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President's Ponderings

Just finished my second SWAT symposium! It wasn't near as overwhelming as my first trip last year. I went down on Thursday to help set up this year and I'm glad I did. It was great to see all the people that were there from our club to help set everything up. It went quicker than I thought it would and that's because everyone worked together as a team and helped where needed. I've heard from several people that HCW gets a lot of compliments on our A/V setup, and I know why. I was impressed by Howard Wellspring and Brian Schrader as they put everything together. They are very meticulous about their equipment, and it shows. I even got a compliment from someone about our backdrop; he said it was the best one out of all of the clubs there - and I have to agree!! And then, to watch George and Mitzi Freeman set up their booth was whole different level of setup!! Hats off to you two!!!

Thank you Lee & Gary for getting everything down there (despite the roadblocks - literally)!! And thanks Lee for being our SWAT director and keeping us informed every year with info that makes our trip easier.

I was also impressed with the number of HCW members that were there for the weekend. We had 40 attend this year, which is up a few from last year. (Thank you, Burt, for the head-count). It was good seeing everyone relaxing and enjoying themselves and getting to know each other a little better.

If you weren't able to go this year, put it on your calendar for next year. It's fun and informative and who knows, you just may win yourself a lathe in the drawing!!

Be blessed, Brian

UPCOMING EVENTS



September

- 12th - Club Meeting
- 14th - Open Shop
- 21st, 22nd - Pyrography Class

October

- 10th - Club Meeting
- 12th - Open Shop
- 5th - 6th - Beginner Class

November

- 14th - Club Meeting
- 16th - Open Shop

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SEPTEMBER

BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 5th 5:30pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 12th 7-9pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville
Demonstration by Tom Nehl
Topic: *Form & Design*

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 14th 8am-Noon
Brian Livingston's shop
100 Margaret St., Fate
Mini-Class: Brian Schrader
Tuning your Bandsaw

OCTOBER

BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 3rd 5:30pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 10th 7-9pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville
Demonstration by Tim White
Topic: *Planning Your Project*

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 12th 8am-Noon
Tom Nehl's shop
118 RS County Road 4269, Emory
Mini-Class: By: Brian Schrader
Fixing Cracks

Just For Fun Let's Get Together

Many have often mentioned how friendly our club members are to be around. These "unofficial" get-togethers are part of the reason why. Take advantage of these opportunities for some fun and friendly times.

⇒ Every THURSDAY - Lunch

Several club members, spouses and friends gather for lunch at Burgers and Fries 5360 State Highway 276 W in Royse City.

No reservation needed but be there before 12:00 as that's when we order lunch. Come spend an hour or so with friends as we visit, catch up with each other and then return to our daily activities.

⇒ Once a MONTH - Pre-Club Meeting Meal

Every month on the Thursday of the Club Meeting, a group of club members, spouses and friends meet to eat at 5:30pm at TaMolly's Restaurant, 6929 I-30 in Greenville.

⇒ Once/ Twice Yearly - Work Party & Lumberjacking

We meet at George Freeman's house to cut up and process trees into blanks for turning. These are not scheduled but you will be notified by email when a date / time is set. Come join the fun and also learn some of the many steps and processes that are needed to produce your own turning blanks. And of course, you can't make blanks without trees, so several times a year, George goes out and cuts down trees to bring back for our Club's use. If you are interested in going on one of these lumberjack excursions, email George woodchipper2011@hotmail.com and he will send you an email notification of when the next trip is planned.

Join in on the Monthly Club meeting through ZOOM meetings using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?pwd=ZkpOWVFGa0RmFUeEZlVkJkRoSGh3Zz09>

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Passcode: 308416

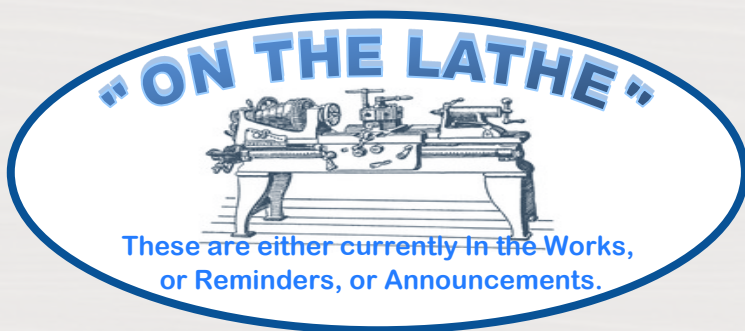
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QUARTERLY CHALLENGE:

Make a CAR

as demonstrated by John Solberg at our May meeting.

Bring your creation this Thursday, September 12th to the Club Meeting for Show-and-Tell.

The members will vote on their favorite item in two separate categories: Painted and Unpainted. A winner from each category will get a \$50 gift card!

PYROGRAPHY CLASS

September 21-22

Cost: \$125 for the two day class

Location: Tom & Stacy Nehl's Shop

118 RS County Road 4269, Emory

Register on our website.

BEGINNERS' CLASS

New to Woodturning? Then this 2-day class is designed just for you! October 5-6.

Go to our website for details and to register.

BOARD OFFICER OPENING

The Office of Vice President will be open for next year, 2025. Alain Schwarz has served HCW in the position of VP for two years. We owe him much thanks. He has done an amazing job. Please consider putting yourself forward for filling this position.

More information to come in future communications.

You can talk to any board member for details.



Prayer Requests and Praise

John Blattman

Tami Lattanzi

George Littlefield

The Shrode Family

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Some News From **BRIAN SCHRADER** TRAINING COORDINATOR

Training Opportunities!

I saw a 92-year-old friend, John Horn, from the Ft. Worth club at SWAT this year. He had a mentee with him and John introduced him as a "new turner". I spoke with them for a few minutes and informed them of some of the training opportunities we had planned for HCW. John said he had been to many classes by world class turners, and he encouraged his young padawan to invest in every training he could attend.

HCW has TWO GREAT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
between our September and October regular club meetings!

First is a Pyrography Class, Saturday & Sunday, September 21-22. (Pyrography – the art of embellishing with wood burning techniques.) The instructor is Stacy Nehl. She is truly an artist and has received many prizes, awards and notoriety for her art. The tuition for the two days is \$125. You will embellish a bass wood bowl. There are a few supplies you will need to bring to the class, so please click [this link](#) to get the full details of supplies, times, and address when you sign-up on the website. The registration is limited to 10, so sign up now!

Second, we have a Beginning Turner's Class scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, October 5-6. This class is not like those offered by the retailers. They advertise... "Make a Bowl", "Turn a Pen", "Create a Vase". The objective of this beginner class is to provide a foundation of fundamentals to allow you to build a solid repertoire of turning projects. You will walk away with whatever you make in the class, but more importantly you will have a broader base of knowledge and skills than if we only taught you to make one project. Mounting, sharpening, familiarity with gouges, are some of the topics that will be covered, just to name a few, along with many helps and hints. The tuition for the two days is \$125 and the course is limited to 10. The class will be at Brian Schrader's shop in Forney. Get registered and find details for times and directions [here](#) on our website.

Both classes will be open to all wood turners... the young and the young at heart.

The club will also advertise these classes to other area clubs and to the public.

So, sign up... before these fill up!

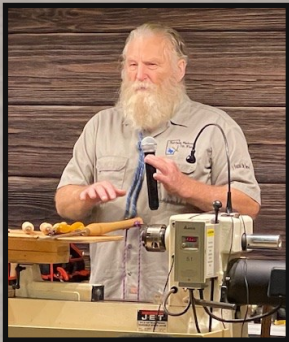
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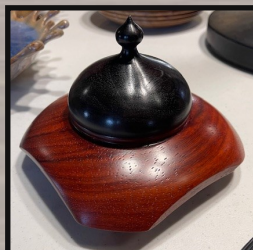
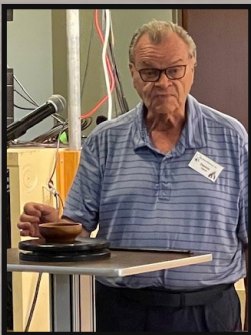
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A big thank you to Hugo Privat for the demonstration at our **August Club Meeting.** There were a total of 49 2 of those were visitors.



Each item brought for **Show & Tell** was individually interesting and creative. We appreciate all participants.

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We thank
Brian Schrader
for hosting this
this past month,



and thanks
for the mini-class
on hollowing.
23 members
attended.



AUGUST'S OPEN SHOP



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SWAT was held in Waco August 23-25. A few of our members went a day early on the 22nd to help set up. All total HCW had 40 members attend this year! It is impossible to capture the magnitude of this event in just a few pictures, but we hope to give you a glimpse of the fun with this three-page collage as well as some comments from our members who attended.



SWAT SYMPOSIUM SUMMATION



I think I most enjoyed the gallery this year. It was an inspirational display of amazing pieces, and HCW was well represented.

Burt Andrew



I enjoyed the many demos we watched, visiting with the many vendors and attendees.

Tom Nehl



The highlight for me this year was Sammy Long! I enjoyed the fellowship with turners outside my clubs. I am volunteering to be a demonstrator next year, focusing on a subject I don't ever remember seeing demonstrated there before. All else was excellent. Food and service was above average!!

Charlie Tucker

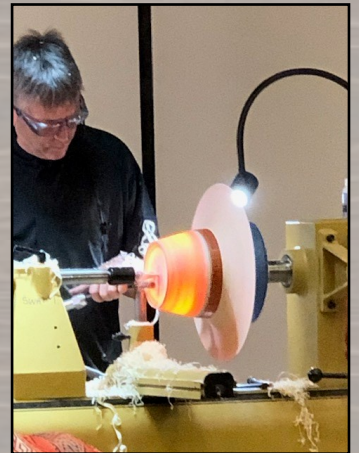
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*One thing
I love about SWAT
is the chance to talk to the vendors
about their products.
Not just buy off the shelf from a store.
~ Chris Cohen*

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Just a couple of ways our HCW was represented this year was by George and Mitzi Freeman as they set up shop amongst the many vendors and by our own Vicki Andrew who offered a unique class to the spouses!

I most enjoyed the time I got to spend with my fellow woodturners and friends, and the stories I got to hear. I also enjoyed the class on pen turning I helped in, since the demonstrator's pens were ones I had seen in books at the club and I got to hold them!

~ Gavin Wirtz

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SWAT, for me was a chance to get together with old and new friends with the same interest, Woodturning. I love the demonstrations, gallery and all the vendors.

~ Sharon Ayres

SWAT 2024 was again a very good experience. I always find it enjoyable to walk around the vendors booths and meet people I talk to throughout the year. This year was no different. It is always enjoyable seeing new items, new ideas, new ways of spending money for things I always need to make me a better turner (one of these years I'll find that tool). Yet, running into old acquaintances is still the best experience at SWAT.

~ Alain Schwarz

I would like to say thanks to the club for sending me to SWAT. Enjoy it all classes and vendors.

~ Tommy Murphy

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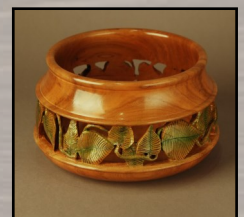


I just drove down on Saturday. I attended three demo's, and I plan to pursue one of them. I took several photos in the instant gallery that intrigued me, and I spent about forty dollars with the vendors.

~ Kevin Evans

For me, SWAT is a family reunion, getting to see friends and meet new ones. The demonstrations and gallery are like mind candy that I take home and chew upon, keeping me on sugar high of inspiration for weeks. But it's our Sunday traditions that have become the highlight as we always go eat Homestead ice cream, scream off an overpass bridge and attend a Life Teen Mass in Waco before driving home!

~ Donna Frazier



SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

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MEMBERS' HIGHLIGHT

As a club, it is our desire to build connectivity between members. The **Members' Highlight** section is one way to learn about each other. Each month we hope to highlight 2 members. If you would like to volunteer your bio info for future editions, let Brian Livingston know and he will email you with the details. Just talk with Brian next time you see him or send him an email @ bdliving@yahoo.com.

Bill Belitz I was born on March 24th, 1957, in Fullerton Nebraska. The family lived on a small farm outside of Belgrade Nebraska. The family moved to Columbus for a few years and then to Greeley Colorado. After Graduating High school, I got married and started my family. My first child was Hiedi, and she passed the day after she was born. We then had 2 sons (Cody and Kyle). After we moved to Grand Island Nebraska, I divorced from first wife after 15 years of marriage. After several years I met and married Deb. We have been married 22 years now. We have lived in Colorado, Maryland and now Texas. She has 2 kids (Matt and Jennifer). We have blended our families and have 7 grandkids ranging from 2 to 19 years old. I was in the Navy Sea-bees for 26 years before retirement out of the Reserves. I had several jobs over the years including film manufacturing, residential construction, production welder, glass bottle manufacturing, insurance agent and most recently a HERS rater (residential energy code inspector). I recently retired in June and am looking forward to more time to do wood working/turning, travel and the never-ending honey-do list of home improvements/repairs. I've been in a number of states but not all 50 yet. I had wood shop in school and been wood turning for the last 10 years. I consider myself as still learning and an ok turner. I have done pens to start and bowls of various kinds. Light house and hollow form ornaments. I like all the different items that can be made and the discovery of what is inside a piece of wood.

John Blattman I'm not real sure my woodturning career is that exciting. I was living in Santa Fe, NM and took a course at the community college in wood turning and that was about 20 years ago. I also took up wood carving along the way, and I am actually doing more carving than turning. I have been a member of the HCW for about ten years.

I am a retired Orthopedic surgeon, spent 15 years in the Air Force, as an orthopedic surgeon and a flight surgeon. I had the privilege to fly in several types of fighter jet aircraft as well as other aircraft. After I left the Air Force I had a private practice in Garland, Texas for 16 years. After my retirement from my Orthopedic practice I moved to Sun Valley, Idaho, for some serious skiing, and a trial at golf. (Not really great at the latter endeavor) After about 10+ years of skiing etc., I moved to Santa Fe, NM, and about 10 years ago moved back to Texas. Upon returning to Texas, I had the opportunity to reunite with a wonderful nurse that I had the opportunity to work with while in practice in Garland. This wonderful lady is now my wife of nine years. We do a lot of traveling, and also enjoy camping, when not caring for and working on things at home.

I was raised in Denver, Colorado and went to the University of Colorado for undergraduate school and to medical school at CU. I did my residency in Orthopedics at the Univ. of Texas, SA. I did drop out of college for one year for skiing and recovering from a kidney problem.

I am a private pilot with an instrument rating in twin engine aircraft. I have raced sailboats in the inter line regatta in the Caribbean Islands for several years.

One thing people don't know about me? I started singing early on, singing with the A Capella choir in high school, sang in college, sang with the Santa Fe Symphony Orchestra while in Santa Fe. I currently sing with the Central Texas Choral Group and we just returned from a singing tour to Scotland and Ireland where we had the opportunity to sing in some beautiful cathedrals and also tour Scotland and Ireland.

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BECOME A MEMBER



Become a member of the
Hunt County Woodturners!

Membership is renewable annually for each calendar year and covers individual and family at the same address. The membership cost is \$48.00 per year.

Dues are prorated for new members at \$4 / month.

To get the application, download it [here](#) OR email Mark at mspencer2112@gmail.com.

Turn in the completed application at the monthly club meeting or mail it to:

Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.

Attn. Mark Spencer

P.O. Box 8191

Greenville, Tx 75404

Membership in HCW, Inc. entitles you to discounts on selected items at these 3 fine businesses you see listed below. ↓



HCW members are encouraged to become a member of the
American Association of Woodturners!

Hunt County Woodturners Inc. is a Chapter of this National organization. Your membership not only supports AAW but HCW as well. Insurance Protection is one of the many benefits we gain by membership. Check out this excellent guide to their membership services and publications at <http://www.woodturner.org>

Rockler

584 West I-30,
Suite 403,
Garland, TX.
(469) 329-0971



Wood World

13650 TI Blvd.
Dallas, TX
(972) 669-9130



Wood World
of Texas LLC

Woodcraft

601 W. Plano Pkwy,
Suite 145,
Plano, TX
(972) 422-2732



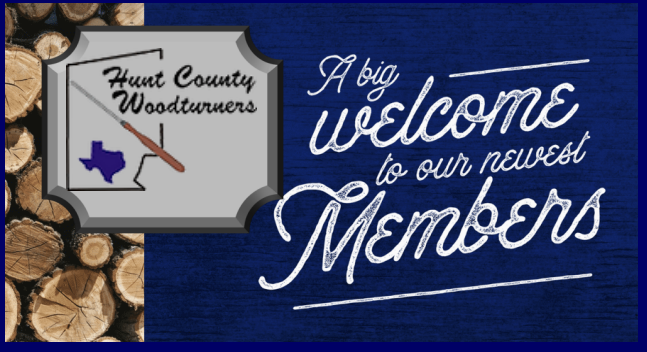
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Howie Stevens

Let's welcome our newest member joining us last month! We, at the Hunt County Woodturners club are excited that you have joined with us in this woodturning adventure. Please make sure to pick up one of the new member gifts (one per individual or family membership) at the check-in table. Choose one: Coffee Mug, T-Shirt, or Hat.

"The workshop to me always means great atmosphere, working, smell of wood, dust and, at the end of the day, you've created something."

- Earl David Linley

RESOURCES!

HCW has a marvelous array of talented **MENTORS** who have graciously agreed to be a resource. They can mentor you over the phone, in person, or maybe even a video call. Give them a call or a text and they will get back to you. Find our Mentors List in the Members Only section of our website. www.huntcountywoodturners.org

Protect Yourself from Dust

Conventional woodturning tools work very well on cork, but don't expect the long shavings you might get from regular wood. Turning and sanding cork produces a fine dust, so be sure to use adequate dust collection and personal protection equipment (PPE) to protect your lungs.

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Please help us expand this RESOURCES page.

If you can recommend any YouTube links or Tips or Books, please send the information to Brian Livingston. Continually educating each other is part of who we are as HCW.

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If you have any woodturner related items to sell, this is your space to advertise.

Or maybe you are in search of a tool or equipment, seek for it here.

Submit your ad to Burt Andrew, email: bandrew1@att.net

Ads will be posted in the newsletter for two months, unless sold or requested to be removed sooner.

ISO -- Ruth Meyer has reached out to HCW on behalf of Makerspace in Rockwall (www.rockwallmakerspace.org), a non-profit organization community workshop that provides the tools and space to foster creativity. We support interests such as Woodworking, Metal Fabrication, 3D printing, Laser Cutting, Ceramic and Glass Working, Electronics, Welding and Craftwork. Makerspace is in need of a lathe and Ruth is wondering if there might be anyone in our club that would be willing to donate a safe, variable speed lathe (perhaps as a tax write-off) or sell one at a reasonable price. Check out their website and if you have any questions, please contact Ruth at 707-365-7904.

For Sale

Nova Comet II Lathe

Features: Variable Speed & Reversible.

Turning capacity: 12" Swing Capacity over bed and 16.5" between centers.

Variable Speed: 250 - 4000rpm. Spindle Thread: 1" - 8 TPI, RH.

Extra included: 13 lathe tools, 40+ Pen blanks, 2 Pen Mandrel, Dozen+ Pen Mechanism,

15 Drill Bits, G3 Nova Chuck, 1/2" Drill Chuck, Live center, etc.

To be sold as a package for \$600 (retail if new GT \$1,100.).



Festool Drill, Quadrive TPC 18/4

Features: Handheld Drill, Charger, Battery, and Storage box only (see picture).

18 V w/ 4 gears.

All new, has never been used.

To be sold together for \$350 (retail if purchased individually = \$590.)

These items are available for pickup in Carrolton. Other arrangements may be made. Contact HCW member Mike Pregent at (214) 455-3151 for additional pictures and/or details. Contact Burt Andrew for additional pictures only.



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Who's on Board

Serving the Hunt County Woodturners for 2024 are:

Brian Livingston, President

Alain Schwarz, Vice-President

Burt Andrew, Secretary

Mark Spencer, Treasurer

Howard Wellspring, Technology Officer

Brian Schrader, Training Coordinator

Tom Nehl, Event Coordinator

HCW Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30pm. Board meetings are open to all members & can be attended in person or remotely via Zoom. Board Meeting Minutes can be found on the website in the Members Only section.

OUR 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.

Hunt County Woodturners, Inc. is recognized by the United States Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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