

# HCW NEWSLETTER

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## Volunteerism

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Is that even a real word. Is it even a real thing anymore? Last month, Mike Ragsdale and I were setting up all the Audio Visual equipment for our monthly meeting. Just Mike & I. Joe Grimes, who can always be counted on to help, had a commitment he had to attend to. And that was understandable. Unexpected things pop up every so often that have to be dealt with. Joe did call and apologize for not being able to make it. After we got everything set up and running, Mike said to me, "I really don't know what has happened to our club". Used to be when things needed to be done, lots of people would show up to help. Not so much anymore. We are a club. A non profit organization made up of a lot of people who share the same interest, Woodturning. But, by the sheer nature of the club, it takes a lot to operate it. We have over 100 members now, but there are only about 10 that make the club run. There are many unseen, necessary jobs that have to be done, Just to have our regular meeting. Not to mention open shops, the Hunt Co. Fair, SWAT and others. In 2019, I expected maybe 10-12 people to show up in Waco on Thursday to help unload and set up for SWAT. 30 folks were there. And those same 30 people were there Sunday afternoon to take down and load up. Last year, maybe 8. I completely understand that a lot of our members are NOT retired, and there are a lot of demands on peoples time. BUT. If you can help, we would really appreciate it. It's not much. Maybe helping to set up for a meeting. Doug Balzer is our new Events Coordinator and he has jumped in with both feet and doing a great job. But sometimes, he needs help getting the lathes to and from the storage unit to open shop and back, as well as other events. And I'm still looking for a replacement for Mike Ragsdale as AV Coordinator. Mike has done this a long time and would like to come sit and enjoy a meeting without running all the microphones, cameras, TVs and computers. All that's not terribly hard either. If you hooked up your new big screen, you could probably do this also. I keep thinking that one day Mike just won't show up. And we would all just sit there. But knowing the kind of man Mike is, I really don't see that happening. Hunt County Woodturners is a great club, and those of us on the Board are constantly trying to make it better for everyone. So, I'm asking, If you are able, and have the time to volunteer to help this club operate and remain a great club, Myself and the rest of the Board would really appreciate it.

Thanks To You All, Lee Craft President HC W

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## Photo Directory

We are putting together our first ever photo directory. Club photographer, Ed Mastin will be at our club meeting Thursday and can take your picture. We will be asking you to please send us your photograph. Please send them to: Burt Andrew (972-757-5488) ([bandrew1@att.net](mailto:bandrew1@att.net)) or Donna Frazier (214-499-2336) [surfingthebevel@hotmail.com](mailto:surfingthebevel@hotmail.com))

## Quarterly Challenge

Our first Quarterly Challenge is to make something from a 2X4. Be creative!!! This project is due for presentation at the March meeting.

## Something Nice

I want to share something nice with all of you. You have seen the purpleheart tractor part blanks, I made, and am now turning. Well, one of my longtime friends came to Dallas and she and Carole went to Arboretum. I had sent one of the finished purpleheart parts to be given to her. Last night she called and during conversation she told Carole that: "Every time I look at bowl, I think of how it was made with "loving hands". I do not feel this (Loving hands) is something unique to me. I have seen the things many of you make to be given to others. Obviously, there are many "loving hands" out there. And I have gotten to meet and make friends with a bunch of "loving hands" in my association with all of you. So, THANKS, Cheryl, Donna, George, Joe, Tim, Gary, Sammy and all the rest of the HCW community. Keep me in your thoughts. Send me pictures of what you are doing (includes everyone in HCW) To Jim Brooks at [jimb6856gmail.com](mailto:jimb6856gmail.com)

**Fun with the grandkids** over the Holidays: 66 Brainteasers and Riddles <https://www.fatherly.com/play/66-brain-teasers-for-adults-kids-and-everyone-in-between/>

**We will be taking orders** for CBN Wheels and other items from Woodturners Wonders. The last day to add something to the order is at the meeting this Thursday, Payment is due with the order and there are more details in the board minutes for this month.

<https://woodturnerswonders.com/>

If anyone is having trouble or is still new to using Zoom then please contact Cory White 972-345-6205

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**PRAY FOR:**

**Kay Shrode &  
Frank Shrode**

**Tim White's son Daniel**  
Health issues.

**Pam Shuman**  
She is about to have surgery.

**Ed Mastin**  
Medical condition.



# REMINDERS

While everyone is at home socially distancing, things can get boring so use this excess of time to call up a mentor from the [mentors list](#).

They can mentor you over the phone, or maybe even a video call. This is the perfect time to practice your woodturning skills and get the help you need to succeed.

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)

## February Birthdays

days

Robert Ledbetter	6
George Freeman	8
Joe Grimes	13
Travis Guinn	13
Cheryl Clark	18
Fred Groves	24

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**The club's** Nova lathe along with stand and inventoried accessories is now available for loan to members in good standing, on a three-month rotating basis. If you would like to apply for consideration, please contact a board member.

**Earl Bradley is our presenter for February 10. He will be demoing a flask .**

**The Club Library** is now gathering demonstration handouts to keep on file. If you have a handout from a demonstration that you found interesting, helpful or had project instructions... please make a copy and give it to our librarian Keith Clark or president Donna Frazier 214-499-2336

**We are now accepting** Hunt County Woodturners Membership renewals for 2022. Our Treasurer, Alan Fields, will be sending out Paypal invoices as a payment option for dues to all members. Renewal of HCW membership for 2022: \$48 check made out to HCW and mailed to: HCW, Attention: Alan Fields, P.O. Box 8191 Greenville, TX. 75404. You can also pay for your membership in cash at the meetings as well.



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We are going to build up the Club YouTube channel. We are putting in mini demos on the channel. If you have something you want to share, you can make a demo as long or as short as you'd like. If you need help filming, we are putting together equipment to facilitate that. Please contact any board member if you are willing to help with this. Here is the link to the channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7KsCch28Ne5sE8LjhR2D1A>

## OPEN SHOP

### February

King Dale

1111 Highridge Drive, Wylie

### March

Lonnie Duke

706 Sahara Drive, Greenville

### HCW Members:

The sign-up page for the upcoming Beginner School is now open!

The school will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 26-27, 9 to 5 both days, at Dale Scrugg's shop, 4245 Destiny Drive, Caddo Mills.

Here's your chance to learn the basics as you work through a variety of projects. The class will be limited to 10 members, so jump in to reserve your place.

If of interest, you can sign up from our website (under Events), or by using the link below. From the SignUpGenius sign-up page, click the "sign-up" block and then "submit and sign-up" at the bottom. On the following page you'll enter your name and your e-mail address. You'll receive a confirming e-mail.

Payment (\$150 for both days) is due in advance. After sign-up our treasurer, Alan Fields, will send you a Paypal invoice. If preferred, you can send your check to Alan (1979 CR 2218, Caddo Mills, TX, 75135), or pay by check or cash at the club meeting.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f054daba628aaf49-hcwt>

Burt Andrew  
HCW Secretary

## SWAT News

As SWAT Director, I went to Waco last Saturday for the first SWAT board meeting of the year. Due mainly to low attendance last year, SWAT lost \$32,500. As you might guess, they cannot stand many more years like that. They're catering cost alone was over \$70,000. If you have eaten in the past months, you know how much food prices have risen. They're proposed catering cost for this year is over \$93,000. Therefore, for the first time since 2013, they are raising ticket prices. Early Registration (on line) ticket prices are going to be \$175.00. That's up from the \$140. we've been paying. Spouses will cost \$100. Banquet tickets are the same \$45.00. This is for all 3 days. a one day ticket is \$100.00. Walk up tickets (not on line) are going to be \$275.00 for 3 days, \$150.00 for one day. Early on line registration is strongly encouraged, you may have noticed it's a hundred dollars cheaper than walk up, not only for your tickets, but T shirts and handbooks. This way they will have a accurate number of how many will attend so they will know how much food is needed, how many shirts, and how many handbooks to have printed. This will help they're bottom line a great deal, which is \$218,393.00. That is what it cost to put on a good SWAT symposium. There will be no Friday night show or meal.

The lead demonstrators this year are Martin Sabin Smith, Mike Mahoney Andy Wolfe, Barry Gross, Dennis Paullis, Craig Timmerman, and Trent Bosh. The 3 for 1 Raffle features a grand prize of a Robust American Beauty Lathe, along with 3 other prizes of Laguna REVO 12/16 lathes. Artist donations for the raffle will be appreciated. As always, the host hotels are the Hilton and the Courtyard who are giving us the discounted SWAT rate of \$160 per night.

Early Registration begins March 15th, SWAT dates are Aug 26, 27, and 28.

That's all I have for now. Lee.

## For Sale: Nova Comet II midi-lathe

Includes: lathe, chuck & jaws, some hand tools and stand (Rockler lists only the lathe for \$674.99 new. The stand was ~\$200)

I'm asking \$475 total. If any members are interested, please call my cell: 214-535-6470 Many thanks, John McConnell

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who participated in this week's Chainsaw and Wood Processing Parties! Hunt County Woodturners now has it's turning supply room shelved with bowl blanks and spindle blanks. Thank you for helping make this possible!

## 2021 Hunt County Woodturners Board Members

### 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.

Lee Craft (President),  
Gary Sanders (Vice-President),  
Burt Andrew (Secretary),  
Alan Fields (Treasurer),  
Mike Ragsdale (Technology Officer: interim pending replacement),  
Joe Grimes (Training Coordinator),  
Doug Balzer (Event Coordinator)

### HCW Board of Directors meetings

are held on Zoom on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Board meetings are open to all members.

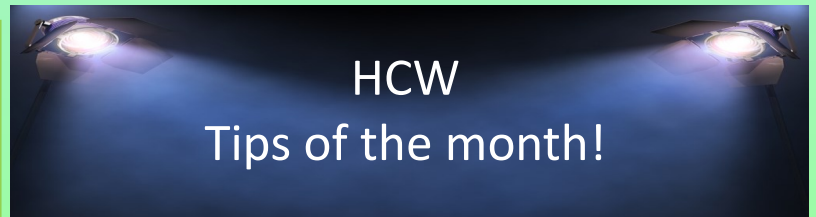




"Whether you think you can or you think you can't. You're right"  
- Henry Ford.

### Upcoming On-Line Events:

Nothing for now, check back later.



There are lots of things made of silicone that can benefit a woodturner...

Silicone Molds are available for resin projects and are used often by those who wish to make their own pen blanks.

Silicone Glue Brushes are handy for applying wood glue to a project. After use, you can let the brush dry, and the crusty glue will just peel off for an easy cleanup.

Silicone Mats are also super handy for easy project cleanup.

However, don't get super glue on the edge of a silicone mat. If it sticks to your work bench and you pull on the silicone mat... it will tear!





### Woodturning Quotes:

*Ever wonder the difference between Craft and Art mentality?...*

“A poorly designed turning is a constant and irritating reminder to you and to others that you could have done better; and a needless waste of resources and of your turning abilities.” – Mike Darlow

“I always say, if it don’t work out... so what! It’s ok... don’t worry about it. Doctors bury their mistakes, we burn them!” -Emmet Kane

*This is a good blend of Art and Craft...*

“I am one who turns for me I turn what I like. If someone likes what I make great!

Customers means business which means production which means efficiency which means proficiency in every aspect of the turning process.

the skill which one manipulates their turning tools matters greatly in the finished product.

An artist was asked how he painted such a beautiful picture. He answered that the painting was already on the canvas he simply uncovered it with his brushes.

My goal in turning is to look at the piece of wood, decide what it wants to be then efficiently turn away everything that isn’t that object.” – Tim White

*More food for thought on Art and Craft...*

Artists make “one-offs” that are artistly embellished turnings... I heard a Craft production woodworker once say, and I’m paraphrasing, that all his pieces were “one-offs”. He said he didn’t just make useful items out of wood. He categorized each piece of wood as to what item to make, that would show off the wood’s God given grain figure. He said each utilitarian item he made was “unique” in its organic features, his job was to cooperate with nature and highlight those qualities in the pieces he made.

Continuing that thought: If the function of some woodturnings is art and its use is to emit emotion... don’t all woodturnings serve a purpose and use? Can’t Craft production woodturnings be naturally artistic while still being utilitarian useful?

Perhaps maybe Art and Craft aren’t so different after all!

(All this is not to say that bad art and poorly crafted woodturnings are anything more than dross.)

IMHO anyway... Donna Frazier

# Inspiration

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 wood-working acronyms that are used in on-line forums. <http://www.hobbitthouseinc.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/>

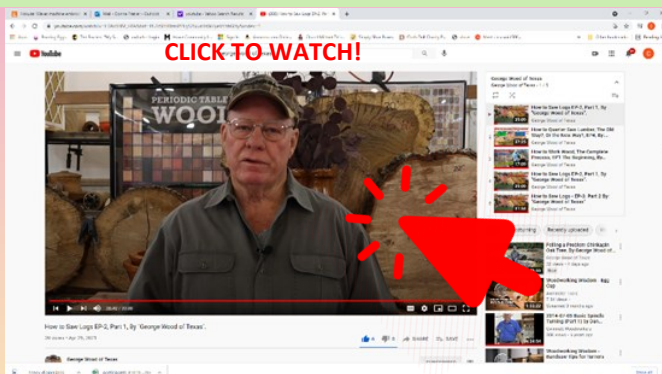
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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/>

George Wood of Texas

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKIK0-SnOevQbMue-V3sUUDg>



## 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 \(Sam Angelo\)](#)— suggested by Fred Groves
- [Robohippy](#)— Suggested by Tim White
- AAW website videos— suggested by Cory White

## WOOD OF THE MONTH: Aromatic Red Cedar

The Hunt County Woodturners are very fortunate to have George Freeman seek out, cut, transport, and store wood that all members have access to. Most of the wood is already cut into bowl blanks and spindle blanks, If you are needing wood contact George Freeman at (214-334-4035)

We are proud to present this months wood Aromatic Red Cedar.

## Aromatic Red Cedar

### Facts on Aromatic Red Cedar

from [Aromatic Red Cedar | The Wood Database - Lumber Identification \(Softwood\) \(wood-database.com\)](#)

- ♦ **Janka Hardness:** 900 lbf
- ♦ Overall, Aromatic Red Cedar is easy to work, notwithstanding any knots or irregularities present in the wood. It reportedly has a high silica content, which can dull cutters. Aromatic Red Cedar glues and finishes well, though in many applications, the wood is left unfinished to preserve its aromatic properties.
- ♦ Resin canals absent; earlywood to latewood transition gradual, grain moderately uneven to moderately even; tracheid diameter small to very small; zonate parenchyma (double ring).
- ♦ Has a straight grain, usually with knots present. Has a very fine even texture.
- ♦ Regarded as excellent in resistance to both decay and insect attack, Aromatic Red Cedar is frequently used for fence posts used in direct ground contact with no pre-treating of the wood.

If this wood seems interesting please take the opportunity to try Aromatic Red Cedar, you may like it!

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

**OR Email to**

Cory White at  
**[corywhite7@gmail.com](mailto:corywhite7@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**

2018 Hunt County Woodturners Mentors												
Mentor	Home City	Cell Phone	Woodturning	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools
Frank Winkle	Greenville	803-288-6525	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joe Williams	Castle Hill	803-533-8633	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Robert England	Greenville	803-453-1486	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sammy Thompson	Greenville	803-237-0066	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Spillert	Greenville	803-453-9579	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
George Henson	Greenville	214-538-8535	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tim White	McKinney	214-478-9117	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Greg Landrum	Greenville	803-453-4633	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark Spitzer	Greenville	817-742-2629	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cory White	Greenville	817-345-6335	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



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.)

**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  
February 3, 2022**

This meeting was conducted through Zoom only.

**Club members Attending:** Lee Craft\*, Gary Sanders\*, Joe Grimes\*, Burt Andrew\*, Doug Balzer\*, Alan Fields\*, Dale Scruggs, George Freeman, Steve Thomason, Kevin Young, Cynthia Balzer.

[Elected board members for 2022 indicated \*. A quorum of board members was in attendance.]

[Board member Mike Ragsdale could not attend due to power outages at home.]

**The Meeting was called to order** at 7:00pm by HCW President, Lee Craft.

**Items of Business**

**President – Lee Craft**

Lee noted that he has a meeting planned with Carl Gideon to discuss and understand website issues.

Informed that the first SWAT meeting of the year was held in Waco last Saturday, January 29, and that significant changes have been adopted for this year's SWAT. (details below under SWAT Director)

**Treasurer – Alan Fields**

January bank statement highlights were presented to the board during the meeting. A printed version was made available to board members in advance of the meeting.

Significant income and expense items:

Income: Paypal dues, raffle tickets

Expense: Storage building rental prepayment through 2/1/23

Checking account balance:

January 1, 2022: \$11,509.

January 31, 2022: \$9,337.

Discussed disposition of CD#3 (\$5,163.) maturing 3/12/22, relative to continuing CD vs money market, same bank.

*Gary Sanders made a motion to reinvest the maturing CD into a money market account. The motion was seconded by Joe Grimes. Motion passed.*

Alan called Carl Gideon to discuss and validate the \$300. invoice from Brenda Short for past domain name charges. Carl will confirm with Brenda, then will notify Alan so that the invoice can be resolved and paid.

Alan informed that he would file Form 990 (Organization Exemption Form for Income Tax). It wasn't filed in 2021, though we're still safely within the three-year window for filing.

**Secretary – Burt Andrew**

Approval of minutes from January 6, 2022, board meeting:

*Gary Sanders made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 6, 2022, board meeting, with no changes. The motion was seconded by Doug Balzer. Motion passed.*

Membership currently stands at 101. We increased by 4 new members last meeting.

Nova lathe loaner agreement:

Lathe is currently in possession of Eaton family with initial term 12/8/2021 through 3/8/2022.

The loan agreement offers the option to extend the loan period for one additional three-month term at the User's written request.

Brian Livingston has expressed interest in borrowing the lathe next.

Discussed process for queuing up next users. Will loan to next requesting member unless several members are interested at the same time. If several members are interested, the Board will make a selection after discussion.

**Vice President – Gary Sanders:**

Janice Levi pyrography class in May:

We have, so far, 7 interested members (enough for one class). George asked to be added to the list, bringing the number to 8.

Per student charge from demonstrator will be \$100, though Gary stated that charge may be negotiated down to \$90.

Gary suggested that the per-student tuition be set to \$100.

The Club meeting demo cost will be \$250.

The pyrography class will be held on Friday, February 11, at Lee's shop.

Equipment/supplies order:

Woodturner Wonders: Can be anything from the Woodturner Wonders website. Members to pay listed price; Woodturner Wonders will issue gift cards to benefit the Club. If interested, give clear description of item(s) from website, or (preferred) print item/page of interest, along with payment, to treasurer Alan Fields. End date for submissions, end of February meeting.

Woodworm: Price \$21. Each. Gary already has 19 names.

Alan will bring a listing of all orders to the February meeting for any adds or changes. All orders will require payment up-front.

Next quarterly challenge (due March meeting) will feature any turned object(s) made from an 8' 2X4, any type of wood.

**Training Coordinator – Joe Grimes**

Briefed plans for Beginner School:

Two-day class will be held March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at Dale and Debra Scruggs shop.

Will need more lathes; have 6. Instructors TBD.

No members have yet signed up on the website. Lee/Joe will discuss and promote the event next club meeting.

**Event Coordinator – Doug Balzer**

Doug announced upcoming Open Shop locations determined so far:

February: Dale King (Wylie)

March: Lonnie Duke (Greenville)

May: Lee Craft (Union Valley)

July: Donna Frazier (Van Alstyne)

August: Burt Andrew (Union Valley)

Hunt County Fair:

Confirmed on space, no fees, 20 X 15 tent space, will request same location as before.

Doug will bring member sign-up sheet to February meeting to cover hours: Weekdays, 5pm to 10pm; Weekends, noon to 10pm.

Alan will post this information to the website.

February Open Shop setup will be done early Saturday morning, February 12.

Joe stated that website sign-up pages would be improved if individuals already signed up could be shown.

Alan stated that Sign-up Genius will do this, and will plan to utilize it for upcoming sign-up events (i.e. Beginner School, Hunt County Fair, Pyrography class). He will need to be informed regarding event dates, time slots needed, and number of people needed per slot.

**SWAT Director – Lee Craft**

Last year's SWAT event lost \$32,500 due to low attendance (registrations, apparel, handbooks, wasted food, etc.)

The SWAT Board made significant changes for this year's event to avoid repeat losses:



On-line event registration will be increased from \$140. to \$175. (for all three days).

Spouse, additional \$100.

One-day registration, \$100.

On-site (walk-up) registration will be \$275. On-line registration is strongly encouraged, to include any optional additional purchases (t-shirts, handbooks, etc.)

Vendor space will be increased from \$250 to \$350 for 1<sup>st</sup> space and \$300 for each additional.

Lead demonstrators: Martin Sabin Smith, Mike Mahoney, Andy Wolfe, Barry Gross, Dennis Pauley, Craig Timmerman, Trent Bosch.

Need 14 regional demonstrators, have 11, need 3 more.

3-for-1 Raffle will feature Robust American Beauty lathe, and several Laguna Revo 12/16 lathes.

Artist donations would be accepted and appreciated for the raffle.

Hilton and Courtyard rates have been set at \$167 per night (discounted from \$245. per night) for SWAT attendees.

Will be no Friday night show.

Demonstrators will not be recorded, so there will be no DVD sales.

Will have a separate table set up in the gallery for new turners.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Show and Tell

