

Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

July 2009 Program:

TURNING ANTLER

by
Delbert Dowdy



Our July program on antler turning will be presented by Delbert Dowdy.

Antler is a fascinating and easy material to turn. It is also a good medium to use when making small objects such as pens, key chains, and kaleidoscopes. Items made with antler can hold special appeal with many people, especially hunters. How many people do you know that

to drill antler, install the copper tube, and size the antler to length. Turning antler is similar to turning wood but porous antler material, which is common, must be treated after turning.

Although antler turns similarly to wood, there are some special techniques that are helpful.



Drilling holes for kaleidoscope can be difficult. Delbert will demonstrate his technique

In this program, Delbert will demonstrate how to make a pen that combines a bullet and deer antler. He will also discuss how to make modifications when increasing the size of an object. He will also cover how to drill, shorten, prepare and size the inner tube, and shine the bullet. Delbert will discuss special ways

of drilling holes for the kaleidoscope by beginning with a small hole, followed by turning the antler round, mounting it in a chuck, drilling a larger center hole, and finally drilling a larger end hole.



Next Meeting:

Thursday,
July 30, 2009

Start Time: 6:30 PM

R. D. Evans Recreational
Center
3242 Lackland Rd.
Fort Worth, TX

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President's message
by Dave Marshall

... making
Good
Shavings

Summer doldrums ... already? But, it's only July! I admit, I had the doldrums last week ... it was just too hot to even think straight, but we had a few days of reprieve from the high temps and I got my second wind. Summer is a great time to vacation, go boating and camping, spend time with friends and family, reading, etc. And, when you're tired of all that, it's a great time to turn (like when is not a great time to turn?! So if you're stuck in the doldrums, the best medicine for you is woodturning or anything related to turning. May I suggest heading to your local Rockler or Woodcraft store instead of watering your grass out in the heat? They have lots of neat stuff for you to browse through in the comfort of air conditioning. A couple of hours there can lift your spirits. Have you tried perusing your local library or Half-Price bookstore to find that rare edition woodturning book? Do it! Thought about woodturning training? There are lots of great classes up at Canyon Studios or if you have a deeper pocket-book ... think about Arrowmont!

If you'd rather just do some old-fashioned turning to brush away those doldrums I have a couple of ideas for you as well. Our club philanthropy, the Empty Bowls project needs to get geared-up in full swing. We are now collecting bowl turnings for the Tarrant County Food Bank. The Food Bank always cherishes our donations and this year will be no different. They need your help and it's for a great cause; especially in this economy. If you can turn just one bowl ... good! Two bowls ... great! If ev-

everyone does just a little bit, our Club, as a whole, does great. So, get turning on some bowls and let's start seeing them trickle in.

The second turning idea to help you keep your cool this summer is a President's Turning Challenge! Woo-hoo!

This challenge is a little oblique in the fact that I challenge all WNT members to turn something "cool" for our next meeting on July 30. That's right ... something cool to take our minds off the summer heat. Your definition of "cool" is up to you, but the lame declaration of "I think it's cool" is not acceptable ... you have to convince the rest of us that it's cool too.

A lot of you picked up some of those rounds that Ken Phillips brought to the May meeting... impress us with something cool made from those. Or those that picked up some of the walnut last month ... wow us with that wood. OK, the challenge is on! Gift Certificates for the overall, grand prize winner is at stake. Be ready to razz and be razzed! If you can't take the heat ... take a seat.

Just reading this newsletter should now have you re-energized. Doldrums, begone with ye! Get out there and do some turning! We'll see you at the next club meeting on July 30.

Good shavings to all,
Dave

Robert Rosand

scheduled to be

WNT Hands-on Demonstrator for April 2010



Professional Woodturner and instructor, Bob Rosand, has agreed to be our “hands-on” Demonstrator/Instructor next Spring, April 17 - 22, 2010.

If you are not familiar with Bob Rosand and his work, you can find information about him on his web site at: <http://www.rrosand.com>.

His video “Turning Projects from Scrap” is a classic and one that I would highly recommend to any turner, beginner or advanced. If you are an AAW member, the DVD or VHS tape sells for \$19.00 on the AAW web site at <http://www.woodturner.org>.

Bob primarily turns small to medium sized objects that can be completed in a relatively short period of time. He is recognized as an excellent teacher and demonstrator. His style of demonstrating and teaching is an easy going, relaxed presentation that puts everyone at ease and promotes confidence in the student. Whether a person is an absolute beginner at woodturning or very advanced, having instruction from Bob Rosand will be a very worthwhile experience that you won't forget. Class sizes are very limited so be prepared to sign up early next spring. Further details will be announced in the coming months.

-- John Horn

“Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the June 2009 drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the July 2009 “Bring Back” drawing. The rules have changed and you can see the “Making Good Shavings” column in the March 2009 newsletter for updated guidelines on the “Bring Back” drawing. Winners of any turned item should bring back a replacement turned item of their own creation to the next meeting and winners of any other item such as tools or wood are encouraged to also bring a turned item that they have created in lieu of a non-turned item. If you have fallen behind in bringing a replacement 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.

Name	Description
Sharon Ayers	Pen
Tom Beatty	Perfume atomizer
Bill Boehme	Bloodwood Bowl
Devore Burch	Brass ferrules
Bill Collins	Bracelet
Glynn Cox	Book
Glynn Cox	Toothpick holder
Fred Denke	Yo-yo kit
John Horn	Hand powered fan
John Lauderbaugh	Ring box
Mike Roberts	Burl Bowl
Mike Roberts	Burl wood turning blank
Bob Stroud	Detail brush
Max Taylor	Pecan Bowl
Max Taylor	Winged Candy Jar



SWAT 2009 October 16 - 19 Wichita Falls



Now is the time to begin making your plans for the Southwest Association of Turners Woodturning Symposium in Wichita Falls, Texas. As in the past, the event will take place at the very nice Multipurpose Events Center and the dates are October 16 through 18.

SWAT is the nation's largest regional woodturning symposium and this year it will feature the following six nationally and internationally recognized woodturners: Stuart Batty, Mike Mahoney, Jimmy Clewes, Jamie Donaldson, Michael Mocho, and Stephen Hatcher. In addition, there will be fourteen regional turners. And as always, the vendor area will be stocked with all of your favorite toys from sandpaper to "big boy" lathes.

SWAT provides an excellent opportunity to expand your woodturning knowledge, get some hands-on woodturning tutoring from knowledgeable volunteers, meet other woodturners from faraway lands (like

Oklahoma or Houston), buy a few necessities. You can even update your wardrobe with some new SWAT logo shirts. On top of this, there are drawings for lots of neat stuff at the great banquet on Saturday night and following lunch on Sunday, a lathe will be given away (a Powermatic 3520 for the past several years).

A part of the symposium that is always worth visiting is the Instant Gallery -- a collection of turnings by attendees as well as the demonstrators. Attendees are encouraged to bring at least one of their favorite turnings. Those who are new to turning are encouraged to bring some of their favorite work to display. You can register online and get further details at <http://www.swaturners.org>.



... from the Editor

Where does time go? Summer is almost gone, if not the weather and Dave's monthly "Shavings" column reminded me that it is time to get busy helping to support our chosen public service activity, the Empty Bowls Project. Have you turned any bowls yet to help support this very worthwhile project by the local Food Bank. Here are some thoughts that may help you get jump started:

- Are you "bowl bound" with too many bowls stacked around your shop and home and not sure what to do with them. Maybe they are too good to feed to the fireplace, but you may feel that they are not "good enough" to do-

nate. Well, get over it -- they are perfect to donate.

- Have you won more "bring-back" bowls than your shelves can handle and you know better than "re-gifting" them. Well, they are perfect, too.
- Besides that, how about turning one of your "famous masterpieces" (at least within the confines of your shop). They would love to have it as an auction piece.

It is their largest fund raising activity for the year and it helps them provide food for thousands of needy families across Tarrant county. I hope that you will consider supporting the Empty Bowls Project.

BRB

Advertisements

Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$9.00 per gallon. It can be purchased at club meetings and at other times is being stored at Jimmie Gill's place, 3425 Meadow Oaks Dr. in Haltom City. Contact James Haynes for payment.

See the [WNT website ads page](#) for the latest information on what other members have for sale.

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 at the R. D. Evans Recreational Center, 3242 Lackland Rd., Forth Worth, Texas. Board meetings are held at **Schlotzsky's Deli**, 6422 Camp Bowie, 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 30 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Delbert Dowdy -- Turning Items from Antlers**

August 4 - WNT Board Meeting

August 27 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Oren Zehner -- Turning Spheres**

September 1 - WNT Board Meeting

September 24 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Mike Jones -- Turning Negative Space**

October 6 - WNT Board Meeting

October 16 - 18 - SWAT Symposium, Wichita Falls, TX

October 29 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Fred Denke -- Three Cornered Vessels**

November 3 - WNT Board Meeting

November 19 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Randy Johnson -- Pen Turning**

December 12 - Holiday Banquet 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center

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