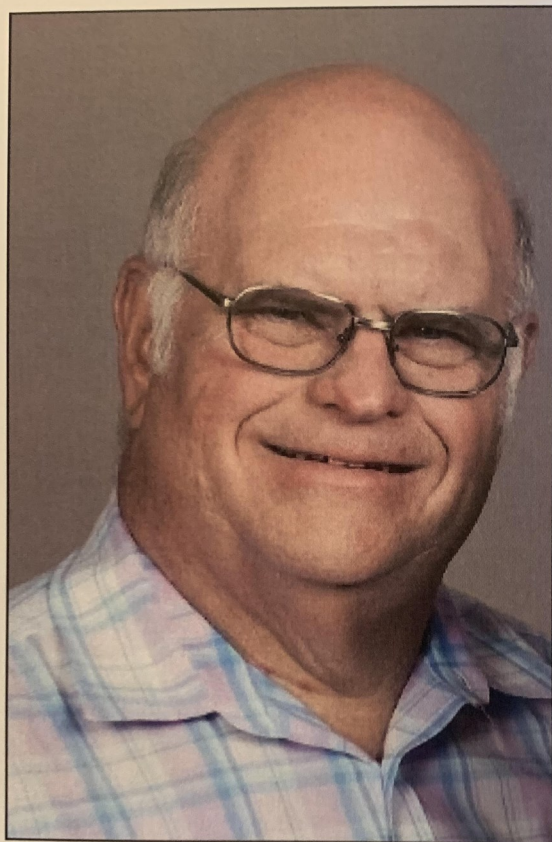


# HCW NEWSLETTER

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~ In Memoriam ~



*Michael Ray Ragsdale*  
1954 ~ 2022

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## **Photo Directory**

We are putting together our first ever photo directory.  
We will be asking you to please send us your photograph.  
Please send them to: Burt Andrew (972-757-5488) ([bandrew1@att.net](mailto:bandrew1@att.net))

## **Hunt County Fair Demos**

Don't forget to register for a demonstration slot at the Hunt county fair to represent the Hunt County Woodturners at the County Fair. Registration is open on the Woodturners website.

## **PYROGRAPHY CLASS WITH JANICE LEVI**

Everyone who signed up for the Janice Levi class needs to pay for the classes.  
You can pay at this months or next month club meeting or go to the clubs web site and pay with PayPal.

**PRAY FOR:**

**Kay Shrode &  
Frank Shrode**

**Tim White's son Daniel**  
Health issues.

**Pam Shuman**  
She is about to have surgery.

**Cheryl Ragsdale and Family**



# 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)

## April Birthdays

	days
Terry Smith	1
Dale Scruggs	5
Robin Eaton	6
Patricia Hooks	6
Caitlin Zematis	9
David Waddell	15
Darrell Scott	15

Alan Baxter	16
Mark Spencer	17
Cory White	18
Stephen Mller	26

Leah Koseli	29
Tim White	29

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**The club's** Nova lathe along with stand and inventoried accessories is now available for loan to members in good standing, on a three-month rotating basis. If you would like to apply for consideration, please contact a board member.

**Ron Howe** is presenting this Thursday. He's doing a hummingbird house .

**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 now accepting** Hunt County Woodturners Membership renewals for 2022. Our Treasurer, Alan Fields, will be sending out Paypal invoices as a payment option for dues to all members. Renewal of HCW membership for 2022: \$48 check made out to HCW and mailed to: HCW, Attention: Alan Fields, P.O. Box 8191 Greenville, TX. 75404. You can also pay for your membership in cash at the meetings as well.



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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**

**Dale King's Shop, April 16**  
1111 Highridge Drive, Wylie

**New Date: May 21**

(Changed to avoid conflicting with the Janice Levi classes)

Location: Lee Craft's Shop  
6207 CR 2560, Royse City

**June Open Shop**  
Lonnie Duke's Shop  
706 Sahara Drive, Greenville

## SWAT News

As SWAT Director, I went to Waco last Saturday for the first SWAT board meeting of the year. Due mainly to low attendance last year, SWAT lost \$32,500. As you might guess, they cannot stand many more years like that. They're catering cost alone was over \$70,000. If you have eaten in the past months, you know how much food prices have risen. They're proposed catering cost for this year is over \$93,000. Therefore, for the first time since 2013, they are raising ticket prices. Early Registration (on line) ticket prices are going to be \$175.00. That's up from the \$140. we've been paying. Spouses will cost \$100. Banquet tickets are the same \$45.00. This is for all 3 days. a one day ticket is \$100.00. Walk up tickets (not on line) are going to be \$275.00 for 3 days, \$150.00 for one day. Early on line registration is strongly encouraged, you may have noticed it's a hundred dollars cheaper than walk up, not only for your tickets, but T shirts and handbooks. This way they will have a accurate number of how many will attend so they will know how much food is needed, how many shirts, and how many handbooks to have printed. This will help they're bottom line a great deal, which is \$218,393.00. That is what it cost to put on a good SWAT symposium. There will be no Friday night show or meal.

The lead demonstrators this year are Martin Sabin Smith, Mike Mahoney Andy Wolfe, Barry Gross, Dennis Paullis, Craig Timmerman, and Trent Bosh. The 3 for 1 Raffle features a grand prize of a Robust American Beauty Lathe, along with 3 other prizes of Laguna REVO 12/16 lathes. Artist donations for the raffle will be appreciated. As always, the host hotels are the Hilton and the Courtyard who are giving us the discounted SWAT rate of \$160 per night.

Early Registration begins **March 15th**, SWAT dates are Aug 26, 27, and 28.

That's all I have for now. Lee.

## For Sale: Nova Comet II midi-lathe

Includes: lathe, chuck & jaws, some hand tools and stand (Rockler lists only the lathe for \$674.99 new. The stand was ~\$200)

I'm asking \$475 total. If any members are interested, please call my cell: 214-535-6470 Many thanks, John McConnell

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who participated in this week's Chainsaw and Wood Processing Parties! Hunt County Woodturners now has it's turning supply room shelved with bowl blanks and spindle blanks. Thank you for helping make this possible!

## 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),  
Mike Ragsdale (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.

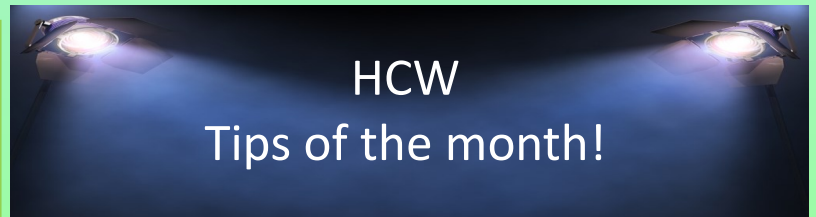




"By All means read what the experts have to say. Just don't let it get in the way of your woodworking." - John Brown

### 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.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/>

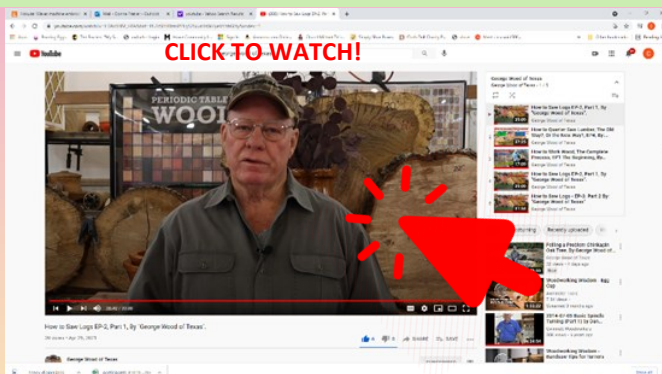
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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**

Cory White at  
[mafields3@yahoo.com](mailto: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	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools
Frank Winkle	Greenville	803-288-6325	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joe Collins	Castle Hill	803-533-8633	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Robert England	Greenville	803-483-1486	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
David Spillert	Greenville	803-483-9579	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
Tim White	McKinney	214-485-9117	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gary Landrum	Greenville	803-483-4633	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
Cory White	Greenville	817-345-6335	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  
Ward Manufacturing**

**Hunt County Woodturners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2022**

This meeting was conducted at Wesley United Methodist Church and was also open to members through Zoom. Sully Sullivan served as host.

**Club members Attending in Person:** Lee Craft\*, Gary Sanders\*, Burt Andrew\*, Doug Balzer\*, Joe Grimes\*, Sully Sullivan (appointed)\*, George Freeman.

**Club members Attending through Zoom:** John Blattman

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

**The Meeting was called to order** at 7:04pm by HCW President, Lee Craft.

## **Items of Business**

### **President – Lee Craft**

Reported that Sully Sullivan has accepted the AV Director position, to serve as appointed until full membership approval can be obtained.

Club meeting equipment set-up process was discussed. Lee will send out an email for anyone willing to help set-up on club meeting nights, with set-up starting at 5:30pm.

Should begin consideration of who we want to nominate for SWAT scholarships (one from SWAT; one from HCW). Had discussion regarding the age of eligible participants; Lee will call SWAT for the answer.

Lee announced an Open Shop date change for May. Because the pyrography class will be held on Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14, the club's regular Open Shop will be pushed back one week, to Saturday, May 21. Both events will be held at Lee's shop.

Open Shop for April will be held Saturday, April 16, at Dale King's shop (1111 Highridge Drive, Wylie). Mark Ledbetter from the North Texas Veteran's Court will attend our April Open Shop to present and invite our participation in supplying a relatively small number of patriotic-themed pens to veterans. (ref. March 2021 minutes for additional details).

Doug suggested that Show-and-Tell be expanded to include turned items that are old, unusual, and/or the first thing a member has turned. The idea was positively received; Lee will announce during the next club meeting.

Kevin Young has accepted appointment as club photographer, replacing Ed Mastin. Thanks to Ed for his ongoing help and dedication.

### **Vice President – Gary Sanders**

Janice Levi pyrography class in May:

Janice Levi will demonstrate during the May 12 club meeting and will teach her pyrography class on both May 13 and May 14, at Lee Craft's shop.

Gary reported that we now have 16 individuals lined up for the class, and is maintaining a listing that includes participants, day of each member's class, and equipment requirements. All participants will be expected to have, or to be supplied, an adequate woodburner unit.

Payment (\$100 per student) will be required in advance unless otherwise arranged. Payment options: Paypal, check, cash, to Treasurer Alan Fields. Lee will discuss during upcoming club meeting.

Club member Ron Howe will be demonstrating the turning of hummingbird houses during this month's meeting.

Noted the passing of former HCW member Marion McDaniels. Lee will inform the Club next week.

**Secretary – Burt Andrew**

Membership:

Membership currently stands at 91, after removing those who have not paid 2022 dues (as of end of March club meeting). However, an additional 8 are expected to rejoin at or near the April meeting.

Most recent new members: Larry Morris, Celeste; John Regis, Royse City; Michael Lonergan, Leonard.

Logo Items:

Updated order forms will be distributed during the May club meeting and by email during May. Completed forms and payment will be due by the end of the June club meeting. Apparel delivery will be made during the August club meeting (in time for SWAT). Note: The vendor, Wilde Advertising, will require additional time this year to allow for the current supply chain issues.

Annual HCW audit (as required in HCW bylaws, Article XV):

Audit team members: Burt Andrew, Alan Fields, Cory White

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 CD balances, comparison of 2021 EOY reported balance with bank records, random review of 6 each revenue and expense flows, review of all bank account signatories, availability of the Club's 501c3 documentation as required by IRS, status of 2021 501c3 tax return, and up-to-date status of liability insurance.

Though no significant discrepancies were found, two items were highlighted as concerns, regarding CD account signatories, and the Club's missed YE2020 IRS return (which may result in a penalty).

*Joe Grimes made a motion that the Audit, as presented, be accepted and approved with the stipulation that CD signatories be adjusted to include only current Club members. The motion was seconded by Gary Sanders. Motion passed.*

**Treasurer – Alan Fields (Burt Andrew reported in Alan's absence)**

A printed version of our Paypal (through March 28) and checking account (through March 31) transactions were sent out by Alan to board members in advance of the meeting.

IRS Form 990N has now been submitted for YE2021. Though the filing fee has cleared through the bank, the return is pending acceptance. Questions regarding the missed YE2020 return were asked by the IRS and have been answered by Alan.

Alan will present detailed 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial reports (actuals to budget, CD balances, etc.) next month.

**Training Coordinator – Joe Grimes**

Briefed results of the Beginner School:

Two-day class was held March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Had 5 enthusiastic class participants. Joe and Doug served as instructors.

A total of four projects were completed.

Joe reports that the event broke even for the club.

Thanks to Dale and Debra for the use of their shop and their hospitality.

**Event Coordinator – Doug Balzer**

Open Shop locations as currently planned:

April: Dale King (Wylie)

May: Lee Craft (Union Valley)

June: Lonnie Duke (Greenville)

July: Donna Frazier (Van Alstyne)

August: Burt Andrew (Union Valley)

September (possibly Alan Fields, TBD)

October: TBD

Note: George offered his shop (air conditioned) if/when needed this summer.

#### Hunt County Fair:

Doug reported that 33 of 66 slots have been filled. He will continue to encourage participation. Several experienced members typically sign-up late to strategically fill gaps.

The Creative Arts building will be open for exhibits and competitions this year.

Wood turned submissions will be accepted on Tuesday, May 12, from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. Judging will be done on Friday, May 15.

Members can choose their own items to show/demonstrate at the fair and will be encouraged to also turn Freedom pens from the Club's stock of pen supplies. Doug, Gary, and others will make sure adequate materials (blanks, kits, etc.) are available. Depending on existing inventory, TBD, pen blanks may be made during Dale's upcoming Open Shop.

Lee volunteered the use of his trailer for set-up and tear-down.

#### **AV Director – Sully Sullivan**

Nothing to report.

#### **SWAT – Lee Craft**

Informed that SWAT registration is open. Last day of registration is August 1.

SWAT special-rate rooms are still available at the Marriott across from the Convention Center. The Hilton SWAT-designated rooms are filled.

Tom Beaty from SWAT is looking for a SWAT photographer and has queried all clubs for interested individuals.

#### **Wood Resource Manager – George Freeman**

George will call for a Chainsaw Party when the ground is dry enough. Needs to pick up two large water oaks from John Blattman's and several oaks from Neta Calvert's.

Club needs sweetgum and sycamore.

Wanted members reminded that wood provided for the fair is for use at the fair (i.e. should not be taken home). Members who need wood are welcome to coordinate with George.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

### March Show and Tell





