

# HCW NEWSLETTER

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## NOVEMBER LETTER

Hi Folks ,,,,,

This is probably going to be the last newsletter opening statement that you get from me as my term is about to expire. The last two years have been quite an experience for me and probably you as well. I really appreciate all you guys and girls putting up with my lack of computer expertise, my lack of memory and my lack of being able to keep up with what was going on. But somehow we all made it through unscathed. For the most part. Really it has been a good experience for me and I hope for you all as well. I could not have done it without the rest of the board. They are the real workers that keep this club rolling along so smoothly. I am going to remain as SWAT Director for a while longer but my President days are soon to be over. Brian Livingston is going to be the new president starting in January and I believe he will do a fantastic job of leading us through the next year. He already has some new ideas that he wants to implement to make the club better. It has been my pleasure to serve you all as president these last two years. I hope that you give Brian the same support and confidence that you gave me.

To all 102 of my best friends, Thank You

You guys are the best. Lee

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## **Announcements**

### **2023 Annual Woodturners Christmas Party**

The 2023 Annual Woodturners Christmas Party has been scheduled for Saturday December 9th from 6pm to 9pm. It will be held at the Church WUMC 1200 Joe Ramsey Blvd E, Greenville, TX, in the smaller sanctuary near the back of the church. So make sure to mark your calendars and RSVP online at the woodturners website, [Christ-  
mas Party | HCW \(huntcountywoodturners.org\)](http://www.huntcountywoodturners.org) Your last name denotes what type of food you should bring, with A-G tasked to bring a dessert, H-P a side, and Q-Z a salad. Don't forget the silent auction and to bring any items you want to donate to help the club as well. We are always excited about the Woodturners Christmas party and hope to see you all there.

**PRAY FOR:**

Kay Shrode &

Frank Shrode

George Littlefield

Lonnie Duke



# 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 1 in. 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.

<i>November Birthdays</i>		days
Ed Drake		7
Kevin Evans		12
Ed Mastin		16
Antoinette Frazier		18
Roger King		18
Dean Freeman		19
Johnny Campbell		20
John McConnell		25
Scott Roller		28
Lee Conley		29
Bill Kirk		30

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Club meeting will be November 9th at 7 pm at the Wesley United Methodist Church.**

November's club demo will be by Donna Frazier.



**Open Shop**  
**November**

Open Shop - 8am to 12noon  
Lee Craft's Shop  
6207 CR 2560  
Royce City

### 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.





“Measure twice, cut once, then force it to fit”

**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=ITYyrYLgEfI>

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/>

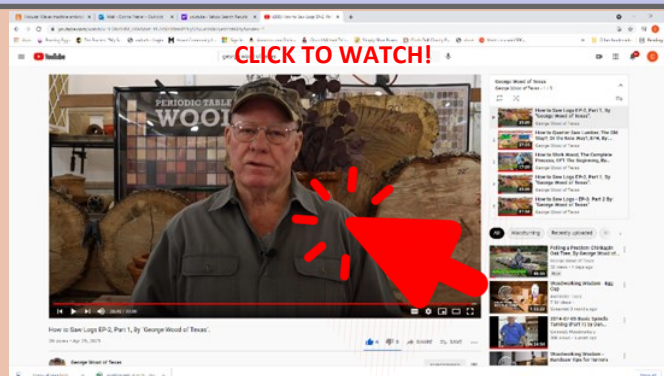
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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. Mark Spencer  
P.O. Box 8191  
Greenville, Texas 75404

**OR Email to**

Alan Fields at  
[mspencer2112@gmail.com](mailto:mspencer2112@gmail.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](#)

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	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools
Frank Strick	Greenville	937-266-0425	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tom Spitzer	Lubbock, TX	806-724-0623	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Robert England	Greenville	937-521-2448	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
James Probstman	Greenville	937-222-0468	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
David Spitzer	Greenville	937-521-2448	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
George Probstman	Greenville	937-222-0468	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tom Spitzer	McKinney	214-452-2127	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tom Spitzer	Greenville	937-521-2448	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mark Spencer	Greenville	937-262-2626	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tom Spitzer	Greenville	937-521-2448	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes



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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



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Ward Manufacturing**

**-Hunt County Woodturners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 2, 2023**

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church. A Zoom link was provided by Sully Sullivan and the Zoom meeting was opened by Howard Wellspring, though no members attended through Zoom.

**Club members Attending in Person:** Lee Craft\*, Alain Schwarz\*, Doug Balzer\*, Cynthia Balzer, Mark Spencer\*, Howard Wellspring, Sheryl Sanders, Gary Sanders, Tom Nehl, Sully Sullivan\*, Brian Livingston, Burt Andrew\*.  
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 5:30pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

## **Items of Business**

### **- Board Meeting minutes from October 5, 2023:**

*Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes, with no changes, from the October 5, 2023, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Doug Balzer. Motion passed.*

### **- HCW Officer Nominations for 2024**

- After several months of discussion and consideration by the Board, Lee offered the following members as the nominees for 2024: President, Brian Livingston; Vice-President, Alain Schwarz; Secretary, Burt Andrew; Treasurer, Mark Spencer; Technology Officer, Howard Wellspring; Training Coordinator, Rod Brumlow; Event Coordinator, Tom Nehl.

*Doug Balzer made a motion to approve Lee's list of nominees. The motion was seconded by Alain Schwarz. Motion passed.*

- Per the Bylaws, the formal election of officers will take place during the November meeting after accepting any other nominations from the floor.
- This election will be by a simple majority of votes cast by membership present.

### **- Christmas Party, WUMC, Saturday Dec 9, starting at 6:00pm**

- Cynthia passed out a Schedule of Events for the 2023 HCW Christmas party.
- Within a few days Cynthia will send out an email with Christmas party details.
- Members can sign up (attendance and food) either on the website or at the November meeting.
- Event setup at the church will be at 1:00pm on December 9. Volunteers are asked to simply show up to help, i.e. no sign-ups.
- About 50 members have so far signed up to attend the Christmas party.
- Discussed Penny Raffle. Members do not have to be present to win.

### **- Training:**

- Brian Livingston reported that the recent two-day Segmenting class, presented by Rod Brumlow and Dale King, was fully attended (8 students) and appeared well received.
- Stacy's Texturing/Carving Class is on track for Saturday/Sunday, November 3/4:
  - Eight students have signed up and paid. However, one cannot attend due to injury, and another may not, due to recent illness. The associated class fees will be refunded.
  - Lee has emailed an invitation to members to fill in the two open slots, though last-minute replacements appear unlikely.
- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops**
  - Donna Frazier is lined up for November's club meeting demo. The subject will likely be "Theo's Star."
  - Lee Craft (6207 CR 2560, Royse City) will host November's Open Shop.
  - Upcoming planned club meeting demos: January, Gary Sanders; February, Cory White; March, Derek Weidman on lathe chainsawing.
  - The November Open Shop mini-class will feature globe-type Christmas ornaments by Gary Sanders.
- **Website**
  - PJC student Trey Witt has expressed interest in updating and maintaining our website.
  - Trey, Burt, and possibly Sully, are scheduled to meet with Carl Gideon on Nov. 3 to familiarize Trey with technical elements of the website and to further assess his abilities and interest in assisting.
  - The Board generally discussed compensation, with a decision to come later as/if this arrangement positively develops.
- **Financial (Mark Spencer)** [Financials were sent to the Board members in advance, and several copies were provided to the members during the meeting.]
  - Mark presented a 2023 Budget Summary through October, and the Check Register as of October 31, 2023 (starting Sept 2022).
    - Overall reserves, including deposits and petty cash, amount to \$32.9K.
    - October income was greater than expenses by \$1,447; YTD income shows greater than expenses by \$5,194.
    - The main income items in October consisted of training class revenues, the Penny raffle, and the Monthly raffle. The primary expenses included payment for storage building rental (including insurance), and open shop hosting.
    - October's beginning check register balance, \$6,196.11.
    - Mark reported two CD's, each valued at \$2,897.27, are due to mature on Dec 19, 2023. He will evaluate rates, most likely combining the two and reinvesting with a better return.

- Mark presented a preliminary 2024 budget, subject to additional adjustments, utilizing a comparison spreadsheet (2024 Budget vs 2023 YTD Actuals), and a calculation spreadsheet featuring major cost items (e.g. events, dues, meeting location and storage costs, demonstrators, others). Changes were made live during the meeting as items were discussed. Several items of particular interest:
  - The Penny raffle is on track, with \$160 still needed to reach the collection target.
  - Discussed potential demonstrators/instructors for training events in 2024 (Stacy Nehl, Cory White, Sammy Long, Janice Levi, Rick Urban, Cindy Drozda, Derek Weidman, Johannes Michaelson, Alan Lacer).
  - Lee, Gary, and Alain will pick up additional woodturning items for the Christmas auctions from Rockler, Wood World and Woodcraft.
  - Mark recommended leaving dues at \$48 annually with the budget set for 90 members. Due to uneven income flows, relative to dues, Mark will begin accounting for this budget item on an accrual basis.
  - Confirmed that club members will not be paid for giving demonstrations.
  - Open shop hosting was increased to \$65 per event.

- **Other Items of Business**

- Brian stated the importance of updating the Club's Facebook page to help attract younger members.
- The Board considered several worthy candidates for Woodturner of the Year and a selection was made. Lee will make the announcement during the Christmas party.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.**