

Woodturners of North Texas



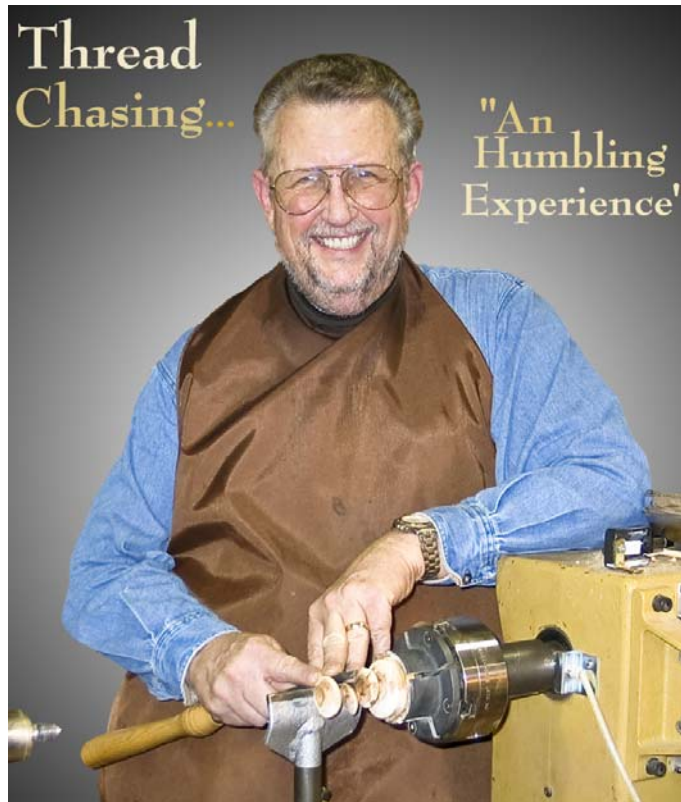
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Twentieth Anniversary Year

July 2007 Program:

Paul Coppinger presents ...



Born in Houston, Texas after WWII, Paul was introduced to woodworking in his seventh grade woodshop class and turned his first piece in ninth grade, a maple clock which he still has.

He attended the University of Houston, met his wife-to-be, Donna and graduated with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Electrical Engineering before joining Texas Instruments

Many turners make lidded boxes, but have you ever wanted to make a hand threaded box? If you have tried, you have already found many of the pitfalls, problems and frustrations. This program will present many of the tricks Paul has discovered by trial and error and show you some of the techniques necessary to make hand threaded boxes and hopefully will produce a working threaded box.

in Dallas in 1973. He spent his career with TI making LED Displays for the early calculators and watches, then making electronic games and bubble memories before transferring to a design group as Operations Manager. He and Donna have been married 39 years and have 2 sons, both Engineers, proving that an apple doesn't fall far from the tree. He retired from Texas Instruments in

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Next Meeting:

**Thursday,
July 26, 2007
Start Time: 6:30 PM**

**R.D. Evans Recreational
Center
3200 Lackland Rd.
Fort Worth, TX**

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Are you ready for SWAT 2007?

The dates of October 5 - 7 in Wichita Falls will be here soon. Don't miss this great opportunity to



attend demonstrations by a great lineup of nationally recognized demonstrators: Stacy Hager, J. Paul Fennel, David Marks, Stuart Mortimer, Alan Stirt, and Cindy Drozda. In addition there will be several great regional woodturners including our own John Horn, Andrew Chen, Anthony Harris, Bill Rubenstein, Bill Kloeping, Bill Tilson, Craig Timmerman, Dan Henry, Dave Smith, Bruce Hoover, Delbert Dowdy, Drew Shelton, Joel Crabbe, and C. Tom Crosby. This is an event that you will not want to miss ... if you have never been to SWAT before, it is the second largest woodturning symposium in the known universe and well worth attending.

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“Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the June drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the July 2007 “Bring Back” drawing. The rules for the “Bring Back” drawing are that winners of a turned item must bring a turned item of their own creation to the next meeting and the winners of any other item must bring something that would be of interest to woodturners. That would include, but is not limited to something that you turned, a tool or jig, wood, book, or magazine. If you have fallen behind in bringing a turned item for the “Bring Back” drawing, now is the time to make up for any items that you owe and please remember to bring a turning to the July meeting. Here is a list of the June “Bring-Back” winners:

| NAME | TURNUED ITEM |
|---------------|--------------------|
| John Clark | Bird house |
| David Heywood | Candle holder |
| Arthur Rossi | Vase |
| Steve Yauch | Turned screwdriver |
| Steve Myer | Key Ring |
| Larry Roberts | Bowl |
| Helena Turlin | Maple bowl |

| NAME | NON-TURNED ITEM |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Joe Turlin | Cactus pen blanks |
| Dwight Schoneweis | Afzelia pen blanks |
| Arthur Rossi | Marking knife |
| Dewayne Hines | Purpleheart block |
| Dave Marshall | Bottle of wax |
| Bill Boehme | Jatoba blanks |

And, finally, here is the list of those who won key shavings.

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|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Dan Hudkins | Arthur Rossi | Ken Cardin |
| James Plowman | Bob Palcido | Devore Burch |
| John Boyle | Floyd May | |



The Return of ... “Empty Bowls 2007”

Again, this year the Woodturners of North Texas has adopted the Empty Bowls project as our primary community service activity for this year. The North Texas and Tarrant Area Food Banks are asking for bowls to benefit those without adequate food for their very popular annual fund raising drive ... Empty Bowls, “An Artful Luncheon to Fight Hunger” is a donation program where woodworkers, pottery, and glass workers make bowls, which are donated for this activity.

Turning a bowl is a project that any and all of us can complete and present with pride. Every member of the Woodturner’s of North Texas is being encouraged to participate and to turn and donate bowls that will be sent to the Empty Bowl project. You are encouraged to participate and set your own personal goal for the number of bowls that you will contribute to this worthy cause. Last year, Max Taylor led the pack with a total of 19 bowls and a number of other members were not far behind in the number of bowls that they turned.

If you have never turned a bowl before, instruction and inspiration on bowl turning is and has been available from many sources. Many of our club members are available to help you get started. Issues of

American Woodturner contain articles on bowl turning and back issues are readily available. Our library has numerous books, CDs and tapes on bowl turning by many, many artists. Our club’s mentors are well suited to provide instruction and guidance on bowl turning, and are just a phone call away. Bowls for the “Empty Bowls” project do not have to be large or require a large lathe – a mini lathe can be used to turn bowls up to around eight inches in diameter, which is far more than adequate in size. It only takes a block of wood, sharp tools, safety glasses and a desire to participate in this very worthwhile activity. If you plan to participate in this activity, you are encouraged, in keeping with the spirit of the project which is to eliminate hunger, to please turn bowls -- something that could be easily perceived as a bowl assuming a bit of artistic license when necessary.

We will keep track of the numbers of bowls completed and make a monthly report in the newsletter of those contributing club members and the total number of bowls turned. Your contribution, combined with the efforts of all of our club members and the other Metroplex clubs can make a significant difference to those in need.

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June Program Photographs ... Ribbon Turning

Steve Ott first became interested in ribbon turning while attending demonstrations by Malcolm Tibbetts at SWAT 2005. Steve's demonstration showed the various techniques that he has learned during his ribbon turning

areas of woodturning in which precise measurements are critical to success along with being able to make several bowls that are precisely the same dimensions. Steve also gave details on getting started in ribbon



experience. Some of the techniques that he uses came from Malcolm Tibbetts' book after trying various other ways to do things and finding that the book contains

turning which included cutting the staves, mounting the bowls for turning, cutting the bowls into the proper number of pieces, aligning ribbon segments, clamping



information based on practical experience. Additionally, Steve developed numerous techniques and jigs of his own design in order to facilitate his ribbon turning.

Steve demonstrated the necessary requirements in order to successfully complete a ribbon and provided plenty of advice on various pitfalls that can lead to problems or even disaster. Ribbon turning is one of the

and gluing. Steve's demonstration proved to be very interesting, packed with useful information, and entertaining.

There will be a pop quiz at the July meeting to see if you can name all of the steps in turning a double figure eight Mobius ribbon ... extra credit given if the ends actually meet.

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(“Thread Chasing”, continued from page 1)

1998 and moved to Mineola, Texas in 2002.

He continued to do woodworking as a hobby after college, making numerous furniture pieces and an occasional turning, all using a Shopsmith. In the early 1990s, Paul began collecting oldtools and using them to make Windsor chairs, Shaker boxes and other pieces such as hand-cut dovetail jewelry boxes. He took several chair making classes and has taught Shaker box classes at his shop in Mineola, all with hand tools. Teaching these box classes has made him a better fixer than maker of Shaker boxes, with Paul claiming he can fix almost any student’s mistake.

After moving to Mineola, he became really interested in turning. He joined East Texas Woodturners in Tyler and began attending SWAT and AAW Symposiums to improve his skills. He upgraded from his old Shopsmith to a Powermatic 3520A lathe. He built a threading jig to make threaded boxes but found it too machine-like. At one of the SWAT Symposiums, he watched a hand thread chasing demo and decided he could do that. He tried making his own chases with limited success before buying commercial tools. With these proper tools, he was humbled by how difficult the technique is to master. He discovered that the three secrets to hand chased thread success are: practice, practice, and more practice. Practice is what he does a lot; sometimes successfully and sometimes not.



Hand thread chasing has been Paul’s greatest turning challenge and he continues to improve his skills making many boxes. But, as frustrating as hand thread chasing can be, when it works, the sense of accomplishment is a sheer joy.



... from the Editor

Earlier this month as board members and other club members arrived at the usual meeting place, the Express Cafe (next to the Blue Mesa Cafe), we suddenly found that they were no longer in business. After sending out scouting parties, we located a nearby place, the **Panera Bread Co.**, a bit further south on University Blvd. It appears to have all the requirements that we need for our meetings: good food, a quiet atmosphere, and good food. Also, they have good food. If you have not attended a board meeting before ... all club members are always welcome to join with us. The board meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of the month and we begin our meal at 6 PM and the business meeting begins at 7 PM.

The club still has a large number of pen kits for turning freedom pens. We need to complete the turning project sothat we can send the pens to the Freedom Pens organization for distribution to our servicemen and women in the Middle East. Please contact one of the board members to help you get the kits. If you pick up some of the kits, please complete the pens as quickly as possible.

Our club had an outstanding participation in the Empty Bowls project last year and the board has decided to adopt this very worthwhile program as our community service “soup du jour” for 2007. As a club, we completed over 140 bowls last year. Please see the article on page 3 and make a peronal commitment on the number of bowls that you can turn for this year. Can you beat the pace of 19 bowls set by Max Taylor last year?

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Advertisements

Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$8.00 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 ads 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

NOTE: The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month. Board meetings are held at **Panera Bread Co.**, 1700 S. University Drive south of I-30. Check the WNT web site for any updates. All WNT members are invited to attend. If you would like to join the group for dinner, it begins at 6 PM and the business meeting starts at 7 PM.

July 26 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Paul Coppinger**

August 7 - WNT Board meeting -- see above for location and time.

August 30 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **John Horn**

September 4 - WNT Board meeting -- see above for location and time.

September 27 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Ralph Watts**

October 2 - WNT Board meeting -- see above for location and time.

October 5 - 7: SWAT Symposium in Wichita Falls, TX

October 25 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Bob Edwards**

November 6 - WNT Board meeting -- see above for location and time.

November 29 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **John Solberg and Peter Tkacs (The Blues Brothers)** present Vacuum Chucking

December 1 - WNT Annual Christmas Holiday Banquet.

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