

Woodturners of North Texas



A Chapter of the
American Association of Woodturners



Twentieth Anniversary Year

September 2007 Program:

“Legs ... & Lids”

Next Meeting:
Thursday,
September 27, 2007
Start Time: 6:30 PM

R.D. Evans
Recreational Center
3242 Lackland Rd.
Fort Worth, TX

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The September program, “Legs & Lids” will be presented by Ralph Watts, a retired mechanical engineer and a lifelong woodworker and carver who “turned” to the lathe about six years ago to facilitate his interest in turned wood art.



by Ralph Watts

Ralph Watts has had pictures of his work published in the AAW Journal (Witch's Stash & Fraternal Twins) and Wood Turning Design (Triffid). His forte is enhancing his lathe work by carving, burning, and texturing to create fanciful wood sculptures. Inspiration for his work is derived mostly from

nature (e.g. pollen, seeds, roots, bats). Ralph is the program chair for the Smoky Mountain Woodturners in Knoxville, Tennessee and frequently demonstrates various techniques and tools.



The program will focus on how to enhance your work

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The “Empty Bowls Project”

Woodturners of North Texas has adopted the Empty Bowls project as our primary community service activity for this year. The North Texas and Tarrant Area Food Banks are asking for bowls to benefit those without adequate food for this very popular annual fund raising drive ... Empty Bowls, “An Artful Luncheon to Fight Hunger” is a donation program where woodworkers, pottery, and glass workers make bowls, which are donated for this activity.

Turning a bowl is a project that any and all of us can complete and present with pride. Every member of the Woodturner’s of North Texas is being encouraged to participate and to turn and donate bowls that will be sent to the Empty Bowl project. You are encouraged to participate and set your own personal goal for the number of bowls that you will contribute to this worthy cause. Last year, Max Taylor set an enviable pace by completing a total of 19 bowls and several other members were not far behind in the number of bowls that they turned.

It only takes a block of wood, sharp tools, safety glasses and a desire to participate in this very worthwhile activity. If you plan to participate in this activity, you are encouraged, in keeping with the spirit of the project which is to eliminate hunger, to please turn bowls -- something that could be easily perceived as a bowl assuming a bit of artistic license when necessary.

We will keep track of the numbers of bowls completed and make a monthly report in the newsletter of those contributing club members and the total number of bowls turned. Your contribution, combined with the efforts of all of our club members and the other Metroplex clubs can make a significant difference to those in need.

“Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don’t forget that if you were a winner of any item in the August drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the September 2007 “Bring Back” drawing. The rules for the “Bring Back” drawing are that winners of a turned item must bring a turned item of their own creation to the next meeting and the winners of any other item must bring something that would be of interest to woodturners. That would include, but is not limited to something that you turned, a tool or jig, wood, book, or magazine. If you have fallen behind in bringing a turned item for the “Bring Back” drawing, now is the time to make up for any items that you owe and please remember to bring a turning to the September meeting. Here is a list of the August “Bring-Back” winners:

NAME

Randy Johnson
Stormy Boudreaux
Bill Boehme
Gene Jackson
Wayne Fitch
Dwight Schoneweis
Sergio Lopez

TURNED ITEM

Maple lidded box
Endgrain bowl
Walnut/maple lidded box
Maple lidded box
Ash lidded container
Pen
Oak/maple birdhouse

NAME

John Horn
Matt Rabe
Larry Sweeney
David Heywood
Fred Denke
Dan Hudkins

NON-TURNED ITEM

Bottle stopper mandrels
Maple burl pen blanks
Ebony pen blanks
Pen blanks
Box elder wood block
Purpleheart wood block

THE SWAT LADIES PROGRAM

Wichita Falls – 2007

This is your official reminder to prepare for the Annual Ladies Instant Gallery. Please bring your crafts, sewing, quilts, artwork (oils, pastels or whatever), jewelry, scrapbooking etc. We need your talent!

Please check where indicated if you plan to participate in any of the events. Mail a check to “SWAT LADIES PROGRAM” in the amount at the bottom of the page to:

Joan E. Genender
11212 Shelterwood Lane
Dallas, Texas 75229

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (214) 363-1425 or email me at: jgenender@aol.com

- Friday, October 5** 2:00pm to 4:30pm. An Italian Cooking Class .
Fun! Fun! Fun! Only \$15.00 _____
- Friday, October 5** - 6:00 pm – Barbeque buffet dinner at the
MPAC. After dinner, we will drive to
The Wichita Theatre for a musical “Night
On Broadway” at 7:30pm. Dinner and Theatre
are only \$24.00 per person. _____
- Saturday, October 6** - 9:00 am Load the bus. We will visit the
Finishing Touch, a gift and craft store – the
largest and oldest in the area. We will be treated
to refreshments and cookies!
- 10:30am To The Scrapbooking Store for a “mini demo”and
instruction in the “art of scrapbooking”, tips and
tricks, discount coupons too!
- 12:00 noon To Georgann’s Tea Room and Craft Mall for
a delicious lunch. Afterwards, we will shop!.
- 2:30 pm We will meet with Jim Peddijohn one block
away and he will begin the history of Wichita
Falls...then back on the bus to the History
Museum where Jim will tour us, and entertain
us with anecdotes about his lifetime in WF.
I have been told he is delightful!
- 4:30pm – Return by bus to MPEC. \$24.00 _____
- Sunday, October 7** 9:30 am- Making 3 elegant greeting cards. \$5.00 _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK! Total : _____

(“Legs and Lids”, continued from page 1)

by incorporating carved legs and how to make oriental style lids for your boxes. Multiple options for legs and lids will be shown and discussed.

Many of Ralph's bowls and turnings incorporate legs of various styles but all are created in a similar fashion. Ralph will show the turning and measuring process to rough out legs then shape and carve them to a final shape ready for sanding.



For the Lids part of the program, Ralph will demo a square, dished lid similar to

those that Ray Key uses in his oriental box series. However, Ralph's method is a simplified version and incorporates some additional options for use in other turnings.



... from the Editor

SWAT is almost here. Have you finalized your plans for attending? The dates are October 5, 6, and 7 in Wichita Falls, TX at their very nice Multipurpose Events Center. You are also encouraged to bring any of your favorite turn-



ings that you would like to have displayed in the instant gallery. If you have never attended SWAT before, this is an event that you should not miss -- in addition to the numerous demonstrations there are many other things to do including meeting other woodturners, visiting the vendor area to check out all of the essential things that you can't do without once you see them, the drawings for prizes, and the banquet on Saturday evening. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Empty Bowls: Will you make a commitment? It all begins with a single bowl and your help is needed. Last year, the club provided tremendous support to the Empty Bowls project by donating approximately 150 bowls to this charitable event. The commitment by the club in supporting the project was greatly appreciated by the local Food Bank. However, because of the large number of activities that WNT has been involved in this year, the Empty Bowls project has not received as much attention and we need to accelerate our efforts to match the outstanding participation level of last year. We are collecting your donated bowls at each meeting. A special parking spot has been reserved for your bowl at the September meeting -- will it be there?

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Advertisements

WNT SHIRTS

The club is taking orders for WNT Logo shirts with the new style club logo. If you are interested, see James Haynes at the next club meeting. If you place an order at the club meeting, the shirts are normally (but not always) available at the next meeting. Prices are:

SHORT SLEEVE S to XL -- \$20, 2X -- \$25

LONG SLEEVE S to XL -- \$30, 2X -- \$32, 3X -- \$35

Payment is due when the shirt is ordered.

Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$8.00 per gallon. It is being stored at Larry Roberts' place, 6409 Calender in southwest Arlington. Contact James Haynes for payment.

See WNT website ads page: <http://www.wntx.org/ads/ads.html> for the latest advertisements

Rules for advertisements: Free ads are available only to WNT members. The deadline for submission or cancellation of an ad is the 10th of the month to be placed in that month's newsletter. Ads will only run for one issue unless notified otherwise. If you wish to continue running an ad for more than one month, please advise the editor, Bill Boehme, by the 10th of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor by the 10th of the month.

Calendar

NOTE: The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month. Board meetings are held at **Jason's Deli**, 6422 Camp Bowie, south of I-30. Check the WNT web site for any updates. 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.

September 27 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Ralph Watts**

October 2 - WNT Board meeting -- see above for location and time.

October 5 - 7: SWAT Symposium in Wichita Falls, TX

October 25 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Bill Meador**

November 6 - WNT Board meeting -- see above for location and time.

November 29 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **John Solberg and Peter Tkacs (The Blues Brothers)** present Vacuum Chucking

December 1 - WNT Annual Christmas Holiday Banquet.

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