

Woodturners of North Texas



36 years



Next Meeting: Thursday, August 28th, 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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**Tips, Tricks, Thoughts
Discussion**

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 you can have a discussion before our meeting or during a break.

[Lions Club Teardown](#)

All tables must be put on the rack unless instructed not to.

All chairs can be placed on the wall (neatly) cushions out.

If the changes are modified for a specific evening it will be announced during the meeting.

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Calendar of Events

August 28th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

Demonstrator: Group Discussion

Subject: Tips and Tricks

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86406929325?pwd=blpwZIBsNzU0RzBCQnkzbnhiTmhFQT09>

September 2nd Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Remote - Zoom meeting**

Meeting Link:

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

September 25th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

Demonstrator: Jim Combs

Subject: Finishing

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86406929325?pwd=blpwZIBsNzU0RzBCQnkzbnhiTmhFQT09>

October 24th-26 Art Worth <https://artworthfest.org/>

Volunteers are needed to setup, turning demonstrations, and tear down.

Facebook

Have you worked long and hard on a project and want to show it off? Do you have a question about how to do something? Want to sell a tool that you no longer use? Need inspiration? Want to start a discussion? Have wood to share?

The club has an additional Facebook page where you can post anything woodturning related. It's a member's only page so you have to ask and be approved to join. Search Facebook for Woodturners of North Texas, (WNTX.org) Members Forum.

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





President's Notes for August, 2025

Greetings,

By the time you are reading this the 2025 SWAT symposium will be in the books. I see the club has 45 members and spouses have pre registered for the event. I want to give a sincere Thank You to the A/V team and volunteers for our sponsorship of the Brazos room. Another Thank You for the members and spouses who have operated the registration office during the event. A special Thank You to my wife, Cynthia who stepped up and prepared all the name badges and took the lead of managing the registration office this year. Without your support this would not be possible.

In the beginning SWAT was known as "Texas Turner Two" started at Mark Potter's in Columbus Texas. I only know of three people still with us Gary Roberts, James Johnston, and Clay Foster who is one of our WNT lifetime members, now residing in Indiana. I first attended Texas Turner Two in 1991 in Canyon Lake, Texas at a small campground, makeshift demo rooms, and only a couple of vendors. My has the event grown! Even more the technology and creativity of the woodturning community. More importantly the friendships that have developed over the years, today SWAT is more like a family reunion reuniting with those friends with a common interest that we only see one time a year.

See you at the meeting,

Blake

Critique/Display Items



Robert Coller



Dewey Johnson



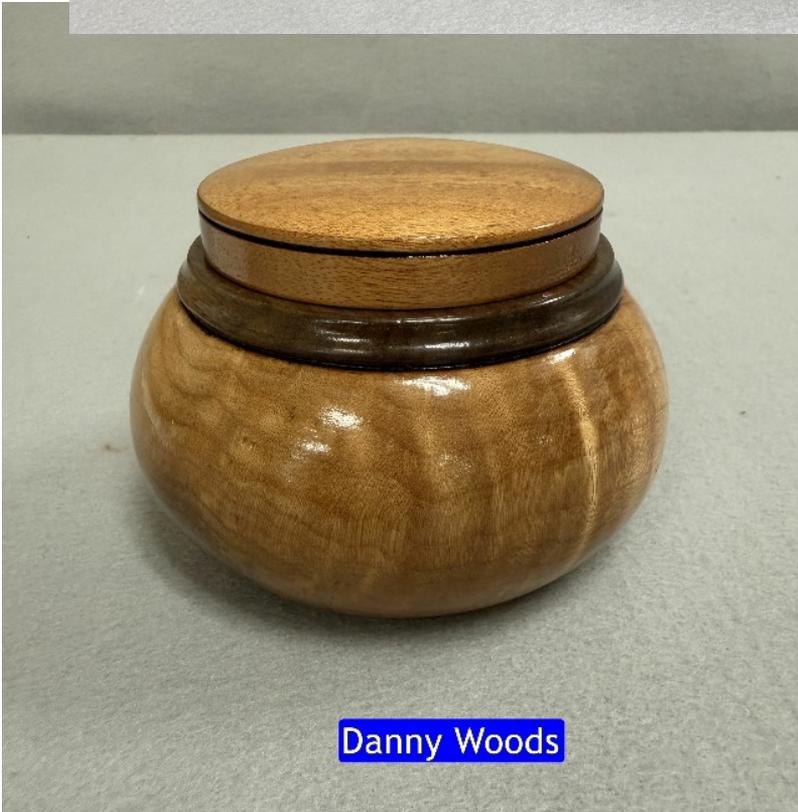
Jim Barkelew



Travis Clayton



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Danny Woods

Who's Up For A Challenge?

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This month's challenge will be to turn a bowl for our Empty Bowls donations. We want to increase the number of bowls that we give to Empty Bowls so to sweeten the challenge/donation, I will give two tickets to our quarterly drawing for each BOWL a member brings in. So if you bring in 1 bowl - 2 tickets. If you bring in 2 bowls - 4 tickets and so on. Remember, the bowls should be nice enough that anyone attending the Empty Bowls event would want to take it home. In other words, a bowl that you would be proud to donate.

Happy turning,

Bob

July Challenge Items



Steve Mills



Jeff Allen



Ann Mellina



Danny Woods



Jim LeGrand





Richard Ruff



Bob Grinstead



Jim Barkelew



Sandy Vadeu



Stephen Hill



Tim Verbeke



Ron Howe

Last Month's Demonstrator Jim Bob Burgoon Flask Vase



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.

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

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 next Event will be held on Friday, April 25, 2026. The last Event raised over \$300,000 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.

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.

Thanks,

Ron Traylor



Empty Bowls 2025/2026

<u>Turner's Name</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bill Holt				6		6
Blake Hickerson				6		6
Ron Traylor		2	1	1		4
Jim Barkelew				4		4
Jeff Allen		2	1			3
Bob Grinstead	1					1
Steve Mills	1					1
Steven Hill		1				1
Dave Wilson			1			1
						0
Monthly Total	2	5	3	17	0	
Grand Total						27

Librarian Notes (librarian@WNTX.org)

With the passing of David Ellsworth it is interesting to look back at the founding of the AAW organization. The library has a copy of the first issue of the AAW newsletter that contains a lengthy article by Davis on the state of woodturning in the 1980's. The AAW website has a digital version of the first issue. Worth a read.

Surplus magazines, DVD's, and books are available at club meetings for free or a small charge (books).

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

The WNTX on-line library is currently offline to address a security issue and future usefulness for the club.

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



A Festival at Clearfork

October 24 – 26 | artworthfest.org

more than 80 exhibiting artists, performances of classical music & more!

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Steffen Pfisterman



Marilyn Ohara



Fredrick Prescott



Jimmie Shealey

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The festival's visual arts exhibition is equally enthralling. More than 80 artists, selected through a strict blind jury process from hundreds of mid-to-late-career applicants nationwide, will display their work. Half of them are traveling from outside the area, adding fresh perspectives to Fort Worth's already rich arts scene.

SWAT 2025

A couple of members won turned items



Stuart Batty and Mike Mahoney In bowl dual. See the light in both bowls



Large Segmented piece in front of gallery by Jerry Bennett



Jim Bob won the Robust lathe



Affiliate Membership **FREE** Worldwide

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.
- Locate a wide selection of curated online woodturning videos that have been pre-screened for quality content and safety using Video Source and a few keywords.
- Members-only or discounted access to AAW hosted online and live events, including AAW symposia.
- AAW email newsletters: AAW Tool Box (weekly), Keep Turning with AAW (bimonthly).
- 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.

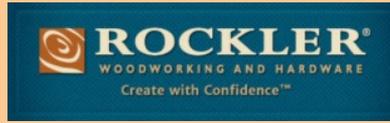
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The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30PM in person or via Zoom.

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.