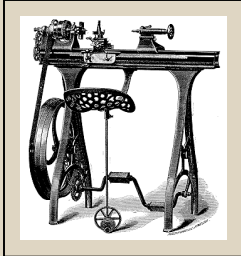


FEBRUARY 2003

Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Next Meeting: February 27th at 7:00pm
200-B North Vacek



Meeting will feature:
Robert Lawrence
Program will be on turning Birdhouses

**** Bring something to the Gallery ****

February Demonstrator – Robert Lawrence

Bob Lawrence is a Byers, Texas farm boy. He got into woodworking after retiring from Piccadilly Cafeteria. He attended a craft show in Wichita Falls and saw some pens made of different kinds of wood and wanted to try his hand at making turned pens. He traveled to Ft. Worth to buy some pen blanks and decided to become a member of the Woodturners of North Texas in January of 1996.

He attended a picnic at the home of Larry Roberts in April of 1996. Larry and Gerald Cherryhomes helped him make a natural edged bowl and he was hooked on woodturning. He is the founding president of Wichita Falls Woodturners. He has attended Texas Turn or Two for the past eight years. He has participated in hands on workshops with Clay Foster, Al Stirt, Jack Vesery, and Stuart Batty.

This is the fourth year he has served on the Board of Directors of the "TTT" He was instrumental in getting the Texas Turn or Two to come to Wichita Falls in October of 2002 and the upcoming Texas Turn or Two in August of 2003.

His demonstration will be on birdhouses for both inside or outside use.

"Bring Back" Winners at February Meeting

<u>Who Won</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Provided By</u>
John Herber	Maple Bowl	Lorene Harper
Butch Cornelius	Manzanita Root	Lorene Harper
Walter Barrett	Juniper Stump Bowl	Lorene Harper

**** Remember, *anyone* can bring a "Bring Back" at any time.****

??? Will Lorene buy tickets at this meeting ???

Ramblings

I have recently come to believe there are too many numbers in turning. First you have the challenge of size when someone calls you about a tree that needs to come down. You think you heard "diameter" when what they measured was "circumference". Sometimes it works out anyway. Then there is the size of the bowl gouge. Seems like overseas they measure the flute and we measure the steel rod, or is it the other way around. And of course when you need a 10" bowl and start with 11" of wood, I am more likely to end up with an 8" bowl. Don't even get me started on volume, which evidently is measured in something called "cubic inches"! And of course let's not forget the spousal math. You spent \$____, but she saved \$____. Go figure. No let's stop figuring! I feel another headache coming on.

What I have come to realize, is that all of these numbers are there just to prolong the human interaction process. It's like talking sports, or playing "first liar loses", for those who seem able to top any story.

I just enjoy the process. I enjoy the friends and relationships that have formed from all of the figuring that seems to follow the process. So I guess I am doomed to continue. And I think I'll look for a 36", 3hp, 3 phase 220v saw.

Mike Wallace, President WNT

The Hardest I've Ever Been Hit

Being fairly new to the turning world, I am still trying new things. While hollowing out a vase on my mini lathe I decided to try a new tool. And, I promptly snapped off the neck. I thought of all that work going down the drain, or could I save it? I could part off the broken neck, smooth it up and then glue a new neck of walnut onto it.

So I took out my parting tool and started to cut off the damaged wood. Then, "WHAMMO". I never saw it, but I felt it. Standing there, I was left wondering what had happened. But my face was numb and I could feel something running down my face. I quickly retreated to the house and got my wife to look me over. Thank God I was not hurt as bad as I looked. I came away with a fat lip and a cut on my chin. The vase had come off of the lathe and hit me square in the mouth, then it bounced off of me and hit the lathe. I have been taught the value of a face shield, or had I? I thought I knew what "standing in the line of fire" meant, but now there was less doubt. I have been hit in the face with a baseball bat and even had a couple of punches to the nose, *but the hardest I have ever been hit was that vase.*

By Bill Allmon

From The Sawdust Pile

My love affair with wood and woodworking started in the woods of north Idaho. I worked on my father's sawmill by the time I was 9 years old. My job was to ride the carriage and set ratchet(push the lever to move the log forward to cut a board)

We didn't have much of a wood shop in high school, but I still remember the wonderful spicy smell of the white pine boards that I used to make a lamp.(it was not turned, I don't think we even had a lathe)

For the past 25 years I have made my living turning and sculpting wood into objects to please the eye. Several years ago, thinking that I had already done all I was going to do with a lathe, I traded my old lathe off for some other tools. All it took was a couple of meetings of the WNT to convince me that there was a lot I had not learned about woodturning, and that the WNT meetings were an excellent place to learn more.

For most of the past 25 years that I worked in wood, I did "one off production work" to sell arts and crafts shows and to shops and galleries. I hope to utilize this experience with production and marketing to help other WNT members to market their work.

Robert Brandt, Vice President WNT

"TTT" Board of Directors Memo:

Your "TTT" Board of Directors is soliciting your help in welcoming our vendors to the 12th annual symposium August 29-31, 2003 in Wichita Falls. We are asking our vendors to make available a larger variety of items along with the latest and newest supplies and equipment they have in stock. The success of the symposium depends greatly on the success of the vendors. Without them and without a variety of merchandise, the symposium suffers. Your Board is asking you, if at all possible, to put off any purchases that are unnecessary at the moment and instead, purchase them at the symposium. The vendors go to great effort and expense and travel long distances in an attempt to promote their company while providing us with new and exciting supplies and equipment. While at their booth, tell them how much you appreciate them participating in the "TTT" and ask them to come back next year.

Gerald Whitaker

Publicity Chairman

Humor from the Warped Bowl

Larry Roberts asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in his turnings on display at that time. "I have good news and bad news," the owner replied.

"The good news is that a gentleman inquired about your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death. When I told him it would, he bought all 15 of your pieces."

"That's wonderful!" Larry exclaimed. "What's the bad news?"

"The guy was your doctor."

Mike Wallace was scheduled to give the keynote address at a well known symposium so he asked one of his associates, Jeff, to write a punchy, 20 minute speech for him.

When Mike returned from the big event, he was furious. "What's the idea of writing me an hour long speech?!" he demanded. "Half the audience walked out before I was finished."

Jeff was baffled. "I wrote you a 20 minute speech," he replied. "I also gave you the two extra copies you asked for."

Other Notes:

1. The February meeting is the last chance to have your roster picture taken.
2. The Texas Turn or Two (TTT) will be Aug. 29-31...Labor Day weekend.
3. Dick Sing will be here May 17 – 20 and will give hands-on classes the 18-19th.
4. March 14 at Birdville, Fine Arts School: Need volunteers to work and demo. For info, call Jeff Carrell at 817-285-8242.
5. At the meeting, check the Roster on the back table to verify or correct your information. Look closely at your e-mail address.

Calendar of Events

- March 1 Working day for Totem Pole Project
Saturday Location: 200-B N. Vacek: 9am
- March 4 WNT Directors Meeting
Tuesday 6:00pm at Dos Gringos
7:00pm: Meet at 200-B N. Vacek
- March 27 WNT Monthly Meeting: 7:00pm
Thursday 200-B N. Vacek
Demo: Larry Roberts: Surprise
- April 1 WNT Directors Meeting
Tuesday 6:00pm Dinner at Chili's
7:00pm: Meet at 200-B N. Vacek

Toys For Sale

- Two Lathes For Sale:
 1. Delta 12 , 1 ½ hp Baldor motor, variable speed and reverse switch, strong stand, outboard turning... \$ 600.00
 2. Sears/Emerson 12 , 1 hp motor, strong stand, new "copy crafter" (attachment for making duplicates)... \$ 200.00
By: Jerry Buckner
Home: 817-613-8700, or
Office: 817-594-5428
- Woodturning Lathe- \$140
Record Drillmaster DML 24/C
10" swing, 26" capacity, 3/4 x 16 spindle speeds- 540/1140/2440 rpm
1/3 HP 110V motor, #1 Morse taper with 10" tool rest, live center, dead center, spur drive 4" cast iron faceplate, 2- 4.75" wood faceplates mounted on factory tubular steel base
- Rockwell/Delta Lather Duplicator Attachment- \$50
Flat pattern manual duplicator attachment that is able to fit almost any lathe. 30" pattern capacity.
Contact- Steve Yauch, 817-416-1624 or syauch01@msn.com

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Stuart Batty

Stuart Batty (from England) will be teaching classes again in my shop from Feb 28th until at least March 6th. Class times are 8-5 pm and covers Beginners to Advanced. A great teacher, some great lathes and the wood is included! We are taking money now and there will be limited attendance. Let me know if you are interested or if you have any questions. Mike Wallace - 817-882-9922