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President's Ponderings

Fasten your seat belts and get ready because the Month of April is going to be a busy ride!!

Between the Kirk DeHeer Extravaganza and the Hunt County Fair, April will fly by quickly. Hopefully neither of these two events catches you by surprise, it feels like every time I turn around, I'm sending reminder emails about them both. My apologies if you are tired of seeing so much about the events, but I would rather you be over-informed than not informed enough and miss an opportunity to sign up for or attend something that would be very beneficial to you. And if you've been in the club long enough, you know that we don't get someone of Kirk's level here very often. It's just not cost effective for one club to foot the bill, but thanks to Brian Schrader and Bill Belitz doing the leg work and the other area clubs pitching in, this is a great opportunity. So, once again, please go to our website and see the remaining classes available with Kirk and the remaining time slots that still need filled at the Fair. See, there I go again, sending out another reminder! 😊

Please read this month's newsletter closely, it's got a lot of information in it and you may have to read it twice to catch it all. Plus, I happen to know the editor very well (wink) and she has tried hard to make this packed newsletter a fun read.

A couple more things: 1) we are still needing someone to take over Tom Nehl's position as Event Coordinator, preferably sooner rather than later so that person can start working with him now to learn how he does everything. And 2) we are still needing a couple of people willing to learn the audio/visual portion of the club to work with Howard and Brian S as backups. If you are interested or need more info, please contact any of the guys I mentioned or anyone else on the board.

Be blessed, Brian

UPCOMING EVENTS



April

- 3th - Board Meeting
- 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th - Kirk DeHeer
- 10th - Club Meeting
- 12th - Open Shop
- 18th - 27th - Hunt County Fair

May

- 1st - Board Meeting
- 8th - Club Meeting
- 10th - Open Shop

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BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 3rd 5:30pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 10th 7:00 - 9:00pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville
Demonstration: *Tornado Salt & Pepper shakers*
by: Kirk DeHeer

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 12th 8:00 - Noon
Brian Schrader's Shop
1012 Lynx Hollow Trail, Forney
Mini Class: *Charitable Turning Day*

HUNT COUNTY FAIR -

18th - 27th See Pg 5 for details



Please Sign Up to help
under the HCW "Big Tent"!
Just [click here](#)
for our web sign-up page.

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.



MAY

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 8th 7:00 - 9:00pm
Wesley United Methodist Church,
Greenville
Demonstration: *Beaded Box*
by James Carter, Easy Tools

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 10th 8:00 - Noon
Brian Livingston's Shop
100 Margaret St., Fate
Mini Class: *TBD*

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=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkrRoSGh3Zz09)

[pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkrRoSGh3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkrRoSGh3Zz09)

Meeting ID: 849 3813 1255 Passcode: 308416



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Kirk DeHeer Extravaganza

The Dallas Area Woodturners (DAW) and the Hunt County Woodturners (HCW) have teamed up to bring our members a world class training event.

We are pleased to bring the noted woodturner and instructor Kirk DeHeer from Salt Lake to our North Texas region for multiple events for training and demonstrations.

We will offer four unique full day classes at the low cost of \$100 per class!! This is a rare opportunity to learn from a popular instructor. You may have seen Kirk at SWAT, various Craft Supplies USA trainings, on Instagram or other locations. You can read more about Kirk and many of the classes/demonstrations that he offers at his website: acutabovebowlco.com

Tuition Classes:

All classes will be held at Brian Schrader's shop, 1012 Lynx Hollow Trail, Forney (Heath) 75126
All classes will be held 8:30AM – 4:30PM. Coffee, Water and Soft Drinks will be provided. Bring a sack lunch or cash for a combined order take-out lunch run.

Class 1: Sat, April 5: Basic Class: Green Bowl

Class 2: Sun, April 6: Intermediate Class: Elegant Platter (Dry)

Class 3: Tues, April 8: Intermediate/Advanced Class: Box with Inlay in Lid (Dry)

Class 4: Wed, April 9: Intermediate/Advanced Class: Calibash Bowl (Green wood)

Reserve your place now! Sign-up on the HCW website. To reserve your place, you must pay in advance. HCW & DAW are both allotted equal seats in these classes. There will be an overflow list for each class. Seats in any class not sold (a.k.a. paid for) at midnight Sunday, 23 will be offered to other area clubs and the public. Cancellations will be refunded if the seat is resold less PayPal or other processing fees.

Club Meeting Demonstrations:

If you can't attend any of these training sessions, you have other opportunities to see Kirk while he is in North Texas. He will present three different demos at three area wood turning clubs. (Specific Demo at each club is TBD.)

***Demo 1 - "Chasing Threads": Mon, April 7: Golden Triangle Woodturners
(7PM Greater Denton Arts Council, 400 E. Hickory St., Denton)***

***Demo 2 - "Tornado Salt & Pepper Shakers": Thurs, April 10: Hunt County Woodturners
(7PM Wesley UMC, 1200 E. Joe Ramsey Blvd., Greenville)***

***Demo 3 - "Bowls 101": Thurs, April 17: Dallas Area Woodturners
(7PM Wood World of Texas, 13650 TI Blvd., Dallas)***

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**April
18th - 27th**



Every year the Hunt County Fair provides us with the opportunity to show the local public what we do!

Our booth is set up close to the main entrance and we have been told that the Hunt County Woodturner's booth is a big draw for the fair!

But to make this year a success and to share the commitment we have there,



It's an opportunity to do some turning and have fun hanging out with other HCW members.

It's great to talk with visitors that stop and watch (plus you get in for free!!)

We typically have two lathes set up for demonstration.

The Fair lasts for 10 days so there are a total of 92 time-slots that need to be filled.

Choose from time-slots that are 2-1/2 or 3-1/2 hours.

Most have 4 members per rotation, so you're never alone.

If you've never done it before, step out and come help us, you will enjoy it!

The available timeslots on the [website](#), so please check it out and sign up for a few of them.

Your help is much appreciated.

Also, if you are available to help set up on the 17th or tear down on the 28th, please check with Tom Nehl for details.

ENTER YOUR WORKS OF WOOD AS AN EXHIBIT IN THE FAIR !

Act now and get your creative works of wood to the Fair in time to be on display. This is a competitive event, with ribbons awarded, displayed in the Creative Arts Building which is located directly behind our booth! The entry form is available on the Hunt County Fair website or the link on the HCW website. The cost is \$2.00 per entry, (\$1.00 for 65+), to be paid by the individual participants. Entries must be delivered to the Fair on Tuesday, April 9, between 2pm and 7pm. Contact Tom Nehl if you have any questions.

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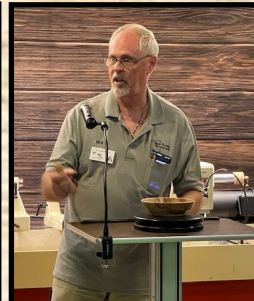
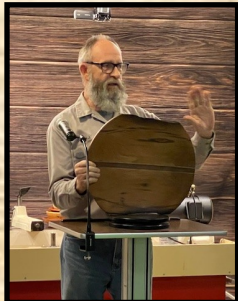
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We want to give a BIG Thank You to
John Solberg
for his demonstration on Bowl Turning
and for sharing information about the *Empty Bowl* program.

March Club Meeting

There were a total of 50 in attendance,
5 of those being visitors and 3 joining us through Zoom.



WINNER

CONGRATULATIONS to Alain Schwarz for winning the quarterly challenge, Easter Themed Item.

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Thank you to Tom Nehl
for opening his shop for our
March Open Shop
And also, thanks to all of you who brought items to
"Show & Tell" of "Anything BUT Turned".
There were a total of 20 in attendance.



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April Birthdays

1st ~ Terry Smith
3rd ~ James Joyce
16th ~ Alan Baxter
17th ~ Mark Spencer
19th ~ Jill Joyce
29th ~ Tim White

Prayer Requests & Praises

PHILIPPIANS 4: 6

Vic Hollingsworth
Tami Lattanzi
Robert Webster
Steve Thomason



"There is no greater accolade for a craftsman than an object that is a pleasure and a treasure." ~ D. Wood

"INDECO: Production Turn of Mind,"
American Woodturner, October 2018



We welcome each of you to the Hunt County Woodturners club and we are excited that you have joined with us in our woodturning adventure. We look forward to helping you take your turning skills to whatever level you want to go. If you haven't done so already, please make sure to pick up one of the new member gifts (one per individual or family membership) at the check-in table. Choose one: Coffee Mug, T-Shirt, or Hat.

Robbie Huddleston

Kaylee May

Mike Miller



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HCW COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

HCW is starting to get more involved in our community. Here is a list of the programs we're helping and a very brief description of what they do. Please look at each program on our website under the ["Community" banner](#) for more information and full details of how to get involved with each one.

EMPTY BOWLS: Organized by the North Texas Food Bank, is an annual event that raises funds to support North Texans facing hunger. The funds raised from the event provide critical support to the NTFB's programs. Bowl contributions may be delivered to [Alain Schwarz](#).

VETERANS PENS: Is a diversion program for Justice-Involved Veterans (JIV) who are facing prosecution for one or more criminal cases. Their mission is to provide support and rehabilitation to qualified JIV criminal defendants whose crimes were materially connected to injuries suffered as a result of honorable service in the United States Armed Forces. Completed pens can be given to [Lee Craft](#) or [Chris Cohen](#).

FREEDOM PEN: This program started in 2004 by the Sgt Joe Kelly Freedom Pen Foundation as an all-volunteer initiative to provide custom hand-crafted pens to American servicemen and women. It is for anyone interested in donating their time, talent, and services in providing writing instruments for active-duty military personnel as a symbol of our support and care. Pens can be delivered to [Lee Craft](#).

RESTORED HOPE: This program is dedicated to rescuing young women and their children trapped in sexual slavery, trafficking, and domestic violence. Wood-turned items that are donated from across the region typically bring from \$80 to \$500 each to Restored Hope. Items may be given to [Alain Schwarz](#).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. It collects and distributes shoeboxes filled with gifts to children in need around the world. The shoeboxes typically contain toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other small gifts. It's part of a broader effort to share the gospel and to support communities in crisis. Toys may be delivered to [Ron Williams](#).

BEADS OF COURAGE: This program supports children and teens with serious illnesses by helping them tell their stories of bravery through colorful beads. Each bead represents a significant moment in their treatment journey, such as a medical procedure or personal achievement. Boxes may be delivered to [Burt Andrew](#).

HUNT COUNTY FAIR: is an annual event held in Greenville, Texas, focused on the youth, agricultural, educational, economic, cultural, and institutional strengths of the area. HCW supports our community through our participation in the Fair, while offering us the opportunity to show the public what we do. Our demonstrations are popular with fairgoers as we demonstrate the art of woodturning. Our booth is located in front of the Creative Arts building. Finished wood-turned items will be displayed in the booth and within the building.

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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.



Barracuda Micro Key Chuck System

8 piece system

For use of mini and midi lathes

Complete set for \$75.

Contact Rhonda Stelly if interested



For Sale: Jet JWL-1015. This is currently a club lathe, three years old, barely used (maybe 10 times). It's a good choice, at only \$250., for the novice woodturner looking for a small, affordable, user-friendly first lathe.

Features:

- 10" swing with 15-1/2" between centers.
- Six spindle speeds: 500, 840, 1240, 1800, 2630 and 3975.
- Integrated 24 position indexing.
- Tensioning system with easy access to belts.
- Wide bed ways for increased rigidity.
- Note: This model has six fixed speeds, no variable speed.

Query Google for specifications and details. Contact Burt Andrew additional pictures and/or more information.



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

I pride myself on offering unique, diverse cuts of wood that are not available at any other wood supplier in North Texas.

We spend a lot of time gathering Pecan, Maple, Cedar Elm, Hackberry, Cherry and Red oak logs for Spaling. That's the introduction of a fungus into the wood to add to the natural beauty of the various woods when cut. We also gather pine to be cut into utility projects for the sawmill such as stickers, billets, and forklift pallets. And we cut pine into 1 1/2 inch thick boards by 20-foot lengths for the horse people to build stalls and corrals from. This thick lumber prevents a horse from kicking through their enclosures

See how we do all of this on my You-Tube channel: "[George Wood of Texas](#)".

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MEMBERS' HIGHLIGHT

This “Members’ Highlight” section of the newsletter is one way we as a club hope to build connectivity between our members. If you have been reading these short biographies over the last 13 months, you have learned a little about the lives of 21 of our members.

(If you missed any, you can go to HCW website and click on the past newsletters.)

Many of you have expressed your appreciation of learning about your fellow woodturners here. But to be able to continue this section, we need to hear from you.

SO WHAT’S YOUR STORY?

Will you share it with us?

If you so, please contact Brian Livingston @ bdliving@yahoo.com and he will give you all the details.

Ruth Meyer

I am currently a 787 pilot for American Airlines, and previously flew C-5s in USAF; where I retired after 30 years total in both active duty and reserve component. My husband, Matt and I have been married for 26 years, with one daughter, Tory, who is currently attending Villanova Law School and recently married.

With my job, I have been blessed to literally travel around the world (in 5 days once - that was exhausting) and touched every continent other than Antarctic – but it’s on the list.

My wood-turning interest started with a casual conversation with a friend of a friend. I have always enjoyed building things and working with my hands, and needed an artistic outlet to balance out my strictly by-the-book job. Unfortunately, I did not have the room or knowledge to set up a shop; so after I found Rockwall Makerspace I realized I could still pursue my creative passion. Sometime later, I was given information on HCW and thought – “why not?” My most enjoyable part of woodturning, and other woodworking, is the personal flavor of each item, ways to express personality and see the organic nature of the wood. I’ve become a bit obsessed with finding wood around the world, having brought back wood from Japan and Hawaii already.

Lastly, I have also been so impressed by the HCW members and mentors to give of their talents and time to help others.

As for my hidden interest most do not know, I have a horse that I show competitively in dressage. (cuz I don’t have enough going on!)



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SWAT2025 is coming AUGUST 22, 23, 24

What is SWAT?

The SouthWest Association of WoodTurners!

The SWAT organization exists to promote the craft of woodturning through training, demonstrations, hands on experience and exhibits. SWAT offers something for all levels of experience from hobbyists to professionals. All levels of experience are welcome to participate in the yearly symposium each August. If you enjoy woodturning and want to meet like-minded folks, this is the place for you. All ages and levels of experience are encouraged to attend and broaden their craft and/or learn new skills.

In addition to learning from the demonstrations at SWAT, you can also learn from rubbing elbows with a wide range of experienced turners. The years of experience found at each SWAT event runs into the thousands, and you won't find a nicer group of people who are always willing to share their experience.

The 7 Lead Demonstrators are set: Sally Ault, Toni Street, Mike Mahoney, Michael Nish, Matt Monaco, Jerry Bennett & Lyle Jamieson.

The list of 17 Regional Demonstrators is soon to be finalized and currently includes: Alan Stratton, Anne Ogg, Charles Tucker, Clayton Thigpen, Gary Rock, James Carter, James Duxbury, Jim Bob Burgoon, Keith Robinson, Leonard Nederweld, Linda Jane Ferber, Lionel Bedard, Mark Wallace, Paul Russell, Paul Tiefel, Steve McNeil & Todd Raines.

All Leads will present 2 topics/subjects and the Regionals will present a single class. All sessions are repeated twice over the three days of SWAT. The hard task is to select the 8 sessions you wish to see!

Date: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, August 22, 23, 24, 2025!

Place: Waco Convention Center

Cost: Registration is \$190 for the full three days, (couples can register for \$315). There are many extras (such as Saturday night banquet, T-shirts, Demonstrators Handbook, etc.) that can be added to your cart and there are single day prices as well. Go to swaturners.org for all details and options.

The raffle Grand Prize is a Robust American Beauty, as well as 3 Jet 12/21 lathes.

Important Dates:

- ♦ **February 10, 2025.** This is the date that the official hotels for SWAT, The Hilton and The Marriot Courtyard, open their blocks of rooms reserved at conference price (estimated to be \$170). Get yours reserved early. Don't wait. There are other options for lodging in Waco, but you will need to research those options yourself.
- ♦ **March 3, 2025.** This is the opening date for online registration for SWAT.
- ♦ **August 1, 2025.** This is the date online registration closes (and prices increase).

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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.