



# Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.



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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:***

**HCW Calendar:**  
**May 14, 2009**  
**Meeting**  
**Richard Duval**  
**Spiral Lathe Work**  
**Quarterly Challenge Due**  
  
**May 16 2009**  
**Open Shop**  
**Bob Calvert**  
**9 AM-12 noon**

**T**ime fly's, it is nearly Hunt County Fair Time. Entry's for judging are due June 1st. We have some volunteers but could always use a couple more. See Fred for the sign-up sheets. The fair is June 12-20. We will set up about 9 the morning of the 12th. We have plenty of pen kits and blanks made up to turn Freedom Pens. If anyone wishes to turn something else feel free. You will need your material and special equipment. This year we are having 3 shifts on the weekends, it was just too long otherwise. Again Fred has the sign-up sheets. We need at least three per shift, four is better.

Because of the lack of response, we have moved the Fundamentals of Turning class to this fall. Maybe everyone will be over their recession blues.

Don't forget this week is the Quarterly Challenge. Something to hang, store in, or hide jewelry. Also bring your show and tell so we can see what you have been doing this last month.

Keep Greenville Beautiful was a real bust. We had maybe 10 or 12 visitors come by. If the fall show is at the same place I think we should pass.

We have about 10 people who have not renewed their membership this year. If you know anyone who has not renewed their membership, talk to them about re-newing. We need to keep our membership up. This allows us to do more.

One last item, next year we will be eligible for an Education Grant from AAW. If anyone has any ideas of what we might need to further our mission please submit it to one of the board members.

Mike Kizer, President

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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.

**Our Website**

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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

May 14, 2009  
HCW Meeting  
Quarterly Challenge Due  
(Jewelry Container or Holder)

May 16, 2009  
Open Shop

June 1, 2009  
Fair Entries Due at the Fairgrounds  
11 AM-7 PM

June 11, 2009  
HCW Meeting

June 12-20, 2009  
Hunt County Fair

June 26-28, 2009  
AAW Symposium  
Albuquerque NM

**Club Mentors and Specialty**

<p>Art Hendrix <a href="mailto:hendrix@embarqmail.com">hendrix@embarqmail.com</a> Pens Bottle stoppers</p>
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**Editors Notes:**

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**In Remembrance**

**Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pleas McKee and his family on the loss of his sister. Also Mike Kizer and his family on the loss of his Grandson.**

Thanks to Dan Henry for his segmented bowl and design presentation at the April meeting.

We also thank Frank Shrode for hosting the April Open Shop. We had a very nice member turnout.

This month we welcome Richard Duvall of the Dallas Area Woodturners. He will be demonstrating spiral lathe work.

As you may or may not know we have had several members in area hospital's lately. Currently, Marvel Gates is recovering from back surgery. We wish him well!

Members I need your help! The Hunt County Fair is fast approaching. There will be a signup sheet at the meeting. We need everyone's help on this project.

Speaking of the fair, anyone wishing to have items entered, June 1st is the date. Items will be accepted from 11 AM to 7 PM on that date. We can use some help in setting up the display. Check with me, I'll have another signup sheet for this event.

Remember the Quarterly Challenge is due at this month's meeting. It should

be an item to hold jewelry and at least 50% needs to be turned.

One last thank you to all members who helped at the Keep Greenville Beautiful demonstration.

**Board minutes: May 7, 2009****Community Project:**

Barb Thompson, representing Community Access, presented a proposal seeking help in doing a painting project. After questions and answers the board determined that the earliest we could help would be after July. Mike Kizer suggested we poll the members in seeking help and dates. Ms Thompson did say that the project can only be done on Saturday's as that is the only day when the facilities aren't in use.

**Fundamentals of Turning Class:**

Mike Kizer and Fred Uphoff reported that only 3 people have expressed interest in the upcoming class. Motion was made and passed to postpone this class until the fall.

**Fair Schedule, Display Items, Judging:**

This year there will be 3 shifts on the weekend instead of 2. It was felt that the weekend shifts were too long with the 2 shift schedule.

June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for items to be on display at the Fair. These items will be accepted from 11 AM to 7 PM on that date. Dan Henry has arranged to have Tom Creswell, from the Tyler Club and Mark Duvall, from the Dallas Club serve as judges.

There will be approximately 500 Pen kits ready to be turned for the Freedom Pen Project.

**Garage Sale:**

The HCW Garage Sale held on April 25<sup>th</sup> was a success. Thanks to all who helped and participated with the event. The Club made slightly over \$500.

**Self-Insurance:**

Tabled until next month, the amount of additional funds still needed to properly cover the Club's investment, needs further discussion.

**Membership Status:**

Fred Uphoff reported that 13 members have not paid their dues this year. Motion was made to put the members in an inactive status until dues are paid.

**Website and Newsletter:**

Johnny Campbell and Fred Uphoff reported that the web site is nearly complete whereby members will be able to obtain their copy of the monthly Newsletter as well as archived Newsletters. They will be informed by email that the Newsletter is ready. Members who do not have internet access will continue to receive the Newsletter via the postal service.

**This Month's Demonstration:**

Richard Duvall from the Dallas Area Woodturners will be our demonstrator this month. His topic will be Spiral Work on the Lathe. This month the Club's Quarterly Challenge is also due.

**Open Shop and Location:**

The May Open Shop will be at Bob Calvert's shop on May 16th.

**August Quarterly Challenge:**

The third Quarterly Challenge for 2009 will be due at the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. It will be a bowl or dish made from 1'by' material. Bill Kloeping will have examples at this month's meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Fred Uphoff, Secretary

### A Special Note

We wish to express our appreciation from everyone during the loss of our beloved special grandson, or like our son because he lived with us most of his life. The thoughts, prays, flowers, and visitations made this event bearable. Just the presence of a friend sometimes helps you get through the day.

With our love,  
The Kizer Family

### April's Highlights



## Lathe Tip

I thought this was a good time to review safety guidelines as it pertains to woodturning. I know no one likes to be reminded, but we do need to observe certain procedures as we turn to prevent accidents. I found these tips from various web-sites.

Read these and understand them:

- Operators should carefully inspect all parts of the lathe for defects before beginning operations. Strictly adhere to the rules for correct handling of woodturning tools and hand position on the lathe's tool rest. Make sure to follow the guidelines on turning speeds, especially for roughing operations.
- Select stock carefully and inspect it closely before undertaking a project. Avoid using wood with knots or splits.
- Be sure to allow laminated, or glued-up, blanks to dry thoroughly before turning.
- Make certain that the work is secure before you start turning operations. Frequently check the secureness as you continue working on the wood. Position the tool rest no more than 1/8 of an inch from the stock. After adjusting the chuck, remove the chuck wrench immediately. Make sure all the guards are in place around the rotating heads of the lathe before operations begin.
- Before turning on the power to the lathe, rotate the stock by hand to be sure that it clears the tool rest. Never adjust the position of the tool rest while the lathe is running. Always remove the toolsets from the lathe's bed when sanding.
- Keep the woodturning tools (roughing-out gouge, round-nose scraper, square-nose scraper, skew chisel, spindle gouge, bowl gouge, parting tool, spiral tool), sharp. A dull chisel requires that you apply excessive feed pressure. Set up the sharpening grinder where you can reach it without moving away from the lathe. Grip the tool being used firmly. Hold the tool's handle in your right hand and support the tool's leading end with your left hand. Prop the tool on the tips of your fingers and grasp the side or top of the blade with your thumb. The index finger should rest comfortably along the ledge of the tool rest.
- When performing a cut parallel to the work, move both your hands and the tool together, using the index finger of your left hand as a depth gauge. Always be sure to feed a woodturning tool slowly and steadily. Never jam the tool's blade or otherwise force it into the work. Do not move the tool with your arm. Shift your weight back and forth and arch and straighten your back. Using your legs and back to move the tool allows long, flowing, and uninterrupted cuts. Make contact with the work cautiously, and then slowly progress more aggressively.
- Keep the woodturning tools beside or behind you so there is no need to reach over the lathe to get them.
- Never use your fingers to check the work for roundness while the lathe is running, especially during roughing operations. Stop the lathe to check the progress, or rest the blade of the tool lightly against the work as it turns.
- Provide plenty of lighting for your work. Poor lighting and shadows can increase fatigue.
- Never leave the lathe running unattended. Keep the lathe unplugged when not in use and before making adjustments.
- Clean up wood shavings and sawdust often. Sawdust can create a fire hazard and an explosive atmosphere.
- Store a standard, well equipped first-aid kit in the shop where it is easily accessible.
- Never wear loose clothing or jewelry.
- Keep long sleeves rolled up and long hair tied back.
- Wear a dust mask when performing sanding operations.
- Always wear safety goggles or a face shield.
- Wear sturdy shoes or boots with non-slip soles.
- Wear ear plugs or ear muffs for hearing protection.

Conclusion: Creating things from wood, whether using hand or power tools has been a tradition for centuries; let's continue that tradition with proper safety and training.

Grizzly G0555  
14" Bandsaw



## 2009 HCW Penny Raffle

#3 Hunter Hollowing Tool



Craftsman Model 10871  
7 1/4 in Circular Saw



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(mention code-CLUBMEM)  
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**Dues are prorated for new members at \$2.50 per month**



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