

Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

Next Meeting Date: June 30, 2005

**New Earlier
Meeting Start Time
6:30 PM**

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

**This Month's Demonstrator:
Paul Tiefel**

Multi-Axis Turning

Paul Tiefel grew up in central Oklahoma and has been woodworking since his early teens. He learned basic carpentry and cabinet making in his father's shop and got his first taste of woodturning in jr. high school shop class. During his high school years he worked in commercial and residential construction during school breaks.

Paul passed the journeyman carpenter's exam and paid for most of his college by working as a carpenter. He planned to obtain an architectural engineering degree and follow his father into commercial construction.



However, after winning a partial scholarship he entered the petroleum engineering college at the University of Oklahoma. He planned to change to architecture but stayed with petroleum engineering after becoming interested in the exploration of oil and gas.

During his career in the oil and gas business, Paul maintained his love of woodworking but had limited time to spend in his shop. Paul left the oil and gas business in 1999 and he and his wife Marcia moved from Houston to North Texas in 2001.



Paul rediscovered turning in 2002 while taking a class with John Horn at the Woodcraft store. John introduced the class to the Woodturners of North Texas and Paul joined on his first visit. Paul has also taken classes with Stuart Batty, Ernie Newman, Jean-François Escoulen, David Ellsworth, Michael Hosaluk and Trent Bosch.



Paul enjoys a challenge and is constantly trying new turning ideas. He became interested in multi-axis turning after watching a demo by Chris Scott at the 2003 AAW Symposium. Paul took a 5-day class with Escoulen in 2004 where he got to experiment with many multi-axis turning ideas.

In his demonstration, Paul will show how to turn a figurine, a candlestick and a spider double box if time allow.



Audio/Video Volunteers Needed

Woodturners of North Texas has received a new A/V system purchased by the Southwest Association of Turners as a part of SWAT's effort to assist local chapters and upgrade the A/V equipment used at the annual symposium in the demo rooms.

If you attended the WNT April meeting or the Bosch Saturday demo, you saw the new prototype system in action. It was also used during the May meeting in which Wayne Clowers demonstrated using hook tools for end grain turning.

In exchange for receiving the new equipment, we are required to train equipment operators and be willing to sponsor a demo room at the symposium. WNT has sponsored a demo room for many years so this is nothing new. Steve Ott has been operating the WNT A/V equipment at our monthly meetings and he will serve as our coordinator for training other members. We really need volunteers who are willing to learn to use the system and help video the demos at SWAT.

If you can operate a camera or camcorder, then you can easily learn to use this new equipment so please volunteer. Contact Steve Ott (817-246-0855 or email at steveott@peoplepc.com) or Paul Tiefel (817-379-9533 or email at wptiefel@prodigy.net).

Thanks for your help.

Making Good Shavings

I hope that you got a chance to try out the hook tool at the May meeting. Wayne Clowers did a great job demonstrating this tool – thanks Wayne.

The collaborative project is coming along very well thanks to Fred Denke and those members who have been making parts for the coffee grinder. The grinder will be entered in the chapter challenge at the AAW Symposium this July. This year the symposium will be held in Overland Park, a suburb of Kansas City.

When I renewed my interest in turning several years ago I was amazed to learn that there was a national organization and an annual symposium. I attended the 2003 symposium in Pasadena and this really stoked my desire to develop my woodturning skills. I hope that you will attend the symposium this year. It is an experience that you will thoroughly enjoy.

We still need some additional volunteers to help with the new audio/video system that we will be getting soon. Several members signed up at the last meeting but we really need more to help. Don't be intimidated by the equipment – if you can turn wood you can operate these cameras so please contact Steve Ott and volunteer.

There will soon be a new supplier in town. Woodworks Supply will open in July on the West Side access road of the Hwy. 121 Freeway at the Harwood exit. This will be a big store and the owner is planning on carrying a full line of woodworking equipment and supplies. Also, classes will be offered on various woodworking topics including turning.

See you at the June meeting.

Regards,
Paul Tiefel

**14th annual SWAT Symposium
September 30 - October 2, 2005
at the Wichita Falls MPEC**

**19th Annual National AAW Symposium
July 22-24, 2005
Overland Park Convention Center
Overland Park, Kansas**

The 2005 SWAT Symposium in Wichita Falls is being expanded to three full days. Demonstrator rotations will start on Friday morning and end at mid afternoon on Sunday, to allow folks to get an early start for the long drive home. The registration fee will increase by ten dollars to cover the cost of lunch on Friday. The \$75 registration fee will include lunch for all three days of the Symposium. Children between 10 and 18 may register free when accompanied by a fully registered adult. In addition to the usual six demonstration rooms, there will be one room devoted to pen turning, organized by SWAT webmaster, Jeff Carrell. There will be improved audiovisual coverage during the demonstrations; SWAT has purchased several sets of mini-cameras and switchers. There will be four fixed cameras in each room, which the operator can switch from one to another to allow the best look at what the demonstrator is doing. The 2005 Symposium also marks the addition of the eighteenth and nineteenth sponsoring AAW chapters, Northeastern Oklahoma Woodturners (Tulsa) and Central Oklahoma Woodturners (Oklahoma City). We welcome them aboard.

Dan Henry
SWAT Chairman

Instant Gallery Challenge

For the past two years SWAT has made a dedicated effort to expand and emphasize our Instant Gallery. This year we are going to feature a "Beginning Turner's Corner" in an effort to encourage new turners to display their pieces. So for NEW and OLD turners, start planning now the items you will be displaying.

Lead Turners for 2005

The four Lead Turners have been selected. They are Bonnie Klein, Malcolm Tibbetts, Mark Sfirri, and Alan Lacer. These four internationally known turners will assure attendees of a first class experience at this year's Symposium.

Highlights of the 2005 Symposium

- Three days of terrific demonstrations by international, national and regional turners recognized in the field
- Panel discussions
- An Instant Gallery and Collaborative Projects
- Banquet and auction for AAW educational fund
- Woodturner's trade show
- A Gallery Exhibit titled - "reTURN to the Land of Oz"
- *Note: The Gallery Exhibit, Trade Show, Instant Gallery and the Chapter Collaborative Projects are open to the public.*

Registration Information:

Register on-line until July 2 - After July 2 register at the door, any day of the Symposium. You may register by phone at the AAW office: 651-484-9094. Also, a registration form is in the Spring edition of the American Woodturner.



Demonstrations

Friday morning will start with opening remarks at 8:00 a.m., followed by demonstrations given on a rotational basis for three days by international, national, regional, and local talent. Demonstrations end at 3:15 p.m. Sunday.

Fine Arts Day Demonstrations



Snow Heights Elementary School

by
Jeff Carrell

The Woodturners of North Texas once again participated in the Snow Heights “Budding Artist” Fine Arts Day on May 13, 2005. WNT was also a participant in the same event on March 14, 2003. WNT members who volunteered: Kenny Diehl, Alan Siebenthal, and Jeff Carrell.

We had three sessions of mostly fifth grade students, and we were turning six inch candle holders. There were three students in the first session, who incidentally were all deaf (with an assistant signing) and one student had also turned in 2003; five students in the second session; and six students in the third session, and again a student who had also turned in 2003. We had three or four parents also come in to watch their sons and daughters turn and seemed quite impressed with all that was going on!

It was once again the talk of the whole day’s events, with some students trying to change their minds and wanting to come “make a candle holder”, seeing their fellow students’ work, and discovering “what a cool time we were having!”

It was truly amazing to see these kids take to turning like ducks to water, as one was turning, the others were really watching and paying attention, so when it was their time on the lathe, they already had a design in mind, and had a better idea of the whole process. Those that had turned with us in 2003 were even helping their fellow students with tips! Many different designs for candleholders came out of this group, all really nice.

From the reaction of this second event for WNT at Snow Heights, it appears to me that we definitely have caught the attention of some kids who may continue their love for the art! I even had one young man ask what the price of a small lathe was, he was going to talk to his parents about getting one - yep, he’s hooked all right!

I was the project leader for WNT for both of these events at Snow Heights. Also, I have a good friend whose sons attend Snow Heights and, back in December 2002, his entire family saw the WNT demo at the North Richland Hills library. After that demo they asked whether a demo could be performed for the Snow Heights school Fine Arts Day project. This year, there was no cost to anyone for the turning stock and supplies since I had kept all of the left over candle blanks from the 2003 demo at Snow Heights - so we had exactly enough for this year’s event, each student got to wear a small shop apron (provided by Home Depot for 2003’s event), dust masks (left over from 2003), safety glasses (I have a lot of them), and even sandpaper.



Ridglea Hills Elementary School

by
John Horn

Many schools in various school districts in our area participate in a Fine Arts Day in which the students are exposed to a variety of artistic activities. This year the Ridglea Hills Elementary School in Southwest Fort Worth requested that one of our members provide a demonstration of woodturning to several groups of second grade students.

John Horn was able to help the children see what it was like to produce tops of different sizes on a wood lathe. The young people were very appreciative of the experience and even wrote letters of thanks and drew pictures illustrating what they had learned.



Calendar of Events

June 30 -

Regular Monthly meeting - 6:30 PM
R.D. Evans Rec. Center 7:00pm
Demonstrator: Paul Tiefel --
Multi-axis Turning.

July 5 -

WNT Board meeting at The Olive Garden Restaurant in south Arlington on the southwest corner of Cooper and I-20 (close to Rockler's Hardware). 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.

July 22 -

Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM
R.D. Evans Rec. Center 7:00pm
Demonstrator: Jeff Carrell --
Pen Turning.

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May Bring-Back Raffle Winners

Here are the names of the May "Bring Back" winners: Larry Denning (2), Max Taylor, Keith Adams, Fred Denke, John Horn, Wayne Ealey, and John Herber. If you were a winner in May, please bring back an item in June for the "Bring Back" raffle.

Advertisements

Home For Sale

Beautiful home located in southwest Fort Worth. The home also features a spacious detached woodworking shop along with all of the woodworking equipment. For additional information, please contact Marj Rudolph at 817-292-6920.

Pen Turning Supplies

Glenn Dean is selling all of his pen turning supplies and other woodturning and carving tools at 60% of price originally paid. Contact him at (817) 244-5647 for further information.

Upcoming Events

There are two events in the month of July that need your support. The turnings of the Woodturners of North Texas will be on display during the month of July at the North Richland Hills Library which is located on Rufe Snow Drive and Loop 820. The second event will be a **Freedom Pen Turn-A-Thon** at the library on Saturday morning July 9th.

We would like to have every member of the WNT represented in the display with at least one or more of your best turnings. At the entrance of the library are two enclosed lighted glass display cases which will help to show our community about the kind of items that woodturners can produce. In the past the display has impressed the public enough that some of the items were sold, providing, of course, that the artist would allow the object to be for sale. You can offer your turnings for sale or not, it is your choice. **Please bring your turnings to the June 30th meeting, signed and a note about each turning which gives it a title, the kinds of wood used, and your name.**

The **Freedom Pen Turn-A-Thon** will be a big event this year on July 9th. A large number of pen kits have been donated by the Freedom Pen Organization for us to produce pens for our service people in the Middle East. For more information about the Freedom Pen Project that has donated 40,298 to date to our troops, check out their web site: <http://www.freedompens.org/>

Several members have signed up to help, but we have room for several more. Whether you have a mini-lathe or not, contact me at 817-485-7397 or by e-mail at johnhorn@flash.net if you would like to help. We need people to turn pens, people to assemble pens, people to talk to the public, and people to just be available for any task that needs attention.

John Horn