

# Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

## Twentieth Anniversary Year

November 2008 Program:

### Next Meeting:

Thursday,  
November 20, 2008  
Start Time: 6:30 PM

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

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## Larry Roberts



"Everything you  
always wanted to know  
about turning \*"



\* But didn't know who to ask"



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President's message  
by Stormy Boudreaux

# ... making Good Shavings

Dear WNT members,

It has been an excellent experience being your president; I truly enjoyed every minute of it. My term is ending at a very opportune period. My real job has been reasonably light for the better part of my term, but now with increasing demands on my time as we at Lockheed start building the new fighter in earnest. I am getting very heavily involved in testing the new equipment that is going into it.

The best part of being a member of WNT, and especially the president, is getting to meet and associate with all of you. That has been my privilege.

Any club runs on volunteers and WNT has some of the highest quality people who freely donate their time and energy to see that it is the best it can be. During the past three years, we have been singled out by AAW for the best web site, and SWAT has simply expected that we will be one of the leading clubs, always hosting a room as well as accomplish-

ing other tasks that need to be done for the annual event. The club membership (That's YOU!) makes a club go!

We have so many experienced members who are very willing to help anyone who is interested in improving their level of turning or learning a new skill.

I am looking forward to this year's Winter Holiday party and what will be on the auction block – there is always such a diverse and high quality nature to the WNT donations – I know some of you plan nearly a year for the items you will bring and it shows in the demonstrated level of artistry.

Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your president. I will cherish the memory!

Keep your tools sharp, the safety gear on and ...  
Make Good Shavings!

*Stormy*



## ***Everything you always wanted to know about turning - (continued from page 1)***

Our November program will be presented by Larry Roberts. Larry's woodturning experience began when he was in high school where his shop teacher taught woodturning skills based on traditional methods. Larry later taught his brother, Gary, how to turn wood. Apparently, Larry is a very good teacher because his brother became a very accomplished woodturner.



**Some of Larry's Critters**

Larry founded the Woodturners of North Texas and served as its first president in 1988 at the urging of his brother,



Gary Roberts, who had earlier formed the Central Texas Woodturners Association. The Woodturners of North Texas became the first woodturning group in north Texas, initially meeting at Larry's home in Arlington. Six people attended the first meeting following a mailing to turners in the area. Among them was Clay Foster who encouraged design and form diversity cultivating the individuals talents. The first large influx of members came during a woodworking show in Dallas in 1989 where the small group turned twig pots all day on Larry's old Powermatic 90 lathe. After that show in which the club had signed up about thirty new members, the meetings were moved to Paxton's Hardwood in Fort Worth. The club grew rapidly and ultimately spun off the Dallas group. Now,



Texas has over twenty woodturning clubs. Larry has demonstrated at many of them. In addition to woodturning, Larry also



enjoys making furniture, especially if some element of turning is involved. As a teacher, Larry is an inspiration to all of us who enjoy working with wood.

When Texas Turn-or-Two (now known as SouthWest Area Turners or SWAT) was formed, Larry was one of the first demonstrators and continued to do so for many years.

He has worked tirelessly behind the scenes helping TTT and SWAT. Larry was also involved in some of the first organizational meetings of the American Association of Woodturners (he claims only as a wide-eyed observer). Perhaps he was the first audience. Later he was an AAW symposium demonstrator.



**Critters visiting an incarcerated friend**

In his other life, Larry Roberts is a biologist turned real estate broker.

He owned and operated a large brokerage firm before retiring in 1995. He served in all offices, including president, of the Arlington Board of Realtors. Larry was a board of directors member of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and has served in numerous other volunteer positions.

At the next WNT meeting, Larry will teach you all you need to know about woodturning by showing you how to make shop critters. Also, shown will be how to make natural edge crescent vessels. He may even tell a story or two as he turns. He never lets the facts interfere with the story.



# October 2008 Program Photographs

## Brian Evans “Making Christmas Ornaments”



The October program on turning wooden Christmas tree ornaments was provided by Brian Evans, a member of the Dallas Area Woodturners. He began by showing examples of the various designs that he has done. An important feature of the ornaments is that they must be lightweight so that the tree branches do not bend excessively. After the main body of the ornament is turned, he hollows it to have thin walls.



Left: Brian turned the top cap of the ornament. It has a small tenon that fits into a drilled hole in the top of the ornament.

Right: Brian demonstrated turning the bottom finial and discussed design considerations. He used a vernier caliper to check the tenon diameter before parting it off. Larry Roberts holds a completed finial.

Brian Evan's program was well organized, interesting, and informative.



# New DVD Library Addition:

## “Woodturning: Getting Started RIGHT”

with Alan Lacer

When I previously reviewed Alan Lacer’s latest DVD, “Projects Along the Woodturning Trail”, in the August 2008 newsletter and referred to this DVD, I realized that it was not in our library. Recently, I have had the good fortune to meet many new turners coming into our club and then had another realization: We need a good

video that shows and tells the novice what is truly important for a beginning woodturner. I remembered learning from this video when I first began turning -- back then it was only available on VHS. Now, it is available on DVD and is still an excellent beginning video, but it is also useful to any woodturner who wants to benefit from Alan Lacer’s many years of woodturning experience as both a turner and an instructor. I have been fortunate to see Alan’s demonstrations first hand and he is truly a mentor deserving of our listening.

This DVD begins with a brief history of woodturning and its long and varied history. He looks at many old types of lathes and continues up to what is now offered on the market. He shares his ideas on how to get started right as a woodturner. These are just a few of the questions he answers in this video and if you do not know the answers to them, then maybe you need to watch this DVD:

- What are the parts of a lathe?
- What are the types of lathes available? (Alan says there are four types -- and, the Velocipede is NOT one of them ... sorry, Jeff Carrell)
- Guidelines for purchasing a lathe, what should all lathes have?
- What type of tools do I need? (I do not understand his

explanation as I thought that he who dies with the most tools wins)

- How do I sharpen my tools? (Now that I am on the road to winning it is becoming more and more difficult to keep them sharp.)
- What do woodturners make?
- Working safely is stressed and it is an area we all should revisit frequently (are you listening, Larry Roberts?)
- What is a comfortable lathe working height for comfortable woodturning?



These are just a few of the many questions answered. I will cover a couple of areas just to pique your interest. First is an essential set of tools, Alan says you should start with two scrapers, a parting tool, 1" wide skew, 3/8" detail gouge, 1 1/4" spindle roughing gouge, and a 1/2" bowl gouge. Watch the video to learn why!

Did you know that the tools you buy do not come sharp enough to start turning? Its no wonder that I had so much trouble learning to turn; my tools were dull. Alan suggests using an eight inch slow-speed grinder and do not use the gray silicon carbide wheels that come with the grinder as they are too hard and will load up and burn your high dollar tools (even if, as in my case, some of those “high dollar” tools are from Har-

bor Freight). Alan recommends using friable aluminum oxide grinding wheels (white, blue or pink) with a “J” or “K” hardness -- around 46 grit for rough shaping and 60 or 80 grit for finish grinding or touch-up. Of course, you will need a wheel dresser and some types are not recommended at all. There are also many tips on grinding and whether to use water or not for quenching. Lastly, he shows you some simple items that you can make and he also makes recommendations on lathes accessories. Overall, it is a very good video for any turner but especially for the novice.

Reviewed by **Randy Johnson**  
**WNT Librarian**



Saturday, December 13, 2008



The Banquet begins with the food preparation. There will be Ham and Turkey as the main course, with vegetable, breads, salads and desserts that are brought by each member.

# WNT Holiday

## Banquet



Drinks, (cokes, tea and coffee) are supplied by the Club, as are the plates and utensils. You need to bring yourself and other members of your family (kids are welcome) along with a dessert and either a salad or a vegetable, and immerse yourself in a warm, friendly environment. Surprisingly, the conversations are not centered around turning... at least not until the "Great Auction" begins. After the meal, we will begin the program that consists of the following; selling Raffle tickets for the big Raffle, distribution of the door prizes, drawing for the Raffle prizes, and finally the grand finale

is the Auction of the turnings donated by the members (which we are still accepting). Typical raffle items from previous years include things such as: bandsaw, mini lathe, gift certificates, turning tools, and other miscellaneous items. An e-mail will be sent out later listing the exact prizes.



*Please remember that each family is asked to bring a dessert **plus** your choice of either a salad or a vegetable.*

### Schedule:

**4:30 PM** - Early set up (tables, chairs, plates, utensils, drinks)

**5:00 PM** - Arrive, socialize (work up appetite) - if you can arrive earlier, it will be greatly appreciated.

**6:00 PM** - Meal

**7:00 PM** - Door Prize drawing, Raffle and Auction (bring lots of \$\$\$ for the auction) Also, start working now to turn some items for the auction.

### Driving Directions:

**Coming from the East on I-30** - take the Green Oaks Road exit and at Green Oaks turn left (South -- the name changes to Lackland Road south of I-30) for approximately a half mile.

**Coming from the West on I-30** - take the SH-183 exit and proceed on the service road and take the Green Oaks exit and at Green Oaks turn right (south) for approximately a half mile.

**Location:** R.D. Evans Community Center, 3242 Lackland Road, Fort Worth

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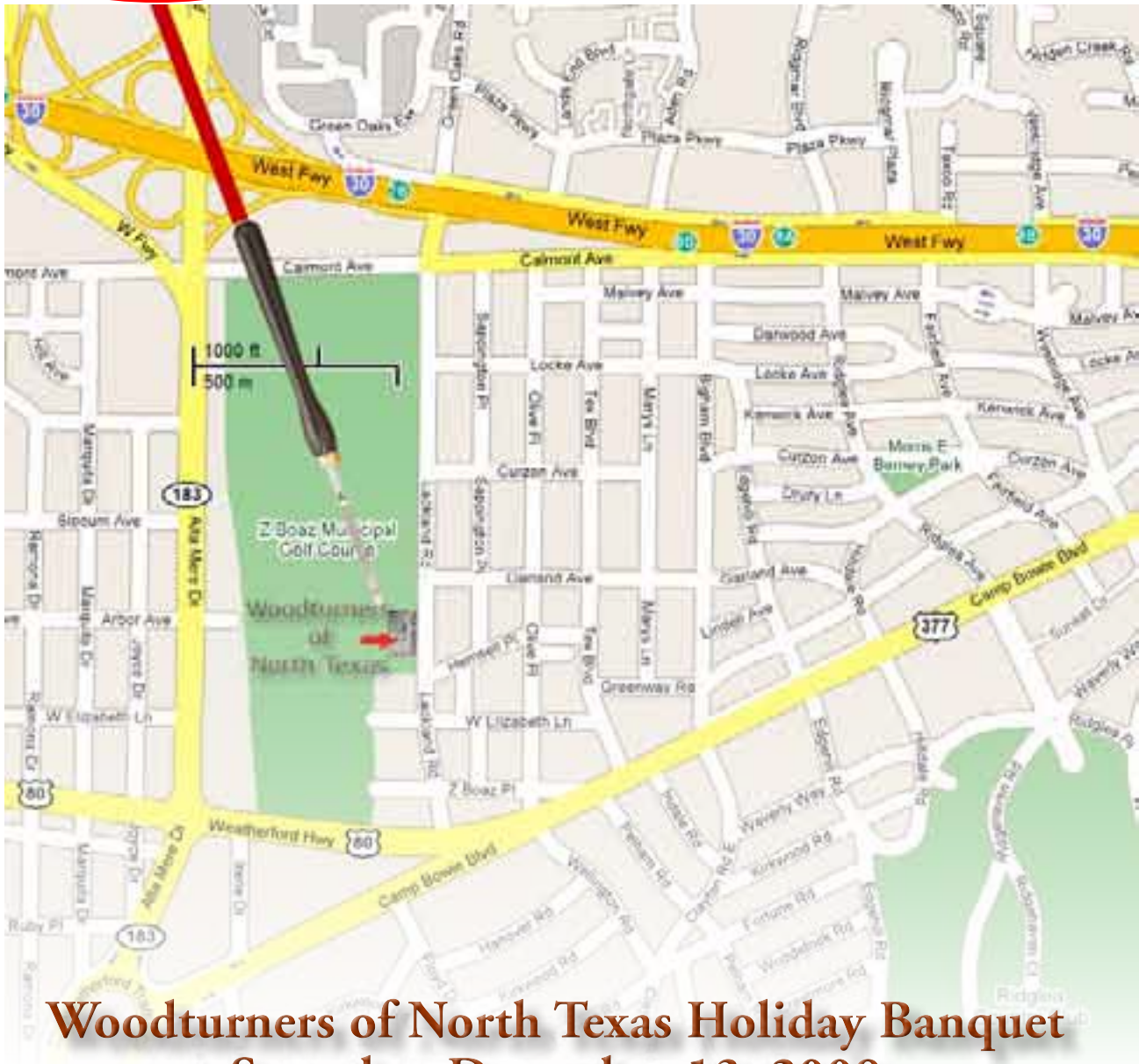


## Things to Bring to the Holiday Banquet



**R. D. Evans  
Community  
Center**

- Yourself and your family including children and parents (but leave Fluffy and Spike at home).
- Your appetite along with a dessert AND your choice of either a salad or a vegetable.
- Some of your favorite turnings that you would like to donate to the live auction. This is one of the major sources of income for our club to be able to provide the quality programs that we provide.
- A big roll of cash for the raffle and the live auction. Auction items can also be paid for by check.



**Woodturners of North Texas Holiday Banquet  
Saturday, December 13, 2008  
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# “Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

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

NAME	TURNUED ITEM
Jim Humphrey	Walnut/Maple stemmed dish
Bill Collins	Pecan Box
Dewayne Hines	Bradford Pear bowl
Randy Johnson	Mesquite egg
Tom Beatty	Purple pen
Ned Baker	4 Legged Dish
James Haynes	Pecan bowl
Tom Beatty	Tailstock Handle
Billy Simms	Toothpick holder
Stormy Boudreaux	Perfume Atomizer

NAME	NON-TURNUED ITEM
Jim Tanksley	Beall Tap
Jimmie Gill	Algerita pen kit
Ken Cardin	Bloodwood pen kit
Jim Tanksley	Halloween pen kit
Steve Yauch	Unknown wood pen kit



## ... from the Editor

We are rapidly approaching the date of the **Empty Bowls Project** on Friday, February 20, 2009 at the Will Rogers Roundup Inn. This is a very worthwhile fund raising event of the Tarrant Area Food Bank. Originally, this project was supported by potters and then glass blowers. WNT has joined in supporting this event for the past several years by donating wooden bowls that have been turned by our members. The bowls are given as mementos to those who attend and support the fund raiser. Additionally, the best bowls are chosen to be placed in a silent auction and, thus, provides additional benefit to the Empty Bowls Project in their efforts to help families in need. When I spoke to Susan Frye at the TAFB about the Empty Bowls Project, she told me that the wooden bowls that our club members turn are very popular with the attendees and help tremendously to make the event a success.

The annual WNT Holiday Banquet is very close -- Saturday, December 13. Be sure to mark your calendar as this is an event that you will not want to miss. There will be lots of great food, prizes, and a great auction of our members best turnings. Have you turned anything for inclusion in the auction yet? There is still just enough time left to turn some of your favorite items. The auction is one of the main fund raising activities for our club and provides much of our operating budget.

Here is a suggestion that benefits both the Woodturners of North Texas and the Tarrant Area Food Bank. Consider bidding on bowls at the WNT Holiday Banquet and then donating items that you have won to the Empty Bowls Project. Also, if you win any bowls in the Bring Back drawing this month and in January, consider donating them to the Empty Bowls Project.

*ERB*

## Advertisements

### **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.

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

**December 13** - **WNT Annual Banquet and Auction** - Activities start at 5 PM (arrive early at 4:30 PM if you can help set up tables and chairs, etc). See full details on pages 6 and 7.

### **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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