

HCW NEWSLETTER

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Hi Folks

We have a busy month ahead. The meeting this week, Open shop at Lonnie Duke's shop on Saturday, and the Beginners School March 26 & 27 at Dale Scrugs' shop. I'm hoping we can have a good turnout for all of these events. If you want to sign up the link is right here, <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/20f054daba628aaf49-hcwt> Remember only 10 people can go so make sure you sign up!

I really appreciate the response I've gotten as far as volunteering is concerned. Several people have stepped up to help out at several events. That is mostly what this club is all about, People helping people.

Another quick reminder, All membership dues are required to be paid by the end of the March meeting. We don't want to loose anyone, but, per the bylaw's anyone who hasn't paid by this deadline will be dropped. No one likes being dropped.

I hope to see everyone soon at the meeting.

Thanks to all of you, Lee

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Photo Directory

We are putting together our first ever photo directory. Club photographer, Ed Mastin will be at our club meeting Thursday and can take your picture. We will be asking you to please send us your photograph. Please send them to: Burt Andrew (972-757-5488) (bandrew1@att.net) or Donna Frazier (214-499-2336) surfingthebevel@hotmail.com)

Quarterly Challenge

Our first Quarterly Challenge is to make something from a 2X4. Be creative!!! This project is due for presentation at the March meeting.

Something Nice

I want to share something nice with all of you. You have seen the purpleheart tractor part blanks, I made, and am now turning. Well, one of my longtime friends came to Dallas and she and Carole went to Arboretum. I had sent one of the finished purpleheart parts to be given to her. Last night she called and during conversation she told Carole that: "Every time I look at bowl, I think of how it was made with "loving hands". I do not feel this (Loving hands) is something unique to me. I have seen the things many of you make to be given to others. Obviously, there are many "loving hands" out there. And I have gotten to meet and make friends with a bunch of "loving hands" in my association with all of you. So, THANKS, Cheryl, Donna, George, Joe, Tim, Gary, Sammy and all the rest of the HCW community. Keep me in your thoughts. Send me pictures of what you are doing (includes everyone in HCW) To Jim Brooks at jimb6856gmail.com

Fun with the grandkids over the Holidays: 66 Brainteasers and Riddles <https://www.fatherly.com/play/66-brain-teasers-for-adults-kids-and-everyone-in-between/>

If anyone is having trouble or is still new to using Zoom then please contact Cory White 972-345-6205

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PRAY FOR:

**Kay Shrode &
Frank Shrode**

Tim White's son Daniel
Health issues.

Pam Shuman
She is about to have surgery.



REMINDERS

While everyone is at home socially distancing, things can get boring so use this excess of time to call up a mentor from the mentors list.

They can mentor you over the phone, or maybe even a video call. This is the perfect time to practice your woodturning skills and get the help you need to succeed.

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)

March Birthdays

	days
Bahadir Koseli	7
Kevin Young	9
Johnny Hayre	11
Gary Sanders	11
Connie Brumlow	12

Keith Clark	13
Mary Henry	21
Bill Belitz	24

John Blattman	24
Maxey Hooks	25

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The club's Nova lathe along with stand and inventoried accessories is now available for loan to members in good standing, on a three-month rotating basis. If you would like to apply for consideration, please contact a board member.

**Cory White is our presenter for March 10. He will be dem-
oing Embellishments.**

The Club Library is now gathering demonstration handouts to keep on file. If you have a handout from a demonstration that you found interesting, helpful or had project instructions... please make a copy and give it to our librarian Keith Clark or president Lee Craft

We are now accepting Hunt County Woodturners Membership renewals for 2022. Our Treasurer, Alan Fields, will be sending out Paypal invoices as a payment option for dues to all members. Renewal of HCW membership for 2022: \$48 check made out to HCW and mailed to: HCW, Attention: Alan Fields, P.O. Box 8191 Greenville, TX. 75404. You can also pay for your membership in cash at the meetings as well.



We are going to build up the Club YouTube channel. We are putting in mini demos on the channel. If you have something you want to share, you can make a demo as long or as short as you'd like. If you need help filming, we are putting together equipment to facilitate that. Please contact any board member if you are willing to help with this. Here is the link to the channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7KsCch28Ne5sE8LjhR2D1A>

OPEN SHOP

March

Lonnie Duke

706 Sahara Drive, Greenville

April

TBA

HCW Members:

The sign-up page for the upcoming Beginner School is now open!

The school will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 26-27, 9 to 5 both days, at Dale Scrugg's shop, 4245 Destiny Drive, Caddo Mills.

Here's your chance to learn the basics as you work through a variety of projects. The class will be limited to 10 members, so jump in to reserve your place.

If of interest, you can sign up from our website (under Events), or by using the link below. From the SignUpGenius sign-up page, click the "sign-up" block and then "submit and sign-up" at the bottom. On the following page you'll enter your name and your e-mail address. You'll receive a confirming e-mail.

Payment (\$150 for both days) is due in advance. After sign-up our treasurer, Alan Fields, will send you a Paypal invoice. If preferred, you can send your check to Alan (1979 CR 2218, Caddo Mills, TX, 75135), or pay by check or cash at the club meeting.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f054daba628aaf49-hcwt>

Burt Andrew
HCW Secretary

SWAT News

As SWAT Director, I went to Waco last Saturday for the first SWAT board meeting of the year. Due mainly to low attendance last year, SWAT lost \$32,500. As you might guess, they cannot stand many more years like that. They're catering cost alone was over \$70,000. If you have eaten in the past months, you know how much food prices have risen. They're proposed catering cost for this year is over \$93,000. Therefore, for the first time since 2013, they are raising ticket prices. Early Registration (on line) ticket prices are going to be \$175.00. That's up from the \$140. we've been paying. Spouses will cost \$100. Banquet tickets are the same \$45.00. This is for all 3 days. a one day ticket is \$100.00. Walk up tickets (not on line) are going to be \$275.00 for 3 days, \$150.00 for one day. Early on line registration is strongly encouraged, you may have noticed it's a hundred dollars cheaper than walk up, not only for your tickets, but T shirts and handbooks. This way they will have a accurate number of how many will attend so they will know how much food is needed, how many shirts, and how many handbooks to have printed. This will help they're bottom line a great deal, which is \$218,393.00. That is what it cost to put on a good SWAT symposium. There will be no Friday night show or meal.

The lead demonstrators this year are Martin Sabin Smith, Mike Mahoney Andy Wolfe, Barry Gross, Dennis Paullis, Craig Timmerman, and Trent Bosh. The 3 for 1 Raffle features a grand prize of a Robust American Beauty Lathe, along with 3 other prizes of Laguna REVO 12/16 lathes. Artist donations for the raffle will be appreciated. As always, the host hotels are the Hilton and the Courtyard who are giving us the discounted SWAT rate of \$160 per night.

Early Registration begins **March 15th**, SWAT dates are Aug 26, 27, and 28.

That's all I have for now. Lee.

For Sale: Nova Comet II midi-lathe

Includes: lathe, chuck & jaws, some hand tools and stand (Rockler lists only the lathe for \$674.99 new. The stand was ~\$200)

I'm asking \$475 total. If any members are interested, please call my cell: 214-535-6470 Many thanks, John McConnell

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who participated in this week's Chainsaw and Wood Processing Parties! Hunt County Woodturners now has it's turning supply room shelved with bowl blanks and spindle blanks. Thank you for helping make this possible!

2021 Hunt County Woodturners Board Members

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.

Lee Craft (President),
Gary Sanders (Vice-President),
Burt Andrew (Secretary),
Alan Fields (Treasurer),
Mike Ragsdale (Technology Officer: interim pending replacement),
Joe Grimes (Training Coordinator),
Doug Balzer (Event Coordinator)

HCW Board of Directors meetings

are held on Zoom on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Board meetings are open to all members.

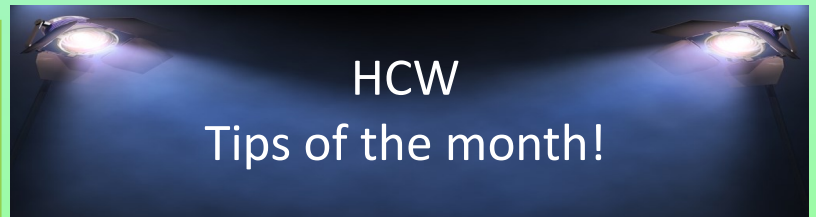




"By All means read what the experts have to say. Just don't let it get in the way of your woodworking." - John Brown

Upcoming On-Line Events:

Nothing for now, check back later.



There are lots of things made of silicone that can benefit a woodturner...

Silicone Molds are available for resin projects and are used often by those who wish to make their own pen blanks.

Silicone Glue Brushes are handy for applying wood glue to a project. After use, you can let the brush dry, and the crusty glue will just peel off for an easy cleanup.

Silicone Mats are also super handy for easy project cleanup.

However, don't get super glue on the edge of a silicone mat. If it sticks to your work bench and you pull on the silicone mat... it will tear!



Woodturning Quotes:

Ever wonder the difference between Craft and Art mentality?...

“A poorly designed turning is a constant and irritating reminder to you and to others that you could have done better; and a needless waste of resources and of your turning abilities.” – Mike Darlow

“I always say, if it don’t work out... so what! It’s ok... don’t worry about it. Doctors bury their mistakes, we burn them!” -Emmet Kane

This is a good blend of Art and Craft...

“I am one who turns for me I turn what I like. If someone likes what I make great!

Customers means business which means production which means efficiency which means proficiency in every aspect of the turning process.

the skill which one manipulates their turning tools matters greatly in the finished product.

An artist was asked how he painted such a beautiful picture. He answered that the painting was already on the canvas he simply uncovered it with his brushes.

My goal in turning is to look at the piece of wood, decide what it wants to be then efficiently turn away everything that isn’t that object.” – Tim White

More food for thought on Art and Craft...

Artists make “one-offs” that are artistly embellished turnings... I heard a Craft production woodworker once say, and I’m paraphrasing, that all his pieces were “one-offs”. He said he didn’t just make useful items out of wood. He categorized each piece of wood as to what item to make, that would show off the wood’s God given grain figure. He said each utilitarian item he made was “unique” in its organic features, his job was to cooperate with nature and highlight those qualities in the pieces he made.

Continuing that thought: If the function of some woodturnings is art and its use is to emit emotion... don’t all woodturnings serve a purpose and use? Can’t Craft production woodturnings be naturally artistic while still being utilitarian useful?

Perhaps maybe Art and Craft aren’t so different after all!

(All this is not to say that bad art and poorly crafted woodturnings are anything more than dross.)

IMHO anyway... Donna Frazier

Inspiration

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 wood-working 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/>

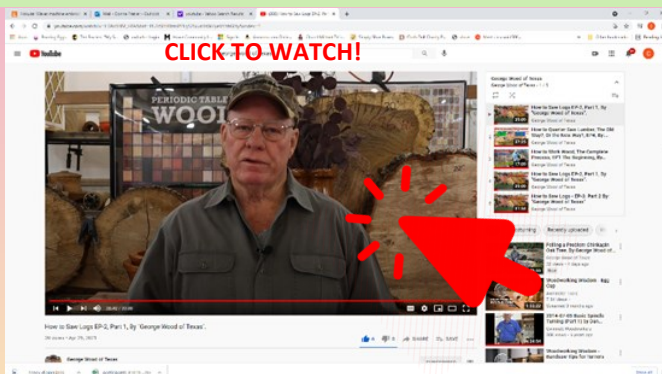
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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/>

George Wood of Texas

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKIK0-SnOevQbMue-V3sUUDg>



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 \(Sam Angelo\)](#)— 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

Cory White at
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	Woodturning	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools
Frank Winkle	Jacksonville	904-288-4325	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joe Williams	Castle Hill	904-533-8933	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Robert England	Jacksonville	904-453-1486	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sammy Thompson	Jacksonville	904-527-0066	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Spillert	Jacksonville	904-453-9579	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
George Freeman	Seaford	214-538-8535	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tim White	McKinney	214-455-9517	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gary Landrum	Jacksonville	904-453-4633	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark Spitzer	Jacksonville	910-742-2620	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cory White	Seaford	910-345-0335	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



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



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**Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2022**

Due to connectivity issues, this meeting was unavailable through Zoom.

Club members Attending: Lee Craft*, Gary Sanders*, Burt Andrew*, Doug Balzer*, Alan Fields*, Joe Grimes* (called in and reported by phone), Mike Ragsdale*.

[Elected board members for 2022 indicated *. A quorum of board members was in attendance.]

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by HCW President, Lee Craft.

Items of Business

President – Lee Craft

Briefed request received from McKinney attorney Mark Ledbetter:

Request was for help with purchasing and turning patriotic-themed pens for use by North Texas Veterans Court.

Lee shared the request with club members by email on Feb 27. Three members immediately offered to help.

Lee will contact Mr. Ledbetter to discuss a possible visit and briefing during April's open shop at Dale King's shop in Wylie.

In the meantime, those who offered to help will be invited to purchase (kits) at their own expense and proceed with the turning of pens as described in Mark Ledbetter's initial request.

Note: The Board discussed the use of Freedom pens (as typically turned during the county fair), and/or other stock pens, recognizing, however, that the preference is for a higher-end presentation class item.

Annual review of HCW Bylaws (last version approved by HCW in 4/8/21)

Confirmed that current bylaws reflect our organization's current structure (ref. Art. IX, Section I)

Discussed the financial audit requirement yet to be done (ref. Art. XV). Burt will lead this effort with assistance from Cory and Alan. Will report next Board meeting.

Board consensus was that the bylaws are not currently in need of revision.

Lee and Gary will meet with WUMC to make facilities rental payment for 2022 (\$500), to discuss acceptability of the Club's arrangement with them, and to express appreciation.

Gary Sanders made a motion that the Club's rental payment to the church in 2022 be made annually (\$500) rather than quarterly. The motion was seconded by Doug Balzer. Motion passed.

Storage building use and rental costs were discussed; considered alternative use of a trailer. Decided to continue status quo, at least for now. Lee will review the current contract and will check out the competition.

March club demonstration: Cory will demonstrate embellishments. Lee will find out what equipment needs to be set up for the meeting.

Home and Garden Show. Decision was made not to participate this year, largely due to conflict with the upcoming Beginner School in late March.

Audio Visual. Mike requested purchase of a lapel microphone for use by our demonstrators, in place of the current boom mic. Estimated cost, \$100 to \$150.

Gary Sanders made a motion that the Club purchase a lapel microphone to replace the boom mic, at a cost not to exceed \$150. The motion was seconded by Mike Ragsdale. Motion passed.

Event Coordinator – Doug Balzer

Open Shop locations as currently planned:

March: Lonnie Duke (Greenville)

April: Dale King (Wylie)

May: Lee Craft (Union Valley)
June: Unassigned
July: Donna Frazier (Van Alstyne)
August: Burt Andrew (Union Valley)
September or October (possibly Alan Fields, TBD)

Hunt County Fair:

Confirmed our 20 X 15 tent space, same location as previous years.

The Creative Arts building will be open for exhibits and competitions this year. Exhibit entry day is April 12, with judging on April 15. Discussed the need for qualified individuals to judge the woodturning exhibit, TBD.

Doug emphasized the need for many members to run the HCW booth (4 needed per time-slot, with many time-slots available). Dates: Thursday, April 21 through Sunday May 1.

Sign-up is open on the website under "Events." Also, Doug will bring a member sign-up sheet to the March meeting.

Doug will send out periodic emails to the membership to encourage participation.

Members can choose their own items to show/demonstrate at the fair and will be encouraged to also turn Freedom pens from the Club's stock of pen supplies.

Vice President – Gary Sanders

Janice Levi pyrography class in May:

Janice Levi will demonstrate during the May 12 club meeting and will teach a full-day pyrography class on Friday, May 13 (Lee Craft's shop).

Gary reported that we now have 10 individuals lined up for the class.

Per-student charge will be \$100.

Next Thursday's club meeting will be the last opportunity to sign up. One or two more may be allowed on May 13, unless many additional others sign up which would require an additional class day.

Pyrography class participants do not need to be club members.

Woodturner Wonders and worm screw orders: Cutoff date for ordering, April meeting.

Training Coordinator – Joe Grimes

Briefed plans for Beginner School:

Two-day class will be held March 26th and 27th at Dale and Debra Scruggs shop.

Currently have 6 sign-ups; may need additional lathes if others sign up. Club membership is not required to sign up.

Instructors will be Joe Grimes, Doug Balzer, Tim White. One more may be needed.

Secretary – Burt Andrew

Burt Andrew noted one correction needed in the minutes from the February 3 Board meeting. The date for the upcoming pyrography class was incorrectly stated. The correct date is May 13.

Alan Fields made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 3, 2022, board meeting, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Gary Sanders. Motion passed.

Membership currently stands at 102. Our newest member is Alex Snider from Greenville.

Per HCW Bylaws, members who have not paid their 2022 dues by the end of the March meeting will be dropped from club membership.

Treasurer – Alan Fields

A printed version of our Paypal (through Feb 10) and checking account (through Feb 23) transactions were made available to board members in advance of the meeting.

Significant recent income and expense items:

Income: 2022 membership dues, Beginner School dues

Expense: WUMC annual donation (covered 2021), old website account, demonstrator costs

Checking account balance:

February 1, 2022: \$9,337.44.

February 23, 2022: \$10,533.32.

Hartford Insurance and Zoom expenses are pending Alan's research and payment. Noted that the Zoom subscription will be critical for this year.

This month's reporting consisted of Paypal and checking account activity. Alan will present more detailed financial reports (actuals to budget, CD balances, etc.) on a quarterly basis.

Alan informed that he is working on filing Form 990 (Organization Exemption Form for Income Tax). The long form appears complex and will require time/research. Alan will look for a copy of the previous filing for reference.

Technology - Mike Ragsdale

Nothing additional to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

February Show and Tell

