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UPCOMING EVENTS



January

- 9th - Club Meeting
- 11th - Open Shop

February

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

March

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

President's Ponderings

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a great start to your New Year!!

I want to thank everyone that came to the Christmas party and all those that volunteered to help make it happen. I again want to thank the Christmas committee (Gene, Vicki, Julie & Lee) for all the planning and preparation and Howard for the slide show and music. A lot of people helped set up and stayed late to tear down and that sure made it easier. One of the great things about HCW is the number of people willing to step up to the plate and help!!! I hope you all enjoyed the party as well.

Here we are in a brand-new year. It seems 2024 flew by and I'm sure 2025 will do the same. There's some truth to this "as you get older time goes faster" thing I kept hearing about when I was younger, and I've discovered it's easier to accept it than to fight it. I don't mind getting older in age (it gets me discounts at various places), but I try to keep it a secret from my mind so it doesn't think it's too old to learn anything. 😊

I pray blessings on each of you and that the Lord will give us all the faith and strength to handle whatever this new year throws our way. I am thankful for getting to know so many of you more this past year and I'm grateful that you have made Hunt County Woodturners a part of your life.

Don't forget our first club meeting next Thursday the 9th. Also don't forget to renew your membership for this year. You can do that at the club meeting or on our website.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for the club for this year, please let a board member know. We would love to hear your thoughts!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!!

Be blessed,

Brian

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JANUARY

BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 2nd 5:30pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 9th 7:00 - 9:00pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville
Demonstration: "Tool Sharpening"
by Tim White & Alain Schwarz

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 11th 8:00 - Noon
George Freeman's Shop
7151 Sandy Lake Rd., Quinlan
Mini Class: "Sharpening"
by Tim White

FEBRUARY

BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 6th 5:30pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 13th 7:00 - 9:00pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville
Demonstration: "TBD"

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 15th 8:00 - Noon
Joe Grime's Shop
4006 CR 2157, Caddo Mills
Mini Class: "TBD"

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.



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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZIVkRoSGh3Zz09)

[pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZIVkRoSGh3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZIVkRoSGh3Zz09)

Meeting ID: 849 3813 1255 Passcode: 308416

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10th Joel Hanks

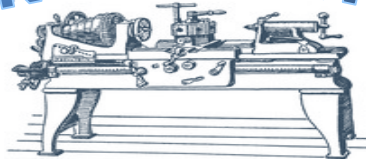
13th Cynthia Balzer

16th Julie Livingston

21st Brian Livingston

22nd Brighton Chrisman

"ON THE LATHE"



These are either currently In the Works,
or Reminders, or Announcements.

QUARTERLY CHALLENGE

The current challenge is
an Easter-themed item with the
primary component being turned. .
Bring yours to the March Club Meeting
and Members will vote
on their favorite item. The winner will
receive a \$50 gift card.

WELCOME NEW OFFICER

We welcome Bill Belitz
to the office of Vice President for 2025.
He will be an asset to the board.

TRAINING CLASSES

HCW tries to offer 3 to 4 training opportunities
each year. Watch this space for information
regarding upcoming Training Classes.

Prayer Requests & Praises

Vic Hollingsworth

Tami Lattanzi

Robert Webster

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"The workshop to me always means great atmosphere, working, smell of wood, dust and, at the end of the day, you've created something."

- Earl David Linley

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ALAIN'S APPRECIATION

Thank you! I was trying to think of a good way of starting this letter to all members of HCW, and really could not think of a better way than to say, "Thank You". The last two years as Vice President have been fun. When George Freeman called me at home around October of 2022 and asked me to be a candidate for Vice President, I felt honored and immediately said "no thank you". After talking to George for a few minutes, and knowing how much he does for the club, I reluctantly acquiesced, and said if no one else does it I will. Now I must thank all of you for the privilege of having served you. I cannot believe the fun we had and how much I learned during this time. My only reason for stepping down was the amount of driving. I will still drive to meetings and will take in more Thursday lunches.

Yes, I could have joined board meetings via Zoom, but that would have been worse than the drive. Zoom meetings remind me of life before retirement, (can't remember what we called that), when I would sit up through the night in Hong Kong (where I was living) to attend virtual meetings from 2200 to 0600. If I never sit through another zoom, it's okay.

I served under two presidents, and though they are different, they were (Lee Craft) and are (Brian Livingston) excellent club minded individuals. The other members of the board are also there to support and make our club is the best in the area. I thank them all for their service, their support and their teamwork. Having been on other boards, I can honestly say this is the best club board I have been a member of.

I would encourage every club member to take a turn in a position. It is personally rewarding, and your fresh ideas keep the club moving forward, young and growing. You do not have to have the experience; the other board members will serve as mentors. The outgoing Board Members will then enjoy the benefits of what they have helped move forward as members of the club.

So, I will repeat my speech, Thank You!

Alain - Member of HCW

As a club, it is our desire to build connectivity between members. The **Members' Highlight** section is one way to learn about each other. We hope to highlight 1 or 2 members each month.

MEMBERS' HIGHLIGHT

Tommy Murphy

I was born and raised in Texas. I married my high school sweetheart, Helen, and last month, we will celebrated 66 years of married life! We have two children, Pam and Thomas.

I attended Arlington College to be a draftsman. I worked for my father as Assistant Building Manager, later becoming Building Manager for a bank for sixteen years. I decided to start my own business as a General Contractor doing contracting and continued this business for approximately 20 years. I started wood carving during those years as a calming factor from running a business. Our children worked for us in the business through those years. They have blessed us with three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Our son, Thomas, had a spinal cord tumor, so in 2005 I decided to retire and spend time with our son and do a little traveling. We traveled all over the United States and Canada by truck. Did a lot of fishing at Lake Fork with my son and my friend, Kirk. We lost our son in January 2021 and my fishing buddy passed away in 2024. At that point, my fishing desires changed. I joined HCW in 2024. My wood turning began and it makes me happy. I have met a lot of nice people and have learned a lot, in a short period of time. I am learning that a block of wood can turn out to be beautiful.

Something you may not know about me is I purchased a 1966 Ford Bronco in 1966 and I still have it!

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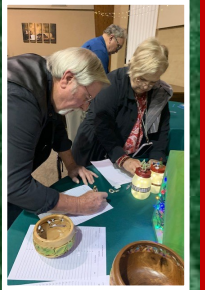
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CHRISTMAS PARTY

There were 94 that attended the Christmas party on December 13th. It was a great way to end our club's year and we hope you had a good time. It was refreshing just to visit with fellow club members and meet their families. The food was delicious; just check out the picture of the desserts table! How magnificent is this streusel winter scene made by Alain?! Thank you to each one who brought a food item. And thank you to each of you who served in one way or another. It truly took a small army to make this evening a success. If you won a prize, whether it was a centerpiece or a raffle drawing, congratulations! And to all those that made & brought items for the auction, we thank you, and also for all who bid, thank you. The auction brought in \$1286 for the club. Plus, the toy donation table was overflowing. The "Women In Need" organization was truly blessed.



... and to all a good night!



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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

We need you! 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.



If you have any woodturner related items to sell, this is your space to advertise. Or maybe you are in search of a tool or piece of equipment, seek for it here.

Or perhaps you have a service you can offer, tell us here.

Submit your ad to Burt Andrew, email: bandrew1@att.net

Ads will be posted in the newsletter for two months, unless sold or requested to be removed sooner.

SPECIALTY LUMBER & LOGGING George Freeman * 214-334-4035 * woodchipper2011@hotmail.com

I have a sawmill and cut my own trees to be milled. This includes:

Cutting down trees for people that have them threatening their home or structures.

Rescuing trees that have been blown down in storms.

I have heavy duty equipment to handle, and load Logs up to five feet in diameter and 20 feet long.

We then cut up some logs into slabs that we cut out woodturning blanks from.

Larger logs are slabbed with a chainsaw-mill to be made into three-inch thick slabs for tables or bar tops.

Other large logs are cut into six-inch thick fireplace mantels.

You can check out my You-Tube channel: "George Wood of Texas: to see how we do all these activities & more.

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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

Bill Belitz, 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.