

Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

January 2012 Program:

Designing the Perfect Bowl

by John Williams

Next Meeting:

**Thursday,
January 26, 2012
Start Time: 6:30 PM**

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

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I figure I've made pots for about forty years and been in the clay business about that long. After college and the military, I did one smart thing and one not-so-smart thing. I got married and started teaching at a local college. The marriage has lasted forty years and the teaching lasted only four. Fourteen years ago the North Texas Area Food Bank asked Darlene and me if there was a way to have EMPTY BOWLS in Dallas. Well, it seems as if there was a way, and four years later, the Tarrant Area Food Bank asked the same

question. Answers to all these questions will be revealed at the meeting. During the demonstration, I will show you how I make a bowl and then take a leather hard bowl and trim and decorate it. The process of trimming more closely relates to wood turning and we can discuss the differences in our problems. During the demonstration I will explain why being involved with EMPTY BOWLS is especially related to my approach to making pots and perhaps give you some insight about the ways you work as a wood turner.



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President's message
by Dave Marshall
Good
Shavings

Interoffice Memo
Subject: WNTx Good Shavings Article – January 2012

WNTx Team:

Many of you are not aware of the managerial changes that have occurred within our organization. First, let me assure you that there are no Reductions in Force (i.e. layoffs) that are planned at this time. Aside from that fact, I have re-entered Corporate America so this month's "Good Shavings" article is in the form of a PowerPoint chart. I am sure that most/all are accustomed to this type of communication and I expect that all of you will act accordingly and be in compliance with WNTx corporate policies.

I, and the entire executive team of WNTx, expect all members to stay focused on the one thing that is most important... yep, woodturning. We need all of you to "step-up" and support the Club in this time

of transition. Please, do not let us down. We need you to focus on:

- Empty Bowls donations
 - Volunteer hours for Club activities (Rockler, Elementary School stuff, etc.)
 - AAW enrollment and activities
 - Unsolicited bribes to you
- WNTX Club President [*editor note: and his grossly underpaid Board*]

Please refer to this month's communications from the attached PowerPoint slide on Page 3.

If there are any questions, direct them to my WNTx Executive Secretary.

Regards,

Your Gracious Leader..

Good Shavings to all of you,

Dave

WNTx Activities this Month

✓ Binion Elementary School

Thank you WNTx Volunteers! Great Job!

Many candle sticks made... no student fatalities! Woo-Hoo!

✓ Smithfield Elementary School

This Friday!

John Horn Would like more Volunteers to staff this great event

Call him with your availability!

✓ Empty Bowls

This is the last month to donate to Empty Bowls

Bring your Empty Bowls Donations this Thursday!

Bowls, Platters, Pepper Grinders, Goblets, anything food related! Do it!

Your community need your help!

✓ Weather

Has been damn great to turn... no excuse for Empty Bowls

Bring Donations or WNTx Critique table or Bring-Back Table.

✓ SWAT (*Southwest Assoc of Turners*)

Directors Meeting this weekend

Submit SWAT suggestions/critiques to Bob Clark via email ASAP

Trent Bosch
WNT Hands-on
Demonstrator
for April 2012



Trent Bosch, from Fort Collins Colorado, will be our Spring 2012 Demonstrator/Hands On Instructor. Trent is known all over the world as one of the most creative and versatile woodturners on the planet. There will be something for everyone at the all-day demonstration on April 21st and in the hands-on classes on April 20th, 22nd, -23rd, 24th & 25th. The classes will address all skill levels from beginners through advanced in the different classes. Registration for the classes will start at the club meeting this Thursday. The fee is only \$130 per day. For more information about Trent Bosch, check out his web site at: <http://www.trentbosch.com/>

The following is the current schedule of the Trent Bosch Hands-On Classes:

Fundamentals class: Friday April 20th

Bowls and Platters

Special focus on Sharpening and uses for the swept back grind bowl gouge

Two day class Mixed abilities: Sunday and Monday, April 22nd & 23rd

We will have time to cover a variety of topics on the master list

Intermediate class: Tuesday, April 24th

Hollow forms

Focus on good design and forms getting clean cuts and consistent wall thicknesses

as well as carving on turnings

Advanced class: Wednesday, April 25th

Designing forms to be carved for an intended effect - Participants can make Vessels of illusions or other pieces similar to mine or explore their own ideas within the realm of the class

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Below is a master list of topics that may be explored during any of the workshops:

- Turning open forms
- Getting comfortable with the 1/2" swept back grind gouge
- Different grinds to minimize sanding
- Wood selection (what to look for and why)
- Using Green Wood
- Drying options (Kiln, Air, and other ideas)
- How to cut the wood for best figure
- Enclosed forms (Vessels of Illusion etc.)
- Tools for Hollowing
- Judging wall thickness (Look, Listen, and feel etc.)
- Form (what is good form?)
- Turning pieces that will be carved on (leaving enough wood etc.)
- Wood Manipulation

Bending wood

Carving Wood

Sandblasting wood

- Surface treatments

Ways to achieve the desired effect in your work

Color, texture, etc.

- Finishing (lots of options)
- Whatever area you want to explore further
- Slides of work if applicable
- Look and discuss work created and techniques used



Empty Bowls

I attended a meeting of the Empty Bowls committee the other day and took some of the bottle stoppers that Harv Cox donated for a "show and tell" session. I thought that we had just donated bowls in the past. Well, we may have, but someone has been donating other turned items. The committee co-chair, after praising Harv's work, commented that they would pair each stopper with a bottle of wine as they had last year. She went on to say that she especially liked the wooden tops. Another member then commented on the beautiful pens that had come in last year.

Later that day, I delivered all of our 156 turned items to the Tarrant Area Food Bank and interrupted their budget meeting. They had to unpack and admire each and every one of turnings that you have donated.

Now for more good news, the Empty Bowls folks want your turnings. Now is the time to clean out your closets, cupboards, bookshelves, etc. This is the chance for all those non-bowl turners to donate ornaments, boxes, bottle stoppers, tops, salt /pepper mills, snowmen, spurtles, pens and pencils, plates, platters, pizza cutters, jewelry – well, you get the idea. They'll take any turned items. The deadline for donations is February 9. I will be glad to pick up donations if you can't bring them to the meeting this month. Call Sandy Jarrell at 817-732-2916.

Those of you who would be willing to sell some of your work might think about attaching a tag or business card with your contact information to your donated items.

Binion Elementary

One of the objectives of the Woodturners of North Texas is to introduce people to the art and craft of woodturning. By starting with children at the elementary school level, we strive to inspire young people in the joy of producing objects on the lathe. On January 20th, at the Binion Elementary School in Richland Hills, Bob Clark, Glynn Cox, John Horn, Sandy Jarrell, John Lauderbaugh, Ray Moyer, Ronnie Nuzum, Steve Tolar, and Bob Wiggins spent the day helping 72 fifth grade students make candlesticks as a part of the Fine Arts Day program at the school.



Glynn Cox, John Horn, John Lauderbaugh, Ronnie Nuzum and Bob Wiggins spent a morning at Glynn Cox's shop preparing the blanks for the candle sticks.

There were six 45 minute sessions in which 12 students in each class would each produce their project. It is amazing to us, as woodturners with years of experience, that each child can make a completely finished candle stick in less than twenty minutes without having previous training. Thanks to the encouragement and guidance of each of their woodturn-

ing “coaches” each student was able to experience the joy and pride of making a useful item on the lathe that they could take home and display for the whole family to admire.

We will repeat this activity at the Smithfield Elementary School on January 27th



Librarian's Corner

Randy Johnson



Notes

In recovery mode.



“Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the November 2011 drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the January 2012 “Bring Back” drawing. You can see the “Making Good Shavings” column in the March 2009 newsletter for updated guidelines on the “Bring Back” drawing. Winners of any turned item should bring back a replacement turned item of their own creation to the next meeting and winners of any other item such as tools or wood are encouraged to also bring a turned item that they have created in lieu of a non-turned item. If you have fallen behind in bringing a replacement item for the “Bring Back” drawing, now is the time to make up for any items that you owe.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>
Jim McGreger	Candle Holder	Joe Green	Candle Tea Light
Fred Denke	Walnut Turning Blank	John Lauderbaugh	Tool Handle
Chas Thornhill	Christmas Tree Set	James Haynes	Bowl
Tom Beatty	Candle Holder	Robert Richards	Bowl
Dave Marshall	Lip Stick Holder	Bob Clark	Handle for Jet Mini Lathe



Advertisements

Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$12.00 per gallon. It can be purchased at club meetings and at other times is being stored at Jimmie Gill's place, 3425 Meadow Oaks Dr. in Haltom City. Contact James Haynes for payment.

See the [WNT web site ads page](#) for the latest information on what other members have for sale.

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, John Chandler (email vannchan@att.net) by the 10th of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor by the 10th of the month.

Woodcraft offers a 10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members. Show your membership card in order to get the discount.



Rockler also offers a 10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members. Show your membership card in order to get the discount.

Calendar

NOTE: The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at the R. D. Evans Recreational Center, 3242 Lackland Rd., Fort Worth, Texas. Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at **Tommy's**, 5228 Camp Bowie, north 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 6:30 PM.

January 26 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **John Williams - Designing the Perfect Bowl**

February 7 - WNT Board Meeting

February 23 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Marion McDaniel - Easter Bunnies**

March 6 - WNT Board Meeting

March 29 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Jimmie Gill - Pepper Mills**

April 3 - WNT Board Meeting

April 21 - Trent Bosch All-day Demonstration, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, \$10, R. D. Evans Rec. Center

April 20, 22-25 - Hands-on classes with Trent Bosch, 3425 Meadow Oaks Drive, Haltom City, TX

April 26 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Sharon Ayers - Platters**

May 1 - WNT Board Meeting

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