

HCW NEWSLETTER

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Well it's time to start a new year at Hunt County Woodturners. We have a lot that I want to accomplish this year that I neglected last year. For one thing, we are going to have a lot of classes this year. That's what this club is all about, learning. Finding new things we can do and new ways to do them. With the help of Cynthia Balzer, we are going to get the Women In Turning program going again, and also a new approach to Mentoring, as well as other things. It's going to be a good year so let's all enjoy it.

See you at the meetings,,,,,,, Lee

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HCW Training & Demo's

As your Training Coordinator, I want to welcome every member to the new year. I am new to the position of Training Coordinator for HCW and want to express my vision of what I believe we should be doing and offering in training classes and for what we should offer in our monthly meeting demonstrations. In completing this vision, we need input from all members as to what they would be interested in as far as training and demonstrations. I will be passing out a questionnaire in the January meeting that will give you an opportunity to tell us your interest. The questionnaire will also be emailed out for the members that did not make the meeting. Please only complete one per member and get back to me by February 1, 2023. I will compile the information and build our 2023 training schedule from this, putting together training and demonstration in the monthly meeting and open shops. We need your input as to what do you want to see or learn.

We are looking at having 2-3 beginner classes during the year, but we need to fill in other training classes. One of the classes I keep hearing about is segmenting, then we may be able to follow up with a feature ring class. The possibilities are endless, as a member what do you want to see?

These demos are a way members can share their experiences and knowledge with other members.

In looking at what it takes to have a club and make it work as a whole, it takes help from its members in many areas. We need to have volunteer members step up in the following categories.

1. Equipment Coordinator ,
2. Assistant Equipment Coordinator
3. Members that are willing to put on monthly meeting demos
4. Members that are willing to put on a demo at the open shops
5. Members that are willing to put on a training class or assist in a day or two-day training class, sharing your experience and knowledge with other members.
6. Members that are willing to work the fair booth at the Hunt County Fair, Bois d'Arc Bash, etc.

For years George Freeman has provided turning blanks and materials to the HCW members at no charge. Members only pay \$5.00 for each of the blanks if they participate in the work parties. He is having to make this change to offset the cost of cutting and prepping the blanks. At \$5.00 this is a very reasonable cost when you consider what the cost of equipment, processing and prepping the material is. George will be providing turning blanks to the club for the schools and open shops. He has done so much for the club, but he also needs assistance from the members to be able to continue providing turning blanks at such a reasonable cost. I ask that we all step up and give a hand and be a part of the work parties as needed. It benefits us all.

In closing, my vision is to see the club grow and share our experiences and knowledge where we can, by having more training classes and demos available to all members. Working together we can achieve this, and we will all benefit but we need help from all the members.

Thank you,

Rod Brumlow
Training Coordinator

PRAY FOR:

Kay Shrode &
Frank Shrode



REMINDERS

While everyone is at home socially distancing, things can get boring so use this excess of time to call up a mentor from the [mentors list](#).

They can mentor you over the phone, or maybe even a video call. This is the perfect time to practice your woodturning skills and get the help you need to succeed.

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)

January Birthdays

	days
Ron Howe	4
Summer Mller	10
Cynthia Balzer	13
Brian Livingston	21
Lonnie Duke	27

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Topic: Hunt County Woodturners' Zoom Meeting

Time: Jan 12, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81598441472?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81598441472?pwd=dTZyQVFBMit6bTJkRFhyNkhlcWhyZz09)

[pwd=dTZyQVFBMit6bTJkRFhyNkhlcWhyZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81598441472?pwd=dTZyQVFBMit6bTJkRFhyNkhlcWhyZz09)

Meeting ID: 815 9844 1472

Passcode: 412017

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.



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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. If you need help filming, we are putting together equipment to facilitate that. Please contact any board member if you are willing to help with this. Here is the link to the channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7KsCch28Ne5sE8LjhR2D1A>

OPEN SHOP
January 14th
George Freeman's Shop
7151 Sandy Lake Road
Quinlan, TX

Dale is selling his table saw and getting him a new one. Can you send out an email to the club with the details and pictures and see if anyone is interested? Have them call him if they're interested:
214-244-4362. Powermatic, 10" Artisan's Saw
Model 63 \$1025.00



For several years I have supplied free turning blanks for Hunt County Woodturners. This included locating trees, going out and cutting them down and transporting them back to my home, a time consuming and expensive endeavor. Then they were turned into slabs on my sawmill and later cut into turning blank rounds using my tractor to move the heavy logs and slabs around. Then they were stored in my barn we called the turning blank room for long periods of time until members come by and picked the best of them off the top.

This has been a very expensive and time-consuming endeavor on my part with only some of our members occasionally coming by and helping. I cannot continue to do this for the Club. It has become far too expensive and very time consuming not allowing me time to do other things like wood turning for myself. At 73 I am unable to physically keep doing the heavy work I have been doing.

Therefore, things are going to have to change. Immediately the following rules will apply to the turning room: If you are a Hunt County Woodturner member and have been to a work party in the last six months to help with the gathering, preparing, and stocking of the turning room...

Each wood blank you need will cost \$5.00 each

For all other woodturners that have not participated in a work party in the last six months, the cost per wood blank will be from the posted price sheet in the turning room. Cash only.

I had started supplying this service to HCW members to help them get started into woodturning at a reasonable cost. Times and conditions have changed, requiring these adjustments.

George Freeman

October 6, 2022

2021 Hunt County Woodturners Board Members

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.

Lee Craft (President),
Alain Schwarz (Vice-President),
Burt Andrew (Secretary),
Alan Fields (Treasurer),
Sully Sullivan (Technology Officer: interim pending replacement),
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.





"By All means read what the experts have to say. Just don't let it get in the way of your woodworking." - John Brown

Upcoming On-Line Events:

Nothing for now, check back later.



CA glues are acid stabilized, so they require a weak base or moisture to react and form a bond. Acidic substrates will therefore inhibit adhesion.

Most plant based oils contain a weak acid, so oily woods are also slightly acidic. This means when using CA glue on such woods, the acidity inhibits bonding and you 'll require better surface prep to form a strong bond. Before CA glue application, ***we advise to wipe the surface/joints with acetone.*** Acetone clears the contaminants from the wood's pores on the bonding surface and dries quickly without leaving any residue. You can also increase the surface energy for a stronger bond by roughening the surface. Use a medium or lower sized grit sandpaper to rough up the surface.

Note - Common high tannic acid woods are oak, cedar, walnut and some mahoganies; while some **common oily wood species** would be Teak, Purpleheart, Bubinga, Santos Mahogany, Ipe, or any species of Rosewood.





Woodturning Quotes:

Ever wonder the difference between Craft and Art mentality?...

“A poorly designed turning is a constant and irritating reminder to you and to others that you could have done better; and a needless waste of resources and of your turning abilities.” – Mike Darlow

“I always say, if it don’t work out... so what! It’s ok... don’t worry about it. Doctors bury their mistakes, we burn them!” -Emmet Kane

This is a good blend of Art and Craft...

“I am one who turns for me I turn what I like. If someone likes what I make great!

Customers means business which means production which means efficiency which means proficiency in every aspect of the turning process.

the skill which one manipulates their turning tools matters greatly in the finished product.

An artist was asked how he painted such a beautiful picture. He answered that the painting was already on the canvas he simply uncovered it with his brushes.

My goal in turning is to look at the piece of wood, decide what it wants to be then efficiently turn away everything that isn’t that object.” – Tim White

More food for thought on Art and Craft...

Artists make “one-offs” that are artistly embellished turnings... I heard a Craft production woodworker once say, and I’m paraphrasing, that all his pieces were “one-offs”. He said he didn’t just make useful items out of wood. He categorized each piece of wood as to what item to make, that would show off the wood’s God given grain figure. He said each utilitarian item he made was “unique” in its organic features, his job was to cooperate with nature and highlight those qualities in the pieces he made.

Continuing that thought: If the function of some woodturnings is art and its use is to emit emotion... don’t all woodturnings serve a purpose and use? Can’t Craft production woodturnings be naturally artistic while still being utilitarian useful?

Perhaps maybe Art and Craft aren’t so different after all!

(All this is not to say that bad art and poorly crafted woodturnings are anything more than dross.)

IMHO anyway... Donna Frazier

Inspiration

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 wood-working acronyms that are used in on-line forums. <http://www.hobbitouseinc.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/>

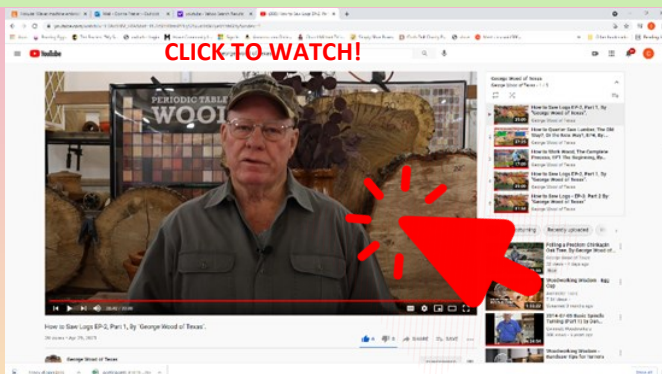
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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/>

George Wood of Texas

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKIK0-SnOevQbMue-V3sUUDg>



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 \(Sam Angelo\)](#)— 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 Phone	Woodturning	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Turned	Spinning	Spindle	Spindle	Spindle	Spindle	Spindle	Spindle	Spindle	Spindle	Spindle	Spindle	Spindle	Spindle	Spindle	Spindle	
Frank Winkle	Greenville	803-288-6525	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joe Collins	Castle Hill	803-523-8833	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Roger England	Greenville	803-483-1486	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sammy Thompson	Greenville	803-527-0066	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paul Spillert	Greenville	803-483-9579	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
George Henson	Greenville	214-538-8535	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tim White	McKinney	214-458-9117	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gary Landrum	Greenville	803-483-4833	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark Spitzer	Greenville	817-742-2620	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Eric White	Greenville	817-345-0335	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	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
January 5, 2023**

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

Club members Attending in Person: Lee Craft*, Alain Schwarz*, Sully Sullivan*, Doug Balzer*, Rod Brumlow*, Burt Andrew*, Cynthia Balzer.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

Items of Business

President -Lee Craft

Board Meeting minutes from December 1, 2022:

Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 1, 2022, Board Meeting, with no changes. The motion was seconded by Doug Balzer. Motion passed.

Discussed several items from the bylaws:

Burt reminded the Board that Article IV states that elected officers agree to be AAW members.

From Article VI, dues for the new year will be due at the January club meeting and those who haven't paid by the end of the March meeting will be dropped.

Article XV outlines annual financial audit requirements for the recently completed year. The Board named Alan Fields (previous and current Treasurer), Burt Andrew (volunteered), and suggested Mark Spencer (previous treasurer, not in attendance).

Burt will ask Mark for participation. The audit report is due at the February meeting, though may take longer due timing/availability of the 2022 closeout financials.

Appointed positions:

Lee stated the need for volunteers to fill several appointed member positions, especially Tools and Equipment coordinator.

Lee will continue to serve as SWAT director, along with his position as President.

Cynthia Balzer will be the new Women-in-Turning coordinator, replacing Sharon Ayres.

Treasurer Alan Fields (also Webmaster) is willing to pass the web maintenance and development responsibilities to someone else. Lee will check out John Regis as a possible replacement.

Gavin Wirtzberger will continue the newsletter and has agreed to develop a new look and format with fresher content.

Kevin Evans will continue to be librarian.

Kevin Young will be photographer.

John Blattman will continue as Safety Director.

Mentoring

Mentors are being underutilized.

Mentor listing is up to date but is not easily accessible in the website. Burt will periodically email the mentor listing to members (usually along with membership listings).

Lee will occasionally brief during club meetings (availability of mentors, how to best utilize, etc.)

Raffles

Lee and Gary will continue to handle the monthly club raffles.

Penny raffle:

Rod Brumlow made a motion to have a penny raffle in 2023. The motion was seconded by Sully Sullivan. Motion passed.

Per regulations, Club will have to purchase the prizes in advance. Discussed Jet 1221, Laguna lathe, other items. TBD.

The Penny Raffle involves the sale of about 600 variously priced tickets throughout the year, with the drawing at the end of the year.

Lee will find the previous penny raffle instructions from his files.

Discussed whether to continue Zoom.

Zoom participation (for both Board and Club meetings) has varied from 2 to 12 or 13.

Zoom meetings are occasionally not available due to technical problems or Sully's absence.

May inhibit physical club meeting attendance, though may result in involvement for those who sometimes can't attend physically for numerous reasons.

Final consensus was to continue Zoom until the current license expires (Alan will advise when that is), and to re-evaluate then.

SWAT

Lee informed that Hill County Woodturners is no longer able to sponsor a room at SWAT. Brazos Valley Woodturners (Waco) is considering filling the gap, but because they have inadequate equipment and expertise, have asked about the possibly borrowing/renting/support from us.

Aside from the desire to help, the Board generally considered this negatively. Our equipment is in use during SWAT, and we do not have a second set of equipment or additional operating talent.

During Lee's next SWAT meeting on February 28th he will take steps to better understand their request, expecting that we will not be in a position to assist.

Vice President - Alain Schwarz

Our February demonstrator will be Kevin Bassett from the Dallas Area Woodturners, demonstrating a winged bowl. He will also explain the Empty Bowls program with intent to solicit support for this effort.

2022 VP Gary Sanders made a start in developing a shared list of area demonstrators for clubs in Greenville, Denton, Dallas, Ft. Worth, and Tyler. Alain, with assistance from Chris Cohen and others have visited, or will visit, all these clubs to continue work on the list.

Secretary – Burt Andrew

Membership currently stands at 105 after two members recently announced their intent not to renew in 2023.

Have received dues for 42 members so far for 2023.

Treasurer – Alan Fields

[Alan was absent from this meeting, and no financial items were presented.]

Training Coordinator – Rod Brumlow

Rod is planning a Beginning Woodturner's training school for February 25 and 26, same materials presented each day, open to a maximum of 6 people each day. Cost \$50. Will be held in Rod's shop, 102 Jeremy Drive, Royse City.

The next training school may feature segmenting with dual instructors, Dale King and Rod Brumlow.

Has developed a Member Interest Survey to help in selection of a professional or experienced instructor for a proposed school in April or May. The survey will be passed out and collected from attendees during the January meeting. Burt will subsequently send the same survey, only to members who did not attend, with a request to fill it out and return it to Rod, due by Feb. 1.

As our new Training Coordinator, Rod has prepared a vision statement to be sent to the membership. His intent, in addition to expressing his vision for training this year:

Determine member woodturning interests.

Solicit/develop instructors for a variety of training activities.

Explain our wood resource situation and the need for work party volunteers.

Event Coordinator – Doug Balzer

Reports that the Open Shop schedule for 2023 is good to go. Open Shop in January will be at George Freeman's, 7151 Sandy Lake Road, Quinlan.

The Hunt County Fair dates for 2023 extend from April 21 to April 30, open on weekends from 10am to 7pm, and on weekdays from 5pm to 10pm. Doug is preparing our application.

Discussed whether to do the Bois D'arc Bash again this year. Several negatives discussed, from last year: Poor HCW member demonstrator participation, obstructed/hot assigned location, no new members resulting, light Bois D'arc Bash overall attendance (especially during the afternoon). The Board will wait until April to consider and determine whether to participate this year. The event is held annually during September.

Technology Officer – Sully Sullivan

Sully briefed the need for several equipment items: hard drive, cable wraps, HDMI adapters, audio cables. Approximate cost, \$410. He will move ahead with these purchases.

In an effort to expand A/V talent, Sully offered to do a mini-class at an Open Shop to show how to use A/V equipment.

A/V equipment cabinets need painting. Discussed taking them to someone's shop, probably Lee's, for sanding and painting a different color.

Women-in-Turning – Cynthia Balzer

Cynthia outlined plans for Women-in-Turning initiative and offered ideas for discussion:

Would like to utilize the results of Rod's interest survey.

May put out a memo to membership asking for help and to determine interest.

Objective is to have fun. Would be helpful to establish a purpose (e.g. to help out a particular charity).

Classes may focus on turning or embellishing turnings made by others.

For turning, would like to have beginner class(s) with female students only.

Needs to assess availability of tools for either class type.

Sully suggested that classes might be recorded for use by the attendees. The portable A/V equipment purchased last year is not being utilized.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.