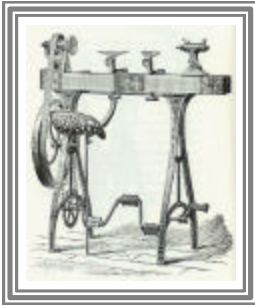


APRIL 2003

Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



Next Meeting: APRIL 24th at 7:00pm
200-B North Vacek
Meeting will feature: Mike Wallace
Program will be on Deep Hollowing Rig

**** Bring something to the Instant Gallery ****

March Demonstrator – Mike Wallace

The “Deep Hollowing Rig”, named after and used by several big-name turners, including Frank Sudol and Lyle Jamieson, made and sold by several companies, is an attempt to reduce the stresses of hollowing vessels. At our April demo, on April 24th at 7 PM, Mike Wallace will show us how this system works.

In addition to hollowing vessels, the system works well for most turning tasks. Platters, bowls and vessels can all be turned using this system, with less wear and tear on the woodturner’s muscles and joints. Because vibration and torque are the problem, this system is designed to reduce both. We will also look at a simple laser guide to help with wall thickness (or thinness?). The device demonstrated is a simple shop made item without the cost of the store bought versions. Construction of your own rig will also be covered. I think we’ll call ours a “Wallace, Diehl, Sudol, Jamieson D-Bar Rig”.

Mike Wallace, a Native Texan, was born in the West Texas town of Plainview in 1955. Married for 18+ years to Robin, and with two daughters, Kelly (pregnant with the first grandchildren, twins, a boy and a girl due in Early June) and Karson, currently a Senior at Texas A & M. Mike has been a member of the WNT since summer of 1996. He turned one bowl prior to that in High School, but is a third generation woodworker. Rumor has it that he cut wood before he cut his first teeth! Currently Mike has a professional woodworking business specializing in one-off pieces, typically commissioned by their owners. From turnings to furniture to cabinets to custom signs, Mike is continually involved in the process of learning how to do new and creative things with wood. In addition to woodworking he currently teaches at Woodcraft as well as his own shop. He also sponsors big name turners for hands-on workshops in the Fort Worth shop that is also the meeting place of WNT.

Mike has served on the Board of directors of WNT as President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Librarian beginning in 1996.

He also has recently begun to distribute the Jet and Powermatic brand of tools alongside Larry Roberts.

Member Notes

One of our long time members, Grace Hooper, wife of D.P. Hooper, died on April 5th. Please remember the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Another of our members, Ken Philips has recently undergone heart surgery. We hope for a quick recovery for Ken. He has shown great generosity for the members and causes of our club.

Spring Demonstrator Dick Sing

It will be our treat to host Dick Sing as our feature Spring Demonstrator this year

Dick will present an all-day demonstration on Saturday, May 17th, with Hands-On sessions on May 18th through May 20th. Plan to attend the demo and take one of the Hands-On classes if you possibly can. You will be in for a real woodturning treat. The demonstration and the Hands-On classes will be held at our regular meeting place at 200-B N. Vacek in Fort Worth.

Dick has written eight books on woodturning which are available at better woodworking stores and book outlets everywhere. While his books feature relatively small sized projects like weed pots, Christmas ornaments, pens, eggs, bottle stoppers, and tops turned on smaller lathes, Dick is quite at home with larger objects made on larger lathes. Speaking from my own experience, a beginner can take one of his books, and by reading and following the text and pictures, you can turn out beautiful work.

If you have never seen one of his demonstrations, you will be amazed at the precision and finesse with which he can turn a beautiful object while constantly giving you information and tips on how to produce your own projects. He wants you to be able to turn with pride and your best workmanship. Emphasizing precision is one of the key points he makes in all his presentations and the finished product shows the result of such an attitude.

In his Hands-On classes, his main interest is helping people learn what they are most interested in. The student will be able to learn both the turning techniques and produce a project of their choice. Dick is such a versatile instructor that often he has several different projects being turned in a single class. When signing up for one of the Hands-On classes, Dick asks that you indicate what you are interested in learning in order for him to organize the class to meet your needs. For projects, you can select from hollow ornaments, eggs, weed pots, bowls, clocks, bottle stoppers. If none of these projects interest you, Dick will help you with your selection. Since we expect the classes to fill up rapidly with a maximum of six per class, please register early.

The cost of the all-day demo is only \$20.00 and the Hands-On class runs \$125 per person. Hands-On class slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. It is understood that the class fee is due at the time of registering for the class. Send or bring your check for the class to James Haynes or John Horn. The fee for the demo will be collected at the door.

John Horn – Activities Chairman

Texas Turn or Two News

This year we have added 2 new features to make your symposium even more enjoyable.

First, we have organized a Banquet for Sat. night, Aug 30, 2003. No more looking for a place for a decent dinner in a strange town. No more of those complicated arrangements to meet old friends over dinner. No more rushing through or even skipping the slide show by the Lead Demonstrators so that you can get to dinner on time. Now you can have a fine meal, socialize with your friends, and see the slide show all at the same event. Dinner menu includes salad, roast beef or marinated chicken, rosemary potatoes, stir fry vegetables, rolls/butter, apple or cherry pie or ice box cake, coffee or tea. This will be served on china with tablecloths on the tables. Price for the Banquet is \$15 per person, which just covers the cost of the meal. Thanks to Robert and Pat Lawrence for setting this up. We are organizing a fun program for the Banquet. In addition to the customary slide show by our Lead Demonstrators, we will ask each of the Leads to select a few pieces each from the Instant Gallery and discuss/critique them for us. Also, we will have the first part of the "2 for 1" raffle, about which more below.

Second, we have expanded the raffle this year into what we call the "2 for 1" Raffle. We thought about having an auction of donated turnings, but rejected it for two reasons 1) the leadership is aware that we have already asked you for money to get this Symposium going, and we were reluctant to go into your pockets again, and 2) auctions in the past have brought pitifully low prices for really nice pieces. Dale Lemons came up with the idea of having fine turnings donated and given to you as part of the raffle that is customarily held on Sunday at lunch. So the ticket you buy for \$1 will give you a chance to win one of several pieces of fine turned wood art at the Banquet. But then, all those winning tickets will be returned to the hopper for the Sunday lunch raffle, the grand prize of which is a Powermatic 3520a lathe. There will also be other prizes in the Sunday raffle, as in past years. So, a single \$1 ticket could win a fine piece of turned wood art and the Powermatic lathe. We anticipate a lot of interest to be generated by these two events, so make sure you come to the Banquet and buy lots of tickets for the raffle. Your leadership is grateful to those wood artists who have generously donated their work.

New Library Books for 2003

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Adventures in Woodturning Techniques & Projects	by: <i>David Springett</i>
Turning Wooden Jewelry	by: <i>Judy Ditmer</i>
Small production Wood Working for the Home Shop	by: <i>Kerry Pierce</i>
Projects for the Mini Lathe	by: <i>Dick Sing</i>
Making Wood Bowls with a Router & Scroll saw	by: <i>Patrick Spielman & Carl Roehl</i>

"Bring Back" Winners at March Meeting

<u>Who Won</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Provided By</u>
Robert Lawrence	Spinning Top with base	Fred Denke
Don Cosgrove	Inside – Out Vase	Charles Rudolph
Ken Cardin	Stemmed Goblet	Devore Burch

And in his usual gracious style, Bill Shadle provided a large stack of turning blanks of various woods. Lucky raffle winners were:

Bob Henley Circe Joines Jim Duncan Steve Ott John Horn Paul Tiefel
 Parks Olmon Bill Allmon Larry Genender

Calendar of Events

April 24 Thursday	WNT Monthly Meeting: 7:00pm 200-B N. Vacek Demo: Mike Wallace-Deep Hollowing
May 2 Friday	Smithfield Elem School Arts Day See article below
May 6 Tuesday	WNT Directors Meeting 6:00pm at Angelo's BBQ 7:00pm: Meet at 200-B N. Vacek
May 29 Thursday	WNT Monthly Meeting: 7:00pm 200-B N. Vacek Demo: Stacy Hager – Cutting Techniques
June 3 Tuesday	WNT Directors Meeting 6:00pm at Angelo's BBQ 7:00pm: Meet at 200-B N. Vacek
June 26 Thursday	WNT Monthly Meeting: 7:00pm 200-B N. Vacek Demo: Larry Hancock

On May 2nd a group of our members will be participating in Heart of the Arts 2003 at the Smithfield Elementary School providing hands-on woodturning experience for fifth grade students.

A number of mini-lathe workstations will be set up and our members will assist each student in turning a candlestick. The presentation is designed to provide the student with an understanding of how wood is turned on a wood lathe and let the student experience the feelings of accomplishment which comes from producing an item on the wood lathe. With the removal of the wood shop from most schools these days, a whole generation of students will miss the experience of producing useful and artistic objects with their hands unless groups such as ours provide them with the opportunity to make objects with their hands.

If you are interested in helping with this project, just call John Horn at 817-485-7397. We need help with preparing the wood, setting up the equipment, conducting the sessions, cleanup, and maybe with providing some of the lathes.

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