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President's Ponderings

Here we are in September, and SWAT is now behind us. I believe each of the demonstrators were excellent, and I know I came home with more ideas than I can possibly try right away. As usual, I did not get to see every demonstration I had hoped to catch, but that is part of what makes these events so valuable — those of us who attended can share the ideas, tips, and techniques we saw with one another afterward.

I want to offer a sincere thank-you to the group of helpers who loaded and unloaded the trailer. The crew was small, but the job got done, and that help makes a big difference. Next year, please consider making plans to lend a hand. It was hard on the few, but having a larger group makes the work easier for everyone.

John Beechwood III, the first demonstrator using our HCW Room, thanked our club for hosting and doing such a great job. With John's long involvement in AAW, that recognition carries real credibility for Hunt County Woodturners. Thank you to all the room attendants and camera operators who helped make the classes held in our room so successful. Our HCW room along with the adjoining WNTX room hosted the Friday Night Duel. The Duel went well, and in my completely unbiased opinion, the HCW's AV equipment was the best in show! We had many admirers stop by to look at our setup. North Texas also had a very good AV setup and the two AV teams pulled it off together. The evening was entertaining, with plenty of shavings to clean up afterward.

A reminder: the Quarterly Challenge is due at this month's meeting and the category is something "foolish, comical, or useless". We look forward to seeing what everyone brings!

~Bill

UPCOMING EVENTS



September

- 3rd - Board Meeting
- 10th - Club Meeting
- 12th - Open Shop

October

- 1st - Board Meeting
- 8th - Club Meeting
- 10th - Open Shop

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SEPTEMBER

BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 3rd 5:30pm

Wesley United Methodist Church,
Greenville

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 10th 7:00 - 9:00pm

Wesley United Methodist Church,
Greenville

Demonstration: *Turning Spoons*

By: David Harper

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 12th 8:00 - Noon

Ed Drake's Shop
Mini Class: *SWAT Recap*

OCTOBER

BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 1st 5:30pm

Wesley United Methodist Church,
Greenville

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 8th 7:00 - 9:00pm

Wesley United Methodist Church,
Greenville

Demonstration: *Skew*

By: John Holderman

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 10th 8:00 - Noon

Howard Wellspring's Shop
9455 Outcrop Rd., Terrell

Mini Class: *TBD*

By: *TBD*

Just For Fun Let's Get Together

Many have often mentioned how friendly our club members are to be around. These "unofficial" get-togethers are part of the reason why. Take advantage of these opportunities for some fun and friendly times.

⇒ Every THURSDAY - Lunch

Several club members, spouses and friends gather for lunch at **Burgers and Fries** 5360 State Highway 276 W in Royse City.

No reservation needed but be there before 12:00 as that's when we order lunch. Come spend an hour or so with friends as we visit, catch up with each other and then return to our daily activities.

⇒ Once a MONTH - Pre-Club Meeting Meal

Every month on the Thursday of the Club Meeting, a group of club members, spouses and friends meet to eat at 5:30pm at **TaMolly's Restaurant**, 6929 I-30 in Greenville.



Join in on the Monthly Club meeting through
ZOOM meetings using the link below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZIVkRoSGh3Zz09)

[pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZIVkRoSGh3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZIVkRoSGh3Zz09)

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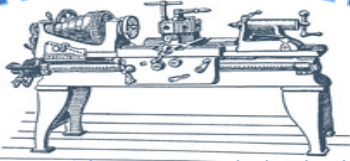
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"ON THE LATHE"



These are either currently In the Works,
or Reminders, or Announcements

QUARTERLY CHALLENGE

THIS Thursday - September 10th

Use your imagination. Turn something

Foolish, Comical, or Useless.

The Winner is determined by the
votes of your fellow-turners.

And the Winner receives a \$50 gift card.

OPENINGS on the BOARD

HCW will have some open positions
on the Board for 2027.

Please consider if you might be able to help the Club
by filling an office for a term. Speak to any of the
current Board Members (see page 11) to get more
information on what each office entails.

DONATIONS NEEDED for CM Educational Fundraiser

While at the Hunt County Fair, JC Tiller saw our booth and was impressed with your work. JC is involved with the Caddo Mills Education Fund. They provide funds to teachers and staff for items that the ISD does not have funding for. They will have a fundraising event on October 17th and JC is looking for items that they can use to raffle and or sell at their Casino Night. Last year they provided \$130K in grants throughout the district. Donations are preferred but he can buy some items with a limited budget. Kids are our future and I am hoping that we can provide items that will be able to help in their endeavor. You can look up <https://www.cmisd.foundation.org/> for more on their group. Please let me know if you have a desire to do one or multiple items. ~ Bill Belitz

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED:

December's Newsletter will be the last one this
current Editor will compose. If you are willing to take this
position for the next year, please contact one of
the board members.

Here are some of our area wood-turning clubs with links to their websites.

Dallas Area Woodturners (DAW)

www.dallaswoodturners.com

3rd Thursday of the Month

meeting starts at 7:00pm

Wood World, 13650 TI Blvd., Ste 101,
Richardson TX 75243

Golden Triangle Woodturners

www.goldentrianglewoodturners.org

1st Monday of the Month meeting

starts at 7:00pm

The Center for the Visual Arts

400 E. Hickory St., Denton TX 76201

East Texas Woodturners (ETW)

www.easttexaswoodturners.org

2nd Saturday of the month

First Christian Church Tyler

4202 S Broadway Ave., Tyler TX 75701

Woodturners of North (WNTX)

www.wntx.org

Last Thursday of the Month meeting
starts at 6:30pm

Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club

6013 Craig St., Ft. Worth TX 76112

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7th Jerry Morgan

12th Tescher Wirtzberger

20th Paul Wirtzberger

25th Pamela Shuman

25th Sammy Thomason

28th Chris Griego

30th Gene Wellspring



Gary and Carol Selby

Let's welcome our newest members joining us last month! We, at the Hunt County Woodturners club are excited that you have joined with us in this woodturning adventure. Please make sure to pick up one of the new member gifts (one per individual or family membership) at the check-in table at our next meeting. Choose one:

Coffee Mug, T-Shirt, or Hat.



A BOWL'S JOURNEY



Stage 1:
Beautiful
12-inch Bowl



Stage 2:
Minor Catch,
10-inch Bowl



Stage 3:
Okay, 8-inch then



Stage 4:
Nice 5-inch



Stage 5:
It's a Shot Glass

From big dreams to a little sip!

Prayer Requests & Praises

PHILIPPIANS 4: 6

Mitzi Freeman

Vic Hollingsworth

Tami Lattanzi

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If you have any woodturner related items to sell, this is your space to advertise. Or maybe you are in search of a tool or piece of equipment, seek for it here. Or perhaps you have a service you can offer, tell us here. Ads will be posted in the newsletter for two months. Submit your ad to Burt Andrew, email: bandrew1@att.net

FOR SALE: Jet 12/21 variable speed lathe



Includes:

- Faceplate (note: no chuck)
- 2 drives
- Knockout bar, wrench
- Stand on lockable swivel wheels
- About 4 years old, minimal use

Was Asking \$800 **Reduced \$700**

Call Randy Cain
for purchase or details at
214-202-3771.

FOR SALE: Wolverine Sharpening System



Call Paul DeMars
for purchase or details
972-971-2491.

Was Asking \$300
Reduced \$200

Lightly used Slow Speed Grinder

Includes:

- Wolverine System,
- extra platform,
- Vari-Grind Jig,
- Wolverine wheel dressing attachment
- 5 Raptor angle set up tools: 35°, 40°, 45°, 50°, 60°

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George Freeman * 214-334-4035 * woodchipper2011@hotmail.com

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PLACE YOUR ADS HERE

FOR SALE:

Jet 1014 Variable Speed Lathe

Lightly Used

Includes:

- Super Nova 2 Chuck, Drill Chuck
- NEW IN BOX Bed Extension
- NEW IN BOX 6-piece Sorby Tool Set

Was Asking \$500
Reduced \$350



Call Paul DeMars
for purchase or details
972-971-2491.



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This year's **South West Association of Turners** symposium was a great success! Partly due to the role that HCW played in hosting one of the demonstration rooms and in contributions to the gallery and in helping teach others about the world of Turning! Over 1,100 people came to Waco this year for this "little" event.

This number included Vendors, Demonstrators, Registrants and Visitors. They came from 4 countries: Canada, United Kingdom, Australia and of course the USA. Thirty-nine of the 50 States were represented by attendees. (That's not just South West, is it?) And 42 of these attendees were HCW members and associated family members. And many of our people won raffle prizes and banquet table centerpieces.

The Friday Night Duel was a great show between Trent Bosch and Laurent Niclot. Our HCW Brian Schrader, the new incoming President of SWAT, heard many compliments and positive remarks about our A/V quality and overall hosting of not only the Duel, but also in hosting all the Demonstrators which included:

John Beechwood = Pepper Grinder, Trent Bosch = Revelations in Hollowing; Vessels and Surfaces,
Doug Schneider = It's Just an Illusion, and Ellen Starr = Turned Jewelry.

We were able to utilize our new cameras and director's station due to great thanks to Howard Wellspring. Others on the A/V Team were: Bill Belitz, Chris Firra, Clayton Seleznoff, Burt Andrew, and Joe Grimes.

We also couldn't have been such an awesome host room without our Room Attendants. Thank you to David Harper, Ruth Meyer, Chris Firra, Rhonda Stelly, Bill Belitz, Joe Grimes, Burt Andrew, and Brian Livingston. Notice some names appear on both these lists because they worked both positions. As we have said, we had a small crew that helped in the room and with load-in and load-out. We owe huge thanks to Lee Craft for driving the trailer down and Joe Grimes for getting it home.

HCW members represented our club well in the Gallery with amazing art pieces by: Rhonda Stelly, Sharon Ayres, Brian Schrader, Sammy Thomason, Bill Belitz, and Tommy Murphy. (Please forgive us if we missed your name).

We were also represented in the hands-on learning area by Alain Schwarz and Tim White.

If you have never been or if you just want to talk with someone about their experience, have a conversation sometime with any of these that attended from HCW.

Burt & Vicki Andrew
Sharon Ayres
Alan Baxter
Bill Belitz
Johnny Campbell
Donna Carmickle
Chris Cohen
Chuck Day
Chris Firra
George & Sandra Fowler
George Freeman

Chris Griego
Joe Grimes
David Harper
Allen & Cindy Johnson
Tim & Shelly Littlefield
Brian & Julie Livingston
Danny Longoria
Ruth Meyer
Tommy Murphy
Mike Pregent
Hugo Privitt
Brian Schrader

Alain Schwarz
Clayton Seleznoff
Mark Spencer
Rhonda Stelly
Jim & Christy Stewart
Charlie & Suzanne Tucker
Sammy Thomason
Steve Thomason
Howard & Gene Wellspring
Scott White
Tim White



THE SET-UP CREW
(MISSING SOME)



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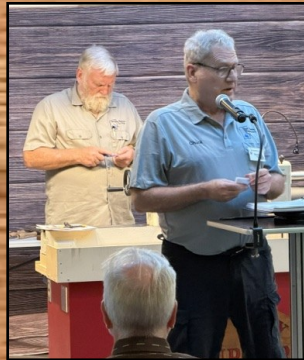
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August Club Meeting

Thank you Tim White for demonstrating "Thread Chasing"



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August Open Shop

Thanks Burt Andrew for hosting.
And thank you Sammy Thomason
for the Mini-Class on the
"Inside Out Christmas Ornament".



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

How can YOU help?

Below is a list of programs we partner with and a very brief description of what they do. Please look at each program on our website under the "[Community](#)" banner for more information and discover what you can do to help each one. In 2025, we donated a combined 331 items! We have cleared the numbers, but as you give, we will list the totals to the left of each organization, hopefully watching the numbers grow each month. Let's set a goal to surpass our total from last year!

- 0 BEADS OF COURAGE:** This program supports children and teens with serious illnesses by helping them tell their stories of bravery through colorful beads. Each bead represents a significant moment in their treatment journey, such as a medical procedure or personal achievement. Boxes may be delivered to Burt Andrew.
- 9 EMPTY BOWLS & RESTORED HOPE** *Empty Bowls*, organized by the North Texas Food Bank, is an annual event that raises funds to support North Texans facing hunger. The funds raised from the event provide critical support to the NTFB's programs. *Restored Hope* is a program dedicated to rescuing young women and their children trapped in sexual slavery, trafficking, and domestic violence. Wood-turned items that are donated typically bring from \$80 to \$500 each. Items for both of these organizations may be given to Alain Schwarz.
- 112 FREEDOM PEN:** {NOTE: 92 Pens were given out at the Fair!} This program started in 2004 by the Sgt Joe Kelly Freedom Pen Foundation as an all-volunteer initiative to provide custom hand-crafted pens to American servicemen and women. It is for anyone interested in donating their time, talent, and services in providing writing instruments for active-duty military personnel, as well as veterans, as a symbol of our support and care. Pens can be delivered to Bill Belitz.
- 0 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. It collects and distributes shoeboxes filled with gifts to children in need around the world. The shoeboxes typically contain toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other small gifts. It's part of a broader effort to share the gospel and to support communities in crisis. Toys may be delivered to Ron Williams.
- 15 VETERANS PENS:** Is a diversion program for Justice-Involved Veterans (JIV) who are facing prosecution for one or more criminal cases. Their mission is to provide support and rehabilitation to qualified JIV criminal defendants whose crimes were materially connected to injuries suffered as a result of honorable service in the United States Armed Forces. Completed pens can be given to Chris Cohen.

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BECOME A MEMBER



Become a member of the
Hunt County Woodturners!

Membership is renewable annually for each calendar year and covers individual and family at the same address. The membership cost is \$48.00 per year.

Dues are prorated for new members at \$4 / month.

To get the application, download it [here](#) OR email Mark at mspencer2112@gmail.com.

Turn in the completed application at the monthly club meeting or mail it to:

Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.
Attn. Mark Spencer
P.O. Box 8191
Greenville, Tx 75404



HCW members are encouraged to become a member of the
American Association of Woodturners!

Hunt Count Woodturners Inc. is a Chapter of this National organization.

Your membership not only supports AAW but HCW as well. Insurance Protection is one of the many benefits we as a club gain by membership. Check out this excellent guide to their membership services and publications at <http://www.woodturner.org>

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Who's on Board

Serving the Hunt County Woodturners for 2026 are:

Bill Belitz, President

Tim Littlefield, Vice-President

Burt Andrew, Secretary

Mark Spencer, Treasurer

Howard Wellspring, Technology Officer

Joe Grimes, Training Coordinator

Ed Drake, Event Coordinator

HCW Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30pm. Board meetings are open to all members & can be attended in person or remotely via Zoom. Board Meeting Minutes can be found on the website in the Members Only section.

OUR 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.

Hunt County Woodturners, Inc. is recognized by the United States Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Gifts to Hunt County Woodturners, Inc. are fully deductible for U.S. Income Tax purposes.