

Woodturners of North Texas



36 years



Next Meeting: Thursday, February 27th, 2025
Meeting Start: 6:30 PM. Come early to socialize.

IN-PERSON MEETING!!!

Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club

6013 Craig Street Fort Worth, Texas 76112

or Virtual meeting on the Internet.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86406>

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Jeff Allen Birdhouse Ornament



I have been woodturning for over 20 years. I started woodworking at a young age, learning the basics from my grandfather. He taught me to make a birdhouse that my grandmother proudly put up in her backyard. In high school I took a woodshop class, and focused on furniture making and other "flat work" projects without using a lathe. Later, I purchased a scroll saw and engaged in fretwork and intarsia projects.

During a winter visit to Germany, my father-in-law introduced me to woodturning by demonstrating on a Drechelsbank or bench lathe. This sparked my interest in turning, leading me to purchase a small 10" Jet mini lathe upon returning home. I began creating small boxes, bowls, pens, and bottle stoppers.

Joining the Woodturners of North Texas and attending various symposiums and hands-on classes, I expanded my woodturning skills. I have attended every SWAT symposium since 2005. I have demonstrated for our club and served as an instructor at Trinity Woodturners Hands-on Retreat in Dallas and at the Campbell's Hands on Retreat in Michigan.

I learned to turn a mini-birdhouse ornament from a demonstration by Dick and Mary Sing at the Utah symposium. Subsequently, I scaled up this project to full-sized birdhouses. These ornaments make nice gifts and can be used as decorations beyond just Christmas trees. The project is versatile and can be scaled to different sizes. I will demonstrate selecting contrasting wood pieces, mounting, and hollowing the pieces during the demo. The birds for this project can be found in the doll house decoration section at Hobby Lobby. I hope participants take the basic techniques and add their own twists, utilizing methods like spiraling tools, elph tools, chatter tools, or power carving. The possibilities are endless.



Please note our web site is continuing to be refined. **Take a look:**

[URL: https://wntx.org/](https://wntx.org/)

To get help with your woodturning project, please go to our **Mentor** page at:

<https://wntx.org>

Click Mentor tab for details

Also check out our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/wntx.org>

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Facebook

Did you know that the Woodturners of North Texas now has two Facebook pages? The first page is our regular business page. Here you will find the latest announcements and pictures pertaining to the club. Go to the Facebook search bar and type Wood Turners of North Texas. Here you will see a picture of a segmented hollow form.

Our new page is a members only discussion page. You can use this page to show off your work, ask questions, share wood, offer things to sell... Search Facebook for WNTX. Here you need to ask to join. Once approved you are free to post content. This page shows a group of our members at the top.

<https://www.facebook.com/wntx.org>

Calendar of Events

February 27th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

Demonstrator: Jeff Allen

Subject: Birdhouse Ornament

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86406929325?pwd=blpwZlBsNzU0RzBCQnkzbnhiTmhFQT09>

March 4th Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Remote - Zoom meeting**

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83748506862?pwd=N3RtVUVzSjk3UGVGczRJVpTL1ZqQT09>

March 13th Green Valley Elementary Arts day
Volunteers Needed

March 27th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

Demonstrator: Tod Raines

Subject: Bowl Coring

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86406929325?pwd=blpwZlBsNzU0RzBCQnkzbnhiTmhFQT09>



President's Notes for February, 2025

Greetings,

How are you enjoying this roller coaster temperature this month? I know we have at least two members enjoying the tropical temperatures of the Caribbean and Cabo as we face another arctic blast.

Do you as members know how much knowledge there is among our membership? I am making a fixture for open segmenting just from seeing what a member had made at his shop. This afternoon a member was at my shop and went away with an idea to help his work. There is not a member that is not willing to help anyone with an idea or problem you may have. Our mentors and open shop's help, but if you have a specific question let me know. I can bring it up at a meeting or possibly know who to direct you to for help. This is what our club is about, helping each other.

We will have a list going around this month for help with lathes and people for the arts day at Green Valley Elementary on March 13th. A special Thank You goes to Bob Nelson for turning and assembling the candlestick blanks for this event.

See you at the meeting,

Blake

SMITHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FINE ARTS DAY

14 members with their lathes came together at Smithfield Elementary January 31st where we had 101 students turn candlesticks as a part of their fine arts day. This was the largest group of students the club has ever had at one of these school arts day events. I was surprised by the number of parents who were part of the PTA were in the room watching their children turn the candlestick. It really is a rewarding experience that if you have the time we would invite you to participate as we look to another event at Green Valley March 13th.

Those participating were Glynn Cox, Mike Marvin, James Boyett, Bob Grinstead, Mike Stephens, Stephen Hill, Rick Gauthier, Randy Sullivan, Blake Hickerson, Tommy Schutz, Gordon Kayser, Dave Wilson, Harold Roller, and Bob Wiggins.



Critique/Display Items



Challenge Items

Due to the tremendous response for the Empty Bowls challenge we did not get individual pictures of all items. Thanks to all who participated.







Who's Up For A Challenge?

My challenge for the month of February is to turn a duplicate. Shape and size don't matter. You can turn a copy of an existing object or turn two identical new pieces. Duplication systems are not allowed. This is a challenge to duplicate a turning by hand and eye. I look forward to seeing what you all bring to our next meeting.

Good turning!

Bob Nelson, WNTX VP

To all Members,

Open Shop- Home

This is a free once-a-quarter opportunity to get together at a member's personal shop to see their shop, exchange stories, possibly observe some skills or techniques and perhaps learn about a new toy (um Tool) or possibly receive some instruction from a club member. This does not replace the existing quarterly open shop events held at the lion's club, before one of our regular meetings.

**This quarter we met at the shop of Bob and Stephanie Nelson
at 10:00 AM on November 2, 2024
2913 Woodleigh Drive Venus, TX 76084**

My thanks to Ann Mellina for posting the pictures from the prior event. They are available on the WNTX Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/wntx.org/?ref=page_internal

**The Next Open Shop - Home will be at the shop of Keith & Darla Adams.
At 10:00 AM on March 29th 2025.
311 Broadmoor Dr. Haslet, TX 76052**

Keith is looking for volunteers to host an open shop at their home.

Currently, we have the following volunteers:

1. Randy Sullivan – Date TBD
2. Lawerance Reed – Date TBD
3. Stormy Boudreaux – Date TBD

Please let Keith know if you are interested in sponsoring an event.

Be sure to bring some great stories about your woodturning adventures and possibly your favorite beverage or snack items to share as well. This is an informal meeting with no specific agenda other than a great time to meet with other club members.

Thank you,
Keith Adams
BOD - Member at large
Woodturners of North Texas

WNT BEANCOUNTER'S BULLETIN

February 2025

WNT 2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE JANUARY 1.

Not sure if you have paid your dues? Check at the treasurer's table. Payment with a credit card may be made online on the WNT website. Payment by cash, check, or credit card is accepted at the regular meetings. The membership application or renewal form may be filled on the website.

ANCHORSEAL

Anchorseal is now available at our monthly meetings. Price is still \$15. Please do not bring empty containers. They are not needed at this time.

LACQUER AND SEALER

We have a supply of lacquer and sealer with a breakeven price of \$10.

RESIDENT BEANCOUNTER
JAMES HAYNES, TREASURER

EMPTY BOWLS

The Empty Bowls Event is a two-hour, lunch time fund raising event held once a year by the Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB). All tickets include food tastings from local restaurants and your selection of a handcrafted bowl. They have wood, glass, and ceramic bowls. Tickets for the event are \$100 or \$150 for early admittance. If you get in early, you get first pick for your bowl. The Event will be held on the last Friday of April. The last Event raised a record breaking \$272,000 and tickets were sold out.

The WNT Board has agreed that Empty Bowls is a very worthy activity and should be supported by the Club. Our Club contributes almost all of the wood bowls and provides a top turning demonstration at the event.

You all were great last month and contributed 59 bowls to get us up to 107 total. I really want to make it to 150 this cycle. We only have this month and March to complete our bowl donations for this cycle.

I will be collecting bowl donations at our monthly meetings. Please only contribute quality bowls. The people attending the EB Event are paying a healthy sum and we should not insult them with a poor-quality bowl.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know at randkbiz@msn.com.

Empty Bowls 2024/2025											
<u>Turner's Name</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bill Holt		13						1			14
Jim Barkelew					2	3		7			12
Ron Traylor	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3			11
Bill Collins			2				4	5			11
Paul Tiefel						2	6	2			10
David Baulch								10			10
Mark Nelon								6			6
Blake Hickerson					2			3			5
Bob Grinstead								5			5
Tom Echols						2		1			3
Tom Newman								3			3
Blake Hickerson								3			3
Jim Combs							2				2
Gordon Kayser								2			2
Ann Mellina								3			3
Stephen Hill								2			2
Corey Johnson						1					1
John Lauderbaugh						1					1
Dewey Johnson								1			1
Jeff Allen								1			1
Steve Mills								1			1
											0
											0
											0
Monthly Total	1	15	3	1	5	10	13	59	0	0	
Grand Total											107



Librarian Notes
(librarian@WNTX.org)

The WNTX on-line library is currently offline to address a security issue and future usefulness for the club. The physical DVD library is available for members and covers club demos, SWAT demos, and commercial videos.

There are many excellent curated resources on the [AAW website](#). This is a major benefit of becoming a member of AAW.

Important note: Be aware that some turning videos found on random web searches may contain unsafe and potentially dangerous methods. Safety education is a vital part of turning.

librarian@WNTX.org

SWAT 2025

SWAT - August 22, 23, 24

Lead demonstrators

Sally Ault
Tony Street
Mike Mahoney
Mike Nlsh
Matt Monoco
Jerry Bennett
Lyle Jameson

Hotel's open up February 10th

Hilton 150 rooms
Marriot ???

Registration for SWAT opens March 3rd

Member at Large - If anyone is interested please let me know where I can get it to the nominating committee

<https://www.swaturners.org/>

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The **free** Affiliate membership offers access to the complete collection of AAW online resources, including the *American Woodturner* journal, for a **full three-months**.

Free: Affiliate Membership

Membership features:

- Online access to *American Woodturner* and Woodturning **FUND**amentals, both current and archived, as well as other online publications.
- Online access to learning portals including Woodturning Fundamentals and Demonstrator Direct (develop a demonstration).
- Online access AAW produced videos and video series.
- Find online projects, articles, and tips using AAW Explore! and a few keywords.
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- Member galleries for inspiration and ideas: Maker Photo Gallery, AAW Forum Gallery, and more.
- Directories: Members, Chapters, Demonstrators, Schools, Educators, and more.
- Discounts in AAW online store.

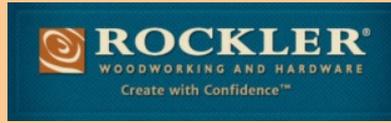
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The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30PM in person or via Zoom.

Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM on Zoom. All WNT members are invited to attend.

If you would like to attend the Board meeting, email your request to Blake Hickerson president@wntx.org

Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$15.00 per gallon. It is available at the club meetings.

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 (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.