

# Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

## Twentieth Anniversary Year

October 2008 Program:

### "Turning Christmas Ornaments"

#### Next Meeting:

**Thursday,  
October 30, 2008  
Start Time: 6:30 PM**

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

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For our October program, Brian Evans, a member of the Dallas Area Woodturners will present a demonstration on turning Christmas ornaments with hollow bodies and finials. They are great for developing your turning skills with the challenge of thin finials and blind hollowing. You can use scraps you

have around your shop and create beautiful gifts.



Brian is a long time member and former officer of the Dallas Area Woodturners, and is currently in charge of training. He has directed and taught many turning classes

over the last few years. Brian was a member of the Woodturners of North Texas before the Dallas club was organized.

Brian has taken classes with many well known turners including Jean Francois Escoulen, Michael Hosaluk, Stewart Batty, Betty Scarpino, George Hatfield, and Nick Cook. He enjoys turning things that will be used and handled. Recently, one of Brian's friends carried several dozen of his chattered and

colored tops to kids in Uganda. He enjoyed that more than putting a piece in a gallery.

After a long absence, Brian is looking forward to visiting his former club again.



# ... making Good Shavings

President's message  
by Stormy Boudreaux

Just got back from a really wonderfully weekend of fun and wood turning at the 17th Annual SWAT Symposium. Lots of new and outstanding techniques and tools were exchanged. If you didn't go – you missed a great educational and camaraderie filled weekend. I encourage any one with an interest in wood turning (that's why you joined WNT, isn't it?) to attend next year, the exact location (either Wichita Falls or Temple) and the date will be announced in early '09,

At November's meeting we will vote on officers to fill the openings in key WNT positions: President, VP and Secretary. The nomination committee has recommended David Marshall for President, Jim Tanksley for VP and Terry Tanksley for Secretary, the balance of WNT officer positions remain unchanged. Nominations from the membership will also be entertained; but common courtesy, dictates that the member being nominated should be contacted for acceptance before being placed in nomination.

This year's WNT Winter Party will be the eve-

ning of 13 December; since our principal operating income is generated from the auction, we need you to produce quality items for this. So if you need a reminder to get started – then "Get 'R Started!"

We haven't seen much in the way of hand-crafted bowls turned in yet for the Empty Bowls Challenge in early February 2009, so if we are going to support the Food Bank with our donations, lets get turning and burning (That is, if you are going to use Andi Wolfe's demo techniques this year on your donations). We will have a display table for your Empty Bowls donations at the Winter Party and again at the January meeting.

Sharpen those tools, put on the safety gear and ...

Let's Make Good Shavings!

*Stormy*



# September Program Highlights

## John Horn

demonstrates how to

## “Make the Most of Your Mini Lathe”

Many woodturners own a mini lathe as either their only lathe or as a second lathe for smaller projects. Because of their smaller size, they are convenient to take

where they are needed and can handle many turning tasks. John Horn showed in his demonstration last month that mini lathes are also versatile tools that can be use for a variety of tasks in addition to their intended purpose of making square things round.

A number of clever ideas were described in John's program for “alternate” uses for the mini lathe. A couple of the more innovative ideas included using the mini as a pen press and using a thick nap paint roller as a buffing “wheel”.

John also showed some useful things that can be made on the mini lathe to expand its versatility. Several of the best ideas included:

- Making an accessory handle for the tailstock clamp that makes it easier to lock the tailstock down to reduce drift.
- Making a wooden faceplate or sanding disk using a hardware store nut.
- Turning a tapered wooden spindle to approximately match the dimensions of a #2 Morse taper to hold various things such as a drum sanding disk. The wooden Morse taper “look-alike” has the added benefit of not galling the spindle bore if it slips while turning.

John Horn provided an interesting and informative program on various alternative uses for your mini lathe so that you do not have to let a “dust collector” become one of them.





# “Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the September 2008 drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the October 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 October 30, 2008 meeting.



It has been a long-standing tradition that dates back possibly as long as two years ago that for our October meeting, we ask each of our members to bring two bags of individually wrapped Halloween candy to donate to the R.D. Evans Community Center for their community children's Halloween party that will be held the next evening, October 31.

Please remember to bring your donated candy to our next meeting on Thursday, October 30.



## ... from the Editor

If you attended SWAT earlier this month in Waco then you know how enjoyable everything was. The programs, instant gallery, and vendors were all outstanding. If you have never been to one of the SWAT symposiums, consider attending next year ... it is a worthwhile experience where you have many opportunities to learn more about woodturning.

I would like to thank Matt Rabe for volunteering to assume responsibility for most of the web site maintenance and updating. Matt has some great plans for the web site to increase its usefulness to our members. Matt has already put a discussion forum in place where you can exchange ideas and information with other club members. The ability for members to place “for sale” or “want to buy” ads has also been streamlined by implementing it as a forum rather than as a hard-coded web page. Building and maintaining a web site is a big job and I greatly appreciate the fact that Matt has stepped up to the plate to help our club in this area. If you have suggestions or ideas about the web site, please share them with Matt ... it always helps to get user feedback. Making major changes to a web site can be a somewhat daunting task so there may be some construction dust and detours for the next few weeks as things get put together and the kinks ironed out.

Finally, see Stormy's comments about the Empty Bowls project in his monthly column. This is a very worthwhile event conducted by the North Texas Food Bank. Our club's effort last year was very successful, but perhaps because it has not been given as much publicity in the newsletter this year, the participation has been at a somewhat lower level. The food bank is counting on our support, so please turn as many bowls that you are able to donate to this worthwhile fund raising event.

BRB

## Advertisements

### 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](mailto: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 can be purchased at club meetings and at other times 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor by the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**October 30** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Brian Evans - Turning Christmas Ornaments**

### November 4 - WNT Board Meeting

**November 20** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Larry Roberts**

### December 2 - WNT Board Meeting

**December 13** - WNT Annual Banquet and Auction - Details to be announced

### January 6 - WNT Board Meeting

**January 29** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Steve Worcester**

### February 3 - WNT Board Meeting

**February 26** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **TBD**

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