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July

- 10th - Club Meeting
- 12th - Open Shop
- 26th / 27th - Dennis Ford classes

August

- 7th - Board Meeting
- 14th - Club Meeting
- 16th - Open Shop
- 22nd - 24th - SWAT

President's Ponderings

Can you believe the year is halfway over already? We only have 5 more club meetings this year. You might as well get in your attic and start pulling out your Christmas decorations now.....it'll be here before we're ready!

Speaking of being here before you know it, SWAT is next month already!!!! We always start talking about it in February and it seems so far off then, but like everything else, it sneaks up on you. If you haven't registered, there is still time, of course, but finding a hotel close to the event may be a little trickier. We still would like to have a couple of people that can help operate the audio/visual equipment so Howard and Brian will be able to sit in on other demonstrations other than just what's in the HCW room. Please talk with either one of them for more information and they/we appreciate the help!

Don't forget to send us any articles and/or tips you have learned along the way in your wood-turning experience to put in the newsletters. What may seem like unimportant information to you, may be just the thing someone else needs to see to encourage them or help move them to another level in their hobby. Don't be shy to share your knowledge with us!!

I hope you all have a great July 4th! Please be safe in whatever you do to celebrate our amazing country.

Be blessed, Brian



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JULY

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 10th 7:00 - 9:00pm
Wesley United Methodist Church,
Greenville
Demonstration: *Basic Segmenting*
By Tom Nehl

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 12th 8:00 - Noon
Donna Frazier's Shop
1275 Wild Road, Van Alstyne
Mini Class: *Resins* - by Ruth Meyer

DENNIS FORD CLASSES -

Sat./Sun., 26th/27th 8:30 - 4:30

AUGUST

BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 7th 5:30pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 14th 7:00 - 9:00pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville
Demonstration: *"Finishing" Strong*
by: various members

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 16th 8:00 - Noon
Howie Stevens' Shop
10901 Martin Dr., Forney
Mini Class: *Correcting Warped Bowls*

SWAT -

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
22nd, 23rd, 24th

Just For Fun Let's Get Together

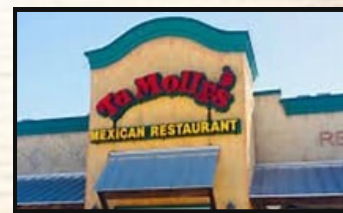
Many have often mentioned how friendly our club members are to be around. These "unofficial" get-togethers are part of the reason why. Take advantage of these opportunities for some fun and friendly times.

⇒ 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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JULY'S BIRTHDAYS

2nd Gage Wirtzberger

7th Nelson Chrisman

8th Michelle Frazier

14th Donna Carmickle

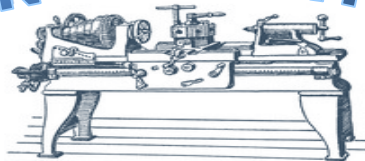
17th Bill Lilley

18th Mike Miller

18th Eisa Wirtzberger

24th Alain Schwarz

"ON THE LATHE"



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

DENNIS FORD CLASSES

Dennis Ford, from Lufkin, Tx, will be back on July 26th & 27th to do two classes at Brian Schrader's shop. The classes are open NOW for registration on our website. See page 4 for all the details.

SWAT: Help Needed!

Two volunteers needed to help Howard and Brian S. with audio visual in the HCW room. This will allow them to trade off, enabling each one to see some of the demonstrations.

QUARTERLY CHALLENGE

September 11th - "3 or More Types of Wood"

Make something out of at least 3 different types of wood. Members will vote on their favorite item at the September Club Meeting.

The winner will receive a \$50 gift card.

Prayer Requests and Praises

Vic Hollingsworth

Tami Lattanzi

Steve Thomason

Robert Webster

PHILIPPIANS 4: 6



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Dennis Ford Classes - July 26 & 27

What does Dennis have to say...



I grew up in Morton, Texas and now live in Lufkin Texas. I love building things, there is a sense of satisfaction from knowing "I made that" whether the item is wood, metal or software. I have enjoyed woodworking most of my life. I have a good set of woodworking tools that I have accumulated over the years and a few metal working tools. I do mostly wood turning; it allows me to focus on "form" more than "function". The lathe is my primary tool, most of the other tooling is used to support my wood-turning. My inspiration comes from many sources, but the main source is in the wood I use. The swirling grain patterns and subtle colors contain a natural beauty that I try to display in a finished item. One challenge is to visualize an item inside a chunk of wood. The next challenge is to cut away everything that is not that item.

Don't miss these opportunities to learn from Dennis.

If you came to June's Club Meeting you saw Dennis' demonstration making his Multi-Axis bowl. He is returning this month to teach 2 One-Day Classes. It is not too late to sign up.

Just go to the [HCW website](http://www.huntcountywoodturners.org). < click here

Because of greater interest in an intermediate class verses a beginner class, both dates will offer intermediate classes.

Class #1: Saturday, July 26th: Twisted Box



Class #2: Sunday, July 27th Lidded Bowl



Both of these classes are offered for \$100 per class. The class size will be limited to eight (8) students. HCW is examining adding more lathes to accommodate more students. So don't fail to sign up thinking a class is full; you will be placed on the waitlist. HCW will work hard to accommodate any interested student.

All classes will be held at Brian Schrader's shop, 1012 Lynx Hollow Trail, Forney (Heath) 75126

Hours: 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 (probably Jimmy John's). To guarantee your place in the class, you must pay in advance (PayPal or pay at club meeting, July 10).

HCW members have priority registration. Seats in any class not sold (a.k.a. paid for) by midnight Sunday, July 13 will be offered to other area clubs and to the public.

Cancellations will be refunded if the seat is resold less PayPal or other processing fees.

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SWAT2025 AUGUST 22-24

IS JUST 8 SHORT WEEKS AWAY!

**You must register online before AUGUST 1st
or pay more at the door.**

The SouthWest Association of WoodTurners 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 three (3) Jet 12/21 lathes.

Important Dates:

♦ **August 1, 2025.** This is the date online registration closes (and prices increase at the door).

Please consider helping in the HCW Host Room. We need room assistants and also two more people to assist Howard and Brian S. with the audio/visual.

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We thank special guest, Dennis Ford for the demonstration of his multi-axis bowl at our

June Club Meeting

There were a total of 50 in attendance, including 1 visitor.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Quarterly Challenge practicing your skill on "Thin Walls".

Sharon Ayers was the winner! Congrats!



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Thank you Bill Belitz for hosting our

June Open Shop

We had 22 members in attendance.

And very special thank you to Dale King for his mini-class instruction on the "Beads of Courage" kits. Dale brought 13 prepared kits to Open Shop and left with empty hands. The club should soon see 13 finished boxes to warm the hearts of children battling diseases.

Thanks to everyone who took a kit.
And to Burt Andrew for leading this endeavor.



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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.

FOR SALE: Charis Young, a friend of Donna McCormick, has the equipment listed below. Please text, call, or email Charis if you are interested. 214-783-8182, krazykropper@gmail.com

- > Boss Laser LS1420 - \$2500
- > Rikon Band Saw - \$750
- > SawStop Table Saw - \$1500 - Contractor Grade w/Upgraded Fence
- > Jet 1640 Lathe - \$1200
- > Kreg Router Table - \$200
- > Pen Press - \$50
- > Ryobi Variable Scroll Saw - \$50

FOR SALE: ROCKLER EXCELSIOR 10 x18 MINI-LATHE, 650 through 3800 RPM in 3 variable speed ranges, reversible. Includes 4 jaw chuck, 6 woodturning tools, live center, and many pen blanks and kits. Price \$350. Call Mike Pregent at (214) 455-3151 for details and/or to arrange a visit to inspect and test.



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 carry **wood products in thirty-two different species** that include: Mesquite, Pecan, Maple, Red Oak, Post Oak, Red Cedar, Poplar, Cherry, White Ash, Board d' Arc, Sycamore, Cedar Elm, Pine & Black Walnut. Check out my You-Tube channel: "[George Wood of Texas](#)".

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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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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 well as veterans, 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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Who's on Board

Serving the Hunt County Woodturners for 2025 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.