

HCW NEWSLETTER

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APRIL LETTER

Hi Folks...

It's been a busy couple of weeks and we have a couple more busy weeks ahead. Matt Monaco will be doing the meeting demo Thursday night, and then doing his 2 day class on Friday & Saturday at my shop. There is still one opening left for the Friday class. Then the fair kicks off and goes for 10 days. There are still lots of spaces left for doing shifts at the Fair. After the Fair don't forget about the Beginner classes on May 6th and 7th. Still plenty of room in both of those.

So,,, Hope to see you all at the meeting and at the fair. Thanks 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

Dale King

George Littlefield



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.

April Birthdays

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Terry Smith	1
Dale Scruggs	5
Caitlin Zematis	9

Darrell Scott	15
Alan Baxter	16
Mark Spencer	17

Tim White	29
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Hunt County Woodturners is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Hunt County Woodturners' Zoom Meeting

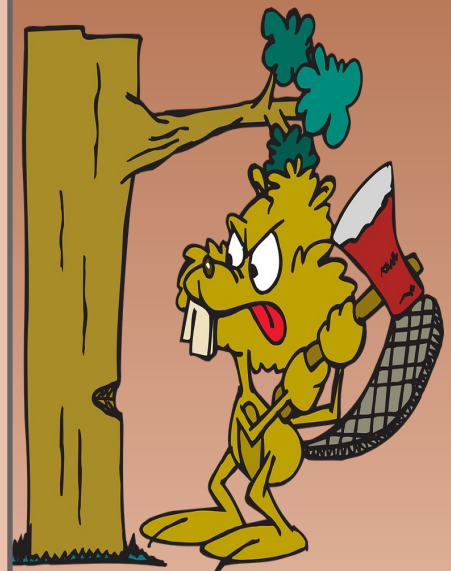
Time: Apr 13, 2023 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82544457856?pwd=bzdXcElEcVJBVG1za21JSzBuT05pdz09>

Meeting ID: 825 4445 7856

Passcode: 8675309



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.



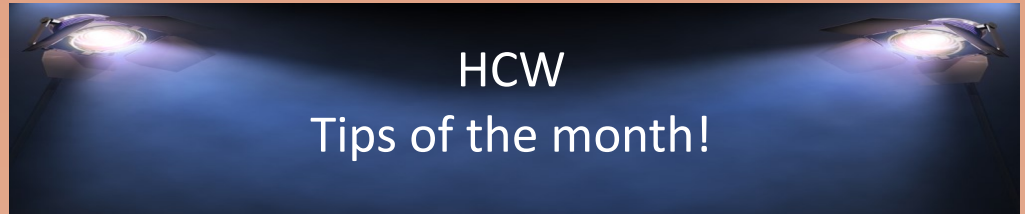


“There is no scrap wood, just pieces not yet used”

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/>

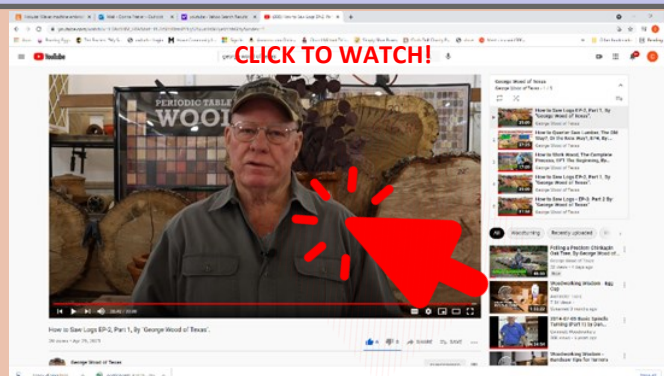
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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



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
April 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*, Burt Andrew*, Gary Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Cynthia Balzer, Mark Spencer, Ed Mastin.

Board Members absent: Rod Brumlow and Alan Fields.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 6:08pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

Items of Business

- Board Meeting minutes from March 6, 2023:

Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 6, 2023, board meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded by Doug Balzer. Motion passed.

- Items of Interest – Club Membership and Activities

- Membership now stands at 97, after removing those who did not renew for 2023. Deadline, per bylaws, was the March meeting. About 20 members did not renew.
- Club apparel process is scheduled to start.
 - May meeting – Order forms will be made available to the membership
 - June meeting – Order forms to be turned in, with payment
 - July – Vendor processing time
 - August meeting – Delivery of apparel to members in time for SWAT (late August)
- Discussed the need for website development and difficulties in signing up for upcoming classes. Webmaster John Regis is working improvements.
- Upcoming Matt Monaco class (Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15) is filling up:
 - Each class holds 8 students; 7 students are currently committed for each day.
 - The class will be held at Lee Craft's shop.
 - Start time, 8:00am; end time, 4:00pm.
 - Students are asked to bring their own lunch.

- Assignment of Mark Spencer as Co-Treasurer w/ access to financials

- The Board voted to approve Mark Spencer as Co-Treasurer, to hold the office with Alan Fields.
- Discussed Mark's need for access to the club's financial accounts, ability to sign checks, and vote in Alan's absence.

Alain Schwarz made a motion that Mark Spencer be appointed Co-Treasurer, to serve with Treasurer Alan Fields, with check signing privileges, full access to the Club's financial accounts, and with the ability to fully represent the Treasurer's office, i.e. to vote, when Alan is absent. Lee Craft seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- As approved by the Board, a request will immediately be made through Alliance Bank to add Mark to the current listing of authorized signatories. This will include access to the checking account, the money market account, and to the three CD's.
- Noted that Michelle Snow at Alliance has recently been through this process with us and may again help us through the steps.
- Mark already has an Alliance account and will coordinate with Alliance to make this change on behalf of HCW. Other Board members will assist electronically or in person if/as needed.

- **2023 Budget Discussion**

- Alan Fields sent out financial reports in advance to the Board members, including: YE 2022 Actuals, a comparative budget worksheet (2021 and 2022), and a 2023 proposed budget with actuals through March 2023.
- Mark Spencer facilitated the budget discussion and covered assumptions used in proposing various elements, with inputs from the Board.
- Mark adjusted the master spreadsheet as the discussion progressed and will incorporate those changes into the financials for the next Board meeting.

Burt Andrew made a motion to approve the resulting 2023 budget as discussed and adjusted. The motion was seconded by Lee Craft. Motion passed.

- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops**

- Matt Monaco is scheduled for our demo during Club meeting on Thursday, April 13, followed by two full days of training, on Friday, April 14, and Saturday, April 15.
- Stacy Nehl is tentatively scheduled to do our demo in May on carving, and may agree to do a 2 to 3 day course on carving for our members later in the year.
- Open Shop on April 8 will be at Lee Craft's (6207 CR 2560, Royse City). Note: This month's open shop is being held one week earlier than usual, to accommodate Matt Monaco's quarterly school the following weekend.
- Brian Livingston (100 Margaret Street, Fate, TX) will host Open Shop in May.

- **Beginner School in May:**

- The two-day Beginner School will be Sat/Sun, May 6 and 7, and will be held at Rod Brumlow's shop (102 Jeremy Drive, Royse 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.
- Noted that adjustments are currently needed to the associated sign-up portion of the website to track and manage participants. This involves ability for Board members and others to see the names of those signed up.

- **Women in Turning:**

- This women's-only WIT event was held on Saturday, March 25, at Lee's shop. The four students covered safety, tools, sharpening, and basic turning. The featured project was candlesticks.
- Cynthia is planning similar WIT events through the rest of the year, approximately every other month.
- The candlestick project will be continued next WIT class (tentative date May 27), with Donna Frazier again instructing.

- **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 34 slots are filled, with 43 slots still open. He will send out probably two more announcements encouraging participation.
- The sign-up page is active on the website.

- **Bois d'Ark Bash:**

- This annual event will be held in Commerce on Saturday, September 23.
- Early Board discussion involved whether or not to be involved this year. Last year's event had poor club participation, and the Club's usual booth location is not optimal.
- The Board will reassess interest in July and August.
- Commerce is reportedly making changes around the booth area. Doug will call to see how this might impact us.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.