

HCW NEWSLETTER

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I can't believe we're already approaching the holiday season and that our annual Christmas party is less than a month away. The year has gone fast, and we've seen significant interest and growth in the club this year. We've had 18 new members in 2022. That brings our total membership to an all-time high, at 105! Our challenge is to offer both new and older members many opportunities to learn, and we're focused on doing that. We've had some great demos this year, some full-day training sessions, and we've recently started a series of mini-classes in open shops that will be taught by our experienced members. The mini-classes started last month, and will continue each month on a wide range of subjects. If you're interested in learning about any topic in particular, or if you're an experienced member willing to teach a mini-class, please pass that along to me or to our Training Coordinator, Joe Grimes.

Following last month's demo by Gary Sanders, and the two days of training on ornaments turning and coloring instructed by Gary Sanders and Sharon Ayres, Lee Craft will conduct a mini-class on ornament carving at our open shop on Saturday. This will be an informal, interactive, on-the-side class for those interested in learning additional ways to decorate and embellish the ornaments they've recently learned to make! The class is not intended to interfere with the usual open shop activities, so if you have questions about any woodturning subject or want to get help with a turning challenge from our experienced members, or simply want to turn something, come on! Or just come to connect with folks who share your interest in woodturning. The more you're involved, the more fun you'll have and the more you'll learn.

During this month's meeting we'll announce and vote on our officer nominees for 2023. Nominees will also be accepted from the floor, so if you have anyone in mind, be ready. Thanks to our nominating committee, consisting of George Freeman, Doug Balzer, and Burt Andrew. Nominees for 2023 are:

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| President: Lee Craft | Vice President: Alan Schwarz |
| Treasurer: Alan Fields | Secretary: Burt Andrew |
| Training Coordinator: Rod Brumlow | Event Coordinator: Doug Balzer |
| A/V Coordinator: Sully Sullivan | |

Don't forget to visit the Rockwall Public Library to see our display in the lobby. The works of twelve of our members will be on display through the entire month of November. Thanks to our member contributors: Lee Craft, Dale King, Rhonda Stelly, Johnny Hayre, Mike Pfoser, Stacy Nehl, Tom Nehl, Scott Roller, Ed Mastin, Doug Balzer, Alain Schwarz, and Burt Andrew.

I hope you're really looking forward to our Christmas party. We always have a good time. Please sign up now if you haven't. If you have questions, contact our Event Coordinator, Doug Balzer.

Burt Andrew - HCW Secretary

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Greetings Everyone,
It's getting to be that Holiday time of year and we want to be sure that
the Christmas Party stays top of mind.

That being said, if you're not already signed-up to attend the party, then read on.
The Hunt County Woodturners Christmas Party will be at Wesley United Church on Fri-
day, December 2nd from 6pm until 9pmjnhunhunjhg `1.

All members are welcome and are asked to bring one dish that will feed 20 to 25 people.
Please follow the guidelines listed below:

Desserts

Last name starting: A thru G

Side Dishes

Last name starting: H thru P

Salads

Last name starting: Q thru Z

Hunt County Woodturners will provide the main dishes such as beef, chicken and pork.
When signing-in please let us know how many will be in your group.

The sign-in sheet is here:

<https://www.huntcountywoodturners.org/events-1/hunt-county-woodturners-christmas-party-2>

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party!

Happy turns, Doug
Hunt County Woodturners



If anyone is having trouble or is still new to using Zoom then please contact Sully Sullivan 972-951-5544

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PRAY FOR:

**Kay Shrode &
Frank Shrode**

Cheryl Ragsdale and Family

Doug Balzer



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)

<i>November Birthdays</i>	days
Kevin Evans	12
Ed Mastin	16
Roger King	18
Dean Freeman	19
Johnny Campbell	20
John McConnell	25
Scott Roller	28
Bill Kirk	30

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Topic: Hunt County Woodturners' Zoom Meeting

Time: Nov 10, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89045615839?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89045615839?pwd=UEc0dDJyQ1NEWIU4TUNoVDICZi9Ydz09)

[pwd=UEc0dDJyQ1NEWIU4TUNoVDICZi9Ydz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89045615839?pwd=UEc0dDJyQ1NEWIU4TUNoVDICZi9Ydz09)

Meeting ID: 890 4561 5839

Passcode: 545171

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.

Items are needed for the Rockwall Library Display



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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

November 12th: Rhonda Stelly
3570 Ranchwood Cir. Greenville

Hi folks.

Just a reminder about our monthly meeting this coming Thursday night. We will be voting on new board members, Terry Smith will be doing a demo, and we will be doing the Quarterly Challenge for a \$50 gift card. To clarify, the challenge will be on table decorations. Doesn't have to be a Christmas ornament, It can be anything. A Christmas tree, a Snowman, a candle, anything that will decorate the center of a table. Has to be something your willing to let go of. The center pieces will decorate the Christmas Party tables and are won by a member, or spouse, setting at that table. Also, If you haven't signed up yet for the Christmas Party you need to do that so we will have an accurate number of how many are coming.

Hope to see you all soon. ~ Lee

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),
Gary Sanders (Vice-President),
Burt Andrew (Secretary),
Alan Fields (Treasurer),
Sully Sullivan (Technology Officer: interim pending replacement),
Joe Grimes (Training Coordinator),
Doug Balzer (Event Coordinator)

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.



There are lots of things made of silicone that can benefit a woodturner...

Silicone Molds are available for resin projects and are used often by those who wish to make their own pen blanks.

Silicone Glue Brushes are handy for applying wood glue to a project. After use, you can let the brush dry, and the crusty glue will just peel off for an easy cleanup.

Silicone Mats are also super handy for easy project cleanup.

However, don't get super glue on the edge of a silicone mat. If it sticks to your work bench and you pull on the silicone mat... it will tear!



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.hobbitthouseinc.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/>

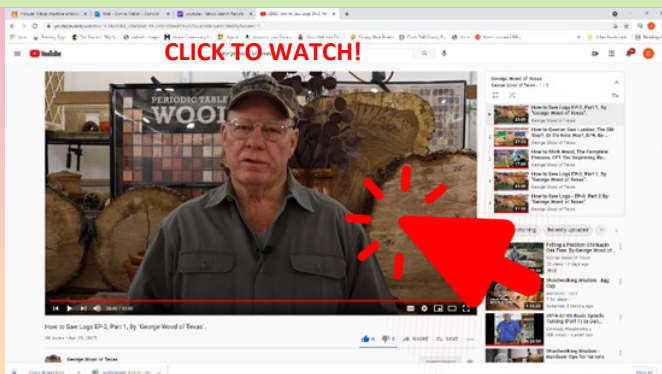
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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
mafieds3@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	Turntable	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Lathe	Turntable	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Lathe	Turntable	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	
Frank Winkle	Greenville	803-288-6325	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joe Collins	Castle Hill	803-533-8933	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Roger England	Greenville	803-453-1486	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
Paul Spillert	Greenville	803-453-9579	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
Tim White	McKinney	214-455-9117	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Eric Landrum	Greenville	803-453-4633	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark Spitzer	Greenville	817-742-2629	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Eric White	Greenville	817-345-6335	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



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.)

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
November 3, 2022**

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church. Due to Sully's absence, it was unavailable through Zoom; Lee advised members shortly in advance.

Club members Attending in Person: Lee Craft*, Gary Sanders*, Alan Fields*, Joe Grimes*, Burt Andrew*, Alain Schwarz, Ed Mastin, Rod Brumlow, Mark Spencer.

[Voting board members for 2022 indicated *. A quorum of board members was in attendance.]

The Meeting was called to order at 6:56pm by HCW President, Lee Craft.

Items of Business

Board Meeting minutes from October 6, 2022:

Joe Grimes made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 6, 2022, Board Meeting, with no changes. The motion was seconded by Gary Sanders. Motion passed.

Officer nominations for 2023:

The Board accepted and approved the Nomination Committee's (members: George Freeman, Doug Balzer, Burt Andrew) recommendations for elected officers for 2023.

Burt Andrew made a motion to approve Alain Schwarz for Vice President to replace Gary Sanders, and Rod Brumlow for Training Coordinator to replace Joe Grimes. The motion was seconded by Joe Grimes. The motion passed.

Other elected officers nominated to continue in 2023.

President: Lee Craft

Treasurer: Alan Fields

Secretary: Burt Andrew

Technology Director: Sully Sullivan

Event Coordinator: Doug Balzer

Per HCW bylaws, during the November meeting Lee will open the floor for any other nominees from the members.

Nominees will be voted upon by attending Club members during the November meeting. Backups are needed for most positions, but especially for Sully.

Budget Discussion:

Discussed various elements of the bank statement and budget/actual spreadsheet. No financials were available to the Board in advance.

Alan will send out financials for 2022 to Board members in advance of next meeting, along with recommendations for changes in 2023, for discussion, changes, and acceptance.

His review will include consolidation and/or recommended elimination of unused or unnecessary budget line items.

Discussed Christmas party costs.

Alan Fields made a motion to exceed budgeted applicable lines items, as reasonable and needed, for Christmas party expenses. The motion was seconded by Gary Sanders. The motion passed.

Mentoring:

The Board reviewed mentor applications from four members.

Gary Sanders made a motion to accept Tom Nehl, Stacy Nehl, Doug Balzer, and Burt Andrew as club mentors. The motion was seconded by Joe Grimes. The motion passed.

Discussed the need for additional women mentors, identification of mentors to club members during meetings, and the need for geographically spaced mentors to facilitate assistance, especially to new members. Rod suggested alignment of new members with mentors in their area.

The Club's mentor listing will be updated and will be made available on our website (member's only section), and in the newsletter.

Mentoring applications will be requested from Lee Craft, Rod Brumlow, and Alain Schwarz for consideration next Board meeting.

Quarterly challenge (due November meeting) will be Christmas ornaments for December Christmas party table decorations. Two \$50 gift cards will be presented for best entry (as determined by the membership through voting), one for traditional entries, and another for rose engine/CNC entries. Discussed changing categories in the future to embellished projects vs traditional turning.

Lee expressed the need for members to help with transporting lathes and equipment for open shops. Members willing to help, even occasionally, should contact Lee or Gary.

Mini-classes at Open Shops:

Lee will instruct the next mini-class, at Rhonda's November open shop. Open shop starts at 8:00am; the mini-class will begin at 9:00am. He will interactively demonstrate and teach enhancements as applied to Christmas ornaments (primarily layout and carving).

Future open shop classes will be scheduled and coordinated by the Training Coordinator.

Noted that mini-classes are intended to complement, not replace, the usual open shop activities.

Mini-classes will offer increased and continuing education, especially for new members. Many possible topics have been identified and will be taught by our experienced members.

Specific classes will be planned and promoted monthly.

All comments regarding the recent ornaments class (Oct 22-23), taught by Gary Sanders and Sharon Ayres, were positive. Thanks again to Dale Scruggs for use of his shop.

Our November program will feature Terry Smith, doing pens. Rhonda Stelly will host open shop (3570 Ranchwood Circle, Greenville).

Membership renewals for 2023:

Dues will remain \$48 annually, prorated for new members who join later in the year. Dues for 2023 will be accepted starting at the November meeting by Treasurer, Alan Fields. Methods of payment: cash or check.

Members who renew by the middle of the January meeting will be entered into a drawing for a free membership.

Gary is working with Kevin Bassett (Dallas Area Woodturners, upcoming president) and leadership of other regional clubs to develop a listing of potential demonstrators to share between clubs.

Rockwall Public Library Display:

Our Rockwall Public Library display (in their lobby) was set up on November 1 and will remain available for viewing through November 30.

Some of the Club's most attractive recent works are on display.

Thanks to our twelve members who contributed items to show: Dale King, Rhonda Stelly, Lee Craft, Johnny Hayre, Mike Pfoser, Stacy Nehl, Tom Nehl, Scott Roller, Ed Mastin, Doug Balzer, Alain Schwarz, Burt Andrew.

HCW members are encouraged to visit.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.