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President's Ponderings

Happy December everyone!

The elections are over, Thanksgiving is over and dare I say it.....December will be over before we're ready!

As my first year as President of HCW comes to an end, I just wanted to say thank you to everyone! You have all been so supportive and encouraging to me throughout the year and you have made my job easier and more fun than I thought it would be. I appreciate your kind words, texts and emails that I have received throughout the year; they mean a lot to me! To all the board members: you all have been so easy to work with. I appreciate your support to any ideas I've brought to the table and the willingness everyone has had to discuss not just mine, but anyone's ideas. It truly is a team effort, and I thank you.

We all would like to thank Alain Schwarz for his two years of service as the Vice President! He has put in a lot of work behind the scenes to schedule demonstrators each month and that's not always an easy task. As Alain steps down, we would like to welcome Bill Belitz as the new Vice President for 2025. We are excited to have him and appreciate his eagerness to step in and get started!

If there is anything you would like to see our club do or any changes you would like to see, please feel free to contact myself or any board member. We are always open to new ideas.

I hope you all have a great December, a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! I look forward to another year as your President and can't wait to see you all again soon!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the PARTY next week!!

Be blessed,

Brian

UPCOMING EVENTS



December

13th - Christmas Party!

January

9th - Club Meeting

11th - Open Shop

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**Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!**



*Hope you enjoy
the Christmas season
with the ones you love
and step into the
New Year with lots of
happiness and good health.*

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HCW CHRISTMAS PARTY

THIS Friday, December 13 6:00pm - 9:00pm

This has been a great year and we will celebrate it on Friday by sharing a delicious meal, having some festive fun and good conversations. You will have a chance to win some cool door prizes as well as a few beautifully crafted centerpieces. Just as in past years, our Silent Auction will give you the chance to bid (and out-bid) for some amazing items!

It is not too late to RSVP!

Reserve your spot for you and your family today online on the HCW website. www.huntcountywoodturners.org

And also sign up to bring your favorite food item.

If you would like, you may bring an unwrapped new toy.

These will be donated to the non-profit organization

Women in Need

For many years, it has been the honor of HCW to support this ministry in this way each year.

**Held at Wesley United Methodist Church
1200 E. Joe Ramsey Boulevard * Greenville**

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JANUARY

BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 2nd 5:30pm

Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 9th 7-9pm

Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville

Demonstration by Tim White and
Alain Schwarz

Topic: Tool Sharpening

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 11th 8am-Noon

George Freeman's shop
7151 Sandy Lake Rd., Quinlan
Mini-Class: TBA

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=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkJkRoSGh3Zz09)

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

Meeting ID: 849 3813 1255 Passcode: 308416



1st Roger Porter

1st Frank Shrode

5th Jim Thompson

8th Craig Fyock

8th Steve Thomason

9th Howard Wellspring

10th Burt Andrew

10th Dale King

10th Danny Longoria

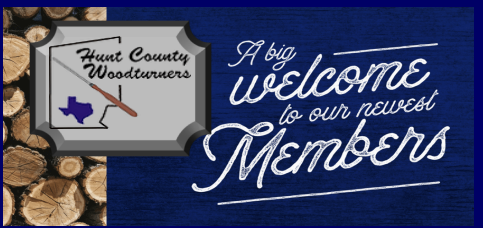
13th Matthew Bannon

14th Vicki Andrew

16th Allen Johnson

21st Rod Brumlow

30th Stacy Nehl



Shelly Copeland

and

Ron Williams

Let's welcome our newest members joining us last month! We, at the Hunt County Woodturners club are excited that you have joined with us in this woodturning adventure. Please make sure to pick up one of the new member gifts. Choose one: Coffee Mug, T-Shirt, or Hat.



Prayer Requests and Praise

John Blattman

Vic Hollingsworth

Tami Lattanzi

George Littlefield

Robert Webster

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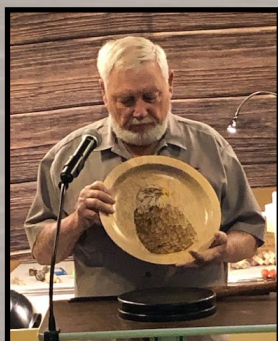
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Thank you to Sammy Thomason for
demonstrating Inside-Out Turning at our
November Club Meeting.

There were a total of 45 in attendance,
with 1 visitor and 2 joining in by Zoom.



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NOVEMBER's OPEN SHOP

Thank you Lee Craft for hosting last month's open shop.

And thank you to Bill Belitz, Tom Nehl and

Brian Schrader for the mini-class on "Offset Chuck"

There were a total of 31 who attended and 2 of those were visitors.



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The **Members' Highlight** section is one way our club learns about each other. If you would like to volunteer your bio info for future editions, let Brian Livingston know. Email Brian bdliving@yahoo.com

Brian Schrader

I was born and raised in Arlington. My wife and I are at least third generation Texans on both sides. On both sides, our Great-Greats raised their families in the central part of the Lone Star State. I met my bride of nearly 44 years at Six Flags where we both worked. Michele and I married after we both graduated from Texas Tech University. I majored in Engineering and she in Education. We honeymooned on the road trip to southern California for my first job. Within the year, the company I worked for changed their business plan and brought us back to the metroplex area. California was an interesting place to visit, but we were both glad to call Texas home again. The new business plan brought me home but not to a business culture that aligned with my goals and aspirations. So, I returned to school. This time to Texas A&M for a master's degree. Apart from marrying Michele, this was probably the single best decision I ever made. About 18 months later I left Bryan/College Station with a degree and our first of four sons. We moved to Longview, and I took an engineering position with a company designing, fabricating and installing large satellite parabolic antennas. These are the big 'dishes' that have been getting smaller and smaller with improved electronics. I finally answered the age old question of a high school trigonometry student..."When am I ever going to use this?". Daily I worked with parabola, ellipses, hyperbolic shapes, and other equations that left most non-math people a little glassy-eyed and nauseous. I worked in analysis, design, manufacturing, sales & marketing in a challenging global industry. I worked on many impressive projects, but the one that stands out the most is the Atacama Large Millimeter Array (ALMA). Our company built and installed the US portion of 12-meter (~39 Feet) radio telescopes for the US North American Radio Observatory, a National Science Foundation funded agency. These 25 antennae are coupled with antennas from Europe and Japan to create an array of 64 antennas positioned on a 16,500 ft elevation plateau in the Chilean Andes studying the cosmos with a fidelity that is better than the Hubble space telescope. I still have a pair of work boots that have been on six continents. I was never the lead engineer on any of the South Pole antenna projects, so my boots (and the feet in them) have not been on Antarctica. But I have been to some really strange and out of the way places... and traveled well over 3 million airline miles to get there (and back).

I got into woodworking in September 2016. A friend working as a consultant to our company was planning to move to Ireland. We were chatting about his pending move, and he said he was going to need to sell his shop equipment on Ebay. I asked what do you have? After a little horse trading and bartering, I bought it all. The first lathe was not much. It was a WWII vintage Montgomery Ward bed mounted on an ancient wooden sawhorse and a 3-speed pulley belt drive. I soon started the never-ending quest of upgrading and the search for that next tool. I attended my first turners club meeting in late 2016 at the East Texas Woodturners club.

Employment was a good run for a little over 36 years. The parent company decided to divest themselves of our division and started the process of brokering the company. This process usually includes several rounds of 'right sizing' (a.k.a. layoffs). So in 2019, I was looking for a job. I took a job in Ft. Worth with Lockheed Martin on the F-35 project. Man, that is a neat aircraft... or in the eyes of any enemy, a high-tech weapons delivery system. I had to leave the East Texas club behind, and I joined the North Texas club in Ft. Worth. All the while at Lockheed, I did some part-time consulting in the Sat Com market that I was accustomed to. After more than a year of working from home due to COVID isolations, I decided to leave Lockheed and just do part-time consulting. Now, Michele (wife) reminds me, I can work from anywhere. So, we moved closer to the grandkids. "Close" is tricky. We have one in McKinney, 2 in Dallas and 2 in San Antonio. We compromised to get as close as practical and still be able to have a shop. That brought us to Forney and to HCW.

And as Paul Harvey might conclude... and now you know the rest of the story. Good day!

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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.