

Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the
American Association of Woodturners

Next Meeting Date:

January 26, 2006

Meeting Start Time
6:30 PM

R.D. Evans
Recreational Center

3200 Lackland Rd.
Fort Worth, TX

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This Month's Demonstration:

Mike Jones

"One Man's Trash Wood...Is Another's Treasure!"

This ever happen to you? You go out to your never-diminishing wood pile looking for an afternoon opportunity to make something on the lathe. You sort through the various pieces and shapes looking for the volunteer to jump out and yell, "Pick Me! Pick Me!". So you pick that promising young piece out of the pile and realizing it is too big for your lathe you break out the chainsaw or band saw to cut it in half. Only to your great disappointment you find when the wood is laid open, that there is a rotted center, or a gnarly-looking crack running right through it.

There was a time when I would have had a few choice words to say as I threw the piece into my ever-growing wood trash pile for burning. Well not any more. I cherish those finds (most of the time). To me, turning a piece of

wood with heavy bark inclusions, knot holes and cracks, water and decay stains, and worm holes and insect infestations is more satisfying than any other turning. Don't get

me wrong; I appreciate a beautifully seasoned and flawless specimen of wood that has been turned with artistic precision into a finely sculpted vessel. Work like that is timeless...It's just not me.

Now I know this is hard to believe, but you will just have to trust me on this...I have

flaws. No, it's true. I know that is hard to accept, but beneath my balding head and drooping physique, I am not perfect. I have faced this truth and have also realized that this fact is true of every other individual on the planet. Because of this, I have come to the conclusion that human beings look for flaws in things and upon finding them, become more accepting. *(continued on page 3)*





No Gouging Here!

Annual membership renewal time is upon us once again -- it seems to happen every year. Have you paid your membership dues for 2006 yet? Approximately half of the members already have. A membership renewal form is included at the back of this newsletter for your convenience. You won't get gouged either -- the cost is a bargain at only \$24 per year. Members who have access to a computer and Internet service are encouraged when renewing to elect to receive e-mail notification when the club newsletter has been posted on the WNT web site at <http://www.wntx.org/newsletters/newsletters.html>. This request is being made in order to reduce some of our printing and mailing expenses which amounts to about half of the cost of the annual membership fee. Additionally, there are many hours of time involved each month in printing, stapling, folding, stuffing envelopes, affixing stamps, and preparing and sticking address labels on the envelopes.

Making Good Shavings

During the rush and hysteria of the WNT Holiday Banquet we honored Paul Tiefel with a few simple words and a nice plaque for his trophy wall. But now it is time to take the opportunity to more seriously thank Paul for his outstanding leadership and great enthusiasm that he has shown for the past two years. He has sacrificed many a weekend and evening insuring the smooth running of this club. His sustained efforts and attention to detail has been a great boon to this club. I know that I join each of you in being grateful for his mentorship and guidance for the past years. I hope each of you will take a few moments to personally thank Paul at your first opportunity.

Paul, I know you can't spend "Thank You!" at the bank but that's the best this grateful club can offer, so please accept a very heartfelt and genuine: THANK YOU from all of us!

Very Respectfully,
Stormy Boudreaux

November "Bring-Back" Drawing Winners

Here are the names of the November "Bring Back" winners: Bryan Phillips, Larry Denning, Wayne Fitch, Max Taylor, Charles Smith, and Jeff Carrell. If you were the winner if a turned item in November, please bring a turning that you have made for the January "Bring Back" drawing.

Holiday Banquet Auction Results

The Holiday Banquet auction was very successful in raising \$2806.50 for the club's budget. Many thanks to the following 26 people for the 57 auction items that were donated: Jimmie Arledge, Walter Barrett, Jacques Blanchard, Bill Boehme, Jim Bragdon, Devore Burch, Dick Chapman, Wayne Clowers, Maryetta Cunningham, Chelsea Deakins, Fred Denke, Johnny Derczo, Wayne Fitch, Wayne Gillespie, James Haynes, John Herber, John Horn, Gloria Lewis, Roy Maye, Hollis McLane, Steve Ott, Larry Roberts, Marge Rudolph, Charles Smith, Paul Tiefel, and Steve Yauch. Also, a special thanks to Ken Phillips for his excellent work in serving as our auctioneer.

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Personally, I am intimidated by perfection; I feel more relaxed and comfortable around something that contains slight imperfection...in art, in people, in life, and in wood.



Therefore, as my woodturning experience has moved me through the years, I find myself thinking less about a specific vessel shape or size to turn as I head toward my shop. Instead, I find myself out near the woodpile with a cup of coffee, staring at an excavated tree stump covered in dried mud and ants and wondering to myself... "What is in there?", "How can I get something out of this?", "Where is the coolest grain or water damage?", "If I did this, how would I mount it on the lathe?". Once on the lathe, with the vibration shaking the shop from the almost always out of balance wood, the transformation begins. Shavings pile up mixed with the chunks of dirt clods or mud. Half drunken insects cover my face shield as they try to recover from the centrifugal nightmare from which they just emerged. Intermittent cuts challenge me the whole way, but the piece

Empty Bowls 2006

The Tarrant Area Food Bank will hold their annual Empty Bowls fundraiser event on Friday, February 24th, 2006 at the Bass Hall and Maddox/Muse Complex in downtown Fort Worth. Empty Bowls is a benefit luncheon in which attendees are served soup, bread and desserts donated by local restaurants and food merchants. There is a ticket charge of \$25 for lunch that includes one bowl for each attendee. The bowls are donated by area artists and are displayed on tables in the hall where attendees may review them and choose one to take home. The Empty Bowls web site is www.emptybowls.org.

There will also be a "bump table" where attendees can choose a better quality bowl for an additional fee. A silent auction is also held where attendees may bid on gallery works.

WNT members have participated in this event for the past several years and we have learned that wood bowls are very popular. This year we would like to substantially increase our donation of bowls. We will not set a target number but we should be able to donate several hundred bowls.

With the date rapidly approaching, it is time to get back in the shop. As you work on your projects, take time to make some bowls for this very worthy cause.

Please bring the bowls that you have turned for the Empty Bowls Project to the January monthly meeting on January 26.

begins to emerge. A shape, a form, consisting of both positive and negative space is being created. It consists of inspiring wood grain that highlights the tree when it was in its prime, yet complimented by the same wood in stages of decomposition.

It is finding this balance in both the prime of life and the latter stages of natural forces that make me identify with a piece and I am comforted as a human being. So what one man might throw out as trash, I now look for as opportunity. I challenge you to do the same. Be safe. Mount the

pieces solidly, use eye and hand protection, and stop often to examine the condition of the wood for structural weaknesses. But don't pass up on a piece of wood because it has some flaws, instead, embrace it.

I have been turning for a little over three years as a hobby and a time-killer. This month I plan on talking on this issue and some of its challenges. I will bring a challenging piece of wood and we will open it up on the lathe and see what it holds for us. It may be nothing special and it may be spectacular, but one thing is for sure....it will be unique.

A Man of Many “Vices”

Vice-President, that is! Dewayne Hines began his term as Vice-President of the Woodturners of North Texas for 2006 this month. In addition to his duties in our club, he is also Vice-President of The Rock Hound Club and has recently placed among the top crystal digging champions. Congratulations and good digging, Dewayne!

AVAA Regional Juried Art Show

The Arlington Visual Arts Association (AVAA) presents its Thirtieth Annual Regional Juried Art Show. The show will be on exhibit February 15, 2006 to March 24, 2006 at the Bob Duncan Community Center, 2800 S. Center Street, Arlington, Texas. Entries will accepted at the Bob Duncan Community Center on February 13, 2006 from 4 to 9 PM. The entry fee is \$10 and \$2500 in awards will be given. Entries may be no larger than 50 inches in any direction nor weigh more than 50 pounds. For additional information you can visit the "Events: AVAA Shows" page of the AVAA web site at: <http://www.arlingtonvisualarts.org> or call either Jean Baker at 817-483-2887 or Martha Howell at 817-265-0357.

Book Review: “Learn to Turn” by Barry Gross

“Learn to Turn” takes a refreshingly different approach as an introduction to woodturning and is a very good book for beginning woodturners. The book covers all of the basic areas that a beginner would need to know about in order to quickly come up to speed and not get bogged down in a comprehensive treatise. The topics include safety, tools and lathes, wood and preparing your own turning blanks, sharpening tools and techniques, sanding, and finishing. In addition, there is a very good projects section that covers basic confidence building first projects and progresses up through more challenging projects such as natural edged bowls and end-grain hollow forms.

One of the best things about this book is that it is amply illustrated with high quality photographs and drawings to depict the points being discussed. Many of the pages contain numerous pictures to illustrate step-by-step procedures discussed in the text.

Of special benefit to beginners is good advice on purchasing a lathe and most of the commonly used tools for beginners. Without this advice on knowing what to look for in a lathe, for instance, it would be easy for a beginner to make a poor choice in what to

buy. The primary function of each type of tool is discussed while generally avoiding mention of brand names.

The illustrations and text on tool control are both done very well including showing to get started with each tool. The projects in the book are clearly illustrated with detailed photographs. The skill range of these projects will serve the reader's progress from beginner level and into intermediate level of experience. Another useful feature for beginners is a troubleshooting section for fixing common problems.

Learn to Turn by Barry Gross, published by Fox Chapel Publishing, is a new addition to the WNT library and is available for checkout by club members.

To see reviews of other new additions to the WNT Library, please visit the WNT web site at <http://www.wntx.org/library/library.html>.

Spring Demonstration

Start making plans now for our Spring Demonstration program in April which will be presented by Nick Cook. Information about Nick Cook can be found on his web site at: <http://www.nickcookwoodturner.com>. Details about the planned program will be available next month.

Advertisements

For Sale

Vicmarc 3.5" Chuck

Vicmarc 3.5 inch chuck with #2 dovetail jaws, shark jaws, Cole jaws, plus accessories. Comes with 1X8 TPI spindle adapter. \$250. Johnny Derczo, 817-516-9006.

Wood for Sale

Two book matched walnut crotches. 3"X34"X60". Cut in 1940 in Iowa. Great table/desk tops. \$300.00 Also misc mesquite lumber. Larry Roberts 817-465 6397

Anchorseal®

Now Available

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$7.00 per gallon. It is being stored at Larry Roberts' place, 6409 Calender in southwest Arlington. Contact James Haynes for payment.

See WNT website ads page:

<http://www.wntx.org/ads/ads.html>

for the latest advertisements.

Rules for advertisements: Free adds are available only to WNT members. The deadline for submission or cancellation of an ad is the 10th of the month to be placed in that month's newsletter. Ads will only run for one issue unless notified otherwise. If you wish to continue running an ad for more than one month, please advise the editor, Bill Boehme, by the 10th of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor by the 10th of the month.

Calendar of Events

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R.D. Evans Rec. Center

Demonstrator: Mike Jones -- "One Man's Trash Wood ... Is Another's Treasure"

February 7 -

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February 23 -

Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

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Demonstrator: Paul Tiefel -- "Turning Boxes"

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March 30 -

Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

R.D. Evans Rec. Center

Demonstrator: Wyatt Compton

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2006 Membership Application and/or Renewal

I hereby apply for membership in the Woodturners of North Texas (WNT). I understand the cost is \$24.00 per year and is prorated after January at \$2.00 per month for the months remaining in the calendar year.

Name: _____

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Are you a member of AAW? _____

Address: _____

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Full Time: _____ Part Time: _____ Retired: _____

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