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President's Ponderings

Well, the first two months of the year turned out to be a test of our patience and flexibility with the weather interrupting our well laid out plans, didn't it?! It looks like the weather will hold out this time and we will get to have our club meeting on our regular day in March. Again, I thank everyone for your patience as we worked through the issues. It's a new process for the church too as this is their first year to be the warming center in Greenville and they did a great job keeping us informed and giving us some options.

We normally don't get to have the open shop before the club meeting, but it worked out that way in February. Thank you, Joe Grimes, for opening your shop to us. It was very well attended, and you have a very nice shop!!

I would encourage everyone to plan on going to SWAT this year and I just wanted to remind you again that hotel registrations have already been opened and those rooms go fast. Also, SWAT opened their registration this week! Be sure when making your hotel reservations to go through the link on the SWAT website, otherwise you won't get the discount.

Don't forget your quarterly challenge piece - something Easter themed with the principle part of it being turned on the lathe.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 13th!!

Be blessed,
Brian



March

- 13th - Club Meeting
- 15th - Open Shop

April

- 3th - Board Meeting
- 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th - Kirk DeHeer
- 10th - Club Meeting
- 12th - Open Shop
- 18th - 27th - Hunt County Fair

May

- 1st - Board Meeting
- 8th - Club Meeting
- 10th - Open Shop

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MARCH

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 13th 7:00 - 9:00pm

**Wesley United Methodist Church,
Greenville**

**Demonstration: Bowl Turning
(discussing the Empty Bowl program)
by John Solberg**

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 15th 8:00 - Noon

**Tom Nehl's Shop
118 RS County Rd. 4269, Emory**

**Mini Class: Show & Tell
"Anything but Turning"**

This month, instead of a mini-class we will have a Show-N-Tell. But not our usual club Show-N-Tell of turned pieces. As a matter of fact, it is "**Anything BUT Turning**". There are many hidden talents amongst the HCW Members that are not specific to turning. Have you seen any of Stacy Nehl's power carvings? How about Tommy Murphy's hand carvings and ink work? Or any of Howie Stevens' 3D end-grain cutting boards? The list goes on and on. We want to see your hidden talents! Or maybe not so hidden, but talents that might not be used when the field is limited to turnings. So, bring your 'other' woodwork and show it off! It may be flag boxes, power carving, hand carving, pyrography, joinery, flat work, picture frames, etc. **BRING IT!** Your willingness to share might give someone the spark they need to step outside the realm of turning and try a new venture. Or you may give that little inspiration to someone to add that final touch to a piece they just hadn't settled on how to finish it yet.

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 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 get 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 Greenville.

APRIL

BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 3rd 5:30pm

**Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville**

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 10th 7:00 - 9:00pm

**Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville**

**Demonstration: TBD
by: Kirk DeHeer**

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 12th 8:00 - Noon

**Brian Schrader's Shop
1012 Lynx Hollow Trail, Forney**

Mini Class: TBD

HUNT COUNTY FAIR -

18th - 27th See Pg 5 for details

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS



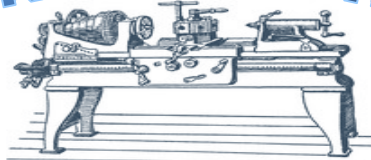
- 4TH - Howie Stevens
- 5TH - Jenna Joyce
- 9TH - Kevin Young
- 10TH - Jim Stewart
- 11TH - Johnny Hayre
- 11TH - Gary Sanders
- 12TH - Nelson Hughes
- 12TH - Connie Brumlow
- 12TH - John Regis
- 15TH - Dan Parsons
- 15TH - Hugo Privitt
- 19TH - William Young
- 21ST - Mary Henry
- 21ST - Brian Schrader
- 24TH - Bill Belitz
- 24TH - John Blattman
- 25TH - Maxey Hooks
- 27TH - Kevin Himes
- 27TH - Dennis Ogren
- 28TH - Billy Walker
- 31ST - Tami Lattanzi

Prayer Requests & Praises

**Vic Hollingsworth
Tami Lattanzi
Robert Webster**

PHILIPPIANS 4: 6

"ON THE LATHE"



These are either currently In the Works,
or Reminders, or Announcements

QUARTERLY CHALLENGE

Bring your Easter-themed creation to the Club Meeting NEXT week (13th).

Remember the current challenge is an Easter-themed item with the primary component being turned.

Members will vote on their favorite item.

The winner will receive a \$50 gift card.

SWAT IS COMING!

Hotel Registrations opened February 10th!
And SWAT Registrations opened March 3rd!
See page 4 for all the information.

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SWAT2025 is coming AUGUST 22, 23, 24

What is SWAT?

The SouthWest Association of WoodTurners!

The SWAT organization exists to promote the craft of woodturning through training, demonstrations, hands on experience and exhibits. SWAT offers something for all levels of experience from hobbyists to professionals. All levels of experience are welcome to participate in the yearly symposium each August. If you enjoy woodturning and want to meet like-minded folks, this is the place for you. All ages and levels of experience are encouraged to attend and broaden their craft and/or learn new skills.

In addition to learning from the demonstrations at SWAT, you can also learn from rubbing elbows with a wide range of experienced turners. The years of experience found at each SWAT event runs into the thousands, and you won't find a nicer group of people who are always willing to share their experience.

The 7 Lead Demonstrators are set: Sally Ault, Toni Street, Mike Mahoney, Michael Nish, Matt Monaco, Jerry Bennett & Lyle Jamieson.

The list of 17 Regional Demonstrators is soon to be finalized and currently includes: Alan Stratton, Anne Ogg, Charles Tucker, Clayton Thigpen, Gary Rock, James Carter, James Duxbury, Jim Bob Burgoon, Keith Robinson, Leonard Nederweld, Linda Jane Ferber, Lionel Bedard, Mark Wallace, Paul Russell, Paul Tiefel, Steve McNeil & Todd Raines.

All Leads will present 2 topics/subjects and the Regionals will present a single class. All sessions are repeated twice over the three days of SWAT. The hard task is to select the 8 sessions you wish to see!

Date is set: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, August 22, 23, 24, 2025!

Place is set: Waco Convention Center

Cost: Registration is \$190 for the full three days, (couples can register for \$315). There are many extras (such as Saturday night banquet, T-shirts, Demonstrators Handbook, etc.) that can be added to your cart and there are single day prices as well. Go to swaturners.org for all details and options.

The raffle Grand Prize is a Robust American Beauty, as well as 3 Jet 12/21 lathes.

Important Dates:

- ◆ **February 10, 2025.** This is the date that the official hotels for SWAT, The Hilton and The Marriot Courtyard, open their blocks of rooms reserved at conference price (estimated to be \$170). Get yours reserved early. Don't wait. There are other options for lodging in Waco, but you will need to research those options yourself.
- ◆ **March 3, 2025.** This is the opening date for online registration for SWAT.
- ◆ **August 1, 2025.** This is the date online registration closes (and prices increase).

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**April
18th - 27th**



Every year the Hunt County Fair provides us with the opportunity to show the local public what we do!

Our booth is set up close to the main entrance and we have been told that the Hunt County Woodturner's booth is a big draw for the fair!

But to make this year a success and to share the commitment we have there,



It's an opportunity to do some turning and have fun hanging out with other HCW members.

It's great to talk with visitors that stop and watch (plus you get in for free!!)

We typically have two lathes set up for demonstration.

The Fair lasts for 10 days so there are a total of 92 time-slots that need to be filled.

Choose from time-slots that are 2-1/2 or 3-1/2 hours.

Most have 4 members per rotation, so you're never alone.

If you've never done it before, step out and come help us, you will enjoy it!

The available timeslots on the website, so please check it out and sign up for a few of them.

Your help is much appreciated.

Also, if you are available to help set up on the 17th or tear down on the 28th, please check with Tom Nehl for details.

ENTER YOUR WORKS OF WOOD AS AN EXHIBIT IN THE FAIR !

Act now and get your creative works of wood to the Fair in time to be on display. This is a competitive event, with ribbons awarded, displayed in the Creative Arts Building which is located directly behind our booth! The entry form is available on the Hunt County Fair website or the link on the HCW website. The cost is \$2.00 per entry, (\$1.00 for 65+), to be paid by the individual participants. Entries must be delivered to the Fair on Tuesday, April 9, between 2pm and 7pm. Contact Tom Nehl if you have any questions.

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Kirk DeHeer Extravaganza

The Dallas Area Woodturners (DAW) and the Hunt County Woodturners (HCW) have teamed up to bring our members a world class training event.

We are pleased to bring the noted woodturner and instructor Kirk DeHeer from Salt Lake to our North Texas region for multiple events for training and demonstrations.

We will offer four unique full day classes at the low cost of \$100 per class!! This is a rare opportunity to learn from a popular instructor. You may have seen Kirk at SWAT, various Craft Supplies USA trainings, on Instagram or other locations. You can read more about Kirk and many of the classes/demonstrations that he offers at his website: acutabovebowlco.com

Tuition Classes:

All classes will be held at Brian Schrader's shop, 1012 Lynx Hollow Trail, Forney (Heath) 75126
All classes will be held 8:30AM – 4:30PM. Coffee, Water and Soft Drinks will be provided. Bring a sack lunch or cash for a combined order take-out lunch run.

Class 1: Sat, April 5: Basic Class: Green Bowl

Class 2: Sun, April 6: Intermediate Class: Elegant Platter (Dry)

Class 3: Tues, April 8: Intermediate/Advanced Class: Box with Inlay in Lid (Dry)

Class 4: Wed, April 9: Intermediate/Advanced Class: Calibash Bowl (Green wood)

Reserve your place now! Sign-up on the HCW website. To reserve your place, you must pay in advance. HCW & DAW are both allotted equal seats in these classes. There will be an overflow list for each class. Seats in any class not sold (a.k.a. paid for) at midnight Sunday, 23 will be offered to other area clubs and the public. Cancellations will be refunded if the seat is resold less PayPal or other processing fees.

Club Meeting Demonstrations:

If you can't attend any of these training sessions, you have other opportunities to see Kirk while he is in North Texas. He will present three different demos at three area wood turning clubs. (Specific Demo at each club is TBD.)

Demo 1: Mon, April 7: Golden Triangle Woodturners

(7PM Greater Denton Arts Council, 400 E. Hickory St., Denton)

Demo 2: Thurs, April 10: Hunt County Woodturners

(7PM Wesley UMC, 1200 E. Joe Ramsey Blvd., Greenville)

Demo 3: Thurs, April 17: Dallas Area Woodturners

(7PM Wood World of Texas, 13650 TI Blvd., Dallas)

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Thank you to Joe Grimes
for opening his shop
and for being flexible, changing the date due to the weather.
And also, thank you, Joe, for sharing your knowledge
of all your tips on sanding during the mini-class.

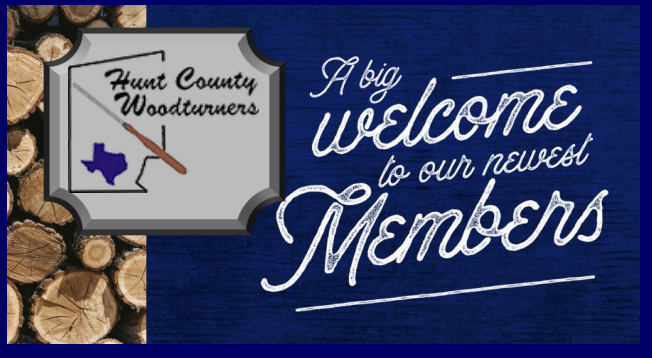
February Open Shop

There were a total of 30 in attendance.



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John Fowler

Let's welcome our newest member! John joined us last month at our Open Shop becoming our 103rd member! John is from Caddo Mills. He retired from Garland Power & Light in 2020, and is an active woodturner. He has a mid-sized Ricon lathe and likes turning pens, especially acrylics.

John, you may pick up one of the new member gifts at the next club meeting. Choose one: Coffee Mug, T-Shirt, or Hat.



And speaking of Membership...

If you haven't renewed your 2025 membership yet, please do as soon as possible. You can do it one of three ways:

- 1) Via our website: huntcountywoodturners.org (click link)
- 2) Email Mark Spencer m Spencer2112@gmail.com and ask for a Paypal invoice to be emailed to you
- 3) Bring your renewal form (you can print from our website) to the March club meeting on the 13th along with a check or cash.

MEMBERS' HIGHLIGHT

This "Members' Highlight" section of the newsletter is one way we as a club hope to build connectivity between our members. If you have been reading these short biographies over the last 13 months, you have learned a little about the lives of 21 of our members.

(If you missed any, you can go to HCW website and click on the past newsletters.)

Many of you have expressed your appreciation of learning about your fellow woodturners here.

But to be able to continue this section, we need to hear from you.

SO WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Will you share it with us?

If you so, please contact Brian Livingston and he will give you all the details.

Brian's email is bdliving@yahoo.com.

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RESOURCES!

HCW has a marvelous array of talented **MENTORS** who have graciously agreed to be a resource. They can mentor you over the phone, in person, or maybe even a video call. Give them a call or a text and they will get back to you. Find our Mentors List in the Members Only section of our website. www.huntcountywoodturners.org

We need you! Please help us expand this RESOURCES page. If you can recommend any YouTube links or Tips or Books, please send the information to Brian Livingston. Continually educating each other is part of who we are as HCW.



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 piece of equipment, seek for it here. Or perhaps you have a service you can offer, tell us here.

Submit your ad to Burt Andrew, email: bandrew1@att.net

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

SPECIALTY LUMBER & LOGGING George Freeman * 214-334-4035 * woodchipper2011@hotmail.com

I have a sawmill and cut my own trees to be milled. This includes:

- ◆ Smaller logs, less than 20" in diameter, are cut into lumber of various thickness for...
 - ◇ Wood-turning billets: tool handles, pepper grinders, candle sticks and table legs of 2", 3" & 4" square pieces of various lengths.
 - ◇ Sawed into Lumber: 10' and 12' long by 1", 2" or 3" thick for woodworking projects.
 - ◇ Boards for small DIY projects: cutting boards, shelving, cheese boards, etc. These are cut and planed into 2', 3', 4', & 6' lengths.
 - ◇ Small board lengths for segmenting and intarsia projects.

You can check out my You-Tube channel: "George Wood of Texas: to see how we do all these activities & more.

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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.

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

Bill Belitz, 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.

Gifts to Hunt County Woodturners, Inc. are fully deductible for U.S. Income Tax purposes.