

Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Newsletter for November 2001

NEXT MEETING November 15 7:00PM

November Meeting will Feature Ron Grantham

3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX

THIS MONTHS TURN-OUT WILL BE SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17

Bring Something to Instant Gallery

November Demonstration

This months demonstration will cover hand turning of spheres. Included in the presentation will be the use of shop made chucks. All items will be turned without the use of jigs or fixtures that minimize hand work. Turning a sphere is an excellent way to improve tool handling and a pure joy to hold and admire after the finish is applied.

About the November Demonstrator

Our November demonstration will be presented by Ron Grantham of Miles, Texas. Ron is a native Texan and is founding member of the Concho Valley WoodTurners of San Angelo. He has a love and knowledge of wood, turning skills and good humor that makes him a favorite with his Chapter. He is always ready with a helping hand for those with a tool or project. He has six or seven old lathes in various stages of renovation and any word about these lathes will bring on a full description of all work done so far. When he is not turning much of his time is spent looking for parts for the lathes he is renovating.

Prepare for the Holiday Banquet on December 1

The Suzanne Grantham Memorial Dinner held annually in December will be at the Arlington Community Center on Saturday December 1 from 5:30PM to 9:00PM. All WNT members and their families are invited. The Drinks, Meat and Serving Utensils will be supplied by the club. Please bring a vegetables or dessert dish. We will have a raffle for items that have been donated to the club and auction of YOUR turned items. It does not matter whether you are a beginner of an accomplished gallery. We need for you to bring something to share with our people. Several Door Prizes will be given away.

Final Notes from the Horn

The last three years have flown by in a hurry. As I look back it seems such a short time ago and yet so many really important events have occurred.

Thanks to our Board of Directors, who have spent countless hours in planning activities and meetings, arranging for special guest appearances, managing the resources, determining the policies, and doing all the things behind the scenes that allow the Woodturners of North Texas to function for the good of the membership

My special thanks goes out to all of our members that have worked on the Toy Projects and Collaborative Projects that have won "The Best of Show", Second Place, and Second Runner Up. These activities have boosted the Woodturners of North Texas into the international spotlight among woodturners as the club with an outstanding record of accomplishment and spirit of working together for the good of the organization.

Attending the meetings and enjoying the presentations of dedicated demonstrators is inspiring but when you actually participate in activities which benefit the group and produce turnings that can bring joy and pleasure to others, you are something special.

It has been a special pleasure for me to become better acquainted with many of you. The close friendships that we have developed as a result of our working together will continue to bless me in the days ahead.

As Mike Wallace becomes our new president on January 1st, let us all get behind him and give him our support as the Woodturners of North Texas continue to pursue excellence in everything we do.

WNT WEB SITE

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We're Headed For A Record Toy Year!

No two-by-four in the Fort Worth area was safe from the Woodturners of North Texas this past month!! As of this writing (Nov. 5), we have reached our goal of 1000 toy VW's, and I estimate that we will wind up with about 1200. Added to this is a box of 162 other toys already tucked away in Larry Roberts' barn, and we haven't even begun to count what the membership is making in their own shops! Our goal of 1500 toys seems certain to be achieved, and I estimate that you all will come close to 2000 when all toys are counted. Please bring whatever you have made to the meeting on Nov. 15th. I'll arrange to collect, store, and deliver them to the Xmas party on Dec 1. If you have toys "in the works", not ready to deliver on the 15th, please find me at the meeting and let me know what to expect. I want to make sure that everything you've made is counted in our total.

Many thanks go to the following members who have participated to date:-- Arnold Auanger, Walter Barrett (and Barbara!), Fred Denke, Kenny Diehl, Larry Roberts, John Horn, Alan Siebenthall, Bill DeLorme, Dave Thomas, Mike Wallace, Richard Yeager, Bill Elliott, Dale Malone, Don Cunningham, and Don Cosgrove and family. I know that there are others, and I apologize if I left you out – the shavings and sawdust were flying so fast that I took down names only sporadically!

In this time of turmoil, it is especially fitting that our membership has made such an outstanding effort in helping the less fortunate. Now I'm starting to wonder how we can do as well or better next year!!

By Larry Genender

2002 Planning session

On December 4th we will have a "Planning Session". Our new Board of Directors takes office in January. The Texas Turn or Two planning session happens in early January. There are several new ideas developing that will benefit our club. Because of the number of new members and need for discussion, we thought it would be best to discuss items at an open forum where everyone that is interested can come and share their thoughts. This is not a Board meeting; it is not a budget meeting. It is a chance to participate in the planning of a new year. It will be informal, no binding votes will be taken and we will all have the opportunity for input. This Planning Session will be on December 4th at 6:30 PM at 3003 Shamrock. Get ready for some exciting news in the month's to come. For more information call Mike Wallace at 817-882-9922.

Bring Back Winner

The bring back winner in October was Jimmie Arledge. Jimmie is a member of our club and also the Dallas club where is the president. Jimmie is a accomplished turner and I am sure his bring back will be well worth the price of some raffle tickets. In addition to the bring back some very nice pen blanks were awarded in the October raffle. The blanks were donated by Ken Philips

Schedule of Coming Events

The November Monthly Meeting of the Woodturners of North Texas
Program—Turning Spheres with Ron Grantham
November 15, 2001 7:00PM at 3003 Shamrock, Ft Worth

The November Hands-on will be at 3003 Shamrock
And feature instruction for all skill levels
November 17, 2001 9AM to Noon

Toy turning at Ft Worth Woodcraft Store
December 1 Mike Wallace is coordinating

The Suzanne Grantham Pot luck Dinner
December 1, 2001 5:30PM to 9:00PM
At the Arlington Community Center
More details or described on page 1

A Planning and Transition meeting will be Tuesday December 4
At Mikes shop 3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth At 6:30PM

The January Monthly Meeting of the Woodturners of North Texas
Program— Turning Tops and a lathe made from an exercise bicycle

Library Report

The feature tape for this month is the AAW 2000 National Symposium Techniques.
Review these titles and demonstrators and check out the tape if any one is of interest.

Volume 1

Volume 1 of this tape contains the following topics

(1) David Ellsworth	Mini Hollow forms	Starts at 02:20
(2) Tom Crabb	Turning on the Bias	Starts at 26:53
(3) Betty Scarpino	Surface Treatments	Starts at 43:45
(4) Kurt Johnson	Bowls in Cross grain	Starts at 1:01:57
(5) Alain Mailland	Transparent Lampshades	Starts at 1:15:20

Volume 2

The volume two of this tape contains the following topics

(1) Christian Burchard	Turning Green madrone	Starts at 1:57
(2) Bill Johnson	Basic Hollow turning	Starts at 19:15
(3) Bin Pho	Piercing thin wall vessels	Starts at 37:20
(4) Irene Gafert	Leaf metal as decoration	Starts at 53:14
(5) John Jordan	Personal Journey/Texturing	Starts at 1;10:10

Membership Application and/or Renewal

I hereby apply for membership in the Woodturners of North Texas (WNT)
I understand the cost is \$24.00 per year and is prorated after January at
\$2.00 per month for the months remaining in that calendar year

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Are you a member of AAW? _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: Home: _____

Work: _____

Your Occupation: _____

Full Time
Part Time
Retired

E-mail address: _____

Newsletter preference: (circle one)

Hard Copy via US mail

Electronic Copy via e-mail

Signature _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to "Woodturners of North Texas"

Mail to: Woodturners of North Texas

% James Haynes

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(For Office Use)

Amount

Method

Date

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All Day Turn-Out

A special turn-out is to take place on January 12th, 2002. Because of the holidays and the number of days between our December and January meetings, we will have an "All-Day Turn-out" on January 12th. This will be similar to our monthly "Turn-outs" in that it will be a hands-on session where you can turn something with input from those more experienced. It will be held at Larry Robert's Shop, behind Pat's house! Directions can be had by calling Larry Roberts at 817-465-6397 or by referring to the map from past events.

Wooden Evidence Found for Prehistoric Power-Tools

A small, circular piece of wood found preserved at a crannog in Scotland has provided remarkable evidence for man's early industrial development. The wooden disk is the waste material from a bowl or plate that was manufactured in the late Bronze Age or early Iron Age on a lathe - one of the earliest power-tools to be invented in Europe.

The disk was discovered at Oakbank Crannog in Loch Tay, Perthshire, a settlement built on an artificial island where waterlogging has led to the survival of wooden and other organic remains. The crannog as a whole dates from *c* 800-400BC, although it is unclear at present whether the disk dates from the earlier or later part of the period.

The disk, some 4.5cm across with a conical hole through the center, was identified as the base of a turned wooden bowl or plate by wood specialists Rob Sands of Edinburgh University and Jon Hather of University College, London. The disk, attached to the bottom of the bowl, would have been fixed to the lathe by a spike (hence the conical hole) while the bowl was being turned, after which it was removed with an axe to leave a bowl with a flat bottom. Clues that the disk was turned on a lathe are that it is perfectly round and has continuous gouge-marks running around the edge.

Turned wooden objects, such as bowls, spindles, tool handles, spoons, wheel hubs and spokes, are more frequent on later Iron Age sites of *c* 200-300BC. Earlier examples are very rare. The earliest in Europe is a complete bowl from Corneto in Italy dated to *c* 700BC, and the new material from Scotland appears to be of a similar date.

The Scottish disk shows the bowl was lathed at the crannog - possibly suggesting a kind of 'cottage industry' - rather than imported to the site. According to Dr Hather, lathes transformed the manufacture of wooden objects, allowing a single worker to make a bowl in, say, 20 minutes rather than half a day.

The design of early lathes, however, is unclear. No lathes survive earlier than the post-medieval period, and even pictures of lathes are very rare before the 14th century AD. A 'pole lathe' appears in a 13th century stained glass window at Chartres Cathedral, and some rough pictures of lathes are known from the Roman period. It is thought, however, that the earliest lathes were 'reciprocating' - that is, they turned the object first forwards, then back. In the case of a pole lathe, a rope would have been attached to a treadle below the machine, wound round a mandrell fixed to the object, and connected to a springy pole above.

A replica of Oakbank Crannog has been built at Kenmore on Loch Tay by the excavator, Nick Dixon of Edinburgh University, and was opened to the public last year. A model of a pole lathe stands outside.

New Members

Jim Jenkins	N. Richland Hills
Linda Pfaff	Ft Worth
James (Jim) Campbell	Bowie
Mark Rue	Watauga
Stu Dickey	Arlington
Tim Shipman	Springton
David Amon	River Oaks
David Thomas	Weatherford

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For sale by Larry Roberts

A 8 inch Rockwell/Delta jointer \$1200.00.
For additional information call Larry Robers at 817-465-6397.

For Sale by John Horn:

Shopsmith Mark 5 ...Good Condition, used very seldom..\$1400
Includes 6 inch joiner, 6 inch belt sander, mortising attachment, ring master, and many accessories.
For additional information call John Horn at 817-485-7397

Wanting to Buy:

A McNaughton coring system. Would prefer large and small cutters sets.
Phil Joines at 214-704-2360

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