



# Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.



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**Meeting and Location:**  
2nd Thursday of each month, 7 PM  
Crestview Christian Church  
5605 Wesley Street  
Greenville, TX 75402



## Message from the President:

Hello wood turners.

Only one more Club Meeting and one more Open Shop for HCW this year. November is the month of our last Quarterly Challenge so if you have not turned that Christmas tree shaped center piece time is just about to run out. These center pieces will become the table decorations at the Christmas party in December. The contest winner does get to take home a fifty dollar gift card. That money just might come in handy with the holidays just ahead especially if you want to buy your wood lathe a Christmas gift. Seriously, I like to watch as couples arriving at the party start judging all the center pieces to determine which one would look best on their holiday table if they are lucky enough to win it. This might be the best reward a wood turner can receive so do your best to make the decision a difficult one.

We are nearing the time of the year when our memberships have to be renewed. Our goal is to have everyone renewed if possible by the time the January meeting ends. The Board has decided to encourage this to happen by having a Membership Raffle. Simply renew your membership before the break ends at the January meeting and you will receive a ticket to be put into a special Membership Raffle where one lucky member will be refunded his total membership fee for 2013. That is correct one lucky person will not have to pay dues to maintain their active status for next year. Pam will be taking money for dues at the November meeting so you can get your ticket this month.

November is the month of Thanksgiving which, as I get older, has become my favorite holiday of the year. I am not expected to bring gifts I have pushed through crowds to pick up, or schedule every minute making sure I get somewhere on time, or that last dash to get the gift I decided Aunt Fiona could not live without. Thanksgiving is just prepare your favorite food and gather the family and sit down and enjoy it. When it is over all that is left is a fridge full of memories. I am thankful for the Hunt County Woodturners Board of Directors and the volunteers in our club that make our club a go and enjoy the time spent together type of experience.

Thank you. I appreciate being able to work with all of you.

Turn safely,

Mike Ragsdale

President Hunt County Woodturners

**This Month:**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday Nov 8, 7:00 pm**  
**Tom Crosby**  
**Hook Tools**  
  
**Open Shop**  
**Saturday Nov 10, 9:00 AM**  
**George Freeman**

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**UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:**

November 8, 2012  
Regular Meeting  
Quarterly Challenge  
Christmas Tree Center Piece  
Election of Officers

December 14, 2012  
6:00 pm  
Club Christmas Party

November 10, 2012  
Open Shop

**New Members**

The way we get new members is to invite someone and tell them what great pleasure you get from turning.

Chris Coleman

Do you remember how it felt when you were a new member and didn't know very many people, if any. Please make time to meet and welcome new members and visitors.



**November**

Birthday Greetings to the following members:

- Bob Calvert (23)
- Johnny Campbell (20)
- Ed Heuslein (13)
- Ray Shuman (22)

(If I have missed your birthday, I did not have it available)

HCW Board of Directors meetings are held at Crestview Christian Church on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Board meetings are open to all members.

**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.

Editor's Notes:

**Something new!**

This is the time of year we start budgeting and planning for the next year. As part of this process we elect officers for the next year and we start collecting next years dues. The dues make up the largest source of our operating budget. We also have one major fundraiser which next year which will be the penny raffle and we have our Christmas silent auction. We try to operate so that the meeting raffle is self sustaining. That is we spend the money collected on purchase of the prizes given. So... all that being said we are trying something new to encourage members to pay their 2013 dues early. Your dues can be mailed to the secretary if you can't be at a meeting. At the January meeting, everyone who has paid their dues in November, December and up to the end of the break at the January meeting will have their name put in a drawing. The prize will be one year of free membership with their dues refunded to them. Pretty nice—just think you can take your \$30 and buy something else. (*Take your spouse to dinner? Just a suggestion.*) You do not have to be present to win.

**Board Meeting Nov 1, 2012**

Attendees: M Ragsdale, J Campbell, D Henry, R Stelly, P Shuman, B Kloeping, S Thomason, Fred Groves.

Attendance Oct Meeting: 32 members & 1 visitor

**FALL EVENTS: Lone Oak Festival:** Fairly steady traffic all day. Would consider this event again.

**Frontier Day** at the Audie Murphy Museum is Nov 3, 2012 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will secure a spot and will take two lathes. Report at next meeting.

**Campbell Winter Fest:** Due to lack of interest at the event in the past we will skip this event this year. Next year the board discussed the possibility of going to Bois D'Arc Bash.

**Officer Elections:** Fred Groves reported that he has not had any contacts requesting nominations from the club. The slate of officers will be presented at the November as follows: Mike Ragsdale, President; Johnny Campbell, Vice President; Rhonda Stelly, Treasurer; Pam Shuman Secretary/Newsletter Editor; Dan Henry, SWAT director. Nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to voting.

**IRS Status:** Mike Kizer received written confirmation that the 501(C)3 status has been reinstated by the IRS. M Ragsdale, P Shuman and R Stelly are currently researching all the reporting requirements so we do not have to do this again.

**Christmas Party:** will be December 14th at 6:00 pm at the church. We will do it as we did last year. The club will provide the meat and everyone will bring drinks, side dishes and deserts. **There will be a sign-up sheet with name, number attending and item to be brought. (If you can't be at the meeting please email me as soon as possible and I will place your name on the sign-up sheet.)** There will be a silent auction so start considering what you will contribute, turned or not. The auction is an important source of operating funds for the club as well as being a lot of FUN. Please bring an unwrapped toy, either for a boy or a girl, to be given to the WIN shelter.

**Joe Ruminsky:** Mike Ragsdale has booked him for April 6. Proposing all day Saturday event. There will be at least three hands on work days. Joe will work with turners of all experience level. More information will be forthcoming. Mike is still trying to find a club to piggy-back with us on the travel expenses.

**2013 Budget:** The board will begin work on the budget for next year using a rough draft at the Dec 6th board meeting. One suggestion is that we break out SWAT expense to a line item of their own for better tracking.

**Grant from AAW EOG:** Bill Kloeping and Dan Henry are still working with Daryl on spelling out our AV needs. The grant application due date has been moved up to December 31st. Bill will have a working draft at the Dec. Board meeting.

**Club Dues:** The board feels a need to stress the importance of getting dues paid as soon as possible so that we can hit the ground running come January. The idea of having a raffle for all members that have paid their dues by the end of break at the January meeting for one year free membership. Their dues will be refunded to them.

**2013 Penny Raffle:** It was suggested that we consider giving away a new lathe, a Wolvering Sharpening System, and a Buffing System. We will be investigating prices with Craig at WoodWorld.

**Regular Meeting:** Tom Crosby will be doing a demo on "hook tools".

**Open Shop:** George Freeman offered his shop.

**Rhonda Stelly:** All bills are paid and will have a draft budget based on actuals at the Dec board meeting.

**SWAT Director:** Dan is going to suggest that when SWAT get the new AV guy that our club be included in setting the AV standard for SWAT.



## October Show and Tell

You guys are making it harder and harder to select pictures for the newsletter. **PLEASE** go to the website to view all the wonderful items. It is impossible to include all of the wonderful show and tell items. This is a sample of what you miss seeing when you don't attend meetings.



**Turned By: George Francis**



**Turned By: Ed Heuslein**



**Turned By: Sharon Ayres**



**Turned By: Matt Rozell**

**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, 800 N. Coit #2500 Richardson TX  
(Promenade North Shopping Center)  
(972) 613-8848**

**Klingspor's Woodworking Shop, Hickory, NC  
(800) 228-0000, ask for discount**

**Hartville Tool, [www.hartvilletool.com](http://www.hartvilletool.com)  
(800) 345-2396**



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>



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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  
Rhonda Stelly  
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**Dues are prorated for new members at  
\$2.50 per month**

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