

Woodturners of North Texas



Next Meeting: Thursday, June 25, 2015

Meeting Start: 6:30 PM

Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club 6013 Craig Street Fort Worth, TX

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Natural edge crescent bowls by Larry Roberts

Larry Roberts has been a woodturner for 60 years. He first started in highschool when he took interest in the lathe during shop class. His teacher trained him in the "English/Conventional" method in which the turner would adhere to strict rules and would mostly consist of turnings for furniture and the like.



His brother invited him to a weekend gathering of few turners, including Clay Foster and David Ellsworth, who

were exploring the unheard of method of freeform and artistic turning. These artisans were happy to pass on the radical new techniques, designs, vessel shapes and types. This led to these turners being taught to think of the craft in different ways, “freeing their minds”.

Larry enthusiastically adopted this new method of woodturning. He now rarely uses kiln dried woods. He prefers to use found woods. He likes to salvage wood from fireplace piles, disposal yards, arborists, roadside piles and development sites; anywhere wood is being discarded. He takes joy in transforming found wood into a vessel displaying the unusual grain patterns that are hidden inside. Frequently a discarded, ugly chunk of wood will be beautiful inside. “One never knows what lies inside a piece of wood”. He enjoys taking these cast away, unwanted, useless wood and giving it new life. He says this process gives him tranquility, reflection, self-satisfaction and joy. He only hopes that the new piece holds something special for the new owner.

Larry says that he is often asked; “what do you put in it?”. His response is; “I have put a lot of love into it, you can put into it what ever you want to”.

... making Good Shavings

President's report for June 2015

- Welcome to our new members: Bob Kesler, David Walker and returning members Mike Jones and Flip Richardson.
- Bob Wiggins will not be at the meeting this week but be assured that John Lauderbaugh will be recognizing your June Challenge... a stemmed goblet. John will also be announcing our July challenge.
- Those at our last meeting heard Craig's fine presentation on Beads of Courage boxes. I sent out an email to all members with SWAT's new position on the program. Though there will not be any judging or awards at SWAT, you have something better, the satisfaction of having provided a means of happiness to a very ill child and your own peer recognition. You will still receive three WNT Challenge raffle tickets for each vessel turned. Remember, you need to bring your boxes to the July meeting for show and tell. If you are not going to SWAT then leave them with Ray Moyer for transport to Waco.
- We only had 8 bowls for Empty Bowls brought in last month. There has only been 8 turners make any bowls and 6 of the bowl a month members have not turned in a single one. Come on people, you can do a lot better than that. Remember you get one Christmas dinner raffle ticket for each bowl turned during the year.
- I know it is getting hot in non-air-conditioned shops but please try to keep up with the three ongoing club activities as they are not only some of our community outreach, but provide excellent training and practice.
- See you at 6:30pm Thursday and be safe. We don't need a "safety coordinator".

Glynn Cox
President



Who's up for a Challenge?

In April our demonstrator showed us how to turn a toothpick holder, so our challenge for May was to turn a toothpick holder, either similar to the demonstrators, or of our own creation. Twenty eight (28) members participated with more than thirty one (31) toothpick holders displayed. They ranged in size from pocket sized ones like Fred Denke's which was made from a broom handle to Pam Thompson's Texas size holder which was almost a foot high. The style ranged from ones similar to what was demonstrated in April including the "o" ring to contain the toothpick inner holder to ones which were simple with just a hole for the toothpicks. Both styles had some very nice turnings. We continue to have good interest in the Challenge turnings and we had some new members turn a challenge piece for the first time. We would like to see more members participating in next month's challenge. This is a good opportunity for members to try something new and for all of us to see the creativity of our membership in determining the size, style, decoration and material of choice.

Below is a list of members who turned toothpick holders for the May Challenge

Jim Barkelew	Don Christiansen	Bill Holt	Sean O'Brien
Matt Bashore	Bob Clark	John Horn	Ronny Roberson
Mike Barnhart	Wayne Clowers	Ron Howe	Larry Sweeney
Tom Beatty	Fred Denke	Dick Koch	Steve Thomason
Brian Begina	Rick Gauthier	John Lauderbaugh	Pam Thompson
Josh Boaz	Jimmy Gill	Ray Moyer	John Weaver
David Carter	James Haynes	Ronnie Nuzum	Bob Wiggins

Last Months Challenge



Last Month's Demo

Zentangle

By Suzanne McNeill





SWAT 2015

One of the largest woodturning symposiums in the world .

Friday August 21st thru Sunday August 23rd.

SWAT will be held at the Waco Convention Center
Waco, Texas

Less than a 2 hour drive for most of our club members.

You can find registration information, the demonstrator rotation schedule, and everything else about the symposium
at

SWAT Home Page: <http://www.swaturners.org/>

**Register before August 1st
and save 20-25% over the onsite registration.**

Early On-Line Registration

Available **now** thru July 31st at the SWAT website.

Mail-in Registration

Available now thru July 25th. Cutoff is a little earlier to insure that the registration team has time to prepare the packets.

You can get the form at the SWAT website. There will also be a few copies available at the June meeting at the Treasurers desk.

You can also register **onsite** at the symposium but it will cost more.

Highlights of the symposium include

54 turning classes (Rotations as we call them)

electronically delivered Handbook

great lunch - provided for those who register for the three-day event.

The biggest Instant Art Gallery of all the symposiums.

Attendees may display/sell pieces of their work

4 Special Interest Groups (SIG)

more (Tool, Art and Wood) 2-for-1 drawings

3 lathe give away

over 45 vendors in 80+ booths

Also, internationally known turners such as

Jimmy Clewes (Wood World of TX),

Stuart Batty (Woodworkers Emporium),

and Molly Winton (Wood World of TX)

will be demonstrating in the vendor area

all for \$140

Also at the Symposium

A Saturday evening **banquet** that features a **raffle** of over 30 beautiful turned pieces.

Hands on area with Beginning turning, Pen turning and Tool Sharpening.

A **2nd raffle** during Sunday lunch that includes a 1 full size lathe, three midi lathes, plus a large assortment of woodturning tools and accessories

Spousal activities

Spouses Activities classes are now open for enrollment and it is a great line up of crafts, books and activities that Phyllis has setup for this year. Things like: **Fused Glass Jewelry, Scrapbooking, Writing True Stories, Zentangle, Crochet, Share recipes, Quilting and much more.** Go to the SWAT website under Spousal Activities to read through the different classes and get signed up.

There has been questions in the past whether the spouse has to register as a spouse for SWAT in order to attend the Spouses Activities and the answer is no. If your spouse is just there to accompany you and *not* attending any of the Symposium classes but *only* attending the Spouses Activities then they don't have to register. We would like it if they did in order for us to get an accurate attendance count and help *offset* the costs of the Symposium but it is not necessary.

You will however have to buy extra lunch tickets for the three days which will cost you \$45.

**The 2015 SWAT Rotation schedule
is available on the website
AND HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST MONTH**

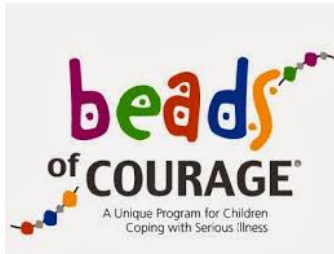
One last thing

To those that have already volunteered
THANK YOU!!

As you can see from the signup sheet below,
 we are still in need of volunteers
 to operate the video system at SWAT.

**The sign-up sheet
 will be on James's desk**

SWAT 2015 Brazos South(WNT) Rotation Schedule					
Date	Time	Turner	Topic	Operator	Assistant
Friday Aug 21st	10:30-12:00	Craig Timmerman	Turning a Sphere The old world method	Bob Clark	Randy Johnson
	1:30-3:00	Malcolm Tibbetts	Intro to Segmented turning		Jim Barkeley
	4:00-5:30	Jim Tanksley	Turning Large Bowls	Bob Clark	
	7:30-9:00PM	Curtis Seebeck Don Ward	Pen Turning	Larry Sweeney	Not Required
Saturday Aug 22nd	8:00-9:30	Kevin Felderhoff	Transforming a crotch to a flying wing vase	Dr Jimmie Gill	
	10:30-12:00	Malcolm Tibbetts	Feature rings for segmented turning	Dr Jimmie Gill	Tom Beatty
	1:30-3:00	Jim Tanksley	Turning Large Bowls		
	4:00-5:30	Malcolm Tibbetts	Segmented Sculpture		
Sunday Aug 22nd	8:00-9:30	Malcolm Tibbetts	Feature rings for segmented turning		Stephen Smith
	10:30-12:00	Kevin Felderhoff	Transforming a crotch to a flying wing vase	Bob Clark	



Friendly Reminder

The Beads of Courage Program has been taken on as a major project by our club and we need your help. We need you to signed up and make a lidded bowl that will be taken to SWAT in August. Check out last month's newsletter for additional details.

If your name is not listed below please let me Know.

Check out the website: <http://www.beadsofcourage.org>

Members accepting the Challenge to date

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|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Brian Begina | 6. John Horn | 11. Ray Moyer |
| 2. John Weaver | 7. Ron Schiller | 12. Jeff Allen |
| 3. Tom Beatty | 8. Glynn Cox | 13. Dave Narducci |
| 4. Bob Clark | 9. Sandy Jarrell | 14. Scott Wisdom |
| 5. Bob Wiggins | 10. John Lauderbaugh | 15. Don Christiansen* |

(* - Completed and turned in)

What is Beads of Courage?

This program is designed to support and strengthen children and families coping with serious illness. The program lets the children tell their story using colorful beads as meaningful symbols that commemorates milestone they have achieved along their treatment path. The average child gets 500 beads.

Hospitals Served

Fort Worth Area

Cooks Children Hospital
Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital

Dallas Area

Children's Medical Center
Children's Medical Center, Legacy
Medical Center Children's Hospital
Parkland Health and Hospital System

Guidelines

Turned boxes need to be about 6 inches in diameter, (5" minimum)

Have Beads of Courage engraved or burned on the lid if possible

Make sure the lids are easily removable

Finials should be easy for a small child to grasp but not elaborate

If not a turned box is should be 4x6x4 inches

Woodturners of North Texas

Our club has taken on the Beads of Courage as a project and encourages our members to participate. As part of our participation we will giving an additional 3 Challenge Raffle Tickets for each box.

Bowls can be turned in to Ray Moyer at our regular meetings or they can be taken to SWAT. SWAT's contest does not require you to be at SWAT for competition/prizes.

Mentors

Name	City	Specialty
Beasley, John	Denton,	General turning, Bowls
Boehme, Billy	Arlington	General turning, Bowls
Brand, Neal	Denton	Spindles, Hand-chased threads, Boxes
Clowers, Wayne	Haltom City	Bowls, Pens, Lidded vessels, Segmented
Cox, Glynn	Keller	General turning, Tool making
Denke, Fred	Fort Worth	Bowls, Surface decoration, Inlay
Derczo, Johnny	Mansfield	Segmented
Gill, Jimmie	Haltom City	General turning, Bowls
Horn, John	North Richland Hills	Fundamentals. Spindles, Bowls, Sharpening
Jarrell, Sandy	Fort Worth	General turning, Bowls
Lauderbaugh, John	North Richland Hills	Peppermills, Snowmen, Pens, Sharpening
Marshall, Dave	Fort Worth	General turning
Moyer, Ray	Euless	Spindles, Boxes, Basics
Placido, Bob	Azle	Bowls, Inlays, Segmented, Boxes, Goblets, Inside-out. Tops
Roberts, Larry	Arlington	Basics, Natural Edge Vessels
Rost, Steve	Mansfield	Segmented
Solberg, John	Denton	Multi-axis, Ornaments, Bowls, Pens, Tops
Tanksley, Jim	Mansfield	End grain bowls, Hollowing
Taylor, Max	Fort Worth	General turning, Pens, Bowls
Thornhill, Chas	Frisco	General Turning
Tiefel, Paul	Southlake	Multi-axis, Hollow forms, Bowls, Coring
Tkacs, Peter	Denton	General turning, Peppermills
Wiggins, Bob	Arlington	Bowls

Advertisements

Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$10.00 per gallon. It can be purchased at club meetings and at other times is being stored at Bob Clark's place, 1201 McClendon Road, in Weatherford, TX. 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 (email wntnewsletter@gmail.com) by the 10th of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor (have you spotted the trend yet?) by the 10th of the month.

Wood World offers a 10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members.

<http://www.woodworldtx.com/>



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

Woodcraft 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 Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club, 6013 Craig Street, Fort Worth, TX. Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at **Niki's Italian Bistro**, 5237 Davis Blvd. (FM1938) in North Richland Hills. 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 5:30 PM and the business meeting starts at 6:30 PM.

June 25th - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club,
Demonstrator: Roger Jones - Woodturning Fundamentals

July 14th - WNT Board Meeting

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