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President's Ponderings

October is here, and the final quarter of the year brings several important club events. Nominations for the open Board positions will be finalized in October, followed by elections in November. The open offices are President, Vice President, Training Coordinator, and Event Coordinator. Chuck Day has submitted his name for Vice President; no other nominations have been received. Please consider volunteering—our club depends on members stepping forward, and the bylaws require these positions to be filled. For descriptions of each position, as written in our bylaws, see page 3 of this newsletter.

Mark your calendar for the club Christmas party on Friday, December 11th! The November Quarterly Challenge is to create a table centerpiece for the Christmas Party. Members have contributed many wonderful centerpieces in past years, and the creativity is always impressive. The party is also a great opportunity for fellowship and for everyone to meet one another's spouses.

We also ask you to consider making something (does not have to be wood related) as a donation for the silent auction, an important club fundraiser.

~Bill

UPCOMING EVENTS



October

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

November

- 5th - Board Meeting
- 12th - Club Meeting
- 14th - Open Shop

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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: Label Casting Pens

By: Howard Wellspring & Bill Belitz

NOVEMBER

BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 5th 5:30pm

Wesley United Methodist Church,
Greenville

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 12th 7:00 - 9:00pm

Wesley United Methodist Church,
Greenville

Demonstration: "Twisted Hollow Form"

By: Donna Carmickle

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 14th 8:00 - Noon

Makerspace, Rockwall
626 National Dr., Rockwall

Mini Class: "From Blank to Blink:

Turning a Wooden Eye"

By: Burt Andrew

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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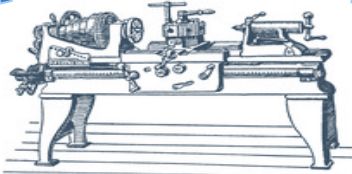
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"ON THE LATHE"



These are Announcements
and Reminders.



OPEN BOARD POSITIONS for 2027

Your Club needs YOU!

There are 4 Positions that need to be filled for 2027. The current Board Members have served your club faithfully this past year. Please consider if you might be able to help the Club by filling an office for a term. Please let any current Board Members (see page 10) know if you are willing to volunteer. Below is a description of each office as written in our by-laws.

PRESIDENT- The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Chapter. The President shall conduct meetings, supervise, and control all the business and affairs of the Chapter.

VICE PRESIDENT- In the absence of the President, or in the event of his/her death, inability, or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall be responsible for scheduling all demonstrators for monthly club meetings. The Vice President shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

TRAINING COORDINATOR – The Training Coordinator shall be responsible for all aspects of club training events including, but not limited to, outline subject matter, scheduling, securing locations, arranging for needed equipment and supplies, monitoring and maintaining signup lists, and arranging for training instructors. The Training Coordinator shall perform other duties as may be required by the President.

EVENT COORDINATOR – The Event Coordinator shall be responsible for arranging location for open shop each month, organize all events, file applications when needed, see that event shifts /assignments are filled by club members, and assist getting club equipment to events / open shop when needed. The Event Coordinator shall perform other duties as may be required by the President.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

SAVE the DATE!

Friday,

December 11, 2026



QUARTERLY CHALLENGE for November

Since the Christmas Party is in December, we hold the last Quarterly Challenge in November. Please create a nice piece that can serve as a centerpiece at the Christmas Party.

These pieces are given as the prizes for a lucky attendee per dinner table! Begin planning your creation now! November is next month already.

A NOTE from the EDITOR:

I want to thank everyone for all the compliments and support of my efforts on the Newsletter for these past 3 years. It has been my privilege to serve our Club in this way.

Thank you all. ~Julie L.

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Jose Contreres

Andrew Littlefield

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. Also, you can receive a set of Bowl Blanks at the first Open Shop you attend, compliments of George Freeman.

Choose one: Coffee Mug, T-Shirt, or Hat.



18th - Ruth Meyer

20th - Lee Craft

22nd - Tommy Murphy

23rd - Randy Rather

24th - Cheryl Cornish

24th - Chuck Day

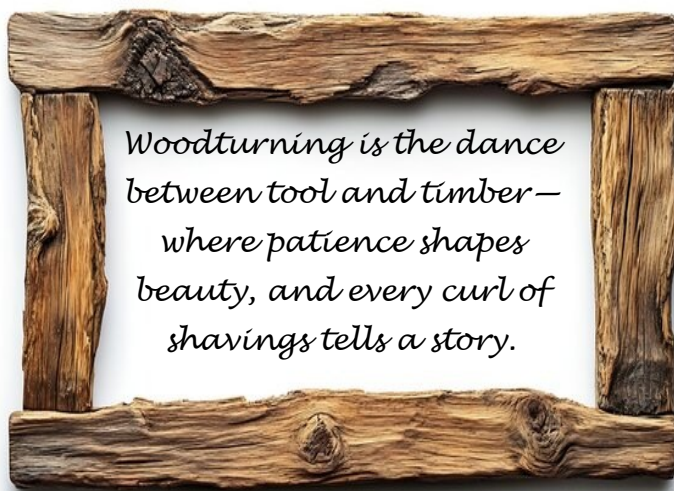
Prayer Requests & Praises

PHILIPPIANS 4: 6

Mitzi Freeman

Vic Hollingsworth

Tami Lattanzi



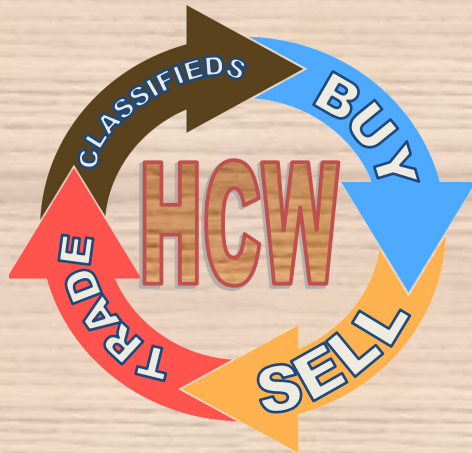
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If you have any woodturner related items to sell, this is your space to advertise. Or maybe you are in search of a tool or piece of equipment, seek for it here. Or perhaps you have a service you can offer, tell us here. Ads will be posted in the newsletter 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)
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RESOURCES!

HCW has a marvelous array of talented **MENTORS** who have graciously agreed to be a resource. They can mentor you over the phone, in person, or maybe even a video call. Find them on our website as well as other resources to check out such as videos and other helpful links.

www.huntcountywoodturners.org

Check out these 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

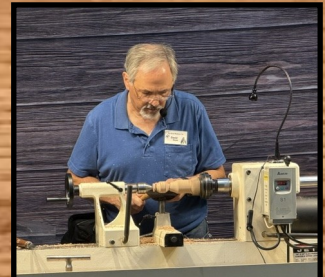
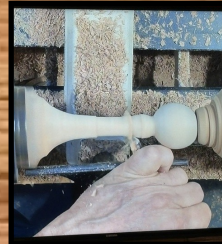
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September Club Meeting

Thank you David Harper for your demonstration on "Turning Spoons". And thank you as well to all of you who participated in our Quarterly Challenge: "the Foolish, Comical or Useless". Congrats to our winner, Burt Andrew.



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September Open Shop

Thanks Ed Drake for hosting.
And thank you to each of you who
shared your experiences from SWAT
for our Mini-Class.



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!

1 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.

21 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.

134 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.

19 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.