

# HCW NEWSLETTER

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## AUGUST LETTER

Well I've just returned from Waco and the last board meeting of the year. Here is what you need to know if you're going to SWAT.

Everything is pretty much set for this year's SWAT symposium . The dates are Aug 25th, 26th and the 27th. We will be sitting up on Thursday the 24th Hope everyone has pre registered and has their hotel room lined up.

The SWAT website has the rotation schedule so you can see who and what demos you want to go see. The lead demonstrator for the Hunt County sponsored room is Emiliano Achaval. He is from Hawaii and will be doing demos on Calabash Bowls and Boxes with hand chased threads. Other demonstrators will be our own Donna Frazier and Charlie tucker. Our room has changed this year. We are no longer in the Brazos room. We've been moved to McLennan Hall #209. You need to go to the SWAT website and look at all the range of amazing demos that are there to be seen.

There will be 3 drawings for raffle prizes, the first on Friday at lunch, the Second at the dinner Saturday night, and the third on Sunday at lunch. 3 Jet 12-21 lathes, a Powermatic Matic lathe, as well as a lot other items will be given away at the Raffles so be sure to buy a ticket.

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### SWAT News

Speaking of lunch and dinner, George's Restaurant will be doing the catering this year. Lunch Fri. will be a sandwich bar. Lunch Sat. will be Chicken Fried Steak. Dinner Sat night (\$20.00 extra) will be Mexican food and lunch Sun. will be BBQ.

I am still looking for room assistants for the domos, and I need to know how many people will be going down on Thursday to help set up so I can get Thursday lunch tickets for everyone. and also how many will be going to dinner at Heitmiller's Thursday. evening.

So,,, I hope we have a lot of folks going and look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks Lee

### Announcements

I made the announcement at the last meeting that Rod Brumlow's Segmenting class would be on Sept. 23rd & 24th. Rod has had something come up for that weekend, so we are moving it to Oct. 28th & 29th. in order not to have the classes too close together. I hope this doesn't create a problem for anyone. The price for this 2 day segmenting class will be \$125.00 if you sign up by Oct.14th. After that it will be \$150.00 . This price includes materials. This will be held at Rod's shop.

The lidded box & texturing class given by Stacy Nehl will still be on Oct. 7th & 8th. This 2 day class will be held at Tom and Stacy's shop in Emory. Price for this 2 day class is the same.

\$125.00 if you sign up by Sept 23rd. \$150.00 after that.

Thanks ,,,, Lee

## SWAT News

First off, the dates for SWAT this year are August 25, 26, & 27. The set up team will have to be there on Thursday the 24th.

The lead demonstrators this year will be;  
Emiliano Achaval, Cindy Drozda  
Colwin Way, Tom Lohman (segmenting),  
John Lucas, Derik Weidman (off center turning)

Among the regional demonstrators is our own  
Donna Frazier, Janice Levi (pyrography), Neil Brand,  
Jim Buckelew (segmenting), Kayla Cooper (pens) and 10 others.

The 3 for 1 Raffle will be giving away a Power Matic Lathe as well as 3 Jet 12/21s  
The host hotels are the same, the Hilton attached to the convention ctr., and the Courtyard by Marriott across the street from the convention ctr. SWAT rate is \$167.00 per night. Of course, many other hotels available also. Host hotels usually go quick.

Food & Catering, The board spent a long time on this one. As you are aware if you've gone the past couple of years, the food has left a lot to be desired. This is, by far, the largest expense for SWAT costing upwards of \$65,000. They have 26 caterers in Waco to choose from this year, compared to 6 last year, no decision has been made yet. One decision was NOT to have a \$45 Banquet meal this year on Sat. night. There will be a meal, no foo foo meal, just a family style meal, possibly Mexican food or Bar BQ that will cost about \$20 per person. Not \$45. After the meal will be the Sat night Raffle drawing. No meal on Friday night. There will be lunches on Fri, Sat & Sun.

Online Registration will start on March 1st until August 1st. Basic registration will be the same as last year, \$175.00 for all 3 days.

Anyone placing items in the Gallery will be allowed to put out business cards, in a holder if they wish to sell an item. That transaction will be between the seller and the buyer, not involving SWAT.

The rooms could possibly be rearranged to make more larger rooms and eliminate the tiny rooms. This may possibly affect HCW's longtime location, not sure yet.

That is about all for now. I'll let you know more when I know.

Thanks, Lee

**PRAY FOR:**

Kay Shrode &

Frank Shrode

George Littlefield



# 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.

## August Birthdays

	days
Janet Johnson	3
Bill Klopping	5
Sharon Ayres	6
Chris Cohen	7
Ronald Johnson	10
Adrienne Kirby	10
George Littlefield	11
Gavin Wirtzberger	15
Randy Cain	15
Janice Drake	16
Debbie Klopping	19
Doug Balzer	23
John Hadsall	24
Debra Scruggs	25
Steve Thomason	31

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Club meeting will be August 10th at 7 pm at the Wesley United Methodist Church.



**Open Shop**  
**August**

**Donna Frazier's Shop**  
1275 Wild Road Van Alstyne, TX 75495  
August 12th

### 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**

Lee Craft (President),  
Alain Schwarz (Vice-President),  
Burt Andrew (Secretary),  
Mark Spencer (Treasurer),  
Sully Sullivan (Technology Officer),  
Rod Brumlow (Training Coordinator),  
Doug Balzer (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.





“Woodworking minus patience equals firewood” - Jack Neff

**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.hobbithouseinc.com/personal/woodpics/\\_acronyms.htm](http://www.hobbithouseinc.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/>

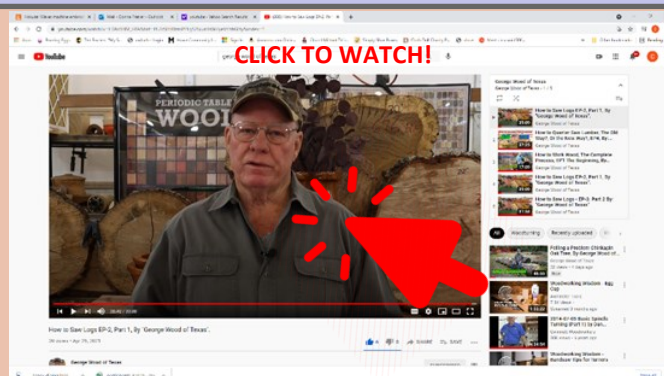
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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-WOODTURNER](#) **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. Alan Fields  
P.O. Box 8191  
Greenville, Texas 75404

**OR Email to**

Alan Fields at  
**[mafields3@yahoo.com](mailto:mafields3@yahoo.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](#)**

		2018 Hunt County Woodturners Mentors											
Mentor	Home City	Cell Phone	Wood	Turner	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe
Frank Strick	Greenville	903-208-0428	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Spitzer	Lubbock, TX	806-738-0623	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Robert England	Greenville	903-632-2488	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
James Probstman	Greenville	903-222-2488	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Spitzer	Greenville	903-632-2475	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
George Probstman	Greenville	903-222-2488	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Spitzer	McAllen	214-492-2127	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gary Landrum	Greenville	903-632-4833	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark Spitzer	Greenville	903-742-2629	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Spitzer	Greenville	903-632-2475	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



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**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**  
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Hunt County Woodturners  
Ward Manufacturing**

**Hunt County Woodturners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 3, 2023**

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church. Zoom was not made available for this meeting.

**Club members Attending in Person:** Lee Craft\*, Alain Schwarz\*, Sully Sullivan\*, Doug Balzer\*, Burt Andrew\*, Cynthia Balzer, Mark Spencer\*, Sheryl Sanders, Gary Sanders.

Board Member(s) absent: Rod Brumlow\*.

[Voting board members for 2023 indicated \*. A quorum of board members was in attendance.]

**The Meeting was called to order** at 6:07pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

## **Items of Business**

### **- Board Meeting minutes from July 6, 2023:**

*Mark Spencer made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 6, 2023, board meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded by Alain Schwarz. Motion passed.*

### **- SWAT (Lee Craft)**

- Discussed plans for SWAT later this month:
  - Load-up will be at the church on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00am. Lee is getting a list of individuals volunteering to help with loading.
  - Lee would like to leave for Waco around 7:00am the following morning with arrival in Waco early to avoid the rush. HCW's demo room this year will be in the previous location of the gallery.
  - Emilio Archival will be the club's demonstrator. Will demo his calabash bowl.
  - Need additional room assistants. Currently signed up: Lee, Gary, Alain, Burt. See Lee to volunteer.
  - George's Restaurant has been hired by SWAT to do the catering.
  - Lee has obtained Thursday lunch tickets (sandwiches) for those who support set-up in Waco and is making reservations for the group's Thursday night meal, probably Heitmillers.
  - Friday night meat: On your own.
  - SWAT-provided meals during the event: sandwiches, chicken, Mex. Food, BBQ

- The two SWAT scholarships (one from SWAT, one from HCW) were awarded to Dale King and Brian Livingston.
- **Training:**
  - Discussed our two upcoming training events:
    - Stacy Nehl will instruct a two-day class featuring lidded boxes and texturing/ carving on Sat/Sun, October 7 and 8. Training location: Tom and Stacy Nehl's shop, 118 RS County Road 4269, Emory.
    - Rod Brumlow will instruct a two-day segmenting class featuring segmenting on Sat/Sun, October 28 and 29. Primary instructor, Rod Brumlow. Training location: Rod Brumlow's shop, 102 Jeremy Drive, Royse City.
    - Optimum class size, 8 to 10. Cost to students, \$125 to those signing up prior to 2 weeks in advance, \$150 otherwise.
    - These training topics align with interests expressed by club members in the survey completed early this year.
    - Lee will ask webmaster John Regis to set up the website signup pages.
- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops**
  - Tom Nehl will demonstrate the making of a three-pointed bowl during the August meeting.
  - Donna Frazier (1275 Wild Road, Van Alstyne) will host this month's Open Shop on Saturday, August 12. During the mini-class, starting at 9:00am, Tim White will explain and demonstrate thread chasing. Attendees will have the opportunity to practice this skill.
  - Tim White is lined up to do the September demo. Tom and Stacy Nehl will host September's Open Shop.
- **Financial (Mark Spencer)** [Financials were sent to the Board members in advance.]
  - Mark presented a 2023 Budget Summary through July.
    - July expenses were greater than income by \$977; YTD income shows greater than expenses by \$2,935.
    - The source of two income items (in February and April) amounting to \$1,055 has not been identified. This income will be categorized as miscellaneous.

- Mark noted that penny raffle participation is lagging, with sold tickets at \$820 and almost \$1,300 to go in the 4 months remaining. Mark requested heightened attention to the subject during the next meetings, and especially expressed appreciation to Cynthia for administering this activity.
- Apparel income and expenses, though unbudgeted, cancel out. Payment will be made to Wilde Advertising within the next few days.
- As of the end of July, the check register indicates a balance of \$5,384. As approved last board meeting, due to the relatively high checking account balance, Mark moved \$10,000 to a CD, 5% interest, maturing 8/18/2024.
- Mark has completed signatory updates through Alliance.
- Discussed timeframe for retaining club records. Board member consensus was that 7 years is adequate.
- Discussed amount of dues and concluded that HCW dues, at \$48 per year, is reasonable and will be continued.
- Discussed amounts owed to WUMC for meeting space rental at \$900 this year (will increase to \$1,200 next year). Mark will submit a check to WUMC for this year's total.

- **Secretary (Burt Andrew)**

- Membership now stands at 100.
- Recommended we discontinue the November Rockwall Library display due to lack of returns (unless another member wants to administer and continue). This activity requires significant coordination but in the last five years has resulted in limited exposure and no new members.
- Suggested, as an alternate outreach, approaching Rucker with a proposal to display HCW items in a display at their Garland location.
  - Could be a win-win for HCW and Rucker, targeting an audience interested in woodturning.
  - For HCW, could result in increased regional interest in woodturning with associated increased membership. For Rucker, could result in increased interest/sale of lathes with their ability to effectively direct customers to a source of education.

- HCW could rotate displayed items quarterly, with broader HCW member interest and participation.
- May require Club purchase of a glass/ lockable display case, estimated LT \$250.
- Recognized the possibility that Rockler policies may prohibit this arrangement.
- Lee will discuss this idea with Rocker's regional manager, Robert Webster.

- **Other Items of Business**

- Alain Schwarz again expressed appreciation for the Club's support of Restored Hope Ministries. The August club meeting will be the last opportunity to contribute items for the RHM auction to be held on September 17<sup>th</sup>, both live and on-line. HCW members who are interested in attending the organizational dinner on September 16<sup>th</sup> (Alain has reserved several tables) or the auction may contact Alain for further information. Check out: Home | Restored Hope Ministries
- The Club's Christmas Party (members only) will be held at the Wesley United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 9. Detail work will begin in October. Food was briefly discussed; may opt to have the meat catered. Cynthia Balzer and Sheryl Sanders will coordinate the food-related activities.
- Discussed the need for a nominating committee to nominate individuals for officer positions next year. No decision reached. Open positions will be President and Events Coordinator, with several others TBD. As we approach the end of the year, the interest and involvement of the general membership will be welcomed.
- A WUMC official called Lee to register a complaint about our not returning the meeting space to its pre-meeting configuration. Club members will need to make best efforts note and to return the space as found.

**The meeting adjourned** at 7:30pm.

