

# Woodturners of North Texas



35 years



Next Meeting: Thursday, April 25th, 2024  
Meeting Start: 6:30 PM. Come early to socialize.

**IN-PERSON MEETING!!!**

**Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

**6013 Craig Street Fort Worth, Texas 76112**

**or Virtual meeting on the Internet.**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Nick Agar

**Viking Bowl**



Nick Agar is a world-renowned, award-winning, sculptural woodworking artist. He has a well-earned reputation for producing highly individual, beautifully crafted works of art.

Nick has been working in his medium for more than 30 years. In addition to regularly exhibiting and appearing as a judge at international conferences, he is in constant demand from collectors who want to commission his work around the world.

Nick's work is influenced by organic forms, pottery, sea life, ancient cultures, and the natural surroundings. He specializes in hollow forms, large diameters, and surface enhancement. Nick is renowned for his Viking Sunset Bowl, a multi-textured work that combines woodworking and professional artistry.

Nick authored the book Woodturning Evolution along with David Springett, which demonstrates a new method for shaping narrow strips of wood to create curvy, graceful, asymmetrical vessels.

Nick and David share their innovative methods and stunning designs in 14 unique projects, along with instructions on tooling, materials, and techniques.

He is an elected member of the Devon Guild of Craftsmen, as well as a Registered Professional Turner. He is a member of the Worshipful Company of Turners and was recently awarded the Freedom of the City of London for his services to the world of woodturning.

Nick is a patron of the Max Carey Woodturning Trust, the only woodturning trust in the United Kingdom. He is also a member of both the Association of Woodturners of Great Britain (AWGB) and American Association of Woodturners (AAW), as well as numerous other woodturning clubs both at home and overseas. Nick is also a popular teacher and demonstrator on the Woodturning Cruise.

Nick recently opened a new teaching studio near Savannah, Georgia in the United States.

**Any club member can get a 10% discount from Chroma Craft on Nick Agar Signature products using code Nick10 through end of April.**



Please note our web site is continuing to be refined. Take a look:

[URL: https://wntx.org/](https://wntx.org/)

To get help with your woodturning project, please go to our **Mentor** page at:

<https://wntx.org>

**Click Mentor tab for details**

Also check out our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/wntx.org>

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# Calendar of Events

April 25th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

Demonstrator: Nick Agar

Subject: Viking Bowl

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86406929325?pwd=blpwZlBsNzU0RzBCQnkzbnhiTmhFQT09>

May 7th Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Remote - Zoom meeting**

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83748506862?pwd=N3RtVUVzSjk3UGVGczRJVpTL1ZqQT09>

May 30th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

Demonstrator: TBD

Subject:

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86406929325?pwd=blpwZlBsNzU0RzBCQnkzbnhiTmhFQT09>

# President's Notes for April, 2024

Greetings,

This week we are in for a busy week in the wood turning community. Monday thru Friday we have the Nick Agar classes, with Nick doing our demonstration at the meeting on Thursday evening, make plans to be there. When I saw him at SWAT two years ago, I thought we need to have him come to our club and now he is here so do not miss the opportunity to see Nick, he will captivate you.

Ron Traylor and team will be attending the Empty Bowls event for the Tarrant Area Food Bank on Friday turning tops for the attendees during the luncheon.

I am seeing quite a few ads for FREE wood on FaceBook Marketplace around the Metroplex, don't forget to pick up some Anchor Seal at the meeting, so when you come across this free wood you are prepared to preserve it to turn that special unique piece.

See you at the meeting,

Blake



# CHALLENGE FOR APRIL MEETING

This month the challenge is to turn a small plate. Todd Raines demonstrated his process for creating plates at the March 28th meeting (link to the video is here - [Todd Raines March Club Demo](#) - Note: the video is only available to club members, so please log in on the "members only" page).

There are no specific dimension requirements for this challenge. However, what makes this challenge even more challenging is embellishment. Embellish your creation as much as you wish, but remember more is definitely better. Different woods, colors, designs, coves, beads, etc. Your mind is the only limit to your finished product.

Have fun folks!

Bob Nelson

# March Challenge - Pagoda Bowls



Mike Stephens



Jeff Allen



Jeff Allen



Jim Barkelew



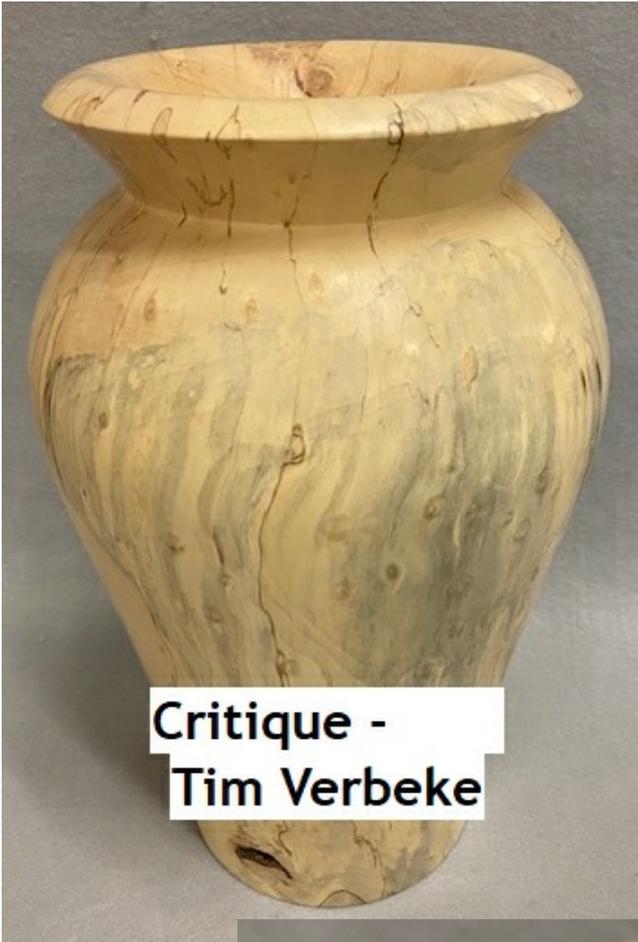
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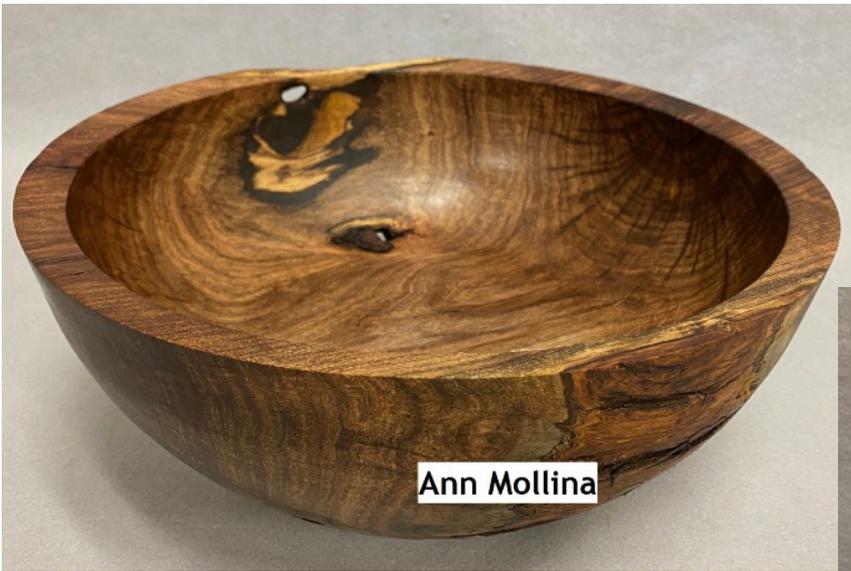
## Critique and Other Items



Critique -  
Tim Verbeke



Critique - Ricky Salinas



Ann Mollina



Paul Tiefel



Jim Combs



**Paul Tiefel**

To all Members,

## Open Shop- Home

This is a free once-a-quarter opportunity to get together at a member's personal shop to see their shop, exchange stories, possibly observe some skills or techniques and perhaps learn about a new toy (um Tool) or possibly receive some instruction from a club member. This does not replace the existing quarterly open shop events held at the lion's club, before one of our regular meetings.

**Last quarter we met at 10:00AM on February 3, 2024,  
at: Greg and Kathy Stehle's Shop  
360 Chandler Drive, Aledo, TX 76008**

**My thanks to Ann Mellina for posting the pictures from this event. They are available on the WNTX Facebook page:  
[https://www.facebook.com/wntx.org/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/wntx.org/?ref=page_internal)**

My thanks to Greg and Kathy for sponsoring the event. The Stehle's provided donuts, coffee, and other refreshments. Others brought cookies and homemade treats. 15 members, some new and some long-time members were in attendance.

Their shop is exceptional with many machines and dedicated space for some equipment.

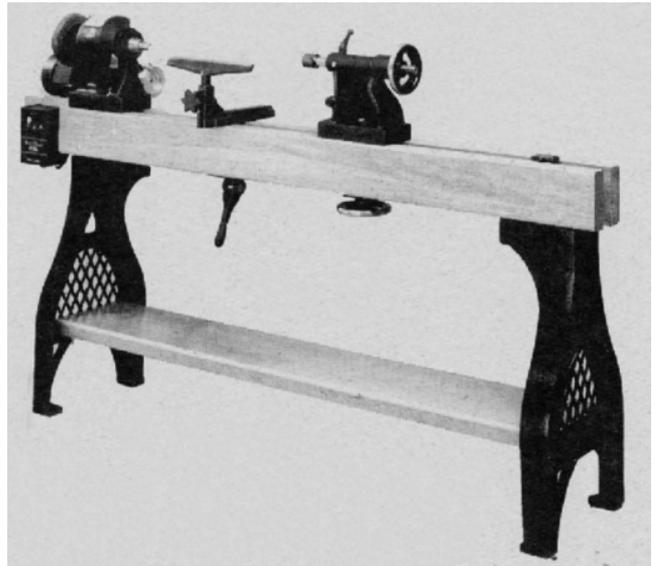
Greg demonstrated some ornamental turning on the rose engine lathe. Greg and Kathy, both showed us several items of interest like a precision band saw cutting Jig, PVC sanding disk holders, and a nifty flexible dust collection arm for small area dust collection. I was also impressed with the ceiling mounted infrared heaters. Some free turning wood was also available.

Continued,,

## Open Shop- Home

This quarter we will meet at 10:00 AM on April 27, 2024, at:  
The shop of Paul Novelli  
Spouse: Amy  
5611 Equestrian Court  
Granbury, TX 76049

Paul has a Conover Lathe  
Description:  
<http://www.lathes.co.uk/conover/>



**Paul is in Granbury but I'm sure the trip will be worth the effort.**

Be sure to bring some great stories about your woodturning adventures and possibly your favorite beverage or snack items to share as well. This is an informal meeting with no specific agenda other than a great time to meet with other club members.

**After Paul's shop the remaining 2024 Open Shop Homes will be at the shops of:**

- 1. July 27, 2024 - Glen Cox**
- 2. November 2, 2024 - Bob Nelson**

Be sure to bring some great stories about your woodturning adventures and possibly your favorite beverage or snack items to share as well. This is an informal meeting with no specific agenda other than a great time to meet with other club members.

Thank you,  
Keith Adams  
BOD - Member at large  
Woodturners of North Texas

# EMPTY BOWLS

The Empty Bowls Event is a two-hour, lunch time fund raising event held once a year by the Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB). All tickets include food tastings from local restaurants and your selection of a handcrafted bowl. They have wood, glass, and ceramic bowls. Tickets for the event are \$100 or \$150 for early admittance. If you get in early, you get first pick for your bowl. The Event this year is April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our total donations were 143 bowls for this cycle. We didn't quite make it to last year's total of 152.

The WNT Board has agreed that Empty Bowls is a very worthy activity and should be supported by the Club. Our Club contributes almost all of the wood bowls and provides a top turning demonstration at the event.

I will be collecting bowl donations at our monthly meetings. **Please only contribute quality bowls.** The people attending the EB Event are paying a healthy sum and we should not insult them with a poor-quality bowl.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know at [randkbiz@msn.com](mailto:randkbiz@msn.com).

Thanks,  
Ron Traylor



Empty Bowls 2023/2024				
<u>Turner's Name</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bill Holt	9		11	32
Paul Tiefel		9		19
David Baulch	16			16
Bob Grinstead	7	8		15
Jim Barkeley		6	4	13
Ron Traylor		5	2	11
Dewey Johnson	1			7
Danny Woods	4			4
Bill Collins				2
Glynn Cox	1			2
Blake Hickerson	2			2
Tom Echols	2			2
Bob Wiggins	2			2
Greg Stehle	2			2
Ann Mellina	2			2
Gordon Kayser		2		2
Stephen Hill		2		2
Dave Wilson			1	2
Sandy Jarrell				1
Allen Crowley	1			1
Brad Pierson			1	1
Steve Mills	1			1
Jim Combs		1		1
Travis Clayton		1		1
Monthly Total	50	34	19	
Grand Total				143

Librarian Notes  
(librarian@WNTX.org)

The club DVD library is being reviewed for more details to determine if posting on-line is appropriate and legal. The videos that may help new turners are being flagged. The general topic, date, and venue (WNTX, SWAT, Studio, AAW,...) are listed as well as if the demonstrator is a professional. This review should be complete this month.

*The WNTX on-line library is currently offline to address a security issue and future usefulness for the club.* The explosive growth of video content online and the hard work of previous club librarians necessitates some re-working of our website content.

There are many excellent curated resources on the [AAW website](#). This is a major benefit of becoming a member of AAW.

*Important note: Be aware that some turning videos found on random web searches may contain unsafe and potentially dangerous methods. Safety education is a vital part of turning.*

librarian@WNTX.org

# Affiliate Membership **FREE** Worldwide

The **free** Affiliate membership offers access to the complete collection of AAW online resources, including the *American Woodturner* journal, for a **full three-months**.

Free: Affiliate Membership

## Membership features:

- Online access to *American Woodturner* and Woodturning **FUND**amentals, both current and archived, as well as other online publications.
- Online access to learning portals including Woodturning Fundamentals and Demonstrator Direct (develop a demonstration).
- Online access AAW produced videos and video series.
- Find online projects, articles, and tips using AAW Explore! and a few keywords.
- Locate a wide selection of curated online woodturning videos that have been pre-screened for quality content and safety using Video Source and a few keywords.
- Members-only or discounted access to AAW hosted online and live events, including AAW symposia.
- AAW email newsletters: AAW Tool Box (weekly), Keep Turning with AAW (bimonthly).
- Member galleries for inspiration and ideas: Maker Photo Gallery, AAW Forum Gallery, and more.
- Directories: Members, Chapters, Demonstrators, Schools, Educators, and more.
- Discounts in AAW online store.

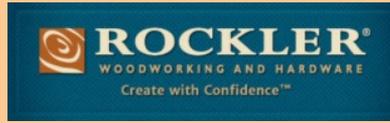
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The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30PM via Zoom.

Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM on Zoom. All WNT members are invited to attend.

If you would like to attend the Board meeting, email your request to Blake Hickerson [president@wntx.org](mailto:president@wntx.org)

## Anchorseal

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$15.00 per gallon. It is available at the club meetings.

**Rules for advertisements:** Free ads are available only to WNT members. The deadline for submission or cancellation of an ad is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to be placed in that month's newsletter. Ads will only run for one issue unless notified (email [wntnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wntnewsletter@gmail.com)) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor (have you spotted the trend yet?) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.