

OCTOBER 2003



A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Next Meeting: OCT 30th

Hand-On Session (Happy Hour): 5pm – 6pm

Regular Meeting: 7:00pm

200-Suite B North Vacek

Meeting will feature: Larry Genender

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

September Demonstrator – Larry Genender

1) About The Demonstrator

Larry Genender is a member of both the Woodturners of North Texas and the Dallas Area Woodturners . He has been turning sporadically since 1996, but more seriously since retiring from surgical practice in 1999. He is a member of the American Association of Woodturners and currently chairs the Board of Directors of Texas Turn or Two, Inc. He is an Honorary Lifetime Member of both the Hill Country Turners and of the Dallas Area Woodturners, honors given for his efforts in reorganizing “A Texas Turn or Two, Inc.”, now known as SouthWest Association of Turners (SWAT). He has studied with Ellsworth, Raffan, Keith Rowley, Rodger Jacobs, Stuart Batty, and others. He has demonstrated "Platters" at Texas Turn or Two in October 2002, at the 2003 Houston retreat, and at the Hill Country Turners in July 2003. Current plans for further learning include trips to Trent Bosch’s workshop in Fort Collins CO in mid-November, and an eagerly anticipated visit to Ron Kent in Hawaii in January 2004. In addition, he has become interested in metal art, and currently is studying with Dewayne Roy at Mountain View College – the plan is to incorporate metal and wood in art sculpture.

2) About The Demonstration

While my current turning interest has moved to end grain turning and immersion oil-varnish finishing of Norfolk Island Pine and also to carving and coloring on surfaces of bowls, I plan to demonstrate “Platters” at the October meeting of WNT. Some of you have seen this demo before, but I have refined and changed it considerably so that even those who have seen it before might find something of interest. I have added considerable time to describing the various cuts, with the goal of demonstrating some fundamentals of faceplate chucking and tool technique for the newer turners in our club. If time permits, I will talk a little about oil/varnish finishing for those who have asked me how I do it.

Ramblings for October 2003

As we begin the transformation into another Texas winter and the end of a calendar year there are a couple of items to get excited about.

We have begun to make the toys for the December give-away to needy kids. Contact Paul Tiefel to get involved.

In November we will have a couple of opportunities to do demonstrations for the public. On November 22nd we will be doing a demo for the North Richland Hills Library. The demo will be from 9am till 12 Noon. We do not have a display available this year, but we will in the Spring.

We will also be doing a demo and hands-on with some of the local schools, probably in November. These events always boost the energy level of everyone that participates. The kids get involved and get to take something home that they helped make. So, YOU can make a positive difference in some kid's life.

We also have a banquet coming up on Saturday, December 13th. One of the things that always makes the Banquet exciting is the auction of donated pieces. For those new members, and those of us that are older with short memories, members donate some of their turnings and we have an old fashioned auction of those pieces as part of our entertainment. If you have a turning you would like to donate, just bring those to a meeting (October, November or to the Banquet), and we will see how much money we can raise. All of the funds go into our General Budget for next year and allow us to put on better demonstrations, get more people involved in turning and invest in equipment for the club.

The Woodworking Show will be held on December 5, 6 and 7th at the Arlington Convention center. We will most likely have a booth for demos. More details will be available next month.

The Open Bowls benefit for the Food Bank of Tarrant County will be held in early February, 2004. The deadline for donating bowls is February 1st. The program is a fundraising event held at the Bass Hall. Local chefs cook soup for the attendees. The attendees pay \$20.00 for a bowl of soup (served in a disposable bowl) and get their choice of an artistically produced bowl in return. Some bowls will be turned wood bowls and some will be ceramic bowls produced by other local artists. The wooden bowls seem to go first, and this is a great way to get the public involved in turning. We also give a WNT brochure to each recipient.

Hands-on session before the next meeting

From 5 PM until 6 PM on October 30th we will have our next hands-on session. The subject covered this time will be beginning turning, sharpening, and what to buy to get started. Each of these three subjects will be covered by one of the club members that have experience in these areas, so bring your questions and/or tools (dull or sharp).

Other Stuff

1. The Christmas Banquet will be on December 13th at R.D. Evans, so be good, because *Santa Horn* just may be there. We host the best food and deserts in town as well as the most unbelievable door prizes and auction pieces. The specifics will be in the next newsletter so all you have to think about now is the food to bring and, if possible, one or more of your turned pieces to add to the auction. A note to newer members: the auction is all for fun and a great way for the club to raise funds, so do not be intimidated, as I was at my first Banquet, in thinking that my piece was not as good as others. A final note: Do not miss this event!
2. Donate Tools for the Monthly Meeting Raffle: Many of us have tools, jigs and other stuff that we no longer use or want. Rather than continuously moving them out of the way, you can donate them to be included in our monthly raffle, thereby making yourself happy, the winner happy and the club happy. The “bidness folks” call that a Win-Win situation. See any of the board members and tell them you have something for the raffle.
3. WNT Renewal Dues: Good News: Due to the high cost of keeping the meeting room cool this summer we calculated the dues would need to be raised to \$2000.00 ea/month per member. Later however, we made James recalculate using one of those e-lectronic calculators instead of his fingers, and he decided we could keep them at the same, \$24.00 per year. Anyway, getting to the point, the membership dues are due January 1, 2004: however since there will not be a regular meeting in December, we will send out renewal forms in the November newsletter. Any dues submitted in November would of course be appreciated by both James and myself, because in January we would like to be playing with our new Christmas turning toys instead of entering data into our member roster.
4. TIPS FOR THE TURNERS: At one time in the club’s past, members would submit “TIPS” to be included in the newsletter. This is a plea to you members to reinstate that very helpful member service. Just send your tip to the newsletter editor, any way you can and I will fit them in. Here is an example from John Horn:

TIP: A chuck with it’s jaws extended beyond the edge of the chuck body can be a real knuckle buster. Be safe by applying a piece of duct tape or masking tape to one jaw and let the tape extend past the jaw outward for about ½ to ¾ inch. When the chuck is spinning and your hand gets a little to close to the extended jaws, now you will feel the gentle flapping of the tape against your hand instead of the hard sharp steel biting into your flesh.

<u>“Bring Back” Winners at Last Meeting</u>		
<u>Who Won</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Provided By</u>
Circe Joines	SpinningTop	Rosemary Duncan
Ken Diehl	Bois D’Arc Bowl	Phil Joines
Rebecca Norris	Ebonized Bowl	Ken Phillips
Dewayne Hines	Mesquite Pen	Wyatt Compton

Calendar of Events

- Oct 30 "Hands-On" Session
Thursday 5:00pm – 6:00pm, then
 WNT Monthly Meeting: 7:00pm
 200-B N. Vacek
 Demo: Larry Genender
- Nov 4 WNT Directors Meeting
Tuesday 6:00pm Angelo's BBQ
- Nov 22 N. Richland Hills Library
Saturday WNT Club Demo
 9:00am – 12noon
- One week early due to Thanksgiving
- Nov 20** "Hands-On Session"
Thursday 5:00pm-6:00pm, then
 WNT Monthly Meeting: 7:00pm
 200-B N. Vacek
 Demo: Larry Hancock
- Dec 5,6,7 Woodworking Show at Arlington
 Convention Center.
 WNT will have booth for demo's
- Dec 13 WNT Christmas Banquet !
Saturday See nov. Newsletter

FOR SALE

1. 16 in. bed extension for a 3520
 Powematic lathe (will not fit the
 Model "A") \$ 250.00
 Larry Roberts : 817-465-6397

2. Delta Lathe: Model 46-745
 Excellent condition
 42 inch between centers, 16 inch
 swing. Heavy-duty, variable speed
 Baldor motor, 1 1/4"x 8 tpi spindle.
 Live center, drive center, 4" face
 plate, 12" and 4" tool rest, knockout
 bar, wrenches and manual.
 Two years old. \$1375.00
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