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## President's Ponderings

It's hard to believe it's October already, which means we only have two more club meetings and open shops this year. The last training class is this weekend (if you haven't signed up yet for the beginner's class, go to our website).

Before you know it, we'll be sitting down for Thanksgiving dinner, watching the Cowboys attempt to win and all of a sudden we're opening presents Christmas morning. Then we set our eyes on 2025 and start making plans and setting goals for the next year.

There are a lot of people in this country that usually have that same routine, but not this year and perhaps not next year either. I'm sure you've heard the stories or have seen the videos of those affected by hurricane Helene in Tennessee and North Carolina. I've watched videos of people's homes floating away or their livelihoods taken from them by the storm. This isn't something that they can just clean up from, rebuild and resume life like it was before, especially those that have lost loved ones. This will be a life-altering event for many of them. I don't bring this up to be a downer or take away from what we have, I just want to remind us all to truly be grateful for our blessings, not take anything for granted and to really take some time to pray for those who have lost everything. It helps keep life in perspective when we take our eyes off ourselves and put them on others for a change. I think this old world would be a better place if we did that more often.

I look forward to seeing you at the club meeting next week!! Everyone stay safe, enjoy the cooler temperatures and get your firewood ready. You know the north Texas rule: if it drops below 60 degrees, you're required to start a fire!!

Be blessed,  
Brian



### October

5th - 6th - Beginner Class

10th - Club Meeting

12th - Open Shop

### November

14th - Club Meeting

16th - Open Shop

### December

13th - Christmas Party!

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## OCTOBER

### BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 3rd 5:30pm  
Wesley United Methodist  
Church, Greenville

### BEGINNER CLASS -

Friday, Saturday - 5th & 6th  
Brian Schrader's Shop  
1012 Lynx Hollow Trail, Forney

### CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 10th 7-9pm  
Wesley United Methodist  
Church, Greenville  
Demonstration by Tim White  
Topic: *Shot Glasses*

### OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 12th 8am-Noon  
Tom Nehl's shop  
118 RS County Road 4269, Emory  
Mini-Class: By: Brian Schrader  
*Crack Filling*

## NOVEMBER

### BOARD MEETING -

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

### CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 14th 7-9pm  
Wesley United Methodist  
Church, Greenville  
Demonstration by Sammy Thomason  
Topic: *Inside Out Turning*

### OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 16th 8am-Noon  
Lee Craft's shop  
6207 CR 2560, Royse City  
Mini-Class: Bill Belitz, Tom Nehl, and  
Brian Schrader  
*Off-set Chuck*

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=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkrSGh3Zz09)

[pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkrSGh3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkrSGh3Zz09)

Meeting ID: 849 3813 1255 Passcode: 308416

## *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.



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## BEGINNERS' CLASS THIS WEEKEND!

New to Woodturning? Then this 2-day class is designed just for you! October 5-6.

Go to our website for details and to register.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

*Save the Date!*

**December 13th 6:00pm**

This is our time to celebrate another year together. With a heart of generosity, we will collect unwrapped toys for the "Women in Need" non-profit organization.

And in the fun party spirit, we will share a meal together and win prizes.

Plus, through the silent auction, you'll have a chance to bid for that special item (or items) for yourself or as a present for someone on your Christmas list.

Look for more info on the website, in emails, and at the meetings.

Sign-up sheets for how you can help and for food are available at the meetings and on the website.

## BOARD OFFICER OPENING

The Office of Vice President will be open for next year, 2025. Alain Schwarz has served HCW in the position of VP for two years. We owe him much thanks. He has done an amazing job. Please consider putting yourself forward for filling this position.

More information to come in future communications.

You can talk to any board member for details.



18<sup>th</sup> - Ruth Meyer

20<sup>th</sup> - Lee Craft

22<sup>nd</sup> - Tommy Murphy

23<sup>rd</sup> - Randy Rather

24<sup>th</sup> - Cheryl Cornish

24<sup>th</sup> - Chuck Day

30<sup>th</sup> - Maribeth Hughes

## Prayer Requests and Praise

John Blattman

Tami Lattanzi

George Littlefield

Robert Webster



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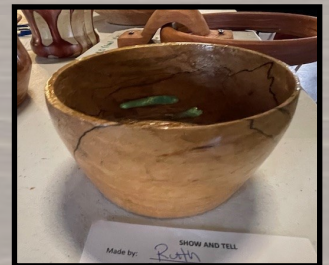
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A big thank you to Tom Nehl for the demonstrating Form & Design at our  
**September Club Meeting.**

There were a total of 49  
1 of those was a visitor and 4 joined by Zoom.



A big thank you to everyone who participated in the **Quarterly Challenge.**

It was great to see all the cars and trucks!

And thanks to all who brought an item for **Show & Tell.** We appreciate each of the participants.



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## SEPTEMBER'S OPEN SHOP

There were a total of 31 and 4 of those were visitors.  
Thank you Brian Livingston & Dale King  
for hosting.





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## SOME NEWS FROM BRIAN SCHRADER TRAINING COORDINATOR

### A WORD ON OPEN SHOPS

The September Open Shop at Brian Livingston's and Dale King's shop was very well attended. As always, Open Shop is a come-n-go. We had some early departures and some late arrivals. I counted at least 30 people passed through! I believe that is the first 30+ number we have had this year.

The mini-class was "Band Saw Tune Up". Tim White was under the weather that day, so your Training Coordinator, ESQ., was scrambling to find a last-minute substitute. After vetting extensive credentials, I asked George Freeman and Howie Stevens to fill in. Everyone knows George and his extensive resume and experience. I could fill pages listing his talents, but I will suffice to offer a humble *Thank You* to George. I have heard Mickey Mouse has a George Freeman watch.

I was pleased to find one of HCW newest members, Howie Stevens, was willing to help with the class. I refer to Howie as "The Centurion" as he is the 100<sup>th</sup> registered member of HCW. Howie has taken several classes from Alex Snodgrass. Alex is a virtuoso in the art of all things bandsaw. Conduct an internet search on "Alex Snodgrass Bandsaw" and you will find hours of YouTube links on subjects of set-up, tune-up and mastering your bandsaw. Howie brought some sample 3D cutting boards he produced after taking some of the Snodgrass classes. Howie is a fairly new turner and is signed up for the **Beginner's Turning class which is this weekend!** A very special thanks to Howie for although new to HCW and not an experienced turner was willing to share his knowledge and experience. This willingness to share is a characteristic I have admired about the brotherhood (and sisterhood) of woodturning.

There are 2 more Open Shop mini-classes to close out the 2024 year. One will be "Crack Filling Techniques". What is your 'go-to' method to fill cracks and voids? There are many techniques and we will cover just a few. The other mini-class will be focused on the Niles Joyner Off Center Jig. The Jim Duxbury – "DUX Chuck" is a variant on this theme. These offset chucks are great for off axis necklace pendants, trivets, multi-axis bottle stoppers, etc. As a sidebar at the Open Shop, Burt Andrew was offering instruction on "Turning Handles". Do you know how heavy the midi-lathes are, and the logistics required to get four lathes set up at every Open Shop? It is a shame these lathes go unused anytime they are transported and set up for hands-on events. *Did I mention Woodturning is a brotherhood?* That camaraderie and friendship encourages members to visit, eat Donuts and tell "Fish Stories". This spirit of sharing and members being too humble to jump on a lathe, leaves vacancies at the workstations. To remedy that lack of use, I suspect George and Burt colluded in an unsanctioned quorum and developed a plan. Together they offered quality blanks *FREE*, "IF" a handle was turned at Open Shop. **FISH ON!** I think every lathe in the shop was occupied. Not only did we have more people in the Open Shop than usual, but the group also generated more 'Man Glitter' (no offense to our lady turners), than Dale & our Prez combined can produce in a solid week of turning.

Look for future opportunities to encourage using the lathes at Open Shop. Of course, these opportunities will mean you need to arrive before both the Donuts and available lathes are gone.



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## Pyrography

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**The Pyrography Class** that was held in September had 5 students. Thank you Stacy Nehl for sharing your talent and teaching this amazing wood-art. Everyone enjoyed the class and should be proud of their finished piece. One of the great things about HCW is the versatility of skills within the club.





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## HCW CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Friday, December 13, 2024 6:00pm - 9:00pm**

*This annual event is always a highlight of the year for Club Members and their Families.*

*This has been a great year! Let's come together and celebrate the season with a delicious meal, some festive fun, good conversations, and your chance to win some cool door prizes as well as a few beautifully crafted centerpieces.*

*Just as in past years, you will have your chance to bid (and out-bid) for some amazing items in our Silent Auction!*

Sign up to bring your favorite food item and reserve your spot for you and your family.

Sign-up sheets are available at the October and November monthly meetings and also online on the HCW website. [www.huntcountywoodturners.org](http://www.huntcountywoodturners.org)

You will find two sign-up sheets. One is for food: your choice to bring salad, side dish, or dessert.

The second sign-up is for Helps. If you are able, please choose to help set-up, or assist during the party, or clean-up after. Many hands make light work. But not all need to do everything.

*If you would like, you may bring an unwrapped new toy.*

*These will be donated to the non-profit organization*

*Women in Need*

*For many years, it has been the honor of HCW to support this ministry in this way each year.*

**Held at Wesley United Methodist Church**

**1200 E. Joe Ramsey Boulevard \* Greenville**



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As a club, it is our desire to build connectivity between members. The **Members' Highlight** section is one way to learn about each other. Each month we hope to highlight 2 members, however we only had one participant this month. Thank you Johnny. If you would like to volunteer your bio info for future editions, let Brian Livingston know.

## Johnny Hayre

When asked to write about myself, my first thought was "I'm pretty dang boring". So here's my life. Read or skip this – your choice.

*What was my profession?* I typed for a living. Started at TI. At my 8 years at TI, I wrote software that helped make semiconductors. Left there to work for 7 years at a startup that never started up, then went to E-Systems/Raytheon/L3 for 22 more years. All jobs were writing software and remarkably I was never out of a job. *Am I married?* Yes. For 51 years. Five years of hell followed by better than and now better still. We got to know each other eventually and even learned to get along. *Kids / Grandkids?* Had 5, two are no longer living. Still have three, a girl and two boys. They have given me 7 grandchildren: 3 girls and 4 boys. And anyone with a fair evaluation will admit that mine are more adorable, smarter, and pleasant than any others in the lower 48 and possibly the entire North American Continent. *Have you traveled?* Some, almost nowhere. Canada: 6 hours, England: 2 hours, Germany: 3 weeks, Salzburg, Austria: 9 hours, Mexico: 16 days. Urey Colorado: several 1-week vacations. Grand Canyon: 5 hours. (If you think like I once did "It's just a big crack in the ground," it's not. You have to physically stand beside it to appreciate its magnificence. When I realized the string of 'ants' I could barely see on the other side was actually a line of 18-wheelers I began to appreciate the size of the dang thing.) *How long have I been woodturning and what do I like most about the club?* I have been turning since 1995 and I have two favorite things about the club. The number one thing is the people. I'm amazed at the talent and friendliness. The second thing is the meetings in which I like most to see what others have made and show off my turnings. One of my design goals, when turning, is to elicit my favorite question. Namely, "How did you do that?" (Even though the correct answer is usually "Saw a YouTube video.") Of course we can all get "How did you do that?" from the laity, but it is especially cool to hear that question from a fellow turner. *What is something you'd like to share about yourself, maybe something no one knows?* I have a condition in which I cannot understand words very well. That made it challenging to learn to talk. When I repeat a word, even immediately after hearing it, it doesn't come out much like what was said. This made me extremely quiet and shy when I was young. Through the years I've become adept at guessing the meaning of what I hear. As you might guess, this condition makes spelling almost impossible. A dictionary is of no use when you have three or more candidates for the first letter. Listening to lectures was very hard unless they were accompanied with text displays. For the first few years in school to "help me," the school hired a speech therapist to whom I was sent for an hour each day. What a waste of time. When I repeated a word I couldn't hear any difference between the word I was mispronouncing and the word that I was asked to repeat. Because of my condition in second grade, I often didn't understand the teacher's instructions. I'd ask Jimmy, the boy who sat beside me, what the teacher wanted. When he explained that, I generally knew how to do it, so Jimmy would copy my paper. We got along fine. My college English teacher was appalled that I could get through high school misspelling so many words. It didn't stop there either. At E-Systems, my colleagues had me in derision laughing at my emails.

Despite my condition, I was asked to write a weekly article for the Greenville Banner newspaper entitled "Tales From Texas" in which the editor told me to write anything I wanted. The Banner even paid me! I raked in 20 bucks an article and occasionally I was able to write in less than 6 hours. In writing this biography, I used SpellCheck and also ChatGPT and that's when I had an inspiration and gave ChatGPT my symptoms and asked for the medical term for my condition. The reply goes as follows: "...what you're describing is a condition called "auditory processing disorder" (APD). APD affects how the brain processes and interprets sounds, including speech. People with APD might have trouble distinguishing subtle differences in sounds, which can impact their ability to understand and spell words correctly."

Ain't that a hoot? I'm only 73 ½ years old and I already found the medical name for my hearing symptoms. Just imagine what I'll do in the next 73 ½ years! I might even figger out how to quit being so boring!



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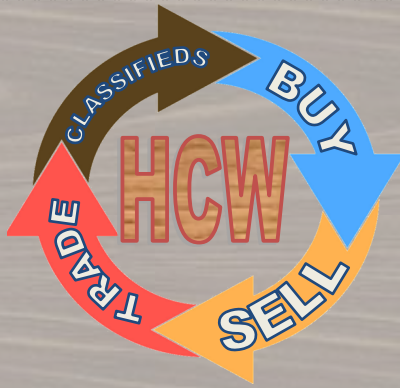
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If you have any woodturner related items to sell,  
this is your space to advertise.

Or maybe you are in search of a tool or equipment,  
seek for it here.

Submit your ad to Burt Andrew, email: [bandrew1@att.net](mailto:bandrew1@att.net)

Ads will be posted in the newsletter for two months,  
unless sold or requested to be removed sooner.

**ISO** -- Ruth Meyer has reached out to HCW on behalf of Makerspace in Rockwall ([www.rockwallmakerspace.org](http://www.rockwallmakerspace.org)), a non-profit organization community workshop that provides the tools and space to foster creativity. We support interests such as Woodworking, Metal Fabrication, 3D printing, Laser Cutting, Ceramic and Glass Working, Electronics, Welding and Craftwork. Makerspace is in need of a lathe and Ruth is wondering if there might be anyone in our club that would be willing to donate a safe, variable speed lathe (perhaps as a tax write-off) or sell one at a reasonable price. Check out their website and if you have any questions, please contact Ruth at 707-365-7904.

## **For Sale**

### **Nova Comet II Lathe**

Features: Variable Speed & Reversible.

Turning capacity: 12" Swing Capacity over bed and 16.5" between centers.

Variable Speed: 250 - 4000rpm. Spindle Thread: 1" - 8 TPI, RH.

Extra included: 13 lathe tools, 40+ Pen blanks, 2 Pen Mandrel, Dozen+ Pen Mechanism,

15 Drill Bits, G3 Nova Chuck, 1/2" Drill Chuck, Live center, etc.

To be sold as a package for \$600 (retail if new GT \$1,100.).



### **Festool Drill, Quadrive TPC 18/4**

Features: Handheld Drill, Charger, Battery, and Storage box only (see picture).

18 V w/ 4 gears.

All new, has never been used.

To be sold together for \$350 (retail if purchased individually = \$590.)

These items are available for pickup in Carrolton. Other arrangements may be made. Contact HCW member Mike Pregent at (214) 455-3151 for additional pictures and/or details. Contact Burt Andrew for additional pictures only.





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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](mailto: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. ↓

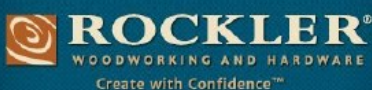


HCW members are encouraged to become a member of the  
**American Association of Woodturners!**

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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## Who's on Board

Serving the Hunt County Woodturners for 2024 are:

**Brian Livingston, President**

**Alain Schwarz, 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.

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