

HCW NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY LETTER

Hi folks,

As you know, our next meeting is Feb, 9th. I am writing to you early about the meeting demo, because the demonstrator is going to be YOU.

We want you all to bring any Tool, Jig or Device of any kind, that YOU HAVE MADE that has helped you with your turning. It can be very simple or very complicated, small or large. You will get to show it, explain it, even demonstrate it. I'm sure that you will get some great ideas from other folk's inventions, and they will get benefit from yours. So get ready to show off your own creation to the club. I believe this will be informative as well as fun.

Thanks to all, Lee

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Hunt County Fair News

Greetings Everyone,
It'll be here sooner than you think - the Hunt County Fair. This year it's April 20 to April 30.

As before, HCW has been invited to exhibit to demonstrate the art of woodturning, display our handiwork, promote the Club, make tops for the kids.... and have some fun.

So, we'd like to ask that everyone visit the HCW website and check out the Hunt County Fair info under "Events". That's where you'll find a [link](#) to the sign-up sheet broken out by days and time slots. Or, feel free to fill out your choices on the attached spreadsheet and return it to me. In either case, you'll be all set!

As in past years the Club will have a 15 x 20 foot tent with three lathes for demonstration. With three shifts on the weekends, one shift on weekday evenings, plus set-up and tear-down... and each time slot needing at least 4 members. So, we have a lot of slots to choose from but it shouldn't be that difficult to fill.

So, come join us at the Fair to demonstrate the art of woodturning, showcase your skills, promote our Club, and enjoy yourself. With more than 100 members, we can make this a great event. Oh yea, and as a vendor/demonstrator entry to the Fair is free!
So, you can take in everything the fair has to offer at no additional cost.

If you have any questions, feel free to send a note or give me a call.

On behalf of myself and all the Board members, we'd all like to say "thanks" in advance. See you at the Fair!

Happy Turns,
Doug Balzer
301.473.2720

SWAT News

I just returned from Waco and my first SWAT board meeting of the year. First off, the dates for SWAT this year are August 25, 26, & 27. The set up team will have to be there on Thursday the 24th.

The lead demonstrators this year will be;
Emiliano Achaval, Cindy Drozda
Colwin Way, Tom Lohman (segmenting),
John Lucas, Derik Weidman (off center turning)

Among the regional demonstrators is our own
Donna Frazier, Janice Levi (pyrography), Neil Brand,
Jim Buckelew (segmenting), Kayla Cooper (pens) and 10 others.

The 3 for 1 Raffle will be giving away a Power Matic Lathe as well as 3 Jet 12/21s
The host hotels are the same, the Hilton attached to the convention ctr., and the Courtyard by Marriott across the street from the convention ctr. SWAT rate is \$167.00 per night. Of course, many other hotels available also. Host hotels usually go quick.

Food & Catering, The board spent a long time on this one. As you are aware if you've gone the past couple of years, the food has left a lot to be desired. This is, by far, the largest expense for SWAT costing upwards of \$65,000. They have 26 caterers in Waco to choose from this year, compared to 6 last year, no decision has been made yet. One decision was NOT to have a \$45 Banquet meal this year on Sat. night. There will be a meal, no foo foo meal, just a family style meal, possibly Mexican food or Bar BQ that will cost about \$20 per person. Not \$45. After the meal will be the Sat night Raffle drawing. No meal on Friday night. There will be lunches on Fri, Sat & Sun.

Online Registration will start on March 1st until August 1st. Basic registration will be the same as last year, \$175.00 for all 3 days.

Anyone placing items in the Gallery will be allowed to put out business cards, in a holder if they wish to sell an item. That transaction will be between the seller and the buyer, not involving SWAT.

The rooms could possibly be rearranged to make more larger rooms and eliminate the tiny rooms. This may possibly effect HCW's longtime location, not sure yet.

That is about all for now. I'll let you know more when I know.

Thanks, Lee

PRAY FOR:

Kay Shrode &

Frank Shrode



REMINDERS

We still have great resources in our mentors on our [mentors list](#). They can mentor you over the phone, in person, or maybe even a video call. When you call if they don't answer, please TEXT and or leave a message so that they know who to call back.

For segmenters, George Freeman has 1in. Square boards that can be cut to different lengths for segmenting. He has this in Pecan, Mesquite, and Walnut. He also still has his original stock of turning blanks. His address is 7151 Sandy Lake Rd. Quinlan Tx. 75474 And his phone number is (214-334-4035) Forewarning the blanks now cost, but we are so thankful to George for everything he does for the club.

<i>February Birthdays</i>	days
Bill Smith	5
Robert Ledbetter	6
Tina Mastin	7
George Freeman	8
Joe Grimes	13
Travis Guinn	13
Jim Brooks	18
Cheryl Clark	18
Fred Groves	24

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Topic: Hunt County Woodturners' Zoom Meeting
Time: Feb 9, 2023 07:00 PM Central Time (US)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84715769670?pwd=S2xVOGx3dkRlVzd2cVAwd0hCY3dxdz09>

Meeting ID: 847 1576 9670

Passcode: 180824

The Club Library is now gathering demonstration handouts to keep on file. If you have a handout from a demonstration that you found interesting, helpful or had project instructions... please make a copy and give it to our librarian Keith Clark or president Lee Craft.



We are going to build up the Club YouTube channel. We are putting in mini demos on the channel. If you have something you want to share, you can make a demo as long or as short as you'd like. We have portable A/V equipment that members can use for creating videos, if you would like to use it contact Sully 972-951-5544.

Here is the link to the channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7KsCch28Ne5sE8LjhR2D1A>

OPEN SHOP

Feb 11, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

4245 Destiny Dr, Caddo Mills, TX 75135, Dale Scrugg's Shop

Dale is selling his table saw and getting him a new one.

Call him if they're interested:

214-244-4362. Powermatic, 10" Artisan's Saw
Model 63 \$1025.00





Hands-on Classes with Sammy Long



Woodturners of North Texas Hands-on Carving classes with Sammy Long

3-Day Class - Leaf bowl as shown above top right - \$500

Mon-Wed, April 17th to 19th, 2023

1-Day Class - Single leaf carving and texturing - \$250

Thur, April 20th - Friday, April 21st - Saturday, April 22nd

**All classes include carving materials and a burr set as shown on the left that are yours to keep after the classes.

To sign up contact Jeff Allen at activities@wntx.org or call (817)706-4543

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.

2023 Hunt County Woodturners Board Members

Lee Craft (President),
Alain Schwarz (Vice-President),
Burt Andrew (Secretary),
Alan Fields (Treasurer),
Sully Sullivan (Technology Officer),
Rod Brumlow (Training Coordinator),
Doug Balzer (Event Coordinator)
Cynthia Balzer (Women in Turning)

HCW Board of Directors meetings

are held on Zoom on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Board meetings are open to all members.





“There is no scrap wood, just pieces not yet used”

Upcoming On-Line Events:

WIT Presents | 2023 Artist Showcase: Nicole McDonald and Elizabeth Weber
Saturday, March 4th, 2023
4 pm Eastern Time

[AAW Virtual Events Landing Page - Upcoming Programs](#)
(woodturner.org)



[How to Remove Paint from Wood Without Chemicals - Woodturning Tips](#)

How to Remove Paint from Wood Without Chemicals

Stripping or removing paint from any surface, be it wood, metal, or plastic is seldom an easy task. It is a difficult task because every surface or item takes paint differently, meaning that you will need to explore unique steps to remove it depending on the type of material it is on.

Both professionals and amateurs trying to remove paint from wood and other items or surfaces have had to settle for chemical-based removers or strippers. Albeit effective, these chemical-based strippers are made with toxic materials which not only makes them harmful to you but also makes it harmful to our environment at large.

Manual Paint Removal Method

Although scraping the paint away may seem like the best paint removal, there are certain toxic chemicals found in the debris that are capable of damaging certain parts of your body. If you opt for the manual paint removal method, there are certain steps you need to take to get the job done safely .

Baking Soda and Boiling Water

If your small wooden furniture is plastered with paint, baking soda and boiling water could be the perfect way to remove paint from them. Do not get your hopes high though, as good as this sounds, it is quite tricky to get done. This is especially why we have designed a step-by-step guide on how you can go about it. (Side note this process will discolor the wood, which if you are repainting it isn't a problem).

Before you get started on this, there are a couple of essential materials or items you'd need to have at hand. They are: paper towels, water, baking soda, tongs, large pans, a flexible scraper, and a stiff-bristled brush.

Education

Some YouTubes were suggested by various members of our club so I decided to set up hyperlinks and lists of good YouTube pages so everyone can enjoy them!

Educational Reading:

Woodturning Lathe Speeds- Complete Guide <https://www.uwoodcraft.com/woodturning-lathe-speeds-a-complete-guide/>

Five Quick and Easy Woodturning Finishes <https://www.woodworkersjournal.com/five-quick-and-easy-woodturning-finishes/>
Watch: Mike Mahoney Finishes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITYYrYLgEfl>

Recently someone emailed me about BOB... I couldn't figure out what BOB was. I found a neat website with woodturning and woodworking acronyms that are used in on-line forums. http://www.hobbithouseinc.com/personal/woodpics/_acronyms.htm You won't find BOB there though... I was told later that BOB is Bottom of Bowl Gouge

In the News:

How to Forage from the World's Oldest Tree – Gastro Obscura <https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/how-to-use-ginkgo-nuts>

A Lumber Poacher Has Been Foiled – By Tree DNA <https://www.popularmechanics.com/science/a38303861/lumber-poacher-foiled-by-tree-dna/>

A First in Fossil Research: Seeds Sprouting From 40 Million Year Old Pine Cone Encased in Amber <https://www.scitechdaily.com/a-first-in-fossil-research-seeds-sprouting-from-40-million-year-old-pine-cone-encased-in-amber/>

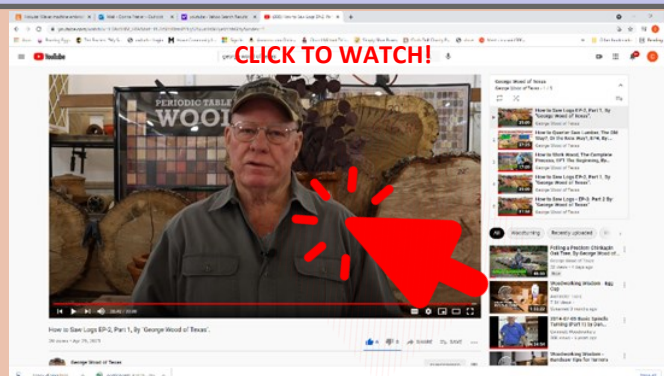
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

Does the Walking Palm Tree Really Walk? <https://www.livescience.com/33663-walking-tree-socratea-exorrhiza.html>

A tree that smells like rotting fish is so invasive that states are trying to kill it <https://bangordailynews.com/2021/12/03/homestead/a-tree-that-smells-like-rotting-fish-is-so-invasive-that-states-are-offering-bounties-to-kill-it-joam40zk0w/>

Suggested YouTubes

- [Brian Havens](#)— Suggested by Fred Groves
- [Cap'n Eddie Castelin](#)— Suggested by Ross Spielman
- [Rocky Mountain Woodturners](#)— Suggested by Donna Frazier
- [WYOMING-WOODTURNER](#) [R \(Sam Angelo\)](#)— suggested by Fred Groves
- [Robohippy](#)— Suggested by Tim White
- AAW website videos— suggested by Cory White



Woodturners, don't forget to check out **The American Association of Woodturners.**

<http://www.woodturner.org>

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. Check out this excellent guide to membership services and publications.



Become a member of the Hunt County Woodturners!

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

Download the application [HERE](#).

Bring completed application and dues to our next meeting or mail to:

Hunt County Woodturners, Inc
Attn. Alan Fields
P.O. Box 8191
Greenville, Texas 75404

OR Email to

Alan Fields at
mafields3@yahoo.com

Dues are prorated for new members at \$4.00 per month

CLUB MENTORS AND SPECIALITY

HCW wants to support the learning and skill development of every member. If you are seeking support, advice, or mentoring, help is just a click away.

CLICK BELOW TO OPEN

2018 Hunt County Woodturners Mentors												
Mentor	Home City	Cell #/Home	Woodturning	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Turned	Spinning	Carving	Shaping	Other	Specialty
Frank Strick	Greenville	903-200-0425	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Spillars	Lubbock, TX	806-720-0623	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Robert England	Greenville	903-622-2488	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
James Probstman	Greenville	903-222-0868	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Spillars	Greenville	903-622-2476	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
George Probstman	Greenville	214-238-0828	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Spillars	McKinney	214-452-2127	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gary Lashless	Greenville	903-622-4833	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark Spence	Greenville	972-742-2629	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Spillars	Greenville	903-622-2476	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



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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



WEEKEND HELP WANTED

Rockler

584 West I-30,
Suite 403,
Garland, TX.
(469) 329-0971



Klingspor's Woodworking Shop

Hickory, NC,
(800) 228-0000
(ask for discount)



Hartville Tool

www.hartvilletool.com
(800) 345-2396



Woodcraft

601 W. Plano Pkwy,
Suite 145,
Plano, TX
(972) 422-2732



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Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2023

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church and was also open to members through Zoom, conducted by Sully Sullivan. Dale Scruggs, Doug Balzer*, and Cynthia Balzer attended through the Zoom session.

Club members Attending in Person: Lee Craft*, Alain Schwarz*, Sully Sullivan*, Rod Brumlow*, Burt Andrew*, Tom Nehl, Gary Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Ed Mastin.

[Voting board members for 2023 indicated *. A quorum of board members was in attendance.]

The Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

Items of Business

Board Meeting minutes from January 5, 2023:

Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 5, 2022, board meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded by Rod Brumlow. Motion passed.

Drawing for free 2023 membership:

Per usual practice, members who paid their dues by the end of the January meeting were qualified to enter a drawing for current year free membership.

The list consisted of 74 members. The drawing was conducted during the board meeting; Alan Baxter won the free membership.

Burt will notify Alan. This will be announced during next week's club meeting.

Tools and Equipment Coordinator

Tom Nehl has accepted this appointed position. Thanks to Tom for filling this spot.

Tom will ask George Freeman for the list of those who have volunteered to assist with transporting lathes and accessories to/from open shops and other activities.

February Club Demo and Open Shop:

The demo on February 9 will feature special tools, fixtures, and jigs brought to show by our own club members. The format will be like Show-and-Tell. Members are encouraged to participate.

Open Shop will be Saturday, Feb. 11, at Dale Scrugg's shop. (4245 Destiny Drive, Caddo Mills)

Doug Balzer will instruct at this month's Open Shop mini-class on finishing. He will present the Beall buffing system. Sully will show/teach the use of the club's camera equipment for instructional recording.

Website

John Regis has accepted the webmaster position from Alan Fields.

Burt will help coordinate the transition with John and Alan and may ask Carl Gideon for training and assistance.

Beginner School in February:

The two-day school, Sat/Sun, Feb. 25 and 26, will be held at Rod Brumlow's shop (102 Jeremy Drive, Roys City).

The cost will be \$125 total per student for the two days.

Instructors, selected by Training Coordinator Rod Brumlow, will not be paid. However, the club will reimburse expenses on request.

The class will feature the turning a basic bowl, pen, and a honey dipper as the primary spindle turning component. As an added feature, finishing of the bowl will be demonstrated. Rod and Alain will announce and generate interest in this beginner school during the upcoming club meeting.

Quarterly Challenge (March):

Will feature any item with a turned component, made from any kind of 2X4, any kind of plywood, or a combination of the two.

The winning entry will be selected by a membership vote at the March meeting. The winner will be awarded a \$50 gift card.

Quarterly School, April:

Discussed having Matt Monaco for a demo and two days of training.

Cost would be approximately \$2000.

Cost per member, \$150.

Probable training location, Lee Craft's shop.

Rod Brumlow made a motion, and Alain Schwarz seconded, to have Matt Monaco for the April club demo, followed by member full-day training on Friday, April 14, and (if enough interest) another full day of training on Saturday, April 15. If fully utilized, Matt's cost would be approximately \$2000. Motion passed.

Open Shop, scheduled for April 15, will likely be pushed back one week.

Non-members will be invited (near the end of the sign-up period) if the classes don't fill up with HCW members.

Future Quarterly Schools discussed (tentative):

Segmenting School on July 22 and 23. Charlie Tucker may do the previous Thursday's demo and assist with the segmenting school. Dale King may also assist.

Lidded boxes on October 21 and Texturing on October 22.

The training currently committed and proposed though October will address the top four items in Rod's recent member interest survey.

A/V

VP Alain Schwarz recently asked about the possible use of a throat microphone to improve audio quality during demos.

Sully's research revealed that throat microphones are all push-to-talk and would not work in our application.

SWAT Highlights from Lee's Jan. 24th meeting in Waco:

SWAT will be August 25-27

Same host hotels, Hilton and Marriott, SWAT rate is \$167 per night.

3 for 1 raffle will include a Powermatic lathe and 3 Jet 12/21's.

Regional demonstrators will include HCW member Donna Frazier.

Food vendor TBD, but Saturday meal banquet will be replaced with a less expensive family style meal at approx.. \$20 per person. No meal on Friday night. Will include lunches Friday through Sunday.

No cash bar this year.

On-line registration will extend from March 1 through August 1.

Gallery participants will be allowed to display business cards, with transactions between the buyer and seller (no involvement by SWAT).

Rooms may be re-arranged to eliminate the smaller demo rooms.

Hunt County Fair

The Hunt County Fair dates for 2023 extend from April 21 to April 30 (HCW setup on April 20); will be open on weekends from 10am to 7pm, and on weekdays from 5pm to 10pm.

Doug informed that the sign-up page on the website can be viewed but is not accepting names.

Will work with Alan and John Regis to get the sign-up's working asap.

Financial

Treasurer Alan Fields emailed several financial items to board members shortly in advance of the board meeting.

Alan informed by email that payments have been made to Hartford for the club's liability insurance, and to for one month of storage building rental (no discount for annual pmt.).

With insufficient time to review the email to board members, and with Alan absent from the meeting, no 2022 closeout, 2023 budget, or audit items were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.