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

December
- 3rd-Board Meeting
- 11th-Christmas party

President's Ponderings

Fall is here, bringing cooler temperatures and shorter days. At our November meeting, we'll collect table centerpieces for the Christmas party on December 11. Please sign up for your reservation so we can plan for the right amount of food. We also need volunteers to help with dinner, including setup, cleanup, and serving as runners. The volunteer sign-up is available on the website.

December is the final month to donate items for our outreach programs. Let's finish the year strong with generous donations! We'll also collect toys at the Christmas party. If you're able, please bring an unwrapped toy.

We'll elect board officers in November. One candidate has been nominated for each open position, and I'll invite any additional nominations before the vote. If you'd like to nominate yourself or someone else, please speak up when nominations are called.

-Bill Belitz

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November

BOARD MEETING -
Thursday,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

OPENSHOP -
Saturday,14th 8:00 - Noon
Makerspace, Rockwall 626 National Dr., Rockwall Mini Class: "From Blank to Blink:" Turning a Wooden Eye"
By: Burt Andrew

DECEMBER

BOARD MEETING-
Thursday 3rd, 5:30pm
Wesley United Methodist Church, Greenville

Christmas Party -
Friday, December 11th
6:00 - 9:00 pm
Wesley United Methodist Church, Greenville

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.

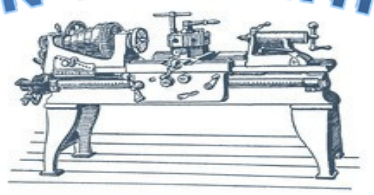




Join in on the Monthly Club meeting through ZOOM meetings using the link below:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZIVkRoSGh3Zz09
Meeting ID: 849 3813 1255 Passcode: 308416

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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 for2027. The current Board Members have served yourclub faithfully this past year. Please consider if you might be able to help the Club by filling an office foraterm. Please let any current Board Members (see page10) 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 otherduties 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



Classes coming up:

▪ Mounting wood on the Lathe

Date and Time: Saturday, November 21, 8am - Noon
Where: George Freeman's Shop
Lead Instructor: George Freeman
Student Cost: $15
Target Class Size: 20+
For: HCW Members
Level: Beginner
Note: This class will be instructive and interactive. It will not include student turning.

▪ Offset Turning

Date and Time: Saturday, December 5, 8am - 4pm
Where: Joe Grimes' Shop
Lead Instructor: Joe Grimes
Student Cost: $50.
Target Class Size: 6 to10
For: HCW + Others if slots are available
Level: Intermediate

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Bill Kloepping ✨Jose Contreres
Charlie Tucker✨Andrew Littlefield
Kristy Roberts✨Gary & 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. 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.















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.

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We offer unique and diverse cuts of wood. We carry wood products in thirty-two different species. Our service include cutting down trees endangering homes or other structures, rescuing damaged trees, cutting slabs for woodturning blanks and 3" slabs for tabletops. These are just a few of our products. We offer many, many more. Check out my You-Tube channel, "George Wood of Texas".

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 maybeevenavideocall.Find themon ourwebsite 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 Texas (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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OCTOBER CLUB MEETING

Thank you to John Holderman from the Dallas Area Woodturners Club for his presentation on Using The Skew.



























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OCTOBER OPEN SHOP

Thank you to Howard & Gene Wellspring for Hosting Open shop and cooking delicious burgers! And thank you to Howard and Bill on their mini class about label casting pens































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.

32/3 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.

143 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.

3 Texas Toy Jam: Texas Toy Jam is an event put on every year by Amy Johnson to support Hunt county families and children around the holidays. It is similar to Toys For Tots, but specifically for Hunt County. The event takes place November 21st in Quinlan at BrewBirds on Main St. There will be Live music from 12pm to 11pm. They are asking for items to be added into their silent auction.

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 County 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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Membership in HCW, Inc. may entitle you to discounts and other benefits at these businesses.

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.