

HCW NEWSLETTER

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Well it's August.

It's hot, and dry, but it's almost time for SWAT. This is our time to go to Waco for three days and have a good time. SWAT is the second largest wood turners symposium in the country, and it's ours. It's time to see the demos we've wanted to see, learn the things we've wanted to learn, and spend a lot of money on the things we've wanted to have. This is our summer vacation. Our time to get away, (even if it's just to Waco) and see all the things others have brought to show off, and for us to wonder, how'd they do that? I really hope that everyone who is going has a great time and finds ways to enhance the skills that you already have, and ways to bring the hobby we all love to a new level. Hope to see you all there.

Regards, Lee

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Photo Directory

We are putting together our first ever photo directory.
We will be asking you to please send us your photograph.
Please send them to: Burt Andrew (972-757-5488) (bandrew1@att.net)

We've just been presented a new lathe with accessories by the AAW through a grant award. It was delivered last week, and Lee has it now, preparing it for use.

The new equipment included a Jet JWL-1015 lathe, a stand, a Nova chuck, and a variety of conventional and carbide lathe tools.



These items will be added to HCW's equipment inventory and will be used for educational purposes in demos, open shops, and Club sponsored schools. Our thanks to the AAW for

making these items available to us.

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**



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)

August Birthdays

	days
Janet Johnson	3
Bill Klopping	5
Sharon Ayers	6
Ronald Johnson	10
Adrienne Kirby	10
George Littlefield	11
Gavin Wirtzberger	15
Debbie Klopping	19
John Hadsall	24
Debra Scruggs	25
Rob Mcafoos	27
Stephen Jr. Mller	27
Philip Rounds	30
Anne Thomason	31

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Gary Sanders will be doing the demo on August 11th.

Topic: Hunt County Woodturners July Meeting

Time: August 11th, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time,

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81973104651?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81973104651?pwd=aW5GZzFmSkNMekNaenZ3YmwrSlFIQT09)

[pwd=aW5GZzFmSkNMekNaenZ3YmwrSlFIQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81973104651?pwd=aW5GZzFmSkNMekNaenZ3YmwrSlFIQT09)

Meeting ID: 819 7310 4651

Passcode: 315369

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.



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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

August: Burt Andrew,
8085 County Rd. 2578, Royse City.

September (possibly Alan Fields, TBD)

Good morning folks.

First off, the Air Conditioner is working in the church.

Now, Gary Sanders will be doing the demo at the next meeting,

We are going to get a quarterly school going some time in Oct. making Christmas ornaments. Then there will be a quarterly challenge at the Nov. meeting for the best Christmas ornaments, or decorations.

We need to start planning for this year's Christmas party. Volunteers are needed. Also need help for the Bois D'arc Bash on Sept. 25th.

Here is the schedule for getting all the AV equip. to SWAT

Wed. 24th 9:am. Loading the trailer at the church.

Thur. 25th 11:am Unloading at the Convention Ct. in Waco , and set up.

Sun 28th. After closing ceremonies Take down & reload the trailer

Mon. 29th unload trailer at the church.

Right now I have **Myself, Steve Thomason, Sully, Joe, Gary, Dale Scrugs, Burt, Johnny Campbell, Donna.**

If I've left anyone out, please let me know. I have to have a good head count so I can get enough lunch tickets for Thur. lunch.

I will have the schedule for room assistants at the meeting.

Thanks, Lee.

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. Their catering cost alone was over \$70,000. If you have eaten in the past months, you know how much food prices have risen. Their 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 an 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 their 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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who participated in this week's Chainsaw and Wood Processing Parties! Hunt County Woodturners now has its 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),
Sully Sullivan (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.

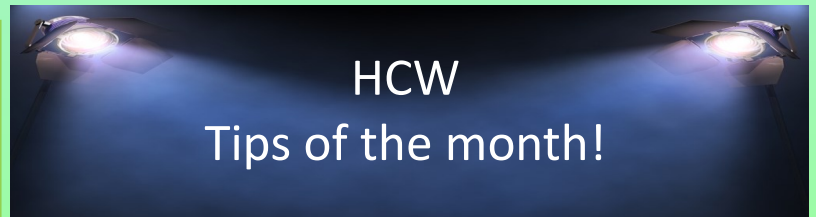




"By All means read what the experts have to say. Just don't let it get in the way of your woodworking." - John Brown

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/>

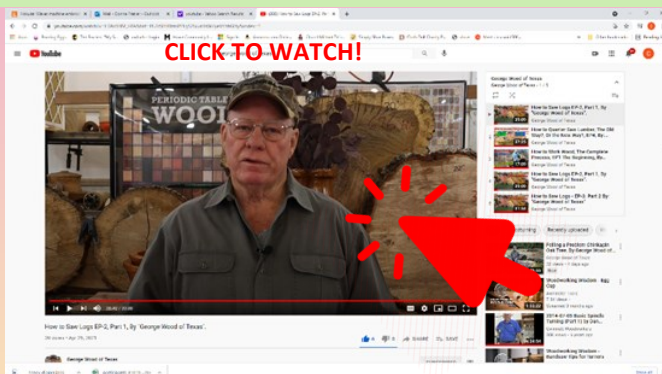
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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.

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2018 Hunt County Woodturners Mentors																						
Mentor	Home City	Cell Phone	Woodturning	Turntable	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe	Lathe		
Frank Winkle	Greenville	803-288-6325	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Joe Collins	Castle Hill	803-533-8633	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Roger England	Greenville	803-453-1486	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sammy Thompson	Greenville	803-527-0066	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Spillert	Greenville	803-453-9579	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
George Henson	Greenville	214-538-8535	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tim White	McKinney	214-455-9117	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gary Landrum	Greenville	803-453-4533	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark Spitzer	Greenville	817-742-2629	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cory White	Greenville	817-345-6335	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	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
August 4, 2022**

This meeting was conducted at Wesley United Methodist Church. Due to connectivity issues, the meeting was unavailable through Zoom.

Club members Attending: Lee Craft*, Gary Sanders*, Burt Andrew*, Alan Fields*, Sully Sullivan*, Doug Balzer*, Joe Grimes*, Cynthia Balzer.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by HCW President, Lee Craft.

Items of Business

President – Lee Craft

Board Meeting minutes from July 7, 2022:

Gary Sanders made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 7, 2022, Board Meeting, with no changes.

The motion was seconded by Joe Grimes. Motion passed.

Started Christmas party discussions:

Christmas table decorations will be November's Quarterly Challenge.

Will start looking for volunteers to assist with Christmas Party, w/ special focus on new members.

Church A/C is again working.

SWAT:

Lee attended his last meeting in Waco ahead of SWAT on July 30.

HCW equipment logistics for SWAT:

Loading at WUMC in Greenville: Wednesday morning, Aug. 24th, 9:00am.

Unloading and set-up in Waco: Thursday, Aug. 25th, 11:00am.

Break-down and loading in Waco: Sunday, Aug 28th, 1:00pm,

Unloading at WUMC in Greenville: Monday, Aug 29th, 9:00am.

SWAT leadership has asked for assistance with set-up, starting 8am Thursday, August 25th. Lunch will be provided to the volunteers. They have also asked for assistance with take-down at the end of the event. Contact Lee if interested.

HCW's lead demonstrator will be Matin Sabin Smith. Thanks to Gary Sanders for assisting with Mr. Smith's specific demonstration requirements.

The list of assistants and camera operators is nearly complete. Contact Lee or Sully (AV) if interested in helping.

Reservations have been made at Heitmiller Steakhouse in Waco for Thursday night, Aug. 25, at 6:30pm. The Board discussed Heitmiller's new \$75 room fee, collection, and whether to look for a new venue for next year. TBD after SWAT.

Members who want to submit Beads of Courage boxes or who want to display their work in the gallery are encouraged to register on the SWAT website. Go to: SWAT website (see left side of main page) > Galleries > select Beads of Courage or Art Gallery.

Important: The American Beauty lathe winner (lottery) must be prepared to pay \$1500 IRS taxes before leaving with the lathe.

Vice President – Gary Sanders

Gary Sanders is scheduled to do the demo this month, featuring preparation, gluing, and turning of laminates.

Expressed difficulties in obtaining in-club members to do demos. Joe suggested we encourage short practice demos at open shops for potential demonstrators.
Suggested that members attending SWAT take note of professional turners they'd like to consider for club demos.

Secretary – Burt Andrew

Membership currently stands at 102, up from 101 last month. Our newest member is Jay Ruby from Royse City. He expressed interest in learning about all areas of woodturning.

AAW lathe grant:

The lathe sent to us by AAW (Jet 1015) was not the lathe we requested (Jet 1221VS). Regardless, as discussed, it was free to HCW and will benefit club activities (portability, specific use, member exposure to alternate lathe configurations). Ours was one of the 4 grants awarded this year by AAW.

Made request for use of the new lathe at the upcoming open shop. Use and pictures will be used in documentation to AAW explaining use and plans. The report to AAW, due by September 30, is/was a condition of the grant.

AAW's grant (lathe plus chuck, turning tools, and other items) was announced to the club through the newsletter last month.

Board discussed expanded use of the two older, infrequently used club lathes in the club's loaner program.

Treasurer – Alan Fields

Alan reported on checking account activities.

Significant income and expense items in July:

Income: Transfer from Paypal on July 7 (primarily apparel payments)

Expense: Wilde Advertising (apparel), July demonstrator fee, gift cards for awards

Checking account balance:

July 7, 2022: \$12,539.57

Aug 2, 2022: \$11,985.57

Training Coordinator – Joe Grimes

Quarterly School:

Members discussed having a quarterly school in October on ornaments, with subsequent school in November covering finishing. Training location(s) TBD.

Gary suggests future consideration of a quarterly school on bowls only.

Event Coordinator – Doug Balzer

Upcoming Open Shops:

Burt Andrew will host this month's Open Shop, August 13. [8085 CR 2578, Royse City]

September: Rod Brumlow

October: Alan Fields

November: Rhonda Stelly

Doug suggested that we attempt to use same sequence of Open Shops in 2023.

Bois d'Ark Bash:

Will be in Commerce, Saturday, September 24, 8:00am until 7:00pm.

Set up will start 8:00am, Saturday, September 24. Will need 4 members for each shift (1st shift: Set up, 8:00am through 11:00pm; 2nd shift: 11:00am through 3:00pm; 3rd shift: 3:00pm through 7:00pm with tear-down).

Doug asked Alan to put the sign-up sheet on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.