

Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

NEXT MEETING February 28 7:00PM

Meeting will Feature The Tolly's

3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX

THIS MONTHS TURN-OUT WILL BE SATURDAY March 2

Bring Something to Instant Gallery

Spring Demonstrator Stuart Batty

(For more details of the Batty demo see page 3)

He started woodturning before the age of 12 under the tutelage of his father Allen Batty. At 16 he started his professional woodworking career in his father's turning shop both doing production stair spindles and teaching classes. At 18 he became the in-house teacher and demonstrator for Craft Supply in England. He has extensive knowledge of many exotic woods, as he worked importing over 400 species and set up 6 sawmills in Africa in his mid 20's. He makes his living from teaching and demonstrating, as well as selling work through galleries. He has been a presenter at 35 international symposiums in 11 different countries.

The Tolly's Are Coming!

Our demonstrators this month are the Tolly brothers, Johnny and Jimmy, of Austin TX. (actually, Jimmy is from Dripping Springs, TX – had to get that name in!). They will bring Jimmy's Oneway 2436 and will demo the Easy Core system, the 2436 boring bar system, and a grinder as a roughing/texturing mechanism. Their spouses, Marcia (Johnny) and Deborah (Jimmy) are active in woodturning and will be with us as well. The meeting falls on Deborah's birthday, so be sure to wish her a happy birthday!

The Tolly's are members of the Central Texas Woodturners Association and the AAW. They have been turning for 17 years. They have demonstrated at several Texas Turn or Two symposiums, and several other places both locally and nationally. They are best known for the numerous technical innovations they have developed, including a unique tailstock adapter for rechucking bowls easily and accurately, a system of MDF vacuum chucks, and a lathe-mounted hydraulic lift to help mount heavy pieces of wood onto the lathe.

They are excellent and entertaining demonstrators, and we are in for a treat on February 28th. *By Larry Genender*

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Ramblings

We had a great meeting last month, thanks. The meeting went smoothly because the level of help from members was way up. Again, Thank You! One thing I noticed in January was the level of conversation during the Demonstration was lower than in months past. This is one thing that has bothered me from time to time and I want to commend you on your efforts to reduce the distracting conversations. When we have a demonstrator that has driven several hours (or from Dallas), we owe them the courtesy of paying attention.

Another thing that helped the January meeting was the great Show and Tell. Robert Brandt handled the spur of the moment delegation of the duty well. We have some improvements in store that will insure this part of the meeting continues to be interesting. Please be sure to bring something as often as you can. Tools, jigs, successes and failures are all welcome.

This group has the best heart of any group around. The continued success is a tribute to those that have come before us. We should all find our spot in the history book of The Woodturners of North Texas. What you share will come back multiplied. And you never know when you will be blessed with a business referral, a tree opportunity, a friend opportunity or a heartfelt thanks. I for one have been blessed numerous times because of my involvement with this club and its members. Thank You

by Mike Wallace

Interesting WEB sites

For some interesting web browsing check out these;

http://www.laymar-crafts.co.uk/laymar_crafts-index.htm

Or

<http://www.turnedwood.com/tools&jigs.html>

Spring All Day Demo with Stuart Batty

Stuart Batty will be in Fort Worth in March. His hands-on workshops for March 21 and 22 are full. On Saturday March 23 Stuart will present an all-day demonstration at our regular meeting place, Mike Wallace's shop at 3003 Shamrock, starting at 9AM. Stuart is a magnificent turner and will exhibit his techniques at this demo. Admission is \$20 at the door. I have a waiting list for a third day of hands-on on Sunday March 24. This "extra" day will have different content than the other 2 days, so anyone, including those ten lucky ones already signed up, that want to come on Sunday, Mar 24 please contact me. I need another three people to sign up to make this third day happen. Cost is the same--\$110 for the whole day, class limited to five. I have seen Stuart in action – he is a master turner and a really nice guy and you should not miss the opportunity to see him in action and to have him help you with your turning.

By Larry Genender

Agenda for Demonstration Day

The Saturday demonstration will include the following topics:

Spherical Boxes	Bowl turning using just a gouge
Square Bowls and reverse chucking	Bark edge bowls (as seen on the front cover of Craft Supplies Catalog)
Delicate Bowls and reverse chucking	Long Thin Stem Goblets
Spindle turning techniques	

(Due to time limits and other criteria some topics may change)

Krumy Turning

Hosted by Phil and Circe Joines

On Saturday, March 9 Circe and I would like to invite all turners to a turn out at our shop. We are 3 ½ miles west of IH35 on Hwy 1173. The exit is ½ mile north of the Hwy 288 bypass around Denton. The address is 222 E. McCart St. (Hwy 1173), Krum, Texas. We'll get started at 9 and go until everyone gets tired and leaves. Please drop me an email at pjoines@gte.net or call 214-704-2360 if you can make it. *By Phil Joines*

January Raffle winners

Robert Lawrence brought a very nice lidded bowl which was won by Ken Phillips. A dust mask was won by Larry Genender and the oil lamp donated by Uel Clanton was won by Jim Duncan.

Logo Design Submission

We are once again going to request designs for logo submission. We have requested before and got very limited response. Phil Joines had a design at the last meeting and we want to give others a shot as well. If you have a design you would like to submit, please bring it to the February meeting or email to Mike Wallace (at mwallace@soldontheinternet.com) and we will show them at the meeting. We will then decide and begin to use the new logo. Thank You.

Mike Wallace – Autobiography (WNT President)

I was born in Plainview, Texas in 1955. In 1968 we followed the work to Fort Worth and I never left. My father, his father and his father were carpenters. I began working with wood about the time I learned to walk. I often accompanied my Dad to work before I started school and then after school was out and during summers. Primarily framers, but also cabinet and trim carpentry, introduced me to making a living working wood. During High School, I started to design houses and continued with Architecture School at UTA in Arlington. That carried me into several jobs as a draftsman, then to Computer Aided Design (CAD). Computers interested me, so I started to experiment with Desktop Publishing and started a consulting business for printers. Desktop publishing allowed me to combine Photography with computers and I continue to teach both. That brought me to the Internet, and I still run a small web design company.

I have almost always worked for myself. With the help of my lovely wife, Robin, and her two daughters, my home life was made complete. She continues to support me in all that I do (or try to do). We have been married for 17 years now. The oldest daughter was married in 2000 and our younger daughter just turned 21 and attends Texas A&M.

I have always had some involvement with woodworking. After my shop outgrew my garage, I started a company called the Woodworking Club to have a larger shop and to rent out space or time in that shop. That led me back to woodturning and the Woodturners of North Texas, which I joined in 1996. My interests now are primarily in woodturning and sculpted furniture design. I am trying to make a Sam Maloof style rocker while I continue to take whatever projects come my way to pay the bills. I also teach some classes at Woodcraft in Fort Worth.

I have enjoyed the creative freedom woodturning gives you. It is completely the opposite of building from plans and balances the creative monster lurking within. Teaching woodturning and exposing other to the art pleases me the most.

By Mike Wallace

Bill Elliott-Autobiography (WNT Vice President)

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am your new Vice President, Bill Elliott. This will be my second full year with the club. I am very proud and honored to be elected to the office of Vice President.

A little about myself. I am 31 years old, married to a beautiful woman named Whitney. We have a 10 month old son named Will. I have been woodturning a relatively short amount of time in 2 years. I have had the benefit of some fine teachers and hope to improve my skills and abilities going forward. With all the talent in our club, it's hard not to!

I hope to provide the best leadership and direction I can for the club, assisting the president in any way possible. Some of the things I would like to achieve and have been thinking about are a more robust web presence for our fine organization, and a new way to help those turners like myself, improve upon their woodturning skills.

Thank you for your time. Now back to making shavings.

By Bill Elliott

Cold Drying Green Turnings

How many times have you had a storm come through your area, or a neighbor that is cutting down a tree, and you would like to utilize some of it for turning? Many times no doubt and the weather is always hot or undesirable for drying/saving the wood. Never fails—Murphy's Law.

Being a fairly new, not young wood turner, I'm always on the lookout for something to turn and the good dry stuff is hard to find that isn't all split. One day while reading an article somewhere I came across the idea of cold drying wood, but as with most techniques, it wasn't very explicit. I tried and experimented using a process that I have found extremely successful and I don't mind passing it on to others so that you may be able to utilize a lot of wood that would go to waste.

The only equipment that is necessary is a second refrigerator, preferably one with a freezer compartment. I started out using my beer fridge but that was un-successful because one or the other was missing out, but for your first efforts it will suffice. I don't recommend using your normal household fridge because some woods can be fairly aromatic and that doesn't do much for the food. The Missus sure gets agro about things like that and usually the wood goes missing.

The process is very simple---something that is very unusual these days. The process can also be used for both cross-grained and with-grain turning.

The first step is turn your item. I recommend turning it down to the final thickness that you desire. If you want to leave it a little thicker to allow for "woofing" that is fine. The one thing to remember is that the thicker you leave the item, the more the chance the item is prone to cracking/splitting. Many times a "woofed" item can be very interesting and can add a uniqueness to the object. The main thing to consider in the thickness that you leave your turning is the type of wood and whether or not it is turned cross-grain or with-grain. This is always a trial and error area of turning. By turning down thin---you have a win!! By that I mean that you have less drying time, less cracking, and less distortion, so from "green" timber to finished product in a whole lot shorter time.

After I turn to a finished tool finish, I do almost all of my finish sanding before starting the drying process. The reason I do this is that when the drying process is complete, all I have to do is give it a light finish sanding before applying my finish. I also remove my mount and finish off the mount, so that I don't have to remount the turning when dried.

Okay, we have our turning ready to be dried. The first thing to do is wrap the turning in plastic shopping bags or wrap with plastic wrap. Place the turning into the freezer for 1 to 5 days, depending upon the size and thickness of the turning. When you freeze the wood, you are freezing the sap and moisture in the cells and thusly causing them to rupture and releasing the moisture/sap. I have never had any problems leaving the turning in the freezer for longer periods. It must be wrapped though during this process.

Once you have frozen the turning, you are now ready to begin the second step of the process. Take the turning out of the freezer, un-wrap it, let it thaw out, and come to room temperature. After it is at room temperature, a second piece of equipment is needed----Scales. All you need is a set of everyday kitchen scales. Weigh the turning and mark the weight and date on the turning somewhere.

Put the turning into the fridge---Un-wrapped. This is where the drying process is done. If you think about food that is put into the fridge un-wrapped, it dries out and that is what we are doing here. As with any drying process, it's done when it quits losing weight.

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What I do at this point is inspect the turning and decide how much sanding I need to do and normally it is very little. I may have some raised grain, but normally I have very little sanding to do because of doing everything earlier on. I normally just have to hand sand all-over with 400 grit before applying my final finish. Occasionally I may have to level the base.

Having been woodturning for 2 ½ years, probably 75% of my turnings have been with green wood and they all look fine and have had no instability problems.

If you want to do this procedure with larger turnings, no problems, just by a 2ND hand chest type deep freeze, a larger fridge, and a set of bathroom scales. With all the garage sales, swap meets, etc. you shouldn't have any problem finding the equipment needed.

Here is an example of one item that I did recently so that you see how long it took from start to finish.

I turned a natural edge fruit bowl (less bark) out of Coastal Peppermint (*Agonis flexuosa*). The weather was stinking hot and not conducive to turning green wood. The bowl finished up 30cm x 25 cm (12" x 10). The final thickness ended up about 6mm (1/4"). I went through the above procedure and 18 days later, I had the final product. It would have probably been ready sooner but we had a big swing in the weather and I wanted to make sure that it was stabilized before I actually put it up for sale.

I have found that this process not only works for turnings but also for pen blanks, small boards for the likes of jewelry boxes and so on. With small boards though, you need to leave them a little over-sized and then run them through a thickness/planer.

I hope that this will help you in speeding up your drying process and getting on with your turning. I hope you have as much fun and success as I have had. Individual contributions is what keeps the hobby going.

By Ray Epps

Library Item Review

The video cassette featured this month is the AAW 2001 National Symposium held in St Paul, MN. There are three tape in the series. Review these tapes and check out the tape of interest to you.

Video tape #1 Instant Gallery and Critique

Video tape #2 Techniques volume #1

1 Ray Key	The Basic Bowl	Run time 2:40
2 Larry Hasiak	Hollowing the Low Tech Way	Run time 18:05
3 Dale Nish	Natural Edge Bowls	Run time 35:40
4 Don Olsen	Hollowing From the Bottom	Run time 54:00
5 David Nittmann	Basket Illusion	Run Time 1:09:50

Video tape #3 Technique volume #2

1 Soren Berger	Tool Handeling	Run time 1:50
2 Jean Francois Escoulen	Trembleur	Run time 20:00
3 Brian Simmons	How to turn a Sphere	Run time 36:25
4 Hans Weissflog	Box with Loose Rings	Run time 52:50
5 Mike Mahoney	Nesting Bowls	Run time 1:12:05

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March 9	Krumy Turning On Saturday, March 9 Circe and Phil Joines would like to invite all turners to a turn out at their shop
March 21	Hands on with Stuart Batty 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM AT Larry Roberts Shop 6409 Calender Arlington, TX
March 22	Hands on with Stuart Batty 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM AT Larry Roberts Shop 6409 Calender Arlington, TX
March 23	Stuart Batty all day Demonstration 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM 3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX
March 28	WNT Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM 3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX Demonstrator Jimmie Arledge Program Turning Goblets
March 30	Saturday Turn Out 9:00 AM to 12 Noon 3003 Shamrock Ft worth, TX
April 2	WNT Directors Meeting 6:00 Dinner at LUBY'S 7:00 Meeting at 3003 Shamrock, Ft Worth, TX
April 25	WNT Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM 3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX Demonstrator James Johnson –Trademark Turning Techniques
April 27	Saturday Turn Out 9:00 AM to 12 Noon 3003 Shamrock Ft worth, TX
May 7	WNT Directors Meeting 6:00 Dinner at LUBY'S 7:00 Meeting at 3003 Shamrock, Ft Worth, TX
May (?)	WNT Spring Picnic
May 30	WNT Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM 3003 Shamrock Ft. Worth, TX Program (unknown at this time)

Free:

Free 55 gallon black plastic barrels. These barrels are good for trash, etc. For more information and directions call Alan Siebenthal at 817-280-0376

For Sale:

- (1) Fox Supershop multipurpose woodworking machine. (Like a Shopsmith but more heavy duty.) \$1200 see Robert Brandt at the meeting or call 817-927-2622
- (2) Parks 12inch heavy duty planer. An oldy but good machine \$400 (will consider trade) see the machine at the meeting or call Robert Brandt at 817-927-2622

For Sale:

Shopsmith Mark 5 ...Good Condition, used very seldom..\$1400
Includes 4 inch joiner, 6 inch belt sander, mortising attachment, ring master, and many accessories.

For additional information call John Horn at 817-485-7397

For Sale:

WNT club member Claude Bolton died last year and he left an assortment of woodturning tools which are now for sale by his son Neil Bolton. For additional information please contact Neil Bolton at 817-292-6612

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