



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:

Boy, time is flying by! I'm not ready for Thanksgiving, or Christmas, or Winter and especially, the Quarterly Challenge. I have been trying something a little different for my project and I have used nearly an entire bottle of CA glue. I started out with a solid piece of wood and the longer I mess with it, the more segmented it becomes. I've spent more time gluing and waiting for the glue to dry than I have turning. Typical Frank project.

Now, we are down to our final formal club meeting for 2011. Our next meeting will be the Christmas party on Friday, December 9th. Seems like we were turning pens just a few days ago at the fair. At the meeting this week, we will be electing a new slate of officers. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer positions are to be filled. At the opening of the election process, there will be a time for nominations for these offices and each member is encouraged to think of a person to add to the slate for consideration by the entire club.

Several of the members were present at the Audie Murphy Museum this past Saturday morning and enjoyed turning a few tops and small bowls for the Frontier Days Kid's event. Except for the wind, we had a lot of fun. The "deer dogs" were very good too. Thanks to those members that participated.

As mentioned, the Quarterly Challenge is due this meeting. Everyone is encouraged to turn a tea light holder for the project and hopefully donate it to the club to be used as one of the center pieces for the Christmas party tables. Again, the winner of the challenge will receive a \$50 Visa gift card. That will be nearly enough to buy me a Christmas present in case the winner doesn't know exactly what to do with it.

This will be the last meeting to buy Penny Raffle tickets...except at the Christmas party. The tickets will not get any cheaper at the party so you might as well get them this week at the meeting. If you have not seen the prizes, their pictures are in this newsletter. Pretty nice stuff.

So, bring a guest and come to the meeting. Sammy Thomason will be doing the demonstration on turning stick pens. Be sure to meet and welcome our visitors and make them feel at home. See ya there!

Frank

This Month:
Regular Meeting
Thursday Nov 10, 2011
7:00 PM
Demo - Stick Pens by
Sammy Thomason

Open Shop
Saturday Nov 12, 2011
9:00 AM
Joe Grimes-Caddo Mills
High School

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Our Website

www.huntcountywoodturners.org

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

November Quarterly

Challenge

Any type of tea light holder

Dec 8, 2011

Christmas Party

6:30 p.m.

Nov 10, 2011

Regular Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Nov 12, 2011

Open Shop

New Members

The way we get new members is to invite someone and tell them what great pleasure you get from turning. 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.



OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Birthday Greetings to the following members:

Bob Calvert-11/23
Johnny Campbell-11/20
Ed Heuslein-11/13
Marion McDaniel-10/13
Ray Shuman-11/22

(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. Board meetings are open to all members.

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.

Please be aware that the thermostats at the church are not to be turned on until 6:15 p.m.. Any earlier will affect the electric billing for the whole year.

It is that time of year again. We will be electing officers at the November meeting. Be sure to thank this year's board members for a job well done.

The application for membership for the 2012 year is attached as the last page of this newsletter.

Board minutes: November 3, 2011

1. President F. Shrode call the special session of the board to order to discuss end of year Club business and then adjourned.

2. The regular board meeting was called to order and the nominating committee presented to the board the following for Club Officers for 2012:
President: Mike Ragsdale
Vice President: Johnny Campbell
Treasurer: Terry Bowman
Secretary: Pam Shuman

The nominees were approved by the board.

3. Discussion of a new board appointment to function as raffle director
New appointed position approved by the board to remove some of the workload carried by the Vice President allowing the VP to focus more on club demos and open shops.

4. Discussions regarding demo for Saturday at Murphy Museum
The board approved using two lathes and meeting at 9:30am to set up at the A. Murphy Museum. The demo will run from 10:00am through 1:00pm.

5. Discussions regarding Boy Scout event
Dan Henry talked to the Boy Scouts and they will furnish fourteen lathes and the pen blanks made up ready to turn. We will need to supply turning tools and mandrills to teach participants how to turn pens so they can receive their merit badge in Wood Working.

6. Discussions regarding A/V director to replace Clyde.

A person to fill the AV appointee is still needed.

7. Discussion regarding Christmas Party
Board approved BBQ to be the featured meat for the party. Four volunteers have agreed to be the Steering Committee organizing the party: Debbie Grubis, Mary Henry, Linda Kiser, and Kay Shrode.

8. Discussion regarding donation of \$\$'s and toys to WIN.

A donation of \$300.00 was approved to be presented from the Club to WIN along with the toys that are donated at the Christmas party.

9. SWAT Report

An observation was made that it would improve the professional presentation from our Club by having more participation from attending members at SWAT to staff the room and support the demonstrator

10. Secretary Report

No report.

11. Treasurer Report

Presented copies of finances and stated the Club is stable.

12. Library Report

No report.

13. A/V Report

Discussion was held concerning upgrades to connectors to the system to allow better transfer of video from newer more sophisticated equipment at SWAT and at the Club meetings.

14. Webmaster report

No remarks.

Other business.

None.

President F. Shrode adjourned the meeting.

Don't forget the penny raffle

MEMBER ARTICLE



Turning Aluminum Pens

At the last Open Shop a member mentioned they missed my hint's, tips or how-to's. I had to dust off the gray matter for this one, but one that I haven't seen in our Newsletters, Aluminum Pens. I won't do a step-by-step, but rather I'll touch on the high points of working with this material in creating a pen. A word of caution: this isn't for novices or beginners. Those new to turning, put this on your 'to do list' or 'want to do list', but get some other pens under your belt first before tackling this one. Yes, you can turn aluminum on a wood lathe! As with all shop operations at the very least please wear your safety glasses.

Here is what you need:

7 mm SlimLine pen kit

6061 Grade Aluminum, 1/2" or 5/8" diameter stock (need two pieces 2 1/8" to 2 1/4" long depending on kit)

6.3 mm (yes, metric) twist drill (using this drill means you don't need the brass tubes in the pen kit)

What to do:

Cut the blanks to final length, square the ends (a disk sander with a squaring jig will work) then drill the hole, preferably as close to the center in the stock as possible.

As far as turning, aluminum isn't much harder than any dense hardwood or Trustone material. This is where my Easy Rougher tool with its carbide cutter excels. Use whatever HSS tool you have and are comfortable using if the Easy Wood Tool isn't in your tool collection. I usually run my lathe at 1000 RPM or less. Remember, never grab for that pretty curly aluminum ribbon as you cut, it will cut a slice that is worst than any paper cut you have had! Aluminum is tougher than human skin, if you must touch and feel...shut the lathe off!

Once you have your desired pen shape it's on to sanding and finishing. I use 3M wet/dry type sandpaper along with mineral spirits. The mineral spirits keeps the aluminum from clogging the paper. Wipe the blanks clean between grits. Oh, I forgot to mention....this part is a little messy. You might want to have some Nitrile gloves along with old grubby clothes are a must. There are many metal finishes on the market that work to protect your pen. Lacquer, while it is good on wood, will not last forever on metal. Powder coating is an option along with anodizing the aluminum.

Now is the time to assemble the pen. Put the parts together just like any other SlimLine pen kit. Odds are someone will not have the 6.3mm drill bit which I have suggested to use. Those person(s) will need to get the epoxy ready to keep the pieces from falling out. (the transmission, nib and top part with the clip).

I said at the start that this would be a brief description. Anyone wanting further information can contact me or other members of the Club who turn aluminum. This is just another medium in which we as Woodturners can use and work with.

Submitted by : Fred Uphoff

Editor's Note: If you would like to comment on a book or do a book review on a book relevant to wood turning, finishing, shop and tool maintenance, or just good tips you have come up with please let Pam Shuman know at 903-450-3312.

Texas State Fair Pictures

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.



Marion McDaniel's delightful bunny and snowman



Sharon Ayers' intricate bowls



WOW!!! YOU DID US PROUD. CONGRATULATIONS.

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>



FREEDOM PEN SPONSOR

Looking for sponsors for the next year's Freedom Pens

**Other Corporate Sponsors of
Hunt County Woodturners**

Ward Manufacturing

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1909 IH-30 W

Greenville TX 75402

903-454-6655

**Join the fun, become a member today
Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.**

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
253 FM 1564 W
Greenville, TX 75402**

**Dues are prorated for new members at
\$2.50 per month**

Club Mentors and Specialty

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FUN!

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.

HURRY—FASTER!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT. ONLY 2 TIMES TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!!!



Mini-Lathe



Dual Wheel Grinder



Forstner Bits Set



Baracuda Chuck Set

WOW!!!

Application Date: _____ Dues Paid: _____

Dues \$30.00 per calendar year
New members prorated @ \$2.50 per month
Youth membership \$15.00

2012



Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.

Membership Application and Bio Information

Please Print

Name: _____
First MI Last Home Phone

Address: _____
Street Work Phone

City State Zip Cell Phone

Email: _____

Birth Month and Day: _____

Family Members:	Relationship
<u>Name</u>	
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

How did you hear of HCW? _____

How long have you been woodturning? _____

What is your woodturning specialty or preference? _____

I would like to learn about woodturning regarding: (Circle all that apply)

- | | | |
|-------------|----------|--------|
| Tool Care | Pens | Finish |
| Tool Making | Bowls | Design |
| Sharpening | Spindles | Toys |

Other (Specify) _____

Would you be interested in learning from a Mentor?

Topic or Interest: _____

Would you be a Club Mentor? Circle either YES or NO

(If Yes, see Secretary for Mentor form)

Please return this form and dues to Treasurer:
Hunt County Woodturners, Inc. Mike Kizer Treasurer, 253 FM 1564 W. Greenville TX 75402