

# Woodturners of North Texas



36 years



**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 20th, 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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## Christmas Trees Ron Howe

My first lathe was purchased in 2011. There was a little experience to get me started. The rest came with a lot of trial and error as well as U-Tube.

I joined the Woodturners of North Texas and got a lot of excellent advice and experience through the club mentors.

Larry Roberts and Jim Tanksley were both a huge influence. Hours were spent with them on the subject of natural edge presentation and form.

Jim Tanksley got me started with the Mesquite Bark on the Christmas tree. There were numerous hours spent in Jim's shop making Christmas

trees as well as natural edge forms.

I have combined what works well for me with what I learned from Jim.

I spend a little time prepping my log before it goes onto the lathe. For me it feels safer and speeds up the process a great deal.

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

November 20th Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

Demonstrator: Ron Howe

Subject: Christmas trees

MeetingLink:

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

December 2nd Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM

Location: **Remote - Zoom meeting**

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83748506862?pwd=N3RtVUVzSjk3UGVGczRJ>

December 13th WNT Christmas Banquet 4:30 PM

Location: **Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club**

# 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](http://WNTX.org)) Members Forum.

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





# President's Notes for November, 2025

Greetings,

Another year is quickly coming to a close. Last month's election took place and with that we want to thank James Haynes for his 25 years of service as the club treasure, and welcome Lawrence Reid as the new treasurer for the upcoming year.

Remember this month's challenge is a table decoration for the Christmas banquet. What interesting twist can you put on a snowman, tree, or ornament to decorate the tables for the upcoming event.

With that said, also remember the auction that takes place at the banquet. Your contribution helps fund the club for the upcoming year. Dues alone do not cover the expenses of the club. It is generous donations from each and every one that keeps the club going.

Our program chairman has asked to let him know if you have an idea for a program for this upcoming year or if you would like to present a program to the club. We want to try and present topics that help us all learn and improve our woodturning skills.

See you at the meeting.

Blake



Saturday, December 13, 2025



# WNT Christmas Banquet

Location: Handley Meadowbrook Lions Club, 6013 Craig Street, Fort Worth 76112

The Banquet begins with the food preparation.

There will be ham, turkey, pulled pork, and beef brisket as the main course, with vegetables, salad, and desserts that are brought by each member.

Bread and drinks (cokes, tea, and coffee) are supplied by the club, as is the tableware. Bring yourself and other members of your family (kids are welcome).

As usual we encourage each family to bring a vegetable/side dish and/or salad. We also need homemade desserts to accompany our meal. If baking sweets isn't your specialty, just bring a bounteous side dish.

**DOOR PRIZES:** Each person present will receive a door prize ticket for a drawing after the meal. Door prizes may include tools, gift certificates, and turning blocks, etc.

**LATHE, TOOL, & WOOD DRAWING:** Bring cash, check or credit card to buy tickets. Typical Drawing Prizes from prior years include midi-lathe, tools, gift certificates, turning blocks, etc.

### SCHEDULE:

3:30 PM - Set up (tables, chairs, decorations) Come and help.

4:30PM – Arrive, socialize (work up appetite), get your name tag and door prize ticket, Purchase Drawing tickets. \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 12 for \$10.

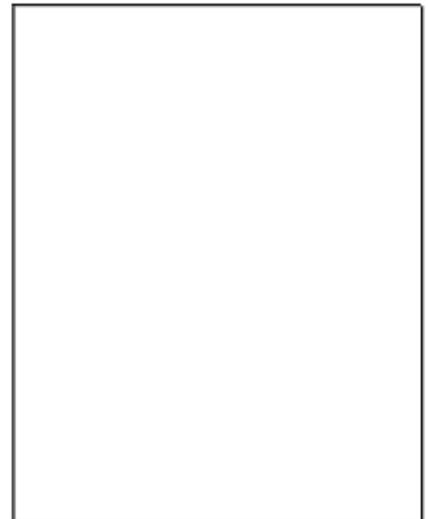
5:30 PM – Meal

6:30 PM - Awarding of Door Prizes and Drawing for Lathe, Tool, and Wood Items. ANNUAL AUCTION of items donated by our membership.

### THINGS TO BRING TO THE BANQUET

- + Yourself and your family, including children
- + Your appetite and food—**SEE ABOVE**
- + **Woodturnings or other craft items** that you would like to donate to the live Auction. This is one of the major sources of income for our club to be able to provide quality programs.
- + A big roll of **ca\$h or some checks or a credit card** for the Drawing tickets and the live auction.

You may pay your \$36 2026 WNT dues at the banquet. Check, cash ( exact change is good), or credit card.



## **WNT BEANCOUNTER'S BULLETIN-NOVEMBER 2025**

**WOODTURNERS OF NORTH TEXAS BY-LAWS STATE THAT ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE NOT LATER THAN January 1 OF EACH YEAR.**

**2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS AVAILABLE ONLINE ON THE WEBSITE.**

**PREPRINTED RENEWAL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR IN PERSON RENEWAL AT THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS AND THE CHRISTMAS BANQUET. ANNUAL DUES WILL STILL BE \$36, AND MAY BE PAID WITH CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD.**

**BEAT THE RUSH AND RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 20.**

### **ANCHORSEAL**

Thanks to James Boyett and David Wilson we have a new supply of Anchorseal available. James Boyett's former company not only found a discounted freight company but also absorbed the cost for us. The price will remain \$15 per gallon. Also, thanks to Brian Begina for providing the jugs.

### **NEW TREASURER**

This will be my last Beancounter Bulletin since Lawrence Reid has been elected to become WNT treasurer. Thanks for your support through the years. Lawrence will find his own way to communicate with the club.

**RESIDENT BEANCOUNTER  
JAMES HAYNES, TREASURER  
214-801-1775**

## **Who's Up For A Challenge?**

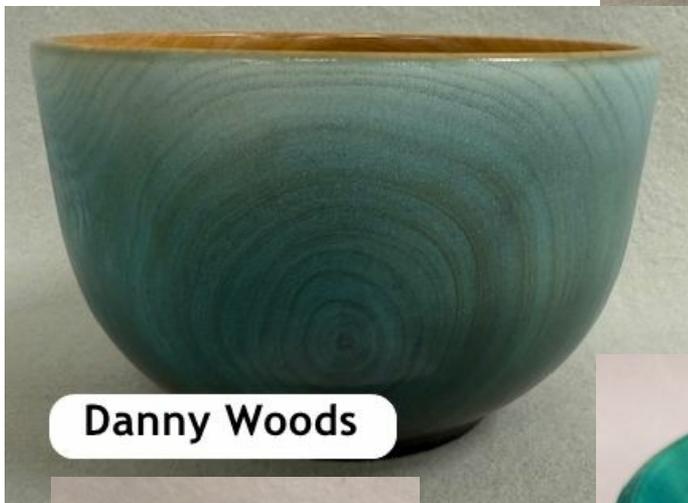
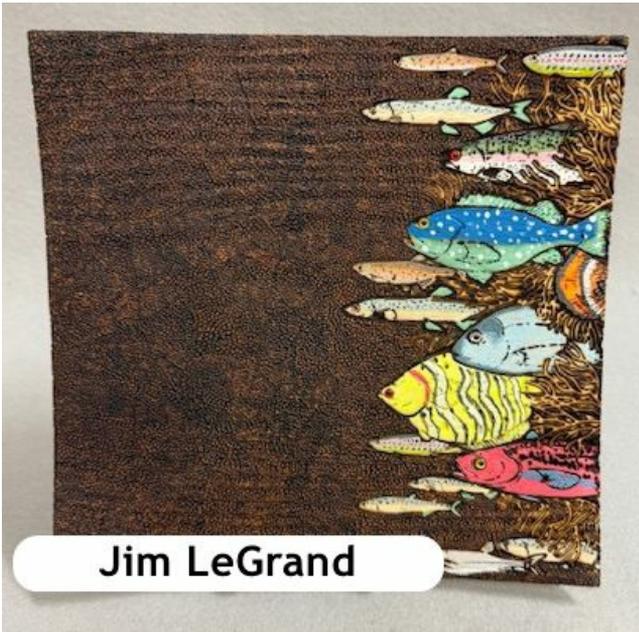
This month's challenge is to create a table decoration to be used during our club banquet in December. The choice of what to create is up to you - Christmas trees, snowmen, candy dishes, really anything that you feel would be an appropriate Christmas banquet table decoration. And feel free to go wild and create more than one!

**I'm looking forward to seeing what you all bring into the meeting!**

**Happy turning,**

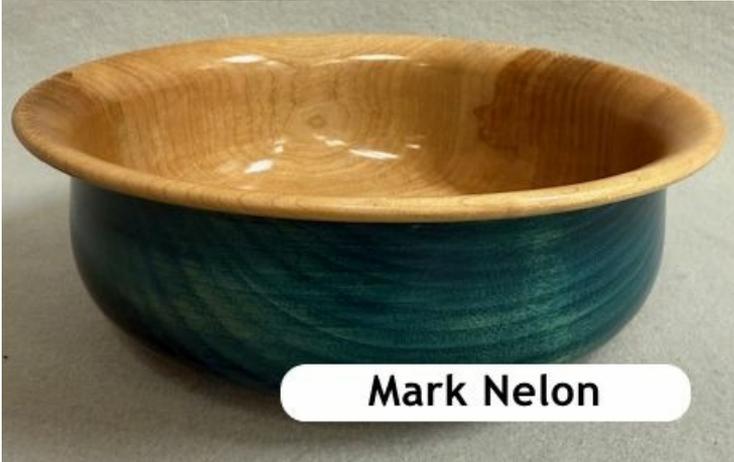
**Bob**

# October Challenge Items





**Ron Traylor**



**Mark Nelson**



**Stephan Hill**



**Ron Howe**



**Blake Hickerson**



**Steve Mills**

# October Critique/Display Items



Danny Woods



Bob Wiggins





Jim Barkelew



Bernerd Cooksey



Stephan Hill



**Bob Grinstead**



**Richard Ruff**

## Last Month's demonstration



How many different hollowing tools does the average woodturner have? How many of those tools are used when doing endgrain hollowing? How many do you personally have?

Blake Hickerson gave the demo Thursday night on endgrain hollowing. Blake showed us the tools he uses and demonstrated how each one worked.

- \* Spindle gouge - outside to middle of the piece.
- \* Carbide tool - shear scraping - tilted or flat?
- \* Spindle gouge - center to outer edge with no bevel support
- \* Ray Key - special design gouge
- \* Richard Raffan Back hollowing tool
- \* One Way Termite Tool
- \* Homemade Hook Tool
- \* Michael Hosaluk Hook Tool

All of these tools work but Blake also suggested following up your hollowing with a scraper to smooth out your cuts.

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 24, 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](mailto:randkbiz@msn.com).

Thanks,  
Ron Traylor

<u>Turner's Name</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Total</u>
Blake <u>Hickerson</u>	8	6	3	23
Bill Holt		11		17
Ron Howe	9			9
Jim <u>Barkelew</u>		4		8
Ann <u>Melina</u>	7			7
Ron <u>Traylor</u>	1		2	7
Dewey Johnson	5			5
Danny Woods		5		5
Greg <u>Stehle</u>			5	5
Randy Sullivan	4			4
Jeff Allen		1		4
Bob <u>Grinstead</u>	2			3
Steve Mills	2			3
Travis Clayton	2			2
Jim Combs		1	1	2
Steven Hill				1
Dave Wilson				1
No Signature	1			1
Brad Pearson		1		1
?		1		1
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>109</b>

Librarian Notes  
(librarian@WNTX.org)

There is an interesting story about a very special walnut tree on the Goby Walnut Products website (Aurora, Oregon).

*The Sauvie Collection – Goby Walnut*

<https://share.google/gFgTNsXOete8Fn3xv>

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.*

# 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.

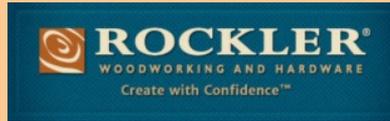
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10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members.

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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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to be placed in that month's newsletter. Ads will only run for one issue unless notified (email [wntnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wntnewsletter@gmail.com)) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor (have you spotted the trend yet?) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.