

Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the
American Association of Woodturners

June 2013 Program

Back To The Grind by Chas Thornhill

Next Meeting:

Thursday,
June 27, 2013
Start Time: 6:30 PM

Handley-Meadowbrook Lions
Club
6013 Craig Street
Fort Worth, TX

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I have been turning for a few years now, and though I have tackled the obligatory pens, bowls, and goblets, I left the peppermills and salt grinders to the folks with more experience and talent for machining wood. I imagined the precision required and thought the mills and grinders did not lend themselves to my

freeform, unplanned turning style. After all, I very rarely know how my pieces will turn out and that, it seemed to me, would rule out projects that require such tight tolerances. Little did I know, there were options within the realm of grinders and mills that did not require such a high level of precision. This is due mainly to the one piece form factor, but also because of the smaller size of these



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... making Good Shavings

I received an email a couple of days ago with a link to a web site where you drew a stick figure. Easy enough... then it was animated through several interactive screens where you drew items to help your stick figure evade sharks and fire breathing dragons. The punch line to the story was "be creative every day".

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I am also a member of the Golden Triangle Woodturners club in Denton. At last month's meeting a challenge was issued to six members to make a nut cracker. To keep things equal, each challenger was given a pre-prepared blank of Maple with a threaded hole and a threaded stud. The instructions were to use the provided blank and your own creativity to make the best nut cracker you can. The crackers will be judged at the July GTW meeting.

It only took a little arm twisting to get me to join the fun as I am a sucker for anything that requires a design challenge. I guess being in charge of Customizing Engineering at Bell Helicopter, for more years than I care to mention, warped me that way.

It did not take me long to come up with a design idea. What should a nut cracker look like other than a pecan or peanut? But anyone would think of that, and with my background, and previously mentioned warped perspective, why not make it look like a big mechanical hardware NUT? So I did! Win or lose, I like it, and in the end that is good enough for me.

My challenge to my fellow club members is to "BE CREATIVE EVERY DAY". There is certainly an infinite number of ways to be creative in woodturning. Borrowing from an old cliché, you just have to think off the lathe.

Congratulations to Tommy Schutz and Peter Tkacs, winners of the 2013 SWAT registrations and banquet tickets.

GLYNN COX





kits. One of the kits I will demonstrate is actually turned on a mandrel using bushings like an oversized pen barrel.

Two of the kits I will demo use crank handles to drive the grinding mechanism and I personally think they have a great retro look. But as several of my customers have mentioned, they can also be easier to operate for folks with less strength or hand issues. These kits can be turned with smaller pieces of wood and can take virtually any shape. Part of the attraction these kits hold is the virtually unlimited shapes that are possible. I developed a signature shape I call the “Handfull”

grinder which is larger than a normal grinder but fits even small hands comfortably. I think sometimes people are hesitant to turn traditional grinders and peppermills because they think it needs to have a traditional look. But grinders can take any shape, and the single piece designs can lend themselves to experimentation.

If I am speedy enough, and get through the first two designs with some time to spare,



I will demo a third peppermill. This one is more of a traditional style grinder, but with a slight “twist” (pun intended.) The top of the mill, the piece you turn to grind the pepper, is also a salt shaker complete with a perforated chrome top. This kit is a bit more complex to turn, but well worth the extra effort.

I hope you can be at the WNT meeting on June 27th. I look forward to seeing you and getting “Back to the Grind”.



Last Month's program

We had several turners demonstrate how to turn a bowl. They each had their own lathe and spectators members could watch each one and ask questions.



“Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the previous month's drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the “Bring Back” drawing the following month. 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.



WNT Logo Shirts

WNT treasurer, James Haynes, will be taking orders for WNT shirts at the June 27 meeting. They will be ready for pickup at the July 25 meeting.

If you want to order a shirt and can't be at the June meeting, contact him via email at jhaynescpa@sbcglobal.net, or call at 214-502-9970.





The 2013 SWAT Symposium is only 2 Months away

What is it? - One of the largest woodturning symposiums in the world.

When is it? - **Friday August 23rd** thru Sunday August 25th (only **57** days from the **June** meeting).

Who is it for? - **YOU!!** Woodturners, New or Experienced there is something for everyone!

Where is it? - **Waco Convention Center** 100 Washington Avenue, Waco, Tx.

Where can I find More Information? - **SWAT Home Page** <http://www.swaturners.org/>

One of the largest woodturning symposiums in the world starts on Friday, **August 23rd** and it is being held in your backyard (Waco, Tx.). Last years symposium was the largest to date with over 800 attendees.

You should start planing to attend now.

The **On-Line Registration** is available **now** thru the **SWAT** website at the

SWAT Registration Page http://www.swaturners.org/?page_id=1500

Early registration, which offers a discount on everything, will be available thru **July 25th**.

Host Hotels

Hilton Hotel
113 South University Parks Drive
254-754-8484

Marriott Courtyard
101 Washington Ave
254-752-8686

Mention **SWAT** while making your reservation

If you want to be assure yourself of being within walking distance of the symposium, you should make your Hotel reservations now.

More hotels, as well as campgrounds, are available.

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Highlights of the symposium include:

An **Instant Gallery** in which woodturners display their work

Special Interest Groups will hold evening discussion sessions.

A Saturday evening **banquet** that features a **raffle** of over 30 beautiful turned pieces.

A **2nd raffle** during Sunday lunch that includes a **full size lathe and 3 MIDI lathes**.

Over 40 **Vendors** who will sell equipment and supplies to those attending the symposium at very competitive and usually discounted prices.

Lunches are provided for those who register for the three-day event.

Hands on **Pen turning** and **Tool Sharpening**.

Hands on Turning area to try out new tools, obtain one on one coaching, or just make some shavings.

2013 SWAT Nationally and Internationally known (Lead) Demonstrators

The following is this years lead demonstrators and brief Description of their Demonstrations.

Jimmy Clewes

- (1) Square Oriental Box which is a square version of his original rectangular winged box.
- (2) Platter including Design and Ergonomics also Colored Rimmed Platter.

Ashley Harwood

- (1) Push-Cut Bowl Turning a thin-walled tall shape bowl using the Push-Cut method.
- (2) Turned Rim and Foot Design-The basics of turning a bowl using the Push-Cut method.

Marilyn Campbell

- (1) Making a Band Saw Inlay - How to design and put together an inlaid platter.
- (2) The Simple Inlay - turning a shallow recess into the blank and filling it

Don Derry

- (1) Romancing The Curve
- (2) Reverse Laser Hollow Turning

J. Paul Fennell

- (1) Turning hollow forms with home made tools to create gallery-quality vessels.
- (2) A toolbox of embellishment techniques to spark your creativity.

Dixie Biggs

- (1) Simple Surface Treatments - Enhanceing your work with some simple textures.
- (2) Need Some Relief? - Relief carving techniques using a rotary power carver.

For a more detailed description go to **SWAT LEAD TURNERS** at http://www.swaturners.org/?page_id=89.

2013 SWAT Regional Demonstrators

Jim Adkins - “Native American Baskets Turned on the Lathe” (2 rotations)

Les Casteel - “Speed Techniques for Segmented Turning” (2 rotations)

Clinton “Buddy” Compton - “Square Winged Bowl With a Flair” (2 rotations)

Paul Coppinger - “Art of Finishing” (2 rotations)

Delbert Dowdy - “Segmented Spatulas & Kitchen Utensils” (2 rotations)

Stacey Hager - “The Golden Proportion/Turning Pleasing Shapes” (2 rotations)

Bob Jarrett - “Baby Rattle, Toolmanship, Sharpening” (1 rotation)

Roger Jones - “Lidded Box Toothpick Holder” (2 rotations)

2013 Regional Demonstrators(Cont)

Jim Keller - “Visualizing Form Within the Log” (2 rotations)

Janice Levi - “Pyrography 101” (1 rotation)

John Lucas - “Hand Mirror” (2 rotations)

Marion McDaniel - “Long Stemmed Natured Edge Flower” (1 rotation)

Derek Powers - “Tree Identification” (2 rotations)

Bill Rubenstein - “Vacuum Chucking” (1 rotation)

Curtis Seebeck - “Stabilizing and Dyeing Wood Using Vacuum” (2 rotations)

John Solberg - “Turning an Off Center Duck” (2 rotations)

Alan Trout - “Applying CA Finishes to Closed Vessels, Bowls” (2 rotations)

For a more detailed description go to **SWAT REGIONAL TURNERS** at http://www.swaturners.org/?page_id=93.



Beads of Courage

Beads of Courage is a nationwide-wide program to provide motivation and encouragement to youngsters by recognizing significant milestones in children's progress through the treatments necessary in their fights against illnesses like cancer, heart disease, burns, etc. You can view the full Beads of Courage story at Beads of Courage home page at <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/>

Beads of Courage started at SWAT in 2010 as the inspiration of the good folks at Wood World, and owner Craig Fyock in particular. This is a project done almost entirely by the **SWAT** Vendors with attendees contributing boxes for a contest. After **SWAT**, the boxes are donated to **Beads of Courage** to be distributed to the kids. The Vendors solicit for the prize fund and do the judging of the entries. For details go to the **SWAT** website at <http://www.swaturners.org> under Symposium Information/Beads of Courage.

The response from the turners presenting boxes was outstanding in 2012 with 109 pieces being donated. Perhaps most significant is that we believe this was the single largest contribution of boxes in the history of the Beads of Courage program!

Activities for Spouses

This year the ladies will have 3 rooms. Having two classrooms will allow each class to be offered two times, if there is enough interest. The following is a list of the classes being offered for the Ladies this year.

Diane Bertrand - Poetry Making: Writing About Home (Max. 10 per class)
Joan Parker - Shuttle Tatting (Max. 6 per class)
Betty Hager - Calligraphy (Max. 15 per class)
Jan Trim and Karen Faulkner - Card Making (Max. 12 per class)
Suzanne Tucker - Crocheted Ribbon Necklaces (Max. 8 per class)
Diane Bertrand, Trudy Edwards and Betty Waldron - Book Club

A more detailed class description, a class schedule and sign-up information is on the SWAT website at **SWAT Ladies Activities** at http://www.swaturners.org/?page_id=1203.

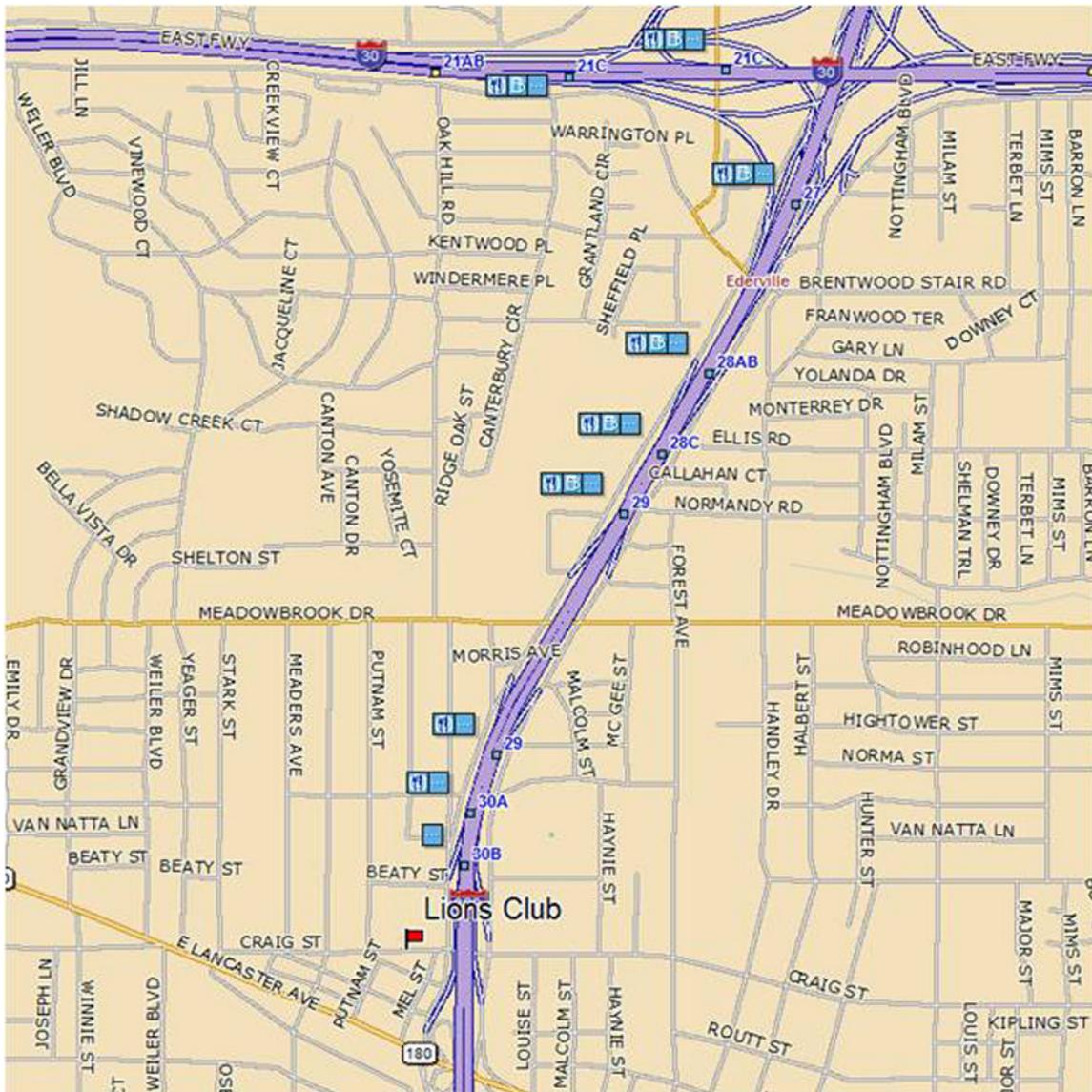
If you have not received an email from Regina previously, please send an email to regina.dale@verizon.net and she will add you to the list.

In addition to the classes, there are other activities planned for the Gathering and Gallery Room; including a recipe swap lead by Trudy Edwards and coffee time chats.

There will **not** be a bus tour this year as there was very little interest last year.

More to follow in upcoming newsletters





***Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club
6013 Craig Street, Fort Worth 76112
Exit 30A off of Loop 820***

Driving Directions:

Heading south from I30 on I-820 E. - Take EXIT 30A toward Craig St. Take the 1st right onto Craig St. Lions Club is on the right.

Heading North from I20 on I-820 E. - Take EXIT 30A toward TX-180/Lancaster Ave. Follow signs to Craig St. Turn left onto Craig St. Lions Club is on the right.

Advertisements

Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$12.00 per gallon. It can be purchased at club meetings. Contact James Haynes for payment.

See the [WNT web site 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, John Chandler (email vannchan@att.net) by the 10th of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor by the 10th of the month.

Wood World offers a 10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members.

<http://www.woodworldtx.com/>



Rockler also offers a 10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members. Show your membership card in order to get the discount.

Woodcraft offers a 10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members. Show your membership card in order to get the discount.



Calendar

NOTE: The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at the Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club, 6013 Craig Street, Fort Worth, TX. Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at **Niki's Italian Bistro**, 5237 Davis Blvd. (FM1938) in North Richland Hills. 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 6:30 PM.

June 27 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club,
Demonstrator: **Chas Thornhill - Back to the Grind**

July 2 - WNT Board Meeting

July 25 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club,
Demonstrator: **To be announced.**

August 6 - WNT Board Meeting

August 29 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club,
Demonstrator: **To be announced.**

September 3 - WNT Board Meeting

September 26 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club,
Demonstrator: **Paul Tiefel - Goblets.**

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