wood turning training class which will be turning miniature bird houses. This proposal will be brought before the entire club at the July meeting for a vote.

**New Business:****National Guard Patriot Pens:**

Currently there have been 113 pens turned. There needs to be approximately 170 pens total. The distribution date has yet to be determined, but it is likely to be in October at a Guard meeting. Motion made and seconded to get an additional 100 pen kits for the Club. Motion passed.

**Training Video Operators:**

There will be a brief training session

after the July 10 meeting. Clyde Marks is recruiting help for the training of video operators at the SWAT meetings in October. Anyone interested in learning the new system should stay after the meeting and talk to Clyde.

**SWAT:**

Remind the members to get their reservations in for SWAT in Waco. The dates are October 17 thru October 19.

**Member Project Status:**

Mike Kizer, Dan Henry, Bob Calvert, Clyde Marks and Fred Uphoff donated their time and talents in building a wheel chair ramp for fellow HCW member Bill Oliver. Bill lately has needed to rely on the use of a wheel chair to get around, but his house was not wheel chair accessible. Bill was very happy with the results; he can now get outside in the fresh air.

**Fund Raising Activities:**

Board discussed ways to raise money for the Club's activities. The Club will be contacting area businesses later this year seeking donations.

**Toys:**

Board discussed groups needing toys and the types of toys. There will be an upcoming Club demo dedicated to turning toys followed by an open shop of toy turning.

**Other Business:**

Motion made and seconded to transfer \$1000 from checking to the Club's self insurance money market account. Motion passed.

Motion made and seconded to use the extra bottle of Shellawax that the Club has as a raffle prize. Motion passed.

No further business, meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by: Fred Uphoff, Secretary

Lathe Tip

This month I thought was a good time to present the topic of lathe chucks. The different types that are used as well as the advantages and disadvantages of each. I'm sorry that I can't take credit for this chart. I have condensed it from a much larger article that was done by Bill Haskell, a woodturner with the Glendale Woodturners Guild of California. He has also been featured on the HGTV network station. I believe that this chart is worth having near the lathe to refer to.

Chuck Type	Chuck Use	Advantages	Disadvantages
<b>Face Plate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Most bowl &amp; plate forms</li> <li>•Direct attachment with screws</li> <li>•Attach to waste block with glue</li> <li>•Jam and screw chuck adaptation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Versatile very good general purpose attaching method</li> <li>•Relatively inexpensive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Does not Self center</li> </ul>
<b>Jam Chuck</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Scrap wood mounted on face-plate</li> <li>•With recess: turn bottom of plates and non-enclosed bowls</li> <li>•With spigot: turn bottom of enclosed work using tail stock</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Inexpensive</li> <li>•Doesn't require expensive chucks</li> <li>•Mount on existing faceplate</li> <li>Self centers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Create or reshape for each use</li> <li>•Reuse limited</li> <li>•For finish turning, not roughing out</li> </ul>
<b>4 Jaw Scroll Chuck</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Most versatile chuck – will hold large variety of work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Holds small to large work</li> <li>•Multiple gripping methods: Spigot, Recess, Screw, Pin, Small square</li> <li>•Self Centers</li> <li>•After market jaw types and sizes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Expensive (\$200-\$300)</li> </ul>
<b>4 Jaw Independent Chuck</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Best for off center work or irregular shaped pieces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Off center work</li> <li>•Irregular work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Difficult to use if centering is critical</li> </ul>
<b>Jacobs Chuck ( On Morse Taper)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Primarily for holding drills in tail stock</li> <li>•Can be used in headstock for small diameter spigot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Best way to hold drill for drilling</li> <li>•Self centers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Only for small diameter tenons</li> <li>•Indents wood</li> <li>•Long tenon required</li> </ul>
<b>Collet Chuck</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Small items like tops, bottle stoppers, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Quick attachment</li> <li>•Self centers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Only useable for small spindles</li> <li>•Different size collet required for each dowel/tenon size</li> </ul>
<b>Screw Chuck</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Small bowls, goblets, finials, etc.</li> <li>•Initial blank roughing and bottom preparation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Easy and fast attachment</li> <li>•Useable on 4-Jaw chuck</li> <li>•Shape bottom to mount on face-plate or 4-jaw chuck</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Not suitable for work ( over 6" long and 8" diameter)</li> </ul>
<b>Pin Chuck</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Initial blank roughing and bottom preparation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Good for green logs</li> <li>•Quick mounting</li> <li>•Shape bottom to mount on face-plate or 4-Jaw chuck</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Limited to outside and bottom shaping</li> <li>•Pin hole could be problem</li> </ul>
<b>Vacuum Chuck</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Reverse turning natural edge work, off center pieces and other unusual shapes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Holds work other chucks can not accommodate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Requires vacuum pump</li> <li>•Can be expensive</li> <li>•Requires work mounting adjustments to achieve desired placement</li> </ul>
<b>Cup Chuck</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Short spindle shaped work without using tail stock</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Production turning of short spindle type work</li> <li>•Self centers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Must turn Morse taper tenon</li> <li>•Not for large work</li> </ul>
<b>Spindle Morse Taper</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Miniatures, goblets, finials, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Holds small work well</li> <li>•No chuck required</li> <li>•Self centers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Must turn Morse taper tenon</li> <li>•Only for small work</li> </ul>



Happenings

2008 Hunt County Fair

Bob Calvert's pride and joy



One of many shifts staffed by Hunt County Woodturners



Some of the many wonderful items on display at the Hunt County Fair





## Club Member Project

A number of the Hunt County Woodturners Inc. board members took it upon them themselves to build a wheel chair ramp for a fellow member, Bill Oliver, to allow him to get out of the house. He has a motorized scooter as well as a wheel chair. After the ramp was completed he made a trip to his shop and was able to sit under his big pecan tree and enjoy life. It seemed to lift his spirits just being able to get outdoors. Involved in the design and building were Clyde Marks, Bob Calvert, Dan Henry, Fred Uphoff, and Mike Kizer.

**The completed wheel chair ramp. Where's Bill, we need his OK**



**The official ops check**



**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.



**FREEDOM PENS SPONSOR**

Bob's Roofing & Remodeling Inc.



**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

**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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**[Dues are prorated for new members](#)**

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