

# HCW NEWSLETTER

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## JANUARY LETTER

Happy New Year to all of you!! I hope your Christmas and New Year celebrations were good and you are ready for 2024!! Ready or not.....here it is!!

Just wanted to reach out and tell you I am excited about this new year and the opportunities it will bring to our woodturners club. I am appreciative for the opportunity to be President this year and it's not something I take lightly. I have received input from several members already and I would welcome any comments/suggestions that any of you have that may improve the club. Can't promise they will all be implemented, but they are welcome! I do still work a full-time job, so if you email me or call it may be awhile before I can get back with you. Appreciate your patience.

That's about it for now. Just wanted to touch base with you all and welcome in the new year. Hope to see you all soon!!!

Have a blessed day,  
Brian Livingston

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## Announcements

**On The Lathe:** (sorry, but 'FYI' or 'Topics' just seemed lame so I tried to use something that indicates "in the works" or "upcoming")

We are working on some changes/updates to our social media platforms that we're excited about and will be updating you when they're up and running. They will help get our name out there and hopefully reach people looking for a club like ours.

Next Thursday, the 11th, is our first meeting of the year. I hope you can all make it.

Open shop the 13th will be at George Freeman's: 7151 Sandy Lake Road, Quinlan, TX

**PRAY FOR:**

Kay Shrode &

Frank Shrode

George Littlefield

Lonnie Duke



# 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.

<i>January Birthdays</i>	days
Joel Hanks	10
Cynthia Balzer	13
Brian Livingston	21
Lonnie Duke	27

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Club meeting will be January 11th at 7 pm at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 1200 E Joe Ramsey Blvd, Greenville, TX 75402.**

January's club demo will be done by Alain Schwarz and Tim White. Sharpening tools with Oneway's Vari-grind system (club standard for tool sharpening).

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?pwd=ZkpOWVFVGa00rUmFUeEZIVkRoSGh3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 849 3813 1255

Passcode: 308416



**Open Shop**  
**November**

Open Shop - 8am to 12noon  
George Freeman's Shop  
7151 Sandy Lake Road,  
Quinlan

Open Shop mini-class starts at 9am.  
It will cover hands-on sharpening,  
Using Oneway's Vari-grind and a few other systems.  
Club members may bring their own tools for sharpening and  
practice.

## 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**

Brian Livingston (President),  
Alain Schwarz (Vice-President),  
Burt Andrew (Secretary),  
Mark Spencer (Treasurer),  
Howard Wellspring (Technology Officer),  
Rod Brumlow (Training Coordinator),  
Tom Nehl (Event Coordinator)

### HCW Board of Directors meetings

are held on Zoom on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00pm.  
Board meetings are open to all members.





“Measure twice, cut once, then force it to fit”

**Upcoming  
On-Line  
Events:**

[Calendar -  
Woodturning  
Zoom](#)

[Complete  
Guide On  
Woodturning:  
Basic Tech-  
nique, Tips,  
Theory, and  
more - Wood Is  
Wood](#)



**If you want to get really good at woodturning in the shortest amount of time, here are a couple of simple tips to keep in mind:**

**Every time you mount a blank on the lathe, make sure the blank doesn't hit the tool rest.**

**Use a tool tray to keep your lathe tools handy when working on larger projects.**

**Also, check that the lathe speed is slow enough. If the lathe speed is too fast then the turning tool will overheat. Start off slow and gradually increase the speed.**

**Learn how to cut a spigot properly to mount the blank in a stable manner on a chuck. Using gripper time clamps yield the best results.**

**Wrenches can double as calipers if you know how to use them for that purpose.**

**If you sand a spindle in the opposite direction of which it is turned, you will get a smooth finish.**

**If you're having trouble shaping bowls, carpet bags can be a great way to make a rough template.**

**When working with split turnings, you can mount a stock on the lathe and remove it later, which eliminates the need to tape or glue the individual parts together.**

**When tapering or cutting angles, it's easy to lose track of the original elevation even for experienced woodworkers. An easy way to bypass this problem is to attach a hose clamp to the tool rest and use it as an indicator for resetting to the original elevation after every cut.**

**When working on a woodturning project, use a white background to make the outlines and cuts more visible.**

# 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.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/>

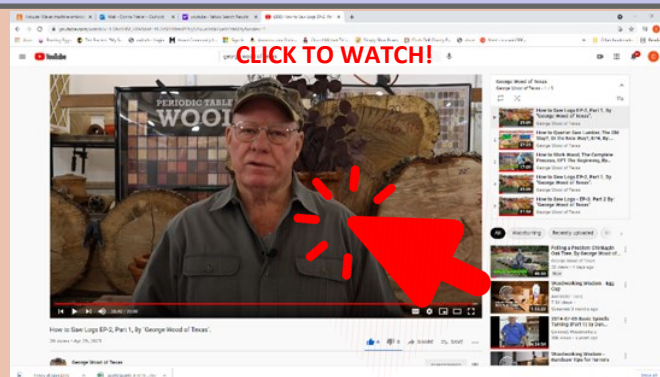
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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/>

## Suggested YouTubes

- [Brian Havens](#)— Suggested by Fred Groves
- [Cap'n Eddie Castelin](#)— Suggested by Ross Spielman
- [Rocky Mountain Woodturners](#)— Suggested by Donna Frazier
- [WYOMING-WOODTURNE R \(Sam Angelo\)](#)— 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. Mark Spencer**  
**P.O. Box 8191**  
**Greenville, Texas 75404**

**OR Email to**

Alan Fields at  
[mfields2112@gmail.com](mailto:mfields2112@gmail.com)

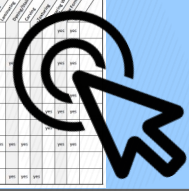
*Dues are prorated for new members at **\$4.00 per month***

# 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](#)

Mentor	Home City	Cell Phone	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Frank Strick	Greenville	972-380-0200	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Joe Johnson	Castle Hill	903-520-8800	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Walter England	Greenville	903-483-1400	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Sammy Thompson	Greenville	903-227-0000	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Frank Updell	Greenville	903-662-8279	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
George Freeman	Chadler	214-580-0100	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tom Miller	Midkerry	214-470-8127	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Gary Sanders	Greenville	903-662-4033	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mark Spencer	Greenville	972-742-2020	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Eric White	Greenville	972-340-4200	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes



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



**FREEDOM PEN SPONSOR**  
Looking for sponsors for the next year's Freedom Pens

**Other Corporate Sponsors of Hunt County Woodturners**  
Ward Manufacturing

Hunt County Woodturners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2024

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church. A Zoom session was conducted by Howard Wellspring. A Zoom link was provided by Howard to all members in advance.

**Club members Attending in Person:** Brian Livingston\*, Alain Schwarz\*, Mark Spencer\*, Howard Wellspring\*, Rod Brumlow\*, Lee Craft, Burt Andrew\*.

**Club members Attending through Zoom:** Brian Schrader

Board Member(s) absent: Tom Nehl\*

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

**The Meeting was called to order** at 5:47pm by HCW President, Brian Livingston.

## Items of Business

### - Board Meeting minutes from December 7, 2023:

*Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes, with no changes, from the December 7, 2023, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Rod Brumlow. Motion passed.*

### - Club Meetings

- As an incentive for membership and to promote the Club, Brian proposed giving new members a t-shirt, cap, or coffee mug with the Club's logo.
  - One free per individual or family membership. May sell items to others with markup.
  - Burt will research sources and costs for further discussion at next Board meeting.
  - Lee will check out t-shirts from Greenville Trophy.
  - Mark added \$360 to the 2024 budget (24 new members X \$15 per item).
- Will provide individual bottles of water at Club meetings, using excess water from the Christmas party to see to see if utilized.
- At the start of Club meetings, Howard will display a welcome message with demonstration topic/presenter, and Open Shop location along with mini-class presenter and subject.
- Brian suggested expanding the use of YouTube to broadcast club meetings in place of Zoom. Howard will explore the pros and cons, and will discuss findings with the Board

in coming months. Brian Schrader stated that David Walker and/or Randy Steven from North Texas Woodturners may be willing to share their experiences and knowledge (Vmix, YouTube, editing, etc.).

- **Financials (Mark Spencer)** [Mark sent financials to the Board members one day in advance.]
  - For purposes of updating the Club's records at Alliance Bank, the Board confirmed the roster of HCW elected officers for 2024 (approved by a general membership vote during the November meeting per HCW Bylaws):
    - President: Brian Livingston
    - Vice-President: Alain Schwarz
    - Treasurer: Mark Spencer
    - Secretary: Burt Andrew
    - Technology Officer: Howard Wellspring
    - Training Coordinator: Rod Brumlow
    - Event Coordinator: Tom Nehl
  - Burt, Mark, and Alain have been volunteered/assigned by the Board to do the 2023 internal financial audit as outlined in the Bylaws, Article XV.
  - Club membership now stands at 106, with relatively few that have paid 2024 dues. Mark will continue to send out Paypal invoices as requested. He anticipates many payments during the January meeting.
  - The two Alliance Bank CD's auto-renewed for another three years. Mark will check out closing and renewing at possibly better rates.
  - 2024 Budget Discussion
    - Mark presented his work on the 2024 budget utilizing a comparison spreadsheet (2023 Budget vs 2023 YTD Actuals), and a calculation spreadsheet. Several small adjustments were made to the proposed budget during the meeting.
    - Mark noted that for better tracking and visibility he will break out certain events, e.g. training, as they occur throughout the year.
- *Burt Andrew made a motion to approve the 2024 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Alain Schwarz. Motion passed.*

- Mark presented a 2023 Financial Statement, January through December, and the Check Register up through December 31, 2023 (starting Sept 2022).
  - Overall reserves, including deposits and petty cash, come to \$33.4K.
  - December expenses were greater than income by \$710.; year-to-date income shows greater than expenses by \$3,370.
  - The only income item in December was the Christmas action. The primary expenses in December included event expenses, the Christmas party, costs for our meeting location.
  - December's ending check register balance, \$6,684.41.

#### - **HCW Website Development**

- Howard showed his partially developed preliminary site, outlining the planned features and drop-downs.
- Noted current 500MB space limitations in his WIX developmental site. He will now begin transitioning to the HCW site, which has much more space. He has stored, off-line, the Club's current website files for safekeeping and future use.
- The new site will soon be substantially released, though with incremental developments and improvements. Some sections will be noted "in work."
- The new site will feature a new "Community" section to facilitate the Club's charitable donations (Beads of Courage, Veteran's pens, Empty Bowls, Freedom pens, others). Alain suggested that during Club meeting we should query members about local charities who might welcome items we can contribute.

#### - **Training**

- Rod suggests having another beginner class around April, followed by another segmenting class later in the year.
- He is also looking for someone to teach feature rings.

#### - **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops**

- Upcoming planned club meeting demos:
  - January: Sharpening with Oneway's Wolverine Vari-grind system (Club standard); Alain Schwarz and Tim White.

- February: Embellishing with Wood Carving; Brian Schrader
- Alain will ask at next Club meeting for demo volunteers
- Discussed possible demo candidates: Cory White, Stacy Nehl, Kevin Bassett, Tom Nehl, Johnny Hayre, Gary Sanders, Sammy Long.
- Open Shop
  - George Freeman will host January's Open Shop. 8am – noon; mini-class at 9. Address: 7151 Sandy Lake Road, Quinlan.
  - The Open Shop mini-class topic will be hands-on Sharpening, primarily Oneway's Vari-grind, but will briefly cover other systems (Elsworth, Michelsen). Members may bring tools for sharpening and practice.
- **Other Items of Business**
  - Discussed the need for review and several updates to the Bylaws. Will be addressed by the Board in a few months.
  - The Board discussed members we haven't seen for months. For purposes of togetherness and retention Alain suggested we call all members at least one time per quarter.

*Brian Livingston made a motion to **adjourn at 7:25pm**. The motion was seconded by Rod Brumlow. Motion passed.*