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President's Ponderings

As I sit here pondering this month's pondering (no, that's not a typo 😊), it's hard for me to believe it's already been five months since I took over this role. The time has gone so fast, at least for me, and we're fast approaching the halfway point of the year. I have had several people lately ask if I am enjoying the role and I can honestly say every time, "Yes"! It truly has been, and will continue to be, a fun experience. I am grateful for the full support I've received from the board members. There is always good discussion during our meetings and the best thing is that all of the topics, ideas brought up whether implemented or not, suggestions laid on the table and decisions made, are all with the club members in mind and how we can make HCW a better, more educational, more fun and more welcoming club. And it doesn't stop with the board, I have received so much support from the members as well and all with the same intentions - to make the club even better. I look forward to the board meetings, club meetings and open shops, because I always learn something new and it's just fun hanging out with everyone and getting to know each of you better. I worked the Fair over the weekend and had a really good time with Tim and Alain. Tim 'tried' to teach me some turning techniques - we'll see if I actually remember everything he taught me - LOL. And Alain is always an interesting person to talk to. He's had quite the life! It was also fun watching them as they tried to get the kids over to the booth to color a top! So, thank you everyone for making the club what it is and for making my part of it enjoyable!

Be blessed,
Brian



May

- 4th - 5th - Training: Carving
- 9th - Club Meeting
- 11th - Open Shop

June

- 13th - Club Meeting
- 15th - Open Shop

July

- 11th - Club Meeting
- 13th - Open Shop

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BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 2nd 5:30pm

Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville

TRAINING CLASS - Carving

Saturday / Sunday 4th-5th

Tom & Stacy Nehl's
118 RS County Rd. 4269, Emory

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 9th 7-9pm

Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville
Demonstration by John Solberg
Cars & Toys

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 11th 8am-Noon

Brian Livingston's shop
100 Margaret St., Fate
Mini-Class: Tom Nehl,
Between Centers

JUNE

BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 6th 5:30pm

Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 13th 7-9pm

Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville
Demonstration by Lee Craft
Air Brushing

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 15th 8am-Noon

Burt Andrew's shop
8085 CR 2578, Royse City

Just For Fun Let's Get Together

Many have often mentioned how friendly our club members are to be around. These "unofficial" get-togethers are part of the reason why. Take advantage of these opportunities for some fun and friendly times.

⇒ Every THURSDAY - Lunch

Several club members, spouses and friends gather for lunch at Burgers and Fries 5360 State Highway 276 W in Royse City.

No reservation needed but be there before 12:00 as that's when we order lunch. Come spend an hour or so with friends as we visit, catch up with each other and then return to our daily activities.

⇒ Once a MONTH - Pre-Club Meeting Meal

Every month on the Thursday of the Club Meeting, a group of club members, spouses and friends meet to eat at 5:30pm at TaMolly's Restaurant, 6929 I-30 in Greenville.

⇒ Once/Twice Yearly - Work Party & Lumberjacking

We meet at George Freeman's house to cut up and process trees into blanks for turning. These are not scheduled but you will be notified by email when a date / time is set. Come join the fun and also learn some of the many steps and processes that are needed to produce your own turning blanks. And of course, you can't make blanks without trees, so several times a year, George goes out and cuts down trees to bring back for our Club's use. If you are interested in going on one of these lumberjack excursions, email George woodchipper2011@hotmail.com and he will send you an email notification of when the next trip is planned.

Join in on the Monthly Club meeting through
ZOOM meetings using the link below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?
pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkJkRoSGh3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkJkRoSGh3Zz09)

Meeting ID: 849 3813 1255

Passcode: 308416

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**SWAT2024 is coming
AUGUST 23, 24, 25**

Register NOW!!!



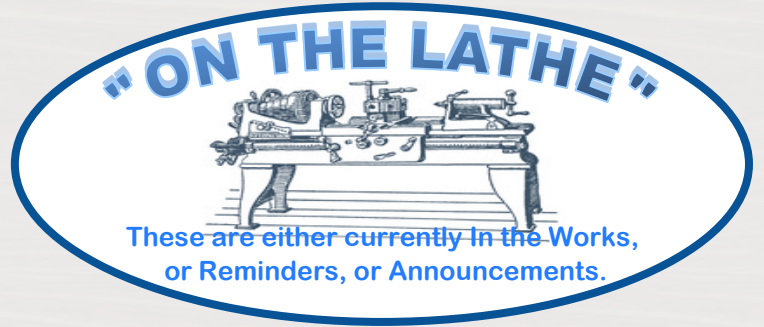
Registration is open! It opened March 4th, so if you haven't already done so, register NOW. Click on the SWAT website link below to register. The date is set for the weekend of August 23-25th. Set up will be on Thursday the 22nd and any club members who want to go a day early and help set up just need talk with Lee Craft. The on-line registration cost for the weekend will be \$190 for the 3-day ticket package. This on-line registration closes on August 1st. Don't wait! The cost is \$300 to register at the door. The Saturday night dinner cost is \$35 and well worth it. SWAT is held in Waco at the Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave.

Demonstrators: The lead demonstrators will be: Beth Irland, Sammy Long, Jason Breech, Kurt Hirtzon, Stewart Batty, Laurant Nicolot, and Kirk DeHeer. We encourage you to search YouTube for their videos. There will be Ornamental Turners represented this year (Rose Engine Lathe)

Raffle: The 3-for-1 Raffle this year will offer an American Beauty lathe as the grand prize as well as three Jet 12-21's along with other good prizes.

Hotels: The Hilton and Marriott Hotels booked through the SWAT link have sold out. But there are plenty more hotels in Waco.

Get all the information and registration details at SWATS website. www.swaturners.org



QUARTERLY CHALLENGE:

Make something out of

ANY SCRAP WOOD

Bring your creation to the

JUNE Club Meeting for Show-and-Tell.

The members will vote on their favorite item and the winner will get a \$50 gift card!

TRAINING COORDINATOR

Welcome new Training Coordinator

We would like to thank Brian Schrader for volunteering to be the new Training Coordinator.

He will do a great job and has the full support of the board and all the members!

He also recently became the assistant to Howard Wellspring, the Technology Officer.

He is a great asset to HCW and we appreciate his willingness to help.

TENTATIVE TRAINING CLASSES

Looking to expand your knowledge and skill? Keep these classes in mind and go to HCW website for details and to register.

July or August: Feature Rings

September: Pyrography

November: Beginners

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EVERY ONE
WHO SERVED
AT THE FAIR!
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HUNT COUNTY
WOODTURNERS
VERY WELL.



MANY OF OUR
ENTRIES WON
1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE RIBBONS.



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MEMBERS' HIGHLIGHT

Joe Grimes

Joe was born and raised right here in Caddo Mills, Texas. He has been married to his wife, Sandra, for 38 years! They have 5 adult children. He served in the United States Marine Corp for 23 years and was a high school shop teacher for 18 years. He has traveled to Okinawa, Japan, The Philippines, Norway, and Turkey.

Joe has been woodturning for approximately 20 years. When asked what is his favorite thing is about woodturning, he replies, "I guess it's discovering the unique aspects (surprises) found inside each piece of wood: the grain, the colors or "flame", etc. He says something that most people wouldn't know about him is that he enjoys teaching willing learners.

As a club, it is our desire to build connectivity between members. The **Members' Highlight** section is one way to learn about each other. Each month we hope to highlight 2 members. If you would like to volunteer your bio info for future editions, let Brian Livingston know and he will email you with the details. Brian's email is bdliving@yahoo.com, or talk to him next time you see him.

Mark Spencer

I have been a member of the Hunt County Woodturners since 2011. I had been doing woodworking for several years, mostly home repair and small projects. I had been reading about woodturning in the magazines and found HCW in the newspaper. I fell in love with the craft immediately. I mostly do small things like pens and keychains and have sold quite a bit in craft fairs and on Etsy. I think my favorite part of making projects is when it gets that first coat of finish, and you see the grain pop.

I grew up in Corpus Christi in elementary school, and the family moved to Houston when I started junior high. I went to school at Abilene Christian University where I met my wife, LaDonna. We have been married for 41 years. We have three sons and currently have four grandchildren. Our youngest son, Keegan, is 31 and is autistic and lives at home with us. We volunteer with Hunt County Special Olympics. LaDonna is the head of delegation for this area and we both coach various sporting events.

I am currently doing accounting work for Juliette Fowler Communities, a senior retirement facility in Dallas. Before that I was at Christian Care Centers in Mesquite, for 35 years, doing a combination of IT and accounting work as the role changed over the years.

For fun, I play disc golf. We are actually introducing the sport to the Special Olympics Group this year.

I have a collection of antenna toppers. This started when the kids were little so they could buy me something that was inexpensive. Now they aren't so common, but it makes a great conversation piece when people see them in my office.



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A big thank you to
Tim White and Alain Schwarz for
demonstrating spindle turning at our April
Club Meeting.

There were a total of 48 at our meeting:
7 of those were visitors!
2 more joined in through Zoom.



Show and Tell

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Thank you, Howard Wellspring
for hosting April's OPEN SHOP.

27 came for a morning of
learning and turning.

If you can host an Open Shop
sometime this year,
please let Tom Nehl know.



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More of April's OPEN SHOP

The mini-class was conducted by Tim White. He explained how to lay out a blank for eccentric turning and how to mount it on the lathe for a variety of different results.

In addition to the usual Open Shop activities, some of our members worked on pen blanks for Freedom Pens to be offered to military veterans during the upcoming fair.

Levi Chrisman made his first pen!

Alain Schwarz brought his large ultrasonic cleaning vat for members to use in cleaning their tools, CBN wheels, etc.



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Happy Birthday!

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| 7 th - Mike Rackley | 17 th - Linda Strand | 22 nd - Mike Pregent |
| 12 th - Karen Conley | 19 th - Drake Freeman | 24 th - Matt Belval |
| 16 th - Vic Hollingsworth | 20 th - Kay Shrode | 28 th - Mitzi Feeman |
| 16 th - Eric Kirby | | 28 th - Greg Richards |

Prayer Requests & Praises

John Blattman
George Littlefield
Kay Shrode

RESOURCES!

HCW has a marvelous array of talented **MENTORS** who have graciously agreed to be a resource. They can mentor you over the phone, in person, or maybe even a video call. Give them a call or a text and they will get back to you. Find our Mentors List in the Members Only section of our website. www.huntcountywoodturners.org

For segmenters, George Freeman has 1" square boards that can be cut to various lengths for segmenting. He has this in Pecan, Mesquite, and Walnut. He also has his original stock of turning blanks. Contact George at 214-334-4035 if you are interested in purchasing any of this wood at a minimal cost. We are so thankful for everything George does for the club.

Please help us expand this RESOURCES page. If you can recommend any YouTube links or Tips or Books, please send the information to Brian Livingston. Continually educating each other is part of who we are as HCW.

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BECOME A MEMBER



Become a member of the
Hunt County Woodturners!

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

Dues are prorated for new members at \$4 / month.

To get the application, download it [here](#) OR email Mark at mspencer2112@gmail.com.

Turn in the completed application at the monthly club meeting or mail it to:

Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.
Attn. Mark Spencer
P.O. Box 8191
Greenville, Tx 75404

Membership in HCW, Inc. entitles you to discounts on selected items at these 3 fine businesses you see listed below. ↓



HCW members are encouraged to become a member of the
American Association of Woodturners!

Hunt Count Woodturners Inc. is a Chapter of this National organization. Your membership not only supports AAW but HCW as well. Insurance Protection is one of the many benefits we gain by membership. Check out this excellent guide to their membership services and publications at <http://www.woodturner.org>

Rockler

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



Wood World

13650 TI Blvd.
Dallas, TX
(972) 669-9130



Wood World
of Texas LLC

Woodcraft

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



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Who's on Board

Serving the Hunt County Woodturners for 2024 are:

Brian Livingston, President

Alain Schwarz, Vice-President

Burt Andrew, Secretary

Mark Spencer, Treasurer

Howard Wellspring, Technology Officer

Brian Schrader, Training Coordinator

Tom Nehl, Event Coordinator

HCW Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30pm. Board meetings are open to all members & can be attended in person or remotely via Zoom. Board Meeting Minutes can be found on the website in the Members Only section.

OUR 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.

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.