

Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE
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Twentieth Anniversary Year

March 2008 Program:

"Turning and Decorating a Platter"

Next Meeting:

**Thursday,
March 27, 2008
Start Time: 6:30 PM**

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

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Our demonstrator for the March meeting will be the "world famous" Al Stirt from Enosburg Falls, Vermont.

He has given woodturning demonstrations all over the US as well as in Canada, England, Ireland, and New Zealand. He has taught hands-on classes at Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Appalachian Center for Crafts, Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts, Brookfield Craft

Woodworking, Ernie Conover Workshops and many other places. The weekend after our

meeting, March 28th-31st, he will be teaching hands-on classes at Gene Colley's Canyon Studios in Copper Canyon near Lewisville.



photo: Dave Brown



Center, Marc Adams School of



I consider myself a "bowl maker" more than a wood turner because, although the turning process fascinates me, it is the resulting bowl that commands

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... making Good Shavings

President's message
by Stormy Boudreaux

President's Challenges:

At the last meeting in February, Larry Roberts passed out some well seasoned spalted maple along with a challenge to create a turning. Besides the challenge to the turners to return with demonstrations at the March meeting of their innovation and turning skills from that well-cured stock, I would like to extend another challenge for the very worthy Food Bank 2009 Empty Bowls Project. Having nearly a year should give everyone time to work on utilitarian bowls, as well as, those unique and unusual gallery quality bowls. The minimum "overhead" of this charity enhances the amount of good work that your bowl turning efforts will bring to the hungry.

The challenge is for each member to turn a utilitarian bowl a month and at least one gallery-level bowl for the event. The turner with the most number of bowls turned by 1 December will receive two-dozen raffle tickets at the annual WNT Winter event.

The club members will vote on the "best" of the gallery quality bowls in a number of categories, such as: segmented, natural-edged, most unusual or unique, and other categories to be determined at the April WNT Board of Directors meeting. The vote will occur at the January 2009 meeting.

The bowls that win in these categories will receive ribbons that will accompany the bowls to the Empty Bowl event. The turners of these bowls will receive a "suitable for framing" picture of the award-winning bowl and a certificate of accomplishment. Remember to ALWAYS sign your work.

Keep your tools sharp, use your safety equipment then get busy and ...make good shavings!

Stormy



Turning & Decorating a Platter - (continued from page 1)

my interest. From the earliest times bowls have had meanings for people beyond the purely utilitarian. The bowl as vessel has a resonance deep within the human psyche. I have always thought of each piece that I make as a composition utilizing elements of pattern, line, weight, texture and form. Even in the most simple pieces I try to find a harmony of grain and shape. I seek a balance in my work between the



dynamic and the serene. By playing with the tension created by combining the circle's perfection with the energy of pattern I am trying to make pieces that have life. I use patterns, whether created by grain structure or organic fluting and carving or repeated geometric shapes, to develop harmony in each of my pieces. I find myself always looking for a new means of expression within the turned form. --- Al Stirt

For the March demonstration, Al Stirt will make one of his sgraffito (Italian for "scratched") platters, where he will turn a platter with a wide rim. He will paint the rim and draw and carve a pattern through the paint into the wood. The demo will incorporate turned beads and coves (which require no sanding) as well as turning, painting and carving.



Andi Wolfe: WNT Featured Instructor for 2008

The Woodturners of North Texas featured instructor for 2008 will be Andi Wolfe on June 6, 7 and 9-11. Andi is a master of surface decoration, carving and coloring of woodturnings. She uses woodburning, rotary carving, and various means of coloring to enhance her already exquisite turn-



ings. Andi's web site may be found at:

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



There will be an all-day demonstration on Saturday, June 7 from 9 AM until 3 PM and the cost will be \$10 and includes spouses who wish to attend. Two one-day hands-on classes of six students each will be offered on Friday, June 6 and Monday, June 9.

In addition a two-day class of six students will be offered Tuesday and Wednesday, June 10 - 11. The

cost for the single-day classes is \$125 and the cost of the two-day class is \$250, payable at the time of registration.



Registration for classes will be offered exclusively to WNT members through the March 27 club meeting and if there are any remaining vacancies, registration will be opened to non-WNT club members. There are still a few vacancies open for the classes.





“Woods of Mission Timber”

by

Michael G. Hollander

Bob Pugh is a retired Delta Airlines pilot and is now involved in a labor of love along with his wife. He provides custom sawmill services, kiln services and, of course, lumber. They usually have long leaf pine, black walnut, cypress, cherry, pecky cypress, mesquite, pecan and eastern red cedar available. Lumber is available any way you want it.

Bob claims to be the largest mesquite dealer in Texas. When I visited in December 2007, he had a huge pile of mesquite tree trunks awaiting processing.

In addition to lumber, Woods of Mission Timber also offers lumber products such as flooring, v-groove, bead board and center-match. When you visit, make sure to ask Bob for a quick tour of his office spaces. He has floored and paneled the office, bathroom, hallway and kitchen and they provide an excellent example of his products in use.

Woods of Mission Timber also has an excellent showroom containing work from local craft people like small wooden boxes, Sam Maloof style rockers, furniture, jewelry and turnings. Bob is the sole trusted outlet for many serious works by Native American artists. There's a story behind most of the art that is displayed, so budget time to be informed about the background of these beautiful items.

Finally, Woods of Mission Timber produces fireplace mantles. These were of particular interest to me be-

cause I was after 3” by 3” by 6” blanks to turn Richard Raffin style boxes. The off-cut ends of fireplace mantels were perfect for me because they were several inches thick and at least 8 inches wide with the grain running in the right direction for end-grain boxes. I picked up a huge hunk of black walnut and several pieces of mesquite for a very reasonable price.

If you plan your visit to Sanger properly, you can enjoy excellent fried chicken, country vegetables, grandma's biscuits and to-die-for desserts at Babe's downtown, just off of the square. Check their web site, <http://www.babescatering.com> to make sure, I think that they're open only in the evening during the week, but also open for lunch on Saturday.

My wife and I didn't plan our trip with Babe's in mind, so we had some outstanding barbeque at Smokey's at Exit 477, 940-458-4227. If you eat there, be sure to try some of their signature potatoes – kind of like a warm German potato salad with cheese. The waitperson told us that they use a special proprietary process to remove almost all of the calories from these potatoes. I think that the process was broken the day that we ate there. Maybe you will be luckier.

Woods of Mission Timber, LTD is located in Sanger, Texas, about 10 miles north of Denton, Texas, just one mile west of IH-35. The address is 4203 FM 455 West, Sanger, TX 76266, 940-458-4750, <http://www.woodsofmissiontimber.com>. They are open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Saturday, closed on Sunday.

Directions: Take Exit 478, FM 455 from IH-35 and go west approximately 1 mile. Woods of Mission Timber is several white metal buildings on the left.

If you know of a local sawmill that you would like me to visit and review, let me know at mike.hollander@mindspring.com or give me a call at 817-488-5793.

Next time, Texas Kiln Products in Smithville, Texas.



February 2008 Program Photographs

Joel Crabbe “Making Jewelry on the Lathe”

Joel Crabbe said that he has not been making wooden jewelry on his lathe for long, but his demonstration at the February meeting proved that he has learned the craft very well.

Joel Crabbe's demonstration was both very entertaining and informative as he shared his methods and special "tricks of the trade".

In addition, Joel provided information on sources for obtaining the various materials that are necessary for jewelry making. He also gave information on where to get ideas for the latest trends in jewelry (usually Wal-mart). He showed the various tools that he made that facilitate turning the various pieces.

He referred to the process as using the lathe as creating the bones while using his creativity and imagination to flesh out the wearable art. His guideline for turning jewelry on the lathe is simple ... there is only one rule in the creation of jewelry: THERE ARE NO RULES.





Empty Bowls 2008

Dewayne Hines, our Empty Bowls coordinator for the Woodturners of North Texas participation in the event that was held on February 22, 2008 in the Round Up Inn at the Will Rogers Memorial Center received a "Thank You" report on the outcome of the event. The text of the letter follows.

WOW! We broke all records AGAIN! Thank you for Filling our Empty Bowls! The 1,400 participants at our annual event donated enough funds (\$117,000) to provide more than 585,000 meals to people in need.

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Thank you to our chefs, restaurants and caterers for the delicious lunch:

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East Campus Culinary School, Tom Thumb Signature Soups, Ultimate Cuisine.

Bowls of thanks to all the area potters, woodturners, and artists who donated their time and talents to hunger relief, producing over 1,600 magnificent bowls for this event! The silent auction broke all records by raising \$8,600! Our guests enjoyed watching demonstrations of hand-thrown pottery by Ken Orr and Woodturning by Gary Zumwalt. The music by Randy Wills was an added bonus. More thanks to the 160+ volunteers, who helped plan, produce & present Empty Bowls.

Special thanks to:

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 Alyxis Stinson (Artists)

Tarrant Area Food Bank works to eliminate hunger in Fort Worth, Texas and 13 surrounding counties by providing food, education and other resources to partner agencies and their communities.



“Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the February 2008 drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the March 2008 “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 March meeting.

NAME	TURNED ITEM
David Heywood	Gryfon bowl
Bill Collins	Gill bowl
Bob Stroud	Belt buckle
Dave Marshall	Pendant
Fred Denke	Cocobolo pen
John Horn	Pecan goblet
Helena Turlin	Bottle stopper
NAME	NON-TURNED ITEM
Jim Humphrey	Gabon Ebony wood
Stormy Boudreaux	Gorilla Glue
Larry Sweeney	Pen kits
Jim Humphrey	Box Elder block
Ned Baker	Pecan block



... from the Editor

Congratulations to WNT club member Matt Rabe who received an AAW Education Opportunity Grant for \$800.00.

If you were at the WNT Club Picnic last year then you know that it was very popular and very well attended. There was also lots of great food and desserts. Larry and Pat Roberts have consented to lend their home to host a club picnic again this year. Although plans have not been finalized, the dates being considered for the picnic are May 10 and May 17, 2008. Stay tuned for final plans.

Plans are in the works to have a Mentor Day in April. Final details are still being worked out.

The 2009 AAW symposium will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the site of the annual world famous balloon festival. The club is beginning to develop plans for a collaborative project that incorporates hot air balloons. Now is the time for you to begin thinking about ideas for this project.

ONLINE NEWSLETTER

Did you know that this newsletter is available online on the WNT web site? When the newsletter has been uploaded to the WNT web site, an e-mail message is sent to all WNT members that the newsletter is available for viewing and printing on your computer. Occasionally, the newsletter is sent by e-mail directly to members if there will be a delay in uploading the newsletter to the web site. All that you need is a computer and printer along with an Internet connection and the free software, Adobe Reader installed on your computer. The advantages of getting the newsletter online are speed and being able to view the pictures in full color and then printing the newsletter on your printer.

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Woodworking Tools

Porter-Cable biscuit joiner model #555 with metal carrying case - \$75.
Freud stacked dado set in box - \$50.
Contact Max Taylor at 817-429-3954 or e-mail at milmax@sbcglobal.net

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 adds 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.

March 27 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Al Stirt (Turning and Decorating a Platter)**

April 1 - WNT Board Meeting

April 24 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Fred Denke presents "Making Laced Bowls"**

May 6 - WNT Board Meeting

May 29 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Pete Tkacs and John Solberg present "Building and Using a Vacuum Chuck System"**

June 3 - WNT Board Meeting

June 26 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Johnny Tolly presents "M&M Dispenser"**

July 1 - WNT Board Meeting

July 31 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Delbert Dowdy presents "Handcrafted Kitchen Utensils"**

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