



Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.



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Meeting and Location:
 2nd Thursday of each month, 7PM
 Crestview Christian Church
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Message from the Vice-President:

With Mike on vacation, it has fallen my duty to put my two-cents worth in this newsletter. The month of September has flown by. The Open Shop held at Bill Kloepping's for September had a good turn out. Several toys were turned and lots of world problems were solved!!

In reference to our toy project, we are about to be behind with our intended goals of approximately 90 pieces each of the three different toys. Hopefully, some of our members are working on some of these at home. We will be limited to the number of club sessions available to us for toy production in October with SWAT and the Dallas Woodworking Show on two of the weekends. Open Shop in October is to be hosted by Sharon Ayers at Bill Oliver's shop. We will have several lathes available for turning some of the toys. This will be a great opportunity to turn a toy project under some good supervision if wanted. Bring your tools and assist the club with this project. Materials and lathes will be provided. If you don't want to turn, just come help with some more solving of more world problems!

We are still looking for manpower to work the Dallas Woodworking Show and SWAT. Please consider these efforts and add you name to the schedule at our next meeting. Fred Uphoff will have the sign-up sheets. Here again, we are pleading for more club member participation. I can assure you, everyone participating has a great time at these events and usually learns something in spite of themselves...it's a hoot! With the Dallas show, there will be car pooling available for the three days.

Please remember, the club has committed to production of bowls for the Beads of Courage project. All of the bowls produced by our club were picked up by the folks at the Dallas hospitals and they were very appreciative. Those members furnishing bowls will receive certificates at the October meeting. Thank you for participating in this effort. Don't forget...this is an on-going project of the club and it is for a very worthwhile effort.

Remember the Quarterly Challenge will be held at the November meeting, more on that in this newsletter.

See you at the meeting!

Frank Shrode,
 Vice-President

HCW Calendar:
October 8, 2009
HCW Meeting
Marion McDaniel
Demonstrator
'Lidded Box with Wood and Corian'

October 10, 2009
Open Shop
at Bill Oliver's shop
Sharon Ayres hosting

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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:

October 8, 2009
HCW Meeting

October 10, 2009
Open Shop

October 16-18, 2009
SWAT
Wichita Falls

October 23-25, 2009
Woodworking Show
Big Town Mall
Mesquite

November 12, 2009
HCW Meeting
Quarterly Challenge due

November 14, 2009
Open Shop

December 11, 2009
Christmas Party

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Editors Notes:

Dan Henry really showed his pen making skills with the segmented pen blanks he made at the September meeting. Thanks Dan.

Our thanks to Bill Kloeping for hosting the September Open Shop. The toy project has now officially started.

October is here and I hope many members are now busy turning toys. There will be materials at this month's meeting to take home and complete.

I have been asked by Klingspor's to pass along to the Club membership a special discount for the month of October. This is for free shipping on orders over \$25. To take advantage of this special offer use coupon code **FSCLUB** when you checkout. Orders may be online or by telephone.

www.woodworkingshop.com or 1-800-228-0000

I remind members that next month, November, the Quarterly Challenge is due. The piece is to be a candle holder. Size and shape is up to the individual. Remember they will be our center pieces at the annual Christmas Party. We really don't want something that requires a construction crew and crane to install them on the tables!

Yours truly has already found several ways of how not to make a candle holder. At least I'm getting a supply of wood chips for my fireplace.

**Board minutes: October 1, 2009****Woodworking Show, Big Town Mall, Mesquite:**

HCW along with the Dallas and Denton Clubs are striving to present a woodturning extravaganza at the show. Now more than ever we need members to help us. Those helping will get in free, but we need names so the passes may be made up. It is at the Big Towne Mall in Mesquite on October 23 – 25. (a signup sheet will be at the Club Meeting).

Craft Supplies USA has asked for mentors and members to help at their exhibit. They will help the general public in turning a pen. These mentors won't turn, but will offer words of encouragement or a twist of the tool on how to turn a pen.

Craft Supplies USA offers all mentors that help for a Day or more a 20% discount on all items in their catalog that doesn't have added shipping. This special cannot be combined with other discounts or offers. Contact Frank Shrode if you're interested in helping with either or both portions of the show.

SWAT Symposium:

The Board is encouraging members to attend SWAT. This event will be held October 16th-18th in Wichita Falls, Texas. This year is the last time the event will be held in Wichita Falls for the foreseeable future.

Equipment that HCW is taking was reviewed and will be ready for the show.

Clyde Marks expressed concerns over the lack of people from HCW to help as room attendants for the show. (a signup sheet will be at the Club Meeting).

Christmas Toy Project:

The Board encourages the members to pickup materials for toys. The materials will be available at the meeting this month as well as at the open shop. Directions for making the toys are available on our website.

Boy Scout Woodturning Badge Update:

The Board was informed that the Hunt County Woodturners were mentioned in the September 2009 AAW Board Letter for our efforts in trying to re-establish the Woodturning Merit Badge with the Boy Scout Organization. We are now working with AAW in making our concerns known. (see pages 6&7 for article).

Beads of Courage Boxes:

The Board wishes to thank everyone who has made a *Beads of Courage Box*. The Board feels that this is a worthwhile endeavor and is encouraging members to make a box for this cause.

October Meeting Demonstration:

This month Marion McDaniel will demonstrate how to turn a lidded box with wood and corian.

October Open Shop:

The Open Shop this month will be hosted by Sharon Ayres. It will be held at Bill Oliver's shop. Check with Sharon for directions. This month we will focus on the toy project.

Respectfully submitted by:
Fred Uphoff, Secretary

September 2009 Show & Tell



Many of us have started making toys with the wood we received from Ward Manufacturing. I thought maybe it would be helpful to the membership to provide a little history about some of the woods which we will be using this year. The subject of a different wood species highlighted every month could become a new page in the newsletter. This month I chose Walnut. Being a former Wisconsin resident, I have visited the Forest Products Laboratory on numerous occasions and will be using them as my source of reference.

Black Walnut
Scientific Name: *Juglans nigra*

Common Names:

American black walnut, American walnut, Black walnut, Eastern black walnut, Eastern walnut, Gun-wood, Nogal, Nogal blanco, Nogal silvestre, Nuez meca, Tocte, Tropical walnut, Walnut, Walnut tree, Wavy black walnut

Common Uses:

Bedroom suites, Boat building (general), Bobbins, Building materials, Cabinetmaking, Carvings, Caskets, Chairs, Chests, Coffins, Concealed parts (Furniture), Decorative veneer, Desks, Dining-room furniture, Dowel pins, Dowels, Drawer sides, Figured veneer, Fine furniture, Fixtures, Floor lamps, Fuel wood, Furniture, Furniture components, Furniture squares or stock, Furniture, Gunstocks, Hat racks, Interior construction, Kitchen cabinets, Living-room suites, Millwork, Moldings, Musical instruments, Musical instruments: piano, Office furniture, Paneling, Paneling, Particleboard, Picker sticks, Plywood, Posts, Radio - stereo - TV cabinets, Railroad ties, Rifle stock, Rustic furniture, Shade rollers, Shingles, Shuttles, Specialty items, Spindles, Spools, Sporting Goods, Stencil & chisel blocks, Tables, Tables, Turnery, Veneer, Veneer: decorative.

Regions of Distribution:

Black walnut is found throughout the eastern United States. It grows as far north as southern Minnesota, southern Wisconsin, southern Michigan, and southern Ontario. Isolated populations occur in the southern half of New York, Vermont, western Massachusetts, and northwestern Connecticut. Its range extends south to northwestern Florida, and to Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana except for the Mississippi Valley and Delta regions. In the Midwest, isolated populations occur in eastern Texas, western Oklahoma, central Kansas, and southeastern South Dakota. Black walnut is cultivated in Hawaii. Grows naturally in 32 states and in southern Ontario, Canada, most abundant in Allegheny Mountains to North Carolina and Tennessee. Occasionally cultivated as ornamental in eastern United States, western and central Europe. Planted in Europe for timber. Wind pollinated. Suited to rich bottomlands and fertile hillsides from lower Hudson Valley southward, walnut will grow a few hundred miles outside its natural range, but may not bear nuts.

Comments:

General finishing qualities are rated as good. Walnut is rated as the primary American wood for cabinetry, and is superior to all other woods for gunstock because it keeps its shape, it is relatively light in weight, and can absorb shocks rather well. The wood is strong and can withstand extra weight with little deflection or bending. Its strength properties are more than enough for the uses which it is employed, and is stronger than White oak. Color and figure are reported to vary considerably within species, and color variation between boards is also significant, particularly in lower grade materials and boards that are poorly steamed before kiln-drying. It is a common practice to steam or stain the sapwood to match its color with that of the heartwood. Develops a lustrous patina after many years in use.

Toxicity:

Non-Toxic to Cats, Toxic to Dogs, Toxic to Horses. The sawdust can be an irritant to humans, especially those with allergies.

Clinical Signs: Dogs: moldy nuts can grow molds that cause tremors and seizures. Horses: Toxicity usually due to exposure to shavings in bedding; as little as 5% black walnut in bedding can induce a toxic reaction. Ingested nuts and nut hulls have also been implicated in digestive disturbances in horses. Onset of clinical signs as early as 8 hours after exposure to bedding; signs can include mild to moderate depression, anorexia, fluid build up in the legs ("stocking up"), laminitis, increased heart and respiratory rate, increased body temperature, mild colic (on occasion).

Reference:

USDA, Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wisconsin.

September 2009 AAW Board Letter

Message from Mary Lacer

Board of Directors Election A ballot and a pre-addressed return envelope were included in the Fall Edition of the AAW Journal, American Woodturner, for members to vote for this year's nominees to the Board of Directors. There will be no electronic voting for the Board. Envelopes must be postmarked no later than October 21st for votes to be valid and counted.

Membership Renewal A 2010 Membership Renewal Notice was attached to front of the Fall Edition of the journal. We would like to encourage renewal online to save costs. There is a small increase in dues for 2010. You may renew your membership on the website or you can use the separate special envelopes for your renewal document and your board election ballot. Please be sure to review the information on your listing to make sure it is correct. Your membership card will be included with the first Journal for 2010 to save postage. Thank you for renewing early. [Click here](#) for web link for membership.

Special Membership Note: Currently, 50% of local Chapter members are also members of AAW. While this is the core of AAW membership, the other-side-of-the-coin is 50% of local Chapter members are not members of AAW. As a current active AAW member, we could use your help to grow our membership. We have some excellent additional membership benefits in the works for 2010, so please encourage your fellow local chapter members to join you as a member of AAW.

If your local chapter would like to help by encouraging members to join both the local and national organizations, we have attached an application you may customize with your local chapter information and below it is a membership application for AAW so people could join both organizations.

NEW Member Benefits

The newest benefit is a section on the website dedicated to providing a simple and convenient way for AAW members to sell their work and buy pieces from other members, galleries and museums. AAW members may also post "ads" on the website for items they are looking to acquire. You will find the ONLINE SALES VENUE directly under the SEARCH option at the upper left side of the Home Page. You also can use this [direct link](#).

The Board has decided to begin publishing six issues of the AAW Journal starting in February, 2010. Each new issue of the Journal will have slightly fewer pages than previous quarterly issues to maximize printing efficiencies. And the Board is shooting for a 28% content increase.

Health insurance for AAW members has been a very desirable benefit. AAW is able to offer most of our U.S. resident members and their family's medical insurance policies at very competitive rates. Further information to request a quote is on the website.

We continue to work to increase and improve benefits for our members. Additional member benefits are being pursued and will be announced on the website and in the journal as soon as they are available.

Youth Programs

Working with the Hunt County Woodturners in Texas, we have applied to the National Boy Scout office to reinstate their Woodturning Merit Badge. This merit badge was available from 1930-1952, but for reasons lost in time, was discontinued. I would like to thank the Hunt County Woodturners for their help. I will continue to keep you updated on our progress. There is a huge bureaucracy to struggle with and they almost proudly inform you that the process can take 3 or 4 years, with no guarantee of success. Plus, the costs to create a new Scout Merit Badge is around \$75,000.00. What's more, they usually do not simply add a badge they drop one to add another, making the process even more complicated. Despite all the negatives, there are over 2.9 MILLION Scouts and another 1.1 MILLION adult leaders/counselors and we will continue to pursue the woodturning badge.

I would also like to get a Girl Scout Badge for Woodturning. If anyone has any knowledge about the procedure, I would be grateful if you would give me a call or send an e-mail with whatever information you have to assist in the process. There are 3.7 million Girl Scouts and adult leaders.

Announced in the Summer 2007 issue of Journal, the AAW Young Turners Program is now available on the website. This web-based plan allows chapters to access and print required materials as needed. Detailed project outlines and documents are available in PDF format for download and printing. Chapters should be familiar with each project, using the outlines provided as guidelines and teaching aids. The basic program has two phases. Phase One involves simple spindle projects - either two tops or a honey dipper. At the end of this session, the young turners will receive their Woodturning Student Certificate. Phase Two is designed to increase skill with more complex projects. To complete this phase, the young turners are required to turn four projects from a larger list. At the completion of Phase Two, the young turner receives their Woodturning Journeyman Certificate along with a complimentary one year AAW membership. The [direct](#)

Website link. It has been very fulfilling for so many of our AAW woodturners to work on youth-oriented projects and help to inspire a new generation of woodturners. It's a win-win situation working with the younger generation helps keep us young! Read the Winter 2006 issue of American Woodturner for excellent examples of chapter youth programs.

Journal Newsstand Sales The AAW Journal, American Woodturner is distributed to newsstands across the country by the Ingram Periodicals. The Fall issue newsstand distribution increased by 200 to 3,350. The major suppliers are Barnes and Noble, Rockler and Woodcraft stores. Over 500 retail book stores and 75 woodturning supply retail stores support AAW by carrying the Journal. If any of you have suggestions or avenues on how to increase journal circulation, please let me know.

AAW Gallery of Wood Art Our attendance and sales continue to grow in the AAW Gallery of Wood Art here in St. Paul. We are receiving an excellent response to our exhibits and are getting more visitors who are making the Gallery a repeat destination during their time in St. Paul. It's always great to see AAW members stop by. This kind of increased activity at the Gallery helps generate public awareness of and interest in the art of woodturning.

Maple Medley: An Acer Showcase I encourage members to take part in the AAW Exhibit planned for the Hartford Symposium - *Maple Medley: An Acer Showcase*. Please note that the application information published in the Fall issue of the Journal on page 17 is incorrect. The correct application procedure can be found on the [AAW website at this link](#). The deadline for on line applications is February 8, 2010. The Exhibit will open at the symposium and then travel to St. Paul for our fall show. There are more than 20 species of maple, including Box Elder. We encourage you to use your imagination to introduce humor into your turnings. We are also looking for other venues for the exhibit. If you can suggest a venue in your area, please let me know.

2010 Demonstrators As Tom Wirsing said in his August message, we have a wonderful slate of demonstrators and panelists for the 2010 Symposium. The call for demonstrators is on the AAW Website. If you are interested in doing two to four demonstrations, the application deadline is October 15, 2009. You will find the demonstrators application on our [website](#).

25th Anniversary Symposium We have already begun the early planning for our 25th Anniversary Symposium on June 24-26, 2011 in St. Paul, Minnesota - just one block from the AAW national offices! The plans include a woodturning cruise on the Mississippi River and a Local Chapter exhibit with a piece representing each of our Local Chapters. Look for more details on the Website as they develop - www.woodturner.org/sym/.

Thanks to all our members for your support. It is very gratifying to have so many dedicated turners be part of our organization. I look forward to working with you to maximize the benefits of being a member of AAW. I truly welcome your suggestions about how we can improve our organization. Feel free to call or send an e-mail. With summer drawing to a close, it's time to start thinking about turning projects and getting back in the shop. I have a variety of projects to explore. I hope you are equally as eager to get back to the lathe.

Time to make chips!

Mary

Mary Lacer Executive Director



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14" Bandsaw



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