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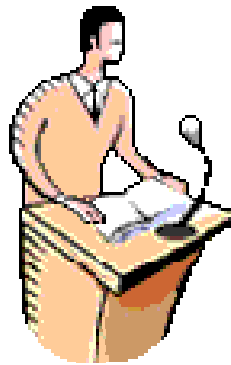
### Meeting and Location:

2nd Thursday of each month, 7PM

Crestview Christian Church  
5605 Wesley Street  
Greenville, TX 75402



### *Message from the President:*



It's hard to believe this year is half over. I think we have made good progress thus far.

1. The Hunt County Fair Freedom Pen project
2. The Community Project (wheel chair ramp)
3. Fundamentals of Turning Class
4. The Patriot Pens for the National Guard

One of our highlights this year is the EOG grant and the resulting improvements to our audio/visual system. Clyde Marks will be holding some training sessions this month and next month.

All of these events have been quite successful, but now is not the time to slow down. Our next big project is upon us. We have begun gathering materials and doing preliminary work for our toy drive. Be ready, for we are asking all members to step-up and help make toys this year. Besides being for a good cause this is a great way to hone your skills as a wood turner. The board has decided to have some members demonstrate how to turn the various toys that we make, at an upcoming Club meeting.

September we will hold another Fundamentals of Turning Class which I think will be great. We will discuss in detail at our next meeting, so I hope to see you there.

The board has also discussed participating in the Growing Greenville Show in early October. The SWAT convention is October 17-19 in Waco, I encourage everyone to attend, even for a day, it is a great event. Our next Quarterly Challenge is due in November and I'll discuss this project at the meeting Thursday.

I wish to thank all the members who participated in Wood World's Freedom Pen Turnathon. We had a great turnout and made some great pens for a worthy cause. It also didn't hurt that Hunt County Woodturners had the most members attending and we had several members receive individual awards from Wood World. Thanks Craig for all your hard effort in putting this event together.

Will the members who still have pens for the National Guard, please bring them to this month's meeting.

Mike Kizer, President

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**HCW Calendar:**  
**August 14, 2008**  
**Kevin Bassett**  
**Natural Edge Bowl**

**Open Shop:**  
**August 16, 2008**  
**Bill Kloopping**  
**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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

August 14, 2008  
HCW Meeting  
Quarterly Challenge

August 16, 2008  
Open Shop

August 23, 2008  
Audio/Visual Training Class

September 11, 2008  
HCW Meeting

September 13, 2008  
Open Shop

September 20, 2008  
Audio/Visual Training Class

September 25, 2008  
Turning Class

September 27, 2008  
Turning Class

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

**Christmas Party**  
**December 12, 2008**

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**Editors Notes:**

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Well, Dan did it again. His demo on turning spheres really hit the spot at the July meeting and we really enjoyed being at his place for the open shop. We had a very nice turn out at both the meeting and open shop. Thanks Dan for letting us use your shop. Those of us at the open shop were especially happy to see Bill Oliver there.

Some of you may have noticed some changes to the Newsletter this month. Johnny Campbell, our Webmaster, and I have been trying to get our Website and the Newsletter to look similar. The front page county logo matches our shirts and hats this year. I have also added a link to the web site at the top of each page. Those members who haven't been to the website in a while may have missed the pictures from this years events and meetings.

We had a great turn out at Wood World's Pen Turnathon in Dallas on July 26. There were officially 22 HCW members registered and yes, the HCW did walk out with the Most Members Awards. Congratulations to Cliff Pryor, Terry Hefner and Art Hendrix who won individual awards.

I would like to welcome the 2 newest members to the HCW, they are William McNatt and his son Robert, they joined at the July meeting. I hope everyone will introduce themselves and make these 2 new members feel welcomed to the Club. They hail from the Ladonia area.  
WELCOME!

**Board minutes: August 7, 2008****Old Business:****Wood Turning Training Class:**

The membership at the July meeting voted to have a miniature bird house training class on September 27<sup>th</sup>, with September 25<sup>th</sup> as an alternate date. Signup sheets will be at the Club meeting in August. The cost of the materials will be \$8.00 or less.

**National Guard Patriot Pens:**

All members who still have pen kits are urged to complete them and turn the pens in at the Club meeting. The distribution date has yet to be determined.

**Training Video Operators and Room Assistants:**

There will be 2 upcoming training sessions, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup>. Both classes will start at 8 AM and last about 2 hours. These will be conducted at the church. Clyde Marks is recruiting help from members who plan to attend SWAT. See Clyde for the date you wish to attend training on the new system.

**New Business:****Toy Material Inventory:**

It was reported that we have a very good start to the materials needed for our toy project. We are still trying to locate a source for Corian as we only have enough for 165 tops. Wood is still needed for all toys. Everyone check your scrap bins for usable pieces.

**SWAT:**

Remind the members of the SWAT Convention in Waco. The dates are October 17 thru October 19.

**Club Demonstration:**

This month will feature Kevin Bassett showing how to turn a natural edge bowl.

**Quarterly Challenge:**

This month is the Club's Quarterly Challenge; it's a lidded box that must fit into 5 inch cube. That's the maximum, it can be smaller.

**Open Shop:**

Bill Kloeping will host the August Open Shop and the Board of Directors have chosen this month to demo turning some of the toys that the club makes. Toy supplies will be available. There will be upcoming special open shops dedicated to toy making. Anyone wishing to turn a natural edge bowl will have to furnish their own wood.

No further business, meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by: Fred Uphoff, Secretary



## Lathe Tip

### Finishes

I thought that this month I would try to explain a little bit about finishes. I am probably not the most qualified one who should attempt to do this because I see so many other turners who do a much better job than I do. While researching for this article I found many books and papers on the subject and I probably still will have to read the labels on the products before using them. I would like to pass along this one piece of advice which was given to me by someone older and wiser than myself. The three secrets to a good finish: 1.) There is no such thing as a "quick finish". 2.) The more we sand, the more we need to sand. 3.) The entire surface must have the same preparation and finish.

One of the first questions that woodturners ask each other when they admire a piece that really catches their eye is "what finish did you use and how did you do it." Most woodturners, including myself, cringe at the idea of doing something to spoil the project we have spent time creating by using the wrong finish. A finish should compliment the project, not detract from it or over power the design.

OK, what finish do I use? This is not an easy question to answer. I think most of us have stood in the aisles of finishes and wondered which one do I use. Hundreds of products are sold as finishes to woodturners. We need to break down or group the finishes into categories of working qualities and protection. The categories are waxes, oils, varnishes, shellac, lacquer and water-based finishes.

Each finish has varying degrees of protection, durability, ease of application, aesthetics and reparability. However, there is no one finish that excels in all these categories, a finish that is great in one category may fail miserably in another.

Each woodturner must determine how the item will be used and ask themselves a few important questions.

1. How will the item be used? Will it be subjected to moisture, solvents, food, scrapes and dents or is it primarily a display piece?
2. What is your skill level and do you have a dedicated finishing area?
3. Do you want a natural look or do you want a finish that accentuates depth?
4. Will you be filling pores?
5. Do you want to minimize the wood changing color as it ages?
6. Will you rub the finish out to the sheen that you like?
7. Health issue- are you sensitive to certain solvents or are you concerned about the impact certain finishes have on the environment?
8. Toxicity of the finish- will it be used in food preparation?

Now I'm going to further break down the finishes into two different and distinct types, evaporative and reactive finishes. Evaporative finishes cure to a hard finish by the evaporation of the solvents in the finish. These include lacquer, shellac and water-based finishes. Reactive finishes cure by reacting with another component, either air or some component placed into the mix right before application. Reactive finishes include oils, oil based

finishes, and catalyzed lacquers and varnishes.

Generally, evaporative finishes are less durable overall than reactive finishes, however all finishes will be damaged if exposed to water long enough. Oil-based polyurethane is probably the most durable finish you can apply by hand. All finishes are food safe when fully cured! Let me repeat that last statement and add a little to it. All finishes are food safe when fully cured once the solvents have evaporated. The cured finish is safe for food contact. Now this does not mean you can eat the finish. Those of you who must chew on the wood, the only edible finishes are wax or shellac, but I think I can find something else to eat.

Woodturners traditionally turn to the oils for a natural finish, although all finishes can be used for natural-looking finishes as long as you don't build up the finish beyond several coats.

I know I'm going to hear someone ask, what's the best finish. This will ultimately be left for the turner to decide, what works for me may not work for someone else. I do know that if the piece isn't properly sanded and smooth, there is no amount of finish that will hide the scratches or tool marks. When in doubt ask your fellow woodturner what they use, they may be able to help you out and answer questions. After all, isn't that why we belong to the Hunt County Woodturners!

Submitted by: Fred Uphoff

Wood World's Freedom Pen Turnathon

Happenings





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**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:

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