

Woodturners of North Texas



**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 28th, 2020
Meeting Start: 6:30 PM**

**Virtual meeting on the Internet ONLY.
Watch your email for an invitation to attend this
meeting.**

Variations on a Vase by Rebecca DeGroot



In this demonstration, I will cover the basics of vase design, proportions, and different ways we can push the limits of the typical vase with which we are familiar. If you know my work, you know that I don't generally like to keep things simple. Using turning and carving, I will show a variety of examples of how far you can push one simple design into many different directions. I will be turning a vase, but by leaving excess material in strategic locations, I give myself the opportunity to carve this excess into new forms able to accept added sculptural components.

Artist Biography

Rebecca started woodturning with her father at a very young age. Dad's rule was simple, if she could stand on the bucket and reach the lathe, he would teach her how to turn. That is exactly what he did, and at five years old Rebecca spent her evenings in the shop turning honey dippers with her father. Once she began school her efforts and energies were dedicated to her studies and woodworking took a back seat. Although she knew from a young age that art was her passion, it was during middle school that she realized that this fascination and enthusiasm could be pursued as a career in teaching.

After graduating high school Rebecca decided to go to college to turn her dream of teaching into a reality. While attending Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Rebecca found herself back in the school's basement woodshop. Fifteen years had passed since she had spent any significant time in a woodshop, and she took back to it like reuniting with an old friend.



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Since graduating in 2014 with two bachelor's degrees in Art Education and Sculpture and Functional Art, Rebecca has spent past five years juggling her full-time career as an art educator and her passion for woodworking. The balance of real life and any anyone's true passion is always difficult and while Rebecca's career in education is time consuming, she always finds time to make her way to the lathe. After a difficult day in the classroom she can't think of a better way to relax and let off some steam.

Rebecca finds her inspiration in various living things and objects that she interacts with regularly. Simple things like insects or even coffee cups can send her scrambling for her notepad to transform her imagination into possible projects. She's never far from sketching strange creatures or making lists of ideas she is longing to try. Her days of teaching Art 1, Sculpture, Ceramics, Jewelry, and AP 3D Studio Art are fulfilling and the passion she shares with her students is the same fuel that keeps her in her shop late into the evenings letting her imagination run wild.



Calendar of Events

May 28th - Remote Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Demonstrator: Rebecca DeGroot

Subject: Variations on a Vase

Rebecca DeGroot will be doing a demo exploring turning vases. Rebecca will be talking about shape and different methods of accenting the vase with carving.

June 25th - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: TBA (may be remote)

Demonstrator: Todd Raines

Subject: Piston Boxes

Todd Raines will be presenting his demo showing how to turn Piston Boxes This is a really good demo that will have you out in the shop making Piston Boxes for your own use.

July 30th - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: TBA (may be remote)

Demonstrator: TBA

Subject: TBA



... making Good Shavings

President's Pen for 22 May 2020

When I moved onto this property in 1977, there was a large Texas red oak near the front part and, to live peacefully with mother nature, I positioned my home just out of the drip line. Every year I reveled to see it green up. Not this year. It did not green up this year at all. It has some real gnarly growth that will probably make some beautiful bowls. Given a choice, I would opt to have the tree back. This year I don't have a choice.

One thing nice about a tree is that it can live on as the wood it produces is turned into something special. Stay tuned.

I recently expanded my vacuum system to include dust and chip collection for the lathe. I pretty well knew how much debris I created by turning but am surprised how quickly I fill the vacuum bag. My system is a single stage vacuum (so every thing goes through or by the impellers). I recently turned a jar with a finial fitted on the lid. During the roughing stages, the small piece flew off the lathe and you guessed it, right into the vacuum collection. What a racket it made as it came in contact with the impellers. The good news; after removing the side shroud on the impeller, the impeller was not visibly damaged. Prior to the vacuum system, my primary dust collection system was a mask and a heavy duty exhaust fan. With the exhaust fan running as well as the vacuum, I am surprised how much dust is sucked up.

It was a lot of work retrofitting the shop with a vacuum system but well worth the effort. Now every major tool is connected. I can't throw

away the broom just yet, but the hand clean up has been greatly reduced.

With this extra time on your hands being home bound, try something new and different. If you need inspiration check out Facebook or YouTube. Lots of beautiful pieces and some by our own members. See something you want to try, contact the author, and I bet you can get some good guidance how to as well as what to avoid.

Keep turning and be safe

**Bill Collins
President**



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Who's up for a Challenge?

March, April and May Challenges

Yes, we have had to cancel the March general meeting and the April meeting will be virtual but I hope you have continued to get in the shop and turn.

To make up for the challenge part of our meeting, Ken Cardin has agreed to bunch the three months (March, April and May) into one drawing at our next in-person meeting.

Please turn your challenge pieces, take a picture, and send the picture with a SHORT description to Ken at kg5jh1@tx.rr.com by 31 May (note the new due date).

As a reminder:

March challenge was anything with a mirror finish.

April challenge was to turn something then use a saw to augment or modify the piece.

May challenge is to turn a spatula. Check YouTube for lots of examples and ideas, like this one:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3aYC-AGR2c>

Critique

Each month we have a table set aside to display items that our members bring in for constructive criticism. We encourage all members, especially those who are new to turning, to submit their work for critique. The objective is to provide constructive encouragement to help members develop their skills.

EMPTY BOWLS

I received an email from the Executive Vice President Development of Tarrant Area Food Bank which said:

When we cancelled Empty Bowls we did not fully imagine the length and severity of the ensuing health and economic crisis. Know that, thanks to your efforts over the years, we were in a position to quickly adapt and have now increased our weekly food distribution from 600,000 to one million meals.

Fundraising in this time has changed, too. Due to the pandemic, we have determined that we will hold no events for the remainder of the year and, in all likelihood, well into 2021.

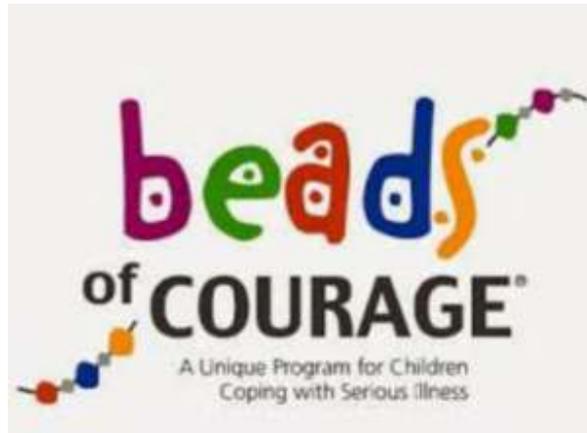
Beyond this year, I cannot predict the future. I do know Empty Bowls will proceed in some form, but perhaps not a mass gathering of 2,000 people with lots of touch points. I am open to any suggestions you all have. For now, rest assured that our bowl inventory and auction items are secured for use at a later date.

Thank you for all of your bowls and other donated items in the past. Hopefully we can continue this tradition in some form to support the Tarrant Area Food Bank. We'll have wait and see what form that takes.

See ya on ZOOM.

Ron Traylor
randkbiz@msn.com.

Empty Bowls 2019/2020												
Turner's Name	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total
David Baulch						1	4	2		5	3	15
Mike Barton					8	1	2				3	14
Ron Traylor			2		2		1	1		5	2	13
Jim Barkelew					3	2	2	2		3		12
Bill Holt					2					10		12
Keith Adams			6							5		11
Bruce Imsande					2	4		1	1		2	10
Danny Woods										8		8
Glynn Cox				3			1		1	2		7
RSG									3	3	1	7
Mark Nelon							1		3		3	7
Dick Koch										5		5
John Strange											4	4
Scott Wisdom					2			2				4
Sandy Jarrell								4				4
Bill Collins										4		4
Tom Newman									2	2		4
MKE							1			3		4
Anonymous							1			3		4
Jimmy Fife							2				2	4
M. Moad									1	1	2	4
Joe Rypl					3							3
Tom Echols							1			2		3
Brian Begina										3		3
Blake Hickman										3		3
Dave Wilson											3	3
Jerry Newton											3	3
Ken Diehl										2		2
Don York										2		2
RJ										2		2



Beads of Courage Program

This program is designed to support, strengthen and encourage children and families coping with serious illness. The program lets the children tell their story using colorful beads as meaningful symbols that commemorates milestones they have achieved along their treatment path. The average child gets 500 beads. The Woodturners of North Texas is taking on the challenge again this year.

Requirements

The lidded box/bowl interior diameter should be 6" (5" minimum diameter, 6" depth, 4" minimum). The lid should have a finial/knob that is easy for a child to grasp and not too elaborate. The 'Beads of Courage' logo bead to be placed inside or outside will be available at the meeting or can be mailed to you upon request. The "Beads of Courage" inscription can also be engraved or burned in the lid and can be placed inside or outside of the lid (no political or religious undertones are accepted). Customarily your box or bowl will be taken to SWAT and displayed along with the others from the club. Your thanks is knowing a very ill child is getting something that will help them through difficult times.

Please visit the Beads of Courage website at [http://www.beadsofcourage.org/resources/images/2018 AAW handout-guidelines.pdf](http://www.beadsofcourage.org/resources/images/2018_AAW_handout_guidelines.pdf) for finish suggestions and other details on ways to also contribute. The workmanship and finish should be in keeping with WNTx standards.

Mentors

Name	City	Phone	Skills													
			General turning	Bowls	Pens	Segmented	Tool Making	Decoration & Inlay	Sharpening	Fundamentals	Natural Edge	Multi-axis	Hollow Forms			
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Cox, Glynn	Keller	817-337-0210 (h)	•				•			•					•	
Denke, Fred	Fort Worth	817-292-3479 (h)		•				•								
Horn, John	North	817-485-7397 (h)		•						•	•					
	Richland Hills	817-944-3993 (c)														
Jarrell, Sandy	Fort Worth	817-732-2916 (h)	•	•				•	•	•	•					
Lauderbaugh, John	North	817-485-5469 (h)	•							•						
	Richland Hills															
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