

Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Next Meeting: March 31

7:00 – 9:15pm

R.D. Evans Recreational Center
3200 Lackland Road, Fort Worth

Demonstrator: Larry Hancock

Larry and his wife have two sons and live in Ardmore, OK. He moved there in 1981 to learn horseshoeing. While there, he got married and stayed. He worked for Michelin, then Uniroyal, as a precision machine alignment and set up mechanic. He spends his spare time woodturning, but does not sell his turnings through any galleries at this time. Although he does sell his work, it is not his main interest in woodturning. He has created a web site to show some of his woodturnings and to share information on woodturning with others who have the same interest.

COLLABORATIVE PROJECT MEETING

TIME: 6:30 PM prior to the March 31 meeting. The next meeting for the Collaborative Project for the 2005 AAW symposium will be at 6:30 PM, March 31, just prior to the regular monthly meeting. The project this year will be a coffee bean grinder. Fred Denke is the project leader. You are invited to attend the meeting if you are interested in participating in the project.

Larry began woodturning in the mid 1980's to create his own cabinet drawer pulls. Before then, he had never seen anyone turn in person and knew nothing of how to actually start so he began by buying all the books on turning that he could find and when videos became available, he also bought all of those.



Larry Hancock is the official gavel maker of the Oklahoma State House of Representatives and he will be demonstrating how to turn a gavel at the March 31 meeting of WNT. His web site, [Turned Treasures](#), presents an excellent overview tutorial for turning a gavel.



Larry is a highly skilled demonstrator, teacher, superb woodturner and webmaster. It is always a joy to see one of Larry's demonstrations because he is able to make everything look very easy.

Larry gives demonstrations for woodturning groups or the public and has turners over to his shop for instruction and sharing of information. He is always seeking new ideas and information and while giving demonstrations, learning as much from those attending, as they learn from him.

Larry Hancock is well known for his turned hats such as the spalted maple hat shown below which was his first maple hat. He also produces



hollow forms such as the red cedar vessel shown in the upper right which has a textured surface treatment made with a Sorby texturing tool.



DUES ARE DUE

It is the new year and that means it's time to pay your 2005 chapter dues if you haven't done so. Dues are \$24 for the year. Please either mail your dues payment to James Haynes, 202 Jefferson Ave., DeSoto, TX 75115 or bring them to the March meeting.

2005 WNT Directory

The WNT Directory for 2005 will be printed soon. We need your picture if you are a new member, didn't have a picture in the 2004 directory, or wish to update your picture for the new directory. We will be taking pictures at the next meeting or you can send a picture to Bill Boehme, preferably in digital format.

Making Good Shavings

We had a great meeting last month with Clay Foster. I think that we all enjoyed hearing an artist perspective on woodturning as a sculpting skill. Also, it was interesting to hear Clay talk about the sources that have inspired his work. Last week I heard another interesting view on artistic expression while attending a class with Michael Hosaluk. Michael talked about how much of his inspiration comes from telling stories about his experiences. These are great ideas for those who wish to meld more personal expression into their work.

Speaking of artistic expression, last May I proffered to the WNT board the idea of doing an exhibition at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center ("CAC"). Even those who turn solely for their personal pleasure must realize that woodturning deserves more recognition among the art community. It would cost about \$1,000 – 1,200 for WNT to produce an exhibition. The cost is approximately \$650 to rent a 30' x 40' gallery for one month, \$250 - \$350 for materials to construct display cases, and the remainder for advertising.

We have ample funds to do this but if we decide to pursue it then we should also apply for an AAW grant since this is a project that would help increase recognition of woodturning in the community. Of course, there would be no guarantee that such a grant application would be successful.

Let me give you a summary explanation of the CAC. Several years ago Fort Worth constructed a new Modern Art Gallery leaving the old Modern building empty. The Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County ("Council") established the CAC in the old Modern for the purpose of promoting the arts through four functions. First, the CAC rents gallery space by the month to individuals and groups for artist produced exhibitions. Second, space is available on a different fee schedule for sales/exhibition events produced by an artist or a group. The North Texas Sculpture Guild (mostly potters) hosts several sales/exhibition events each year. Third, the CAC will rent space for meetings and social functions. Fourth, the Council produces exhibitions for artists who apply and are accepted.

This is an ambitious project and would require at least 6 months preparation. It would also require the commitment of WNT members to produce the works, build the display cases (assuming that these are not available to rent) and man the exhibition (at least on the weekends). There are a number of elements to consider such as how works get selected. (I suggest that a jury of artists do this.) Also, we should consider whether WNT should do this alone or in conjunction with other AAW Chapters. We could also consider applying to the Council for them to sponsor an exhibition but this would take at least 12 months preparation because the works must be done and photographed for the application.

I invite you to consider this idea and let me have your thoughts. At the March meeting, I plan to discuss this and hope that you will offer your candid comments.

Regards,
Paul Tiefel

Trent Bosch Will Be Our Special Demonstrator in April

Trent Bosch, of Fort Collins, Colorado will be our Spring demonstrator and "hands on" class instructor from April 28 through May 4. The visit of Trent Bosch will begin on Thursday, April 28 when he presents the program for our April meeting. There will then be an all day demonstration on Saturday, April 30 for only \$10 for WNT club members or \$20 for non-members. Trent is best known for his "vessel within a vessel" turnings concept that brought him into the spotlight at the 1997 AAW symposium in San Antonio. Classes will cost \$100 per day. We will offer both one and two day hands-on sessions that will cover a variety of subjects, including, but not limited to, surface decoration and treatment, hollow form technique, and different treatments for bowls. Trent has produced three different videos that would be a valuable addition to your personal library. If you have not signed up for a class yet, there are still a few vacancies available. If interested, please contact John Horn to sign up for one of the classes.

There will be a one-day session on Friday, April 29, a two-day session on May 1 – 2, and another two days session on May 3 – 4. Those who are signed up for the Trent Bosch hands-on sessions should have their money in by club meeting time. A slot cannot be reserved without payment of the fee of \$100 per day of instruction. Space is limited and only a few places are left at this time. Make your reservation quickly if you plan to attend.

What follows is a list of items that the people doing hands on workshops may want to bring along (all are optional):

A few pre-turned pieces as dry as possible if they want to focus on carving, a Foredom or other rotary carving tool. Any other carving tools they would like to use. Notebook or sketch pad (filled with clippings or sketches of ideas they are interested in exploring), 1/2" bowl gouge, 3/8" bowl gouge, hollowing turning tools, any tool that may be giving them trouble, a few pieces that they have turned - some they like and some they don't (actual pieces or photos are fine), anything else they deem appropriate. I will have tools with me that people can use as well.



Woodturning Demonstration at Birdville ISD

Jeff Carrell received a request for WNT participation again this year in a program called "Fine Arts Day" at Snow Heights Elementary School in Birdville ISD. The school will have artisans from various crafts visit them to do demonstrations and instruction for the kids.

WNT members participated in three turning sessions there in 2003, where we assisted the kids in making candle holders - they each got to turn, sand and finish a six inch candle holder. There were approximately 36 kids who participated in turning event. We had four or five mini-lathes operating and a great time was had by all.

This year, the school will be having their Fine Arts Day program on May13. The WNT Board of Directors has approved the club's participation in this event including funds and equipment. Jeff Carrell will be coordinating our participation in this event. If you are interested in introducing kids to woodturning and being a part of this event please contact Jeff at jcarrell@woodturnersofnorthtexas.org or (817) 285-8242. This would be a great first-time introduction to one of the aspects of woodworking – and – for many of the kids who otherwise may never have an opportunity to see real woodworking in action, this may be a seed for a future interest.

Bring Back / Raffle Winners from February

Here are the names of the "Bring Back" or Raffle winners:

Larry Roberts, Robert Lawrence - 2, Dan Hudkins, Bob Davis, Wayne Clowers, Alan Siebenthal

Are you a sign painter?

We would like to have the chapter name and website painted on both sides of the trailer that we purchased last year. If you have the skills and are willing to do this please contact Paul Tiefel.

Are You a Beginning Woodturner?

Ken Cardin and John Horn are working on developing a "hands-on" woodturning program aimed primarily at helping new woodturners or those wanting to learn new skills.

WNT April Board Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the WNT Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, April 5, at Logan's Road House next to Northeast Mall. 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.

Nova Lathe For Sale

I've been persuaded to make several large pieces of furniture and need to make more room in the shop so I am selling my Nova 3000 lathe. It has a variable speed 1.5 HP Leeson DC motor, magnetic switch, two bed extensions, hand wheel, vacuum adapter with face plates, mobile stand, several tool rests, drive spur, Nova live center, and other accessories. The swing is 16 inches and can turn spindles about 5 feet long. It is wired for 240 volts. Selling price is \$700, firm. Phil Joines 940-482-6522 – call before noon weekdays (I work 3rd shift). We are located 3 1/2 miles west of IH35 just north of Denton.

Free Wood

I have also been persuaded to clean up the shop and yard. There is a bunch of wood suitable for turning available free. If interested, please call Phil Joines 940-482-6522 before noon weekdays (I work 3rd shift). We are located 3 1/2 miles west of IH35 just north of Denton.

Bandsaw For Sale

14" bandsaw with 12 inch resaw capacity, ball bearing blade guides, 6 inch riser block, new 105 inch Timberwolf 1/2" blade. \$300.00. John Herber 817-280-0081, or 817-944-6951.

SWAT Educational Grants

SWAT, an educational organization dedicated to the advancement of the art and craft of woodturning, makes educational grants to AAW Chapters and individuals for the purposes of further advancing its educational mission to develop and promote interest in woodturning. An application form is available on the [WNT web site](#) if you are interested in applying for a grant. Application must be made no later than June 30, 2005.

Calendar of Events

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Membership Application and/or Renewal For year 2005

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 ? **Yes** **No** (circle appropriate answer)

Address: _____

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Telephone: Home: _____

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Your Occupation: _____ (even if retired)

Full Time Part Time Retired (circle appropriate answer)

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Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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