

HCW NEWSLETTER

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JULY LETTER

Hi Folks ,, Hope everyone is staying cool. Well it's almost time for SWAT. Online registration closes on Aug. 1st so if you plan to go and haven't registered yet, you need to do so soon. If you haven't ever been to SWAT , I think you would really enjoy it. lots of classes to see and lots of things to buy, things you didn't even know you needed. I'm going to start looking for volunteers to be room assistants for the classes being done in Hunt County's room. This pays \$25.00 to assist the demonstrator during his or her demo for 2 hours. A good way to see the demo you want and make a bit of money at the same time. There will soon be a schedule on the SWAT website to see when and where your favorite demo will be. I will be going to Waco for the final board meeting on July 29th.and should have all the final details at the Aug. meeting.

The clothing order is in and Burt will have all the HCW shirts and caps for you to pick up at the Thursday night meeting.

Our own Johnny Hayre will be doing the demo. Open Shop will be at my shop on Sat. the 15th.

6207 County Rd. 2560 Royse city 75189.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all there as well as at the Thursday night Meeting.

Thanks to all of you ,,,,, Lee

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SWAT News

First off, the dates for SWAT this year are August 25, 26, & 27. The set up team will have to be there on Thursday the 24th.

The lead demonstrators this year will be;
Emiliano Achaval, Cindy Drozda
Colwin Way, Tom Lohman (segmenting),
John Lucas, Derik Weidman (off center turning)

Among the regional demonstrators is our own
Donna Frazier, Janice Levi (pyrography), Neil Brand,
Jim Buckelew (segmenting), Kayla Cooper (pens) and 10 others.

The 3 for 1 Raffle will be giving away a Power Matic Lathe as well as 3 Jet 12/21s
The host hotels are the same, the Hilton attached to the convention ctr., and the Courtyard by Marriott across the street from the convention ctr. SWAT rate is \$167.00 per night. Of course, many other hotels available also. Host hotels usually go quick.

Food & Catering, The board spent a long time on this one. As you are aware if you've gone the past couple of years, the food has left a lot to be desired. This is, by far, the largest expense for SWAT costing upwards of \$65,000. They have 26 caterers in Waco to choose from this year, compared to 6 last year, no decision has been made yet. One decision was NOT to have a \$45 Banquet meal this year on Sat. night. There will be a meal, no foo foo meal, just a family style meal, possibly Mexican food or Bar BQ that will cost about \$20 per person. Not \$45. After the meal will be the Sat night Raffle drawing. No meal on Friday night. There will be lunches on Fri, Sat & Sun.

Online Registration will start on March 1st until August 1st. Basic registration will be the same as last year, \$175.00 for all 3 days.

Anyone placing items in the Gallery will be allowed to put out business cards, in a holder if they wish to sell an item. That transaction will be between the seller and the buyer, not involving SWAT.

The rooms could possibly be rearranged to make more larger rooms and eliminate the tiny rooms. This may possibly affect HCW's longtime location, not sure yet.

That is about all for now. I'll let you know more when I know.

Thanks, Lee

PRAY FOR:

Kay Shrode &

Frank Shrode

George Littlefield



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 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)

Forewarning the blanks now cost, but we are so thankful to George for everything he does for the club.

July Birthdays

| | days |
|------------------|------|
| Gage Wirtzberger | 2 |
| Donna Carmickle | 14 |
| Bill Lilley | 17 |
| Eisa Wirtzberger | 19 |
| Alain Schwarz | 24 |
| John Frazier | 27 |
| Steve Lamkins | 27 |

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Club meeting will be July 13th at 7 pm at the Wesley United Methodist Church.



Open Shop
July

Lee Craft's Shop

6207 County Rd. 2560 Royse city 75189.

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),
Alan Fields (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.





“Woodworking minus patience equals firewood” - Jack Neff

**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=ITYYrYLgEfl>

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 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/>

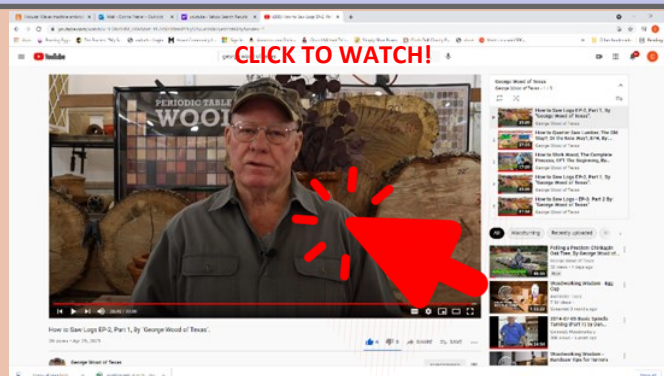
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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. Alan Fields
P.O. Box 8191
Greenville, Texas 75404

OR Email to

Alan Fields 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.

[CLICK BELOW TO OPEN](#)

| Mentor | Home City | Cell Phone | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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| Frank Strick | Greenville | 937-336-0426 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Tom Phillips | Lubbock, TX | 806-736-0633 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Robert England | Greenville | 937-336-2448 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| James Probstman | Greenville | 937-336-2488 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| David Gishler | Greenville | 937-336-0276 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| George Probstman | Greenville | 937-336-0495 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Tom White | McKinney | 214-495-2127 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Gary Laidson | Greenville | 937-336-4833 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Mark Spencer | Greenville | 937-336-2629 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Greg Walker | Greenville | 937-336-0265 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |



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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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**Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2023**

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church and was also open to members through Zoom, conducted by Sully Sullivan. No members attended through Zoom this meeting.

Club members Attending in Person: Lee Craft*, Alain Schwarz*, Sully Sullivan*, Doug Balzer*, Burt Andrew*, Cynthia Balzer, Mark Spencer*, Cheryl Sanders, Gary Sanders, Ed Mastin.

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 6:00pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

Items of Business

- Board Meeting minutes from June 1, 2023:

Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 1, 2023, board meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded by Sully Sullivan. Motion passed.

- Training:

○ Rod has proposed the following for upcoming training:

- Two-day segmenting class on Sat/Sun, Sept. 23 and 24. Primary instructor, Rod Brumlow. Training location: Rod Brumlow's shop.
- Two-day class featuring lidded boxes and texturing/carving on Sat/Sun, October 7 and 8. Primary instructor, Stacy Nehl. Training location: Rod Brumlow's shop.
- Optimum class size, 8 to 10. Discussed charging \$125 to those signing up prior to 2 weeks in advance, and \$150 otherwise.
- Discussed paying primary instructors \$100 per day.
- The training topics align with interests expressed by club members in the survey completed early this year.

- SWAT (Lee Craft)

- The Board narrowed the list of potential recipients discussed at the June board meeting for two 2023 SWAT scholarships (one sponsored by SWAT and one by HCW). Lee will extend the scholarships (free/reimbursed registration) to the two of our members selected by the Board, or to others discussed if one or either of the two declines.

- SWAT camera operators will most likely be Sully Sullivan, Howard Wellspring, Lee Craft.
- Lee is looking for room assistants. Gary Sanders and Alain Schwarz volunteered. Others will be needed.
- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops**
 - Johnny Hayre will demonstrate the making of an epoxy embellished vase during the July meeting. Note: Johnny's initially scheduled June demonstration was pushed back one month; Kevin Bassett demonstrated a winged platter at our June meeting.
 - Lee Craft (6207 CR 2560, Royse City) will host Open Shop, Saturday, July 15. During the open shop mini-class Johnny Hayre will follow up his previous demonstration with additional details regarding his use of resins in a variety of woodturning applications.
 - Tom Nehl is lined up for the August demo.
- **Financial (Mark Spencer)**
 - Mark presented a 2023 Budget Summary through June; source documents included the check register and available receipts.
 - Mark has added line items to provide additional details.
 - As Mark continues to refine the records, the income items yet to be categorized have been reduced to about \$1K. Expense items yet to be categorized amount to less than \$300.
 - Mark has researched other storage building options in the area and found that our storage facility cost is competitive. He recommended no change.
 - As of June, income exceeds expenses by \$4,072.
 - In the future, financials will be emailed to the Board members prior to the Board meetings.
 - Mark presented and explained the Paypal register. Paypal balances will be moved to the checking account at the end of each month.
 - As of the end of June, the check register indicates a relatively high balance of \$16,522. Since this is more than needed for routine business, Mark recommended moving most of the balance to a CD.

Sully Sullivan made a motion for Mark to move \$10K of the checking account balance to a 13 month CD offered by Alliance with 5% interest. Alain Schwarz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- Mark informed us that early withdrawal will lose only the current quarter's interest.
- As authorized by the Board previously, Mark is still working on the Alliance signatory updates.

- **Women in Turning (Cynthia Balzer)**

- The HCW WIT program is being discontinued due to lack of participation. Thanks to Cynthia for her time and effort on this project. Future activities of interest to our female members will be directed to our general membership.
- Due to the ongoing success and interest in our Open Shops and to promote additional fellowship, Cynthia suggested consideration of two Open Shops per month, one on the Saturday following the monthly club meeting per the usual schedule and the other two Saturdays later. Gary suggested that the additional event be offered as a "turning get-together" with projects at each lathe, with associated discussion, problem solving, and instruction. This will be further discussed with Club membership for possible implementation in 2024.

- **Misc. Items of Interest**

- Membership still stands at 99.
- The Club's apparel orders have arrived in time to begin distribution during the July club meeting.
- Alain Schwarz expressed appreciation for the Club's support of Restored Hope Ministries. Eight items have so far been contributed by HCW club members for the upcoming auction on September 17th, which will be both live and on-line. Alain will accept turned items on behalf of Restored Hope through the end of August. He has reserved several tables for an organizational dinner on September 16, and has extended an invitation to interested HCW members. Contact Alain for further information.
- The Club's Christmas Party (members only) will be held at the Wesley United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 9.
- Lee initiated an early discussion on elected officer nominees for 2024. Currently:
 - Intent to step down: President (Lee) and Event Coordinator (Doug)

- Willing to continue: Vice President (Alain), Treasurer (Mark), Secretary (Burt)
- TBD: Training Coordinator (Rod), Technology Director (Sully)
- As we approach the end of the year, nominees from the general membership for any elected position will be solicited and welcomed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.