

HCW NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY LETTER

Well folks we have a busy couple of months coming up. Lots of classes, and the Hunt county fair. This Saturday we are having our first Women's only beginner turning class. This is being held at my shop, Sat. the 25th from 8;am to 4:pm. Donna Frazier will be teaching the class and we still have a spot or two open. Cost is \$30.

Nationally known turner Matt Monaco will be doing the demonstration at the April Meeting on April 13th, then , he will be doing a class on Friday the 14th at my shop. The Friday class is almost full, but if we have more who are interested, we will have another class on Saturday the 15th. The cost for this class is \$125. and you can sign up for this on the HCW website. Then, right after that, the Hunt County Fair kicks off, April 20 - 30. You can sign up for a shift at the fair on the HCW website. There are plenty of spots still available. Then, we'll be having our beginner class (men & women) on May 6th and 7th at Rod Brumlow's shop. Then it's meeting time again on May the 11th. So as you can see we have a lot going on and I encourage as many as possible to get involved.

Hope to see you at these events.

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.

March Birthdays

	days
Steve Boyer	1
Alex Snider	2
Bahadir Koseli	7
Kevin Young	9
Jim Stewart	10
Johnny Hayre	11
Gary Sanders	11
Edrick Eaton	11
John Regis	12
Connie Brumlow	12
Keith Clark	13
Dan Henry	21
John Blattman	24
Bill Belitz	24
Maxey Hooks	25
Billy C. Walker	28

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

April 8th

Lee Craft's Shop

6207 CR 2560

Royse City

For Sale

10 x 14 Jet variable speed mini lathe with forward/reverse and a Jet portable stand.

Works great...just needs a little cosmetic clean up.

Been in storage as I just don't need it.

Great learning equipment for a firm \$300.



Please note this photo is not of Frank Shrode's Lathe and is simply an example.

Contact for him is
903-268-4105.



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)



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Tips of the month!

[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 implore 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/>

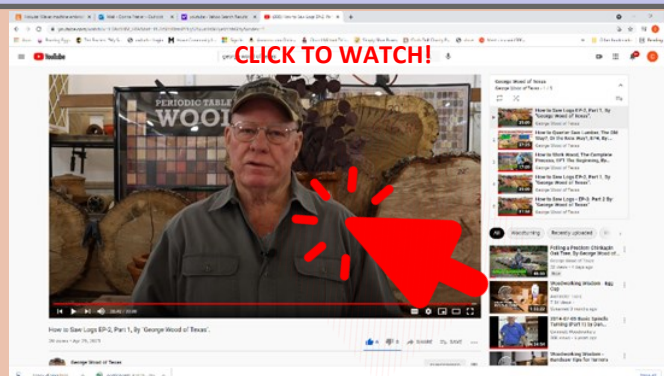
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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	Spinning	Turning	Carving	Design	Business	Other
Frank Strick	Greenville	903-200-0428	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Spillars	Lubbock, TX	806-724-0623	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Robert England	Greenville	903-632-2488	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
James Probstman	Greenville	903-222-0488	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Spillars	Greenville	903-632-2474	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
George Probstman	Greenville	214-234-0488	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	903-632-4833	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark Spencer	Greenville	972-742-2629	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Spillars	Greenville	903-632-2474	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
March 6, 2023

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

Club members Attending in Person: Lee Craft*, Alain Schwarz*, Sully Sullivan*, Doug Balzer*, Rod Brumlow*, Burt Andrew*, Alan Fields*, Gary Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Cynthia Balzer, John Regis.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 6:14pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

Items of Business

- Board Meeting minutes from February 2, 2023:

Doug Balzer made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 3, 2023, board meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded by Alain Schwarz. Motion passed.

- Website Development:

- Webmaster John Regis attended this month's meeting specifically to discuss website development.
- Discussed and considered various improvements: Update pictures, repair links, calendar of events, buy/sell/trade section/completed newsletter section, others.
- Three members offered full written lists with suggestions and priorities (Doug Balzer, Cynthia Balzer, Burt Andrew).
- The Oklahoma City Woodturner's website was discussed and viewed as an example of a good website.
- John will prioritize getting a sign-up and payment section in place in time for the beginner's school in May.
- John will use the Club's gmail address for accepting pictures from club members, and may also utilize pictures uploaded to the Google drive as soon as he has access.
- Discussed the member's only section and the need to make sure all club members have the information they need to log-in.
- John intends to make improvements as his time permits, but with estimated significant changes within three months.

- Annual HCW Financial Audit (as required in HCW bylaws, Article XV):

- Audit team members: Burt Andrew, Alan Fields, Mark Spencer.
- The audit report was made available to Board members for review in advance of the meeting and is available to any other club members on request.
- Scope included: validation of checking account, money market, and CD balances; comparison of 2022 EOY reported balance with bank records; random review of revenue and expense flows, review of bank signatories, availability of Club's 501c3 documentation as required by the IRS, status of the Club's 2022 tax return, and status of the Club's liability insurance.
- Alan discussed and explained several adjustments regarding process as suggested by Mark.
- Resulting financial actions:

- Will update bank signatories (further covered below)
- No 2022 tax documents have been received from IRS. Alan will call to check.
- Alan will present a recommended 2023 budget for discussion and review next Board meeting.
- *Doug Balzer made a motion that the Audit, as presented, be accepted and approved. Rod Brumlow seconded.*
- **Revised Bank Signatories:**
 - Current members approved to access the checking account (i.e. sign checks) as well as the money market account include Alan Fields, Gary Sanders, and Burt Andrew. Members with access to CD's #62 and #63 include Mark Spencer, George Freeman, Donna Frazier, and Cory White, with Lee Craft also on CD #49.
 - For organizational accountability, and as recommended in the audit, discussed the need to update signatories to include a limited number of elected Board members.
- *Rod Brumlow made a motion to add Alain Schwarz and Rod Brumlow to the list of members authorized to access the checking and money market accounts. The list of Board approved signatories on the checking and money market accounts will include the following elected members: Alan Fields, Burt Andrew, Alain Schwarz, Rod Brumlow. Alan Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed.*
 - Authorized CD signatories will be discussed and revised as the CD's mature and are re-instated. (Note: Alan informed that CD authorizations can be revised without penalty only as respective CD's mature and are re-instated.)
 - Alan also informed that the signatories must personally update/sign account paperwork at the bank within a week of each other. The individuals will coordinate with each other and the bank.
- **March Club Demo and Open Shops:**
 - The demo on March 9 will feature Club member Charlie Tucker on segmenting.
 - Open Shop will be Saturday, March 11, at Lonnie Dukes's shop. (706 Sahara Drive, Greenville).
 - One or more of our experienced members will instruct at this month's Open Shop mini-class on making tops. This is partially in preparation for the Fair.
 - Next month's open shop at Lee Craft's shop will be on April 8, one week earlier than usual, to accommodate Matt Monaco's quarterly school the following weekend.
 - Brian Livingston will host May's Open Shop.
- **Membership Status:**
 - As of the February meeting, we have 112 members, of which 32 had not paid their 2023 membership dues. Per bylaws, those who have not paid by the end of the March meeting will be dropped.
 - During the Board meeting Alan supplied a up-to-date listing of Paypal dues payments, which decreased the number who haven't yet paid to 23.
- **Beginner School rescheduled to May:**

- The two-day school originally scheduled for Feb. 25 and 26 was cancelled due to late notifications and inability to attend by several interested individuals due to conflicts.
- Has been rescheduled to Sat/Sun, May 6 and 7. Will be held at Rod Brumlow's shop (102 Jeremy Drive, Roysce City).
- The cost will be \$125 total per student for the two days.
- The class will feature the turning a basic bowl, platter, and lidded box. As an added feature, finishing of the bowl will be demonstrated.

- **Quarterly School, April:**

- Matt Monaco is scheduled for our demo during Club meeting on Thursday, April 13, followed by a full day of training on Friday, April 14. The training may be extended through Saturday, April 15, if enough interest exists.
- This item was discussed during February's Board meeting and a motion to host the event was subsequently approved. Matt charges \$350 to demo and \$750 per day for training.
- Training location, Lee Craft's shop.
- Cost per member, \$125. Non-members may be invited near the end of the sign-up period if the classes don't fill up with HCW members. Cost for non-members would be \$150.
- Maximum class size will be 8 students. Will require at least 6 students for the Saturday class to make.
- Likely topic will be Matt Monaco's bowls. Check out:
 - <https://www.monacobowls.com/pages/our-story>
- John will add a link to Matt Monaco's website to ours and will have a signup page in place well in advance.

- **Women in Turning:**

- This women's-only WIT event will be held on Saturday, March 25, 8am to 4pm at Lee's shop.
- Cynthia reported that 5 of the 6 slots have been filled.
- Donna Frazier will teach the turning of a candlestick holder and will also provide the wood.
- The cost is \$30 and attendees will bring their own lunch.
- A second WIT event is tentatively planned for May 27.

- **A/V:**

- Sully briefed the final list of needed a/v equipment, consisting of a variety of cables, cable wraps, a hard drive, and miscellaneous other a/v items. These items, first discussed and approved by the Board in December, amount to approximately \$400. He will move ahead with the purchase.

- Recommended that Show-and-Tell be done from behind the lathe at club meetings. Equipment required to implement is included in the purchase outlined above.

- **Hunt County Fair:**

- The 2023 Hunt County Fair extends 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 is now active on the website.
- Doug will work with Fair personnel to obtain access to the exhibit building nearest our booth for our overnight storage requirements.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.