

HCW NEWSLETTER

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Hi Folks,

Well SWAT is over for another year. We had about 34 people to attend which is only about one third of the membership, but not a bad turnout. There were lots of good demos, lots of turning stuff to look at, and buy, lots of, eh, ok food to eat. I was told that the caterers learned a lot they're first year and promised improvements next year. Some folks thought it was all good. I would like to thank the volunteers who helped load, unload, set up, take down and reload all of the A/V equipment. You all were a great help.

Now we have a quarterly school to look forward to in October for turning Christmas ornaments. Then there will be a quarterly challenge in November for the best ornament or Christmas table decoration. Speaking of Christmas, I'm looking for some volunteers to help organize the Christmas party in Dec. Let me or one of the Board Members know if you can help.

Coming up next will be the Bois D' Arc Bash, on the square in Commerce. Still looking for a few folks to assist with that.

Kevin Bassett will be doing the demo at the meeting this week, Spindle turning. It will be good.

Thanks to all of you for being a part of the best turning club around.

Regards, Lee

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Photo Directory

We are putting together our first ever photo directory.
We will be asking you to please send us your photograph.
Please send them to: Burt Andrew (972-757-5488) (bandrew1@att.net)

We've just been presented a new lathe with accessories by the AAW through a grant award. It was delivered last week, and Lee has it now, preparing it for use.

The new equipment included a Jet JWL-1015 lathe, a stand, a Nova chuck, and a variety of conventional and carbide lathe tools.



These items will be added to HCW's equipment inventory and will be used for educational purposes in demos, open shops, and Club sponsored schools. Our thanks to the AAW for making these items available to us.

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

Cheryl Ragsdale and Family

Doug Balzer



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)

September Birthdays

	days
Harry Clark	3
Alan Fields	7
Charles G. Tucker	8
Sully Sullivan	14
Pleas Mckee	16
Henry Sherwood	16
Paul Wirtzberger	20
John Astrello	22
Sammy Thomason	25
Pamela Shuman	25

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Steve Bassett will be doing the demo on September 8th. Turning a spindles.

Topic: Hunt County Woodturners July Meeting
Time: September 8th, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time,

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88080840750?pwd=T0VqYnl0V01KYmNVd2VIUzBqZEFEdz09>

Meeting ID: 880 8084 0750
Passcode: 796612

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 Lee Craft.

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

September: Rod Brumlow
102 Jeremy Drive
Royse City

Good morning folks.

First off, the Air Conditioner is working in the church.

Now, Gary Sanders will be doing the demo at the next meeting,

We are going to get a quarterly school going some time in Oct. making Christmas ornaments. Then there will be a quarterly challenge at the Nov. meeting for the best Christmas ornaments, or decorations.

We need to start planning for this year's Christmas party. Volunteers are needed. Also need help for the Bois D'arc Bash on Sept. 25th.

Thanks, Lee.

HCW Members:

The Bois d'arc Bash (Saturday, Sept. 24, downtown on the square in Commerce) is about a month away. Volunteers are needed (4 people for each of the 3 shifts) to demo and to visit with the crowd. The first and last shifts will be responsible for setting up and taking down the booth.

This event features entertainment, crafts, food, exhibits, a parade, and children's games. It's fun to be involved.

You can sign up from the following link, or from our website, under Events.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054DABA628AAF49-bois>



If you have questions, please contact Lee, myself, or any of the other Board members.

Burt Andrew

Secretary - HCW

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who participated in this week's Chainsaw and Wood Processing Parties! Hunt County Woodturners now has its 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),
Sully Sullivan (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.

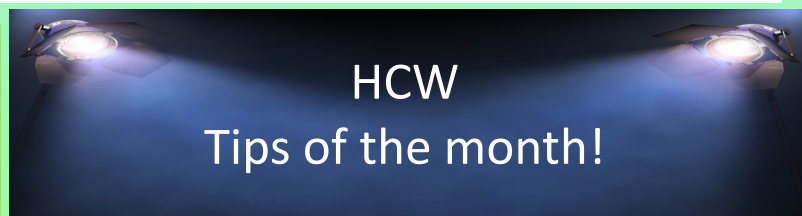




"By All means read what the experts have to say. Just don't let it get in the way of your woodworking." - John Brown

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/>

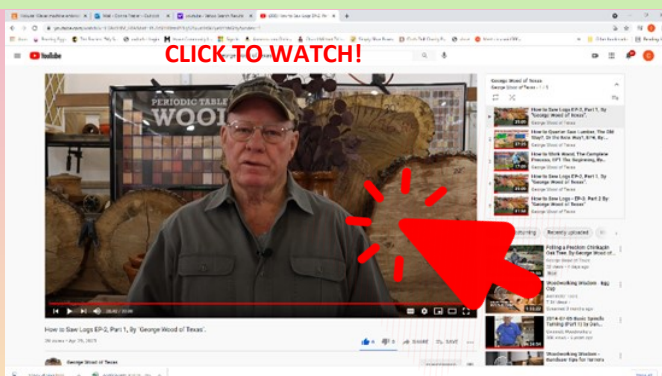


Suggested YouTubes

- [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

George Wood of Texas

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



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

Cory White 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

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 Bricker	Greenville	803-288-4525	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joe Collins	Castle Mills	803-524-4633	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Roger England	Greenville	803-683-2848	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sammy Thompson	Greenville	803-527-0068	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paul Spurr	Greenville	803-683-8579	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
George Freeman	Greenville	214-534-4035	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tim White	McHenry	214-456-8527	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Greg Sanders	Greenville	803-683-4633	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark Spitzer	Greenville	817-742-2628	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Greg White	Greenville	817-346-6005	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
September 1, 2022**

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church and was also open to members through Zoom, conducted by Sully Sullivan. Dale Scruggs attended through the Zoom session.

Club members Attending in Person: Lee Craft*, Gary Sanders*, Sully Sullivan*, Joe Grimes*, Burt Andrew*.

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

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

Items of Business

President – Lee Craft

SWAT:

Consensus was that the event went well, with good attendance from our Club.

Our equipment performed well, and two SWAT directors (Dave Marshall and Tom Bailey) complimented our presentation, the overall setup, and the camera operators.

Lee has a \$1000 check to be deposited, paid by SWAT for hosting activities.

The Quarterly Challenge for the November meeting will be Christmas ornaments.

Christmas Party:

Cheryl Ragsdale has agreed to coordinate the food and associated activities.

Table decorations will be Christmas ornaments.

Discussed expanded activities for next year. Gary suggested having a spring picnic.

Discussed officer nominees for next year, and the value of a sign-up sheet for any members who might consider a particular position.

Vice President – Gary Sanders

Kevin Bassett is scheduled to do the demo this month. His topic will be “Steady as She Goes,” and will cover various ways to steady spindle turnings.

Secretary – Burt Andrew

Board Meeting minutes from August 4, 2022:

Sully Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 4, 2022, Board Meeting, with no changes. The motion was seconded by Gary Sanders. Motion passed.

Membership currently stands at 104, up from 102 last month. Our newest members:

Karen Conley from Wolfe City. Learned about HCW through an internet search.

Daniel Hoover from Forney. Learned about HCW from club member Terry Smith at Rockler.

The final report required by AAW for the lathe grant has been sent in. This document describes our Club’s ongoing use of the grant for educational purposes, per our initial grant request, and will be used by AAW to show how they meet their own 501C3 (non-profit) requirements.

HCW SWAT attendance was 31, including HCW club members and guests.

Rockwall Public Library Display in November:

The Board decided to again host a display in the Rockwall Library during the month of November. Burt Andrew has confirmed that the usual space (2 cases) in the lobby has been reserved for us.

An announcement will be made to the Club during the September meeting requesting that display pieces (say 2 to 5) be brought to the October meeting, for display November 1 through November 30.

Treasurer – Alan Fields (Absent from meeting, though Alan sent checking account bank balance information to Board Members in advance)

Checking account balance as of August 2, 2022: \$11,985.57

No bank transactions have occurred since August 2.

Training Coordinator – Joe Grimes

The Board discussed and settled on the next Quarterly training:

Will be held all day Saturday, Oct. 22 and all day Sunday, Oct. 23.

The program will be the same for each of the two days.

Hands-on/demonstration class will be open to 10 students each day.

Training will cover turning and finishing of Christmas ornaments. Majority of time will be spent on turning, utilizing at least one lathe per two students.

Primary instructors will be Gary Sanders, Joe Grimes, Sharon Ayers, Charlie Tucker (possible).

Training location: Lee Craft's shop.

Cost per student, \$15.

Alan Fields will be asked to set up a sign-up page on our website.

Event Coordinator – Doug Balzer (Absent from meeting, but provided inputs via email)

Upcoming Open Shops:

September: Rod Brumlow, Royse City

October: Alan Fields, Caddo Mills

November: Rhonda Stelly, Greenville

Bois d'Ark Bash:

Will be in Commerce, Saturday, September 24, 8:00am to 7:00pm.

Shift hours, as originally set up: 1st shift, including set-up, 8a to 11:00a; 2nd shift, 11:00a to 3:00p; 3rd shift, 3p to 7:00p, including tear-down.

Doug noted a shift time discrepancy on the website sign-up page. Alan will be asked to make the website adjustments.

Setup can begin as early as 6am and must be finished no later than 8:30am. No tear-down allowed before 6pm.

HWC will utilize 3 lathes under two tents.

According to George, the only bois d'arc currently in stock is dry. Club may opt to show several pieces turned in bois d'arc, with actual demonstrations done with other woods.

AV Director – Sully Sullivan

Reported that our AV equipment did well during SWAT, but that different audio cables would improve performance. Also, Johnny Campbell suggested consideration of an additional camera, TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Photos from SWAT



