



Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.



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Meeting and Location:
2nd Thursday of each month, 7 PM
Crestview Christian Church
5605 Wesley Street
Greenville, TX 75402



Message from the President:

Hope everyone is having a good summer. I know it is very hot and sometimes it is hard to get motivated to get out in the shop and turn...especially if there is no a/c in the shop. It's hard to turn when it is so hot and the chips stick to sweaty necks and arms!

The club has totally utilized our AAW grant. We now have another new lathe for the club. Dan Henry was able to get a good deal on a new Delta 12-20 lathe with a stand while at the AAW Symposium. We now have two new lathes and two older Jet lathes. The board has decided to sell one of the older lathes. This will be a good opportunity for some of the club members interested in obtaining a lathe to pick up a bargain. The lathe will be auctioned to our club members via closed bids. Please look for further information in this newsletter regarding this sale.

The annual SWAT Symposium is getting closer. I would like to encourage everyone that possibly can to attend the event. It will be held the last weekend in August in Waco. If you have never attended, you are really missing a great time. If you have attended and plan to do so again, you know what's coming and I know you are excited. I look forward to seeing everyone in Waco.

Please put the following event on your calendars. There will be a turn-a-thon at Wood World in Dallas on Saturday, July 30th. This has been an annual event for the last few years sponsored by Craig and Wood World for the purpose of making Freedom Pens. Wood World donates the pen kits and blanks in addition to providing lunch for all those attending. The Dallas club has placed a challenge on the table as far as attendance. HCW has met that challenge and won at a couple of events so let's do it again. We will be addressing this again at the meeting Thursday and there will be a few car pools arranged. Plan to go...its good fun and you might win one of the many awards.

A couple of updates on some of the health issues concerning our members. Mike Kizer got a good report. NO chemo in the near future! Great news. Bob Calvert is having some positive progress with therapy concerning his back problems. Hang in there Bob!

A bit of news concerning Open Shop this month. If you have a shop that is air conditioned and large enough to host open shop for July, please consider doing so. Unless we find such a place, there is a probability of cancelling open shop for this month. With 100 degree weather, the board is concerned with having the event without having a/c available. More on this at the meeting...

I look forward to seeing everyone this Thursday. The program will center on tool sharpening. Bring your tools and we will have several grinders and folks that are prepared to assist with the processes. This will be a chance to get your tools tuned up and ready for the turn-a-thon mentioned above.

See ya Thursday.

Frank

This Month:

Regular Meeting
Thursday July 14, 2011
7:00 PM
Demo - Dan Henry

Open Shop
Saturday July 16, 2011
9:00 AM
TBD

Wood World Pen Turnathon
Saturday July 30, 2011
9 am = 4 pm

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

July 14, 2011
Regular Meeting

July 16, 2011
Open Shop
To Be Determined at
Regular Meeting

August Challenge
Beads of Courage Box

August 26, 27, 28
SWAT 2011 Conference

Sep 9-10, 2011
Masters of Turning at
Beavers Bend

New Members

Phillip King

Do you remember how it felt when you were a new member and didn't know very many people, if any. Please make time to meet and welcome new members and visitors.



JUNE

Birthday Greetings to the following members:

Danny Burd, Bill Lilley,
Amos Lowry,

(If I have missed your birthday,
I did not have it available)

HCW Board of Directors meetings are held at Crestview Christian Church on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.

HCW Mission:

Hunt County Woodturners, Inc. (a Texas non-profit corporation) also known as Hunt County Woodturners (HCW), is organized exclusively for educational purposes, and its mission is to educate woodturners and the public in and about the art and craft of woodturning. This mission is accomplished by encouraging and facilitating the establishment of training programs for woodturners; by disseminating information about sources of material and equipment; by exposing the art of woodturning to the public; and by serving as a center of information about woodturning for members, galleries, other interested groups, and the general public. Further, the Corporation is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Financial records are available for inspection upon request.

Editor's Notes:

If there is something missing from the newsletter, my apologies. Please let me know if I missed something. The name tags are all on order. I will stay on top of it and hopefully we will have them soon.

The shirts and caps are in. Please be prepared to pay and pickup yours at the meeting.

The prices are as follows:

<i>Polo Shirts</i>		<i>\$27</i>
<i>Grey Short Sleeve</i>	<i>reg sizes</i>	<i>\$27</i>
	<i>2x's</i>	<i>\$29</i>
<i>Grey Long Sleeve</i>	<i>reg sizes</i>	<i>\$28</i>
	<i>2x, 3x</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>Caps</i>		<i>\$10</i>

The August Challenge will be to make a Bead of Courage Box. The boxes will be not be returned to you. They will be take to SWAT and if you want yours to be judged at SWAT we make arrangements for that to happen. Please be sure to sign the bottom of your piece.

Board minutes: June 2, 2011

Attendance: Frank Shrode, Mike Ragsdale, Mike Kizer, Pam Shuman, Dan Henry, Clyde Marks, Fred Groves, Sammy Thomason, Johnny Campbell.

HUNT COUNTY FAIR: We completed approximately 300 pens at the Hunt County Fair. Margie will be bringing the pens to the meeting and the club will vote on their favorite. There was discussion about perhaps making a thermal barrier to go over the tent to help make it cooler. The board is looking for people who would like to help finish the blanks remaining from the fair.

SWAT:

The SWAT Symposium is only 6 weeks away. If you have never attended SWAT it is a great event. It is a real bargain. To take classes or seminars to see all the techniques you can see at SWAT would cost hundreds and hundreds of dollars not to mention the time, and travels necessary. Here it is in one location. Check the SWAT website for discounts on local motels. I would like to pass on a few things we will need your help with.

- 1) Beads of Courage is great project to benefit sick children and provide a few vendor items for our turners. Check the website for more details on turning the boxes. We are having 6 prizes this year.
- 2) Early registration (cutoff is July 26) puts a person's name in a drawing for three prizes worth \$500 in vendor bucks to spend at the symposium.

Vice Presidents report:

We have used the AAW Education grant and purchased two new club lathes. One is a Jet and one is a Delta. The board has decided to sell one of the old club lathes by sealed bid auction. The bids will be opened at 12:00 noon on Aug 1, 2011. The starting bid will be \$200. The lathe is a 1014 6-speed with all standard equipment, no stand or chuck. You can bring a sealed bid to the club meeting or email them to Frank Shrode.

AV Report:

No Report

Webmaster:

No Report

Treasurer's Report:

Mike K. presented the board with our current financial report. Mike received a letter from the State of Texas. There is a question about the validity of our current 501(3)c Non-profit status. Mike is working with the IRS to get it straighten out.

Library:

No report.

Miscellaneous Business:

Upcoming demo events:

Web Hill 4-H

Boy Scouts Camp, Athens TX, 12/27-29/11

Wood World Pen Turnathon,

July 30,2011, 9am—4pm

All supplies and lunch furnished

Don't forget the penny raffle

Here is a letter from Bill Kloepping. He has done a lot of work I hope you will take a look at his work.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. So, what would 5,443 pictures be worth? Yep, that's a lot of words. And if spoken at an average rate of 40 words a minute (don't you just love the internet for finding arcane facts) it would take about 38 hours to speak them all.

So why am I telling you this? Well, I just finished getting all of the pictures I've taken over the years of the various HCW events uploaded to the HCW website and it turns out that there are currently 5,443 pictures there (I counted them). I invite everyone to go peruse through some of them. Memories abound, along with a lot of inspiration if you're looking for an idea for that next turning project.

Most of the pictures have a resolution of about 640x480 so they should be of reasonably good quality to copy for yourself if there's some you like. I'm not the world's best photographer but many of the recent light box photos of the Show & Tell items aren't too bad and you might want to get a copy of some of them for your screensaver (or whatever).

A number of people have said that the pictures they copied from the site were real tiny and blurry and not worth copying. Unless they were expecting High Definition photographs they probably grabbed the tiny thumbnail image by mistake instead of the better resolution picture they were hoping for. So here's the trick to copying the higher resolution pictures from the website:

First, finding a picture: The pictures are organized by Year and Month (with separate containers for SWAT and AAW pictures). When you select a month, all of the pictures taken in that month are separated into albums by content (e.g. Meeting, Show & Tell, etc.) depending on what I took pictures of that month. When you see an album you want to look at, just click on the album and it will open into a page of thumbnail images (most albums have multiple pages of thumbnails so you may need to hit "Next" to see more).

Once you find a picture you want to copy, if you "right-click" on the thumbnail image to copy it you will only copy the tiny, blurry thumbnail image that people are complaining about, not the higher quality image you wanted.

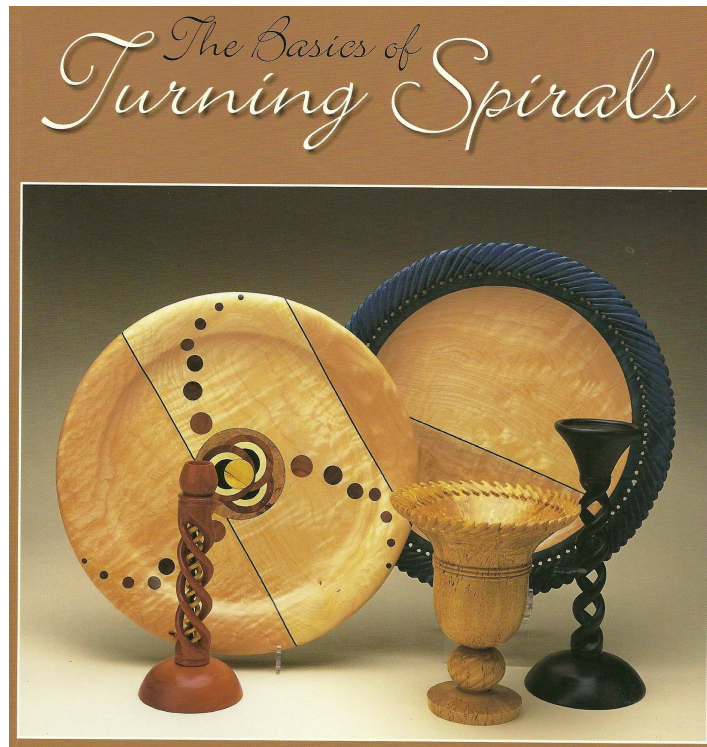
What you have to do to get to the higher resolution picture is to click on the picture to blow it up into a larger window. Now, from the larger window, simply right-click on the image to save it, and the copy you save will have the higher resolution. Proof positive that going the extra click can drastically improve quality...

From the larger image window you can also click Previous/Next to manually cycle through the pictures in the album. Or you can click Play/Pause to have the website give you a slideshow of the pictures in that album to allow you to navigate to and copy more than one image without having to go back to the thumbnail page each time.

I might regret the following suggestion, but if after copying the higher resolution image you find you still aren't satisfied with the resolution there's one last thing you can do: contact the photographer. The photographs on the website have been reduced in resolution to make them faster to view. I keep copies of the full resolution pictures on my home computer and can easily email you a copy of any picture you want in its full resolution. All you need to do is tell me the name of the picture(s) you want (available on the thumbnail page) and I should be able to find it and get it to you.

Finally, if you have any pictures of HCW events that you have taken that you'd like to share with the club, you can put them on a CD and give it to me and I can get them posted to the website.

The Back Shelf



The Basics of Turning Spirals by Bill Bowers

ISBN 0-7643-2592-2 71 pages \$14.95

Bill Bowers was raised in Pennsylvania where he developed an early interest in wood working. He discovered woodturning after being drafted by the armed forces. When he retired from the medical profession in Internal Medicine, he became a full time woodturner.

Bill Bowers illustrates and explains the process of turning spirals from wood. Richly illustrated and explained in simple terms, he gives the novice as well as the expert woodturner all necessary information to fashion gallery-quality, spiral turned pieces. Interesting innovative applications of stains and shapes are demonstrated on plates, platters, and bowls. Multiple tips on how to turn delicate spirals and make hand thread chasing are included. Various combinations of techniques are applied to standard turnings to make artistic pieces. The turned pieces are utilitarian, except for one, but the appearance of the finished works are all extremely beautiful.

A gallery section provides ideas for the turners own creative endeavors.

Sammy Thomason

June Show and Tell

You guys are making it harder and harder to select pictures for the newsletter. **PLEASE** go to the website to view all the wonderful items. It is impossible to include all of the wonderful show and tell items. This is a sample of what you miss seeing when you don't attend meetings.



Artist: Fred Groves



Artist: Sharon Ayres



Artist: Pam Shuman



Artist: Rhonda Stelly

Membership in HCW, Inc. entitles you to discounts on selected items at the following fine businesses:

Wood World, 13650 TI Blvd. Dallas, TX
(972) 669-9130

Rockler Woodworking, 800 N. Coit #2500 Richardson TX
(Promenade North Shopping Center)
(972) 613-8848

Klingspor's Woodworking Shop, Hickory, NC
(800) 228-0000, ask for discount

Hartville Tool, www.hartvilletool.com
(800) 345-2396



Woodturners, don't forget to check out **The American Association of Woodturners**. Hunt County Woodturners Inc. is a Chapter of this fine organization and each member should seriously consider becoming a member of AAW. The insurance protection alone is well worth the dues.

<http://www.woodturner.org>



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Membership is renewable annually for a calendar year, and covers individual and family **at the same address**. The membership cost is \$30.00. Please pay at the meeting, or an application form may be downloaded from our website and sent along with the appropriate remittance to:

Hunt County Woodturners, Inc
Mike Kizer, Treasurer
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Dues are prorated for new members at \$2.50 per month

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2011 PENNY RAFFLE ITEMS

REACH IN THE BOX—PULL OUT A TICKET—PAY THE AMOUNT ON THE TICKET—YOU ARE IN THE RAFFLE.

The tickets range in value from \$.01 to \$5.00.



Mini-Lathe



Dual Wheel Grinder



Forstner Bits Set



Baracuda Chuck Set

