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President's Ponderings

Two recent events come to mind when I think about how much I enjoy our Hunt County Woodturners club.

First – the Hunt County Fair

I mentioned last month how much I enjoyed working it, even though I could only fit one shift into my schedule. But, I wanted to thank all those that did come and work, even if you could only fit in one shift as well. I know there were many people who volunteered for many shifts & spent literally several hours on the road back & forth. Thank you for your dedication. To all those that talked to strangers about woodturning, made something while they watched or put a smile on a kid's face while they colored their tops, you represented the club & did it well!! I've heard nothing but good things about the fair (except for the rain). Huge thank you, to every one who helped!

Second – the work party at George's

I got to attend my first work party in May & after working a chain saw for 3 hours, I could hardly drive home, my arms were so tired. 😊 It was fun & amazing to see the process required to cut the wood planks down to the blanks that we turn into bowls. Between the two days, Friday and Saturday, we had almost 30 people at George's to help and I heard we made about 300 bowl blanks! Whether you helped make the planks, used the templates to mark the wood, rough cut them out with the chainsaw, made them round on the band saw, drilled the center holes or put anchor seal on them....we thank you for making it a success! And thank you George for ALL the work you do for us.

These are just two of the many things that make me proud to be part of HCW!

Be blessed, Brian



June

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

July

- 11th - Club Meeting
- 13th - Open Shop

August

- 8th - Club Meeting
- 10th - Open Shop

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JUNE

BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 6th 5:30pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 13th 7-9pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville
Demonstration by Lee Craft
Air Brushing

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 15th 8am-Noon
Burt Andrew's shop
8085 CR 2578, Royse City
Mini-Class: *Jigs & Figures*

JULY

BOARD MEETING -

**NOTE the EARLY DATE due to the
Independence Day holiday**

Thursday, JUNE 27th 5:30pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 11th 7-9pm
Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville
Demonstration by Tim White, and
Dennis Ogren, and Alain Schwarz
Basic Bowl Turning

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 15th 8am-Noon
Donna Frazier's shop
1275 Wild Rd., Van Alstyne

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.

⇒ Once/Twice Yearly - Work Party & Lumberjacking

We meet at George Freeman's house to cut up and process trees into blanks for turning. These are not scheduled but you will be notified by email when a date / time is set. Come join the fun and also learn some of the many steps and processes that are needed to produce your own turning blanks. And of course, you can't make blanks without trees, so several times a year, George goes out and cuts down trees to bring back for our Club's use. If you are interested in going on one of these lumberjack excursions, email George woodchipper2011@hotmail.com and he will send you an email notification of when the next trip is planned.

Join in on the Monthly Club meeting through
ZOOM meetings using the link below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?
pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkJkRoSGh3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkJkRoSGh3Zz09)

Meeting ID: 849 3813 1255

Passcode: 308416

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**SWAT2024 is coming
AUGUST 23, 24, 25**

Register NOW!!!



Registration is open! It opened March 4th, so if you haven't already done so, register NOW. Click on the SWAT website link below to register. The date is set for the weekend of August 23-25th. Set up will be on Thursday the 22nd and any club members who want to go a day early and help set up just need talk with Lee Craft. The on-line registration cost for the weekend will be \$190 for the 3-day ticket package. This on-line registration closes on August 1st. Don't wait! The cost is \$300 to register at the door. The Saturday night dinner cost is \$35 and well worth it. SWAT is held in Waco at the Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave.

Demonstrators: The lead demonstrators will be: Beth Irland, Sammy Long, Jason Breech, Kurt Hirtzon, Stewart Batty, Laurant Nicolot, and Kirk DeHeer. We encourage you to search YouTube for their videos. There will be Ornamental Turners represented this year (Rose Engine Lathe)

Raffle: The 3-for-1 Raffle this year will offer an American Beauty lathe as the grand prize as well as three Jet 12-21's along with other good prizes.

Hotels: The Hilton and Marriott Hotels booked through the SWAT link have sold out. But there are plenty more hotels in Waco.

Get all the information and registration details at SWATS website. www.swaturners.org



QUARTERLY CHALLENGE:

Make something out of

ANY SCRAP WOOD

Bring your creation to the

JUNE Club Meeting for Show-and-Tell.

The members will vote on their favorite item and the winner will get a \$50 gift card!

SO WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

The "Members' Highlight" section in this newsletter helps build connectivity between club members by sharing the stories of two members each month. Other members would like to know you better.

Will you share your story with us?

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

Brian's email is bdliving@yahoo.com.

APPAREL ORDERS

It's time to order HCW club shirts or hats.

The deadline to turn in your order is THIS Thursday, June 13th at club meeting.

Make sure you bring your form filled out, or fill one out at the meeting.

There are payment options on the form.

TENTATIVE TRAINING CLASSES

Looking to expand your knowledge and skill? Keep these classes in mind and go to HCW website for details and to register.

September: Pyrography

November: Beginners 2-day class

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MEMBERS' HIGHLIGHT

Dale King

I was a Design Draftsman in the oil & gas industry for 38 years. I specialized in piping designs and built refineries and compressor stations. Developing that designing skill came in handy in other areas in life.

I married the love of my life (Marge) in 1956 and we were married 64 years when she passed away in 2020. We knew each other in grade school and hung out together in high school but we didn't date until she had graduated. We have four kids (3 girls and a boy) which resulted in 9 grandkids and 12 great grandkids.

We did some traveling and got to see a lot of the US and we even took a Bill Gaither Alaskan cruise for our 50th anniversary. As much as I hate water, I have said that I would do it again, if I could.

I was born in New Mexico. My family moved a lot when I was a kid and I even have a very interesting photo taken when I was about 2 yrs old in front of our family's covered wagon (with model-T tires). At age 4 we moved from NM to Texas, then to Kansas. While in the Army I lived in Colorado. After that I have lived in Oklahoma, then Kansas again and back to Texas at age 39 and have been here ever since. In 1984-85, my wife and I built our house in Wylie, doing most all of the work ourselves. We enjoyed 38 years there. I now live in Fate with my daughter and son-in-law, Julie & Brian Livingston.

I bought my first lathe in 2003 but was busy with another hobby at the time so I didn't get serious about turning until 2017. But in the last 7 years, I have made hundreds of bowls, vases and other items. I have made a segmented bowl for most of my great-grandchildren and am in the process of designing and building segmented bowls for the rest of the great-grandchildren. My favorite thing

about woodturning is making segmented designs. The first segmented bowl I made was for Beads of Courage program. I like segmenting because "whatever you can dream and design, you can build." This is where I think the design skills I developed being a draftsman come in handy. I also enjoy cutting a log open and seeing what can be made out of it too because the characteristics of each bowl is so unique.

The other hobby I had when I got my first lathe was designing and building sailplanes; flying them in thermos-duration competitions here and in many other states. Over the course of that hobby, I built hundreds of sailplanes, including six planes of my own designs. However, my love for flying started long before that hobby, leading me to get my private pilot's license and own a Cessna plane.

Gary Sanders

I'm a retired Greenville

Fire Fighter. I retired after 33 years. My wife, Sheryl and I have been married for 40 years. We have four kids, Melissa, Tyler, Beth, and Janelle. We have three grand kids, Bella, Jonah, and Charlotte.

My dad was in the Airforce and when I was a kid, we lived in Germany and Holland. Because of wood turning, I have traveled to France and Australia.

My first experience in woodturning was in junior high. We turned a bowling pin lamp. I joined the Woodturners of North Texas Woodturners in 1992 and started turning professionally in 1994. My favorite thing about woodturning is figuring out how to make what I design.

I thought I wanted to be a furniture designer until I saw a display of turned art from the 1991 AAW Symposium at Denton.

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A big thank you to John Solberg
for demonstrating making cars and other toys at our

May Club Meeting.

And thank you, Sharon Ayres for recommending
that John come and thanks for introducing him to us.

There were a total of 36 at our meeting:
3 of those were visitors! 4 more joined in through Zoom.



Each item brought for **Show & Tell** was individually interesting and creative. We appreciate all participants.

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May's OPEN SHOP

We thank Brian Livingston and Dale King for opening their shop this past month. Brian announced it on their neighborhood Facebook page and two of the neighboring families came. There were 30 people total: 25 members and 5 visitors. The 5 visitors were neighbors.



Thank you Tom Nehl for demonstrating how to turn between centers.



Woodturning is my Therapy!



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THANK
YOU!

WORK PARTY
@ GEORGE'S



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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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Chris Bond
Jason, Wesley, Brighton, Joel, Nelson & Levi Chrisman
Chuck Day
Chris Firra
Jimmie Graves
Bill Heisel
Michael, Jill, James, and Jenna Joyce
Tami Lattanzi
Ruth Meyer and Matt Belval
Tommy Murphy

These are our new friends who have become members since the first of the year. We welcome each of you to our Hunt County Woodturners club this year. We are excited that you have joined with us in our woodturning adventure and we look forward to helping you take your turning skills to whatever level you want to go. If you haven't done so already, please make sure to pick up one of the new member gifts (one per individual or family membership) at the check-in table. Choose one: Coffee Mug, T-Shirt, or Hat.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

JUNE

Rhonda Stelly - 11th
Dan Henry - 12th
Dan Newberg - 12th
Michelle Frazier - 16th
Donna Frazier - 21st
Joel Rubin - 26th

Prayer Requests and Praise

John Blattman
Tami Lattanzi
George Littlefield
Kay Shrode



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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

For segmenters, George Freeman has 1" square boards that can be cut to various lengths for segmenting. He has this in Pecan, Mesquite, and Walnut. He also has his original stock of turning blanks. Contact George at 214-334-4035 if you are interested in purchasing any of this wood at a minimal cost. We are so thankful for everything George does for the club.

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 equipment,
seek for it here.
Submit your ad to Burt Andrew, email: bandrew1@att.net
Ads will be posted in the newsletter for two months.

What is so special about woodturning?

Woodturning is a craft - an art form for many people - where wood is cut and shaped (turned) on a lathe with a variety of hand-held tools. The various tools are used to cut the wood in different ways. What makes woodturning so interesting is that a single piece of wood can be turned into a vase, a lidded jar, a bowl, a plate, a pen, a bottle stopper, or a beautiful art piece. It all depends on the vision and imagination of the woodturner (maker). How the wood becomes something beautiful and/or useful depends on the tools used - and the skill of the maker. Woodturners continually aspire to hone and advance their craft. Incremental improvements over time produce amazing works of art.

(from www.swaturners.org)

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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.

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