

# HCW NEWSLETTER

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## JUNE LETTER

Hi Folks,

Hope everyone is doing good. Well, it's getting hot already and we're all hoping that the air conditioning in the meeting room will last all summer. If you're like me, you're getting out in the shop early before it really heats up to try to get some turning done.

I'm looking forward to the meeting and the Quarterly Challenge . I'm sure you all will amaze me as you always do with the quality of turning that you all do. I believe that we have probably the most talented wood turners around and consistently present some unbelievable items. so it will be tough to decide who will take home the \$50. gift card.

The open Shop this month will be at Burt Andrew's shop and Burt will also do the mini class on Tool Handles . Hope we have a good turnout as usual.

We are currently working on the next Quarterly School to be held in July which will be on Segmenting. I know we have a lot of people interested in that and this is the way to learn how to do it. I'll let you know soon when we have an exact date.

So, Everyone try to stay cool and keep on turning.

Hope to see you soon. Lee

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# Girls Just Want To Have More Fun!

(Members, please give this to your wives, daughters, sisters and mothers  
~ any female you think might be interested.)

This class is for all women with any level of experience looking to build upon their skills in a fun group environment. (You do not have to be a member of Hunt County Woodturners.) We all had such a nice day at the class in March that we are going to do it again.

Lee Craft has graciously agreed to let us meet at his shop. For those of you that haven't been there, it's a little piece of heaven here on earth!

Once again we have the honor of Donna Frazier teaching us to turn beads and coves to make a Candlestick project and more! Donna has so much knowledge and so many ideas to share with us. She loves figuring things out, so if you have a question or issue she will have a solution.

This event will take place Saturday, June 17, 2023, from 8:00am ~ 4:00pm at the shop of Lee Craft; 6207 County Road 2560, Royse City, Texas 75189. The cost will be \$35.00. All tools and safety equipment will be provided. We will bring our own lunch so we can sit, relax and visit during the break. Coffee, water and donuts will be provided to get you jump started.

If you wish to attend, please respond to me no later than Monday, June 12, 2023, by phone or email. Make your check out to Hunt County Woodturners and mail it to me at the address given below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Keep in mind that this will be a small class, so if you are interested please let me know as soon as possible to secure your spot.

Cynthia Balzer - Women In Turning

3312 Augusta Boulevard

Rockwall, Texas 75087

(301)874~2508

[CSBalz@aol.com](mailto:CSBalz@aol.com)

## SWAT News

I just returned from Waco and my first SWAT board meeting of the year. 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 effect 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.

<i>June Birthdays</i>	days
Arlan Purdy	11
Rhonda Stelly	11
Dan Newberg	12
Dan Henry	12
Phil Eaton	13
Donna Frazier	21
Joel Rubin	26

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Hunt County Woodturners is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Hunt County Woodturners's Zoom Meeting  
 Time: Jun 8, 2023 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83482305041?pwd=dnlRYTNKUUIbcmxQbWd1L0tQWk1OUT09>

Meeting ID: 834 8230 5041  
 Passcode: 8675309

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## For Sale

10 x 14 Jet variable speed mini lathe with forward/reverse and a Jet portable stand.

Works great...just needs a little cosmetic clean up.

Been in storage as I just don't need it.

Great learning equipment for a firm \$300.



Please note this photo is not of Frank Shrode's Lathe and is simply an example.

Contact for him is 903-268-4105.



**Open Shop**  
**June**

Burt Andrew  
8085 CR 2578, Royse City TX, 75189

I got a call from a man named Jacky Moore, said his father was a woodworker, but passed away recently. Mr. Moore has a lot of wood he would like to part with. His address is 2510 Hillcrest, Greenville. Phone #903-450-5372.

If anyone is interested in the wood, (don't know what kind or what shape), you can call to schedule another time.

Also some of you may have not gotten the email I sent out last week from Mr. Travis King. He is a woodturner, has belonged to the Dallas club, but is now 96 years old and has decided to give it up.

He is asking \$700 for the Nova. \$200 for the Jet lathe, \$200 for the dust collector, \$400 for the Jet Sander, \$400 for the Makita planer/jointer, \$150 for the table saw

And any reasonable offer for the wood.

Has some other various tools as well

He is moving and needs to sell.

His address is 2501 Lakeside Dr. McKinney 75072.

Phone is 972-548-7674. You can call him for info about the tools.

### 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.







“Knowledge is a treasure, but practice is the key to it.”

### Upcoming On-Line Events:

WIT Presents | 2023 Artist Showcase: Nicole McDonald and Elizabeth Weber  
Saturday, March 4th, 2023  
4 pm Eastern Time

[AAW Virtual Events Landing Page - Upcoming Programs](#)  
([woodturner.org](http://woodturner.org))



### [How to Remove Paint from Wood Without Chemicals - Woodturning Tips](#)

#### **How to Remove Paint from Wood Without Chemicals**

Stripping or removing paint from any surface, be it wood, metal, or plastic is seldom an easy task. It is a difficult task because every surface or item takes paint differently, meaning that you will need to implore unique steps to remove it depending on the type of material it is on.

Both professionals and amateurs trying to remove paint from wood and other items or surfaces have had to settle for chemical-based removers or strippers. Albeit effective, these chemical-based strippers are made with toxic materials which not only makes them harmful to you but also makes it harmful to our environment at large.

#### **Manual Paint Removal Method**

Although scraping the paint away may seem like the best paint removal, there are certain toxic chemicals found in the debris that are capable of damaging certain parts of your body. If you opt for the manual paint removal method, there are certain steps you need to take to get the job done safely .

#### **Baking Soda and Boiling Water**

If your small wooden furniture is plastered with paint, baking soda and boiling water could be the perfect way to remove paint from them. Do not get your hopes high though, as good as this sounds, it is quite tricky to get done. This is especially why we have designed a step-by-step guide on how you can go about it. (Side note this process will discolor the wood, which if you are repainting it isn't a problem).

Before you get started on this, there are a couple of essential materials or items you'd need to have at hand. They are: paper towels, water, baking soda, tongs, large pans, a flexible scraper, and a stiff-bristled brush.

# 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](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/>

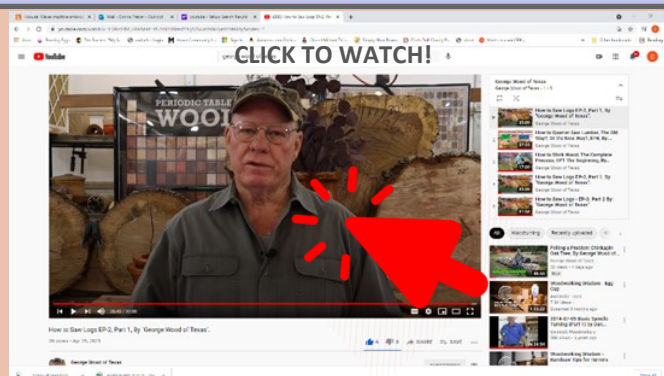
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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](mailto: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	Turntable	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Lathe	Turntable	Woodturning	Turntable	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Lathe	Turntable	Woodturning	Turntable	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Lathe	Turntable	Woodturning	Turntable	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	
Frank Strick	Greenville	817-266-0428	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tom Williams	Lubbock, TX	806-756-0621	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Robert England	Greenville	817-692-2468	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
James Probstman	Greenville	817-222-0468	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
David Gledhill	Greenville	817-692-2474	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
George Probstman	Greenville	214-284-0826	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tom White	McKinney	214-452-2127	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Gary Landman	Greenville	817-692-4533	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mark Spencer	Greenville	817-242-2626	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tom White	Greenville	817-692-0255	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes



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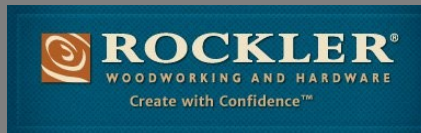
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Wood World  
13650 TI Blvd.  
Dallas, TX  
(972) 669-9130



**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](http://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  
June 1, 2023**

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

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

Board Members absent: Rod Brumlow.

[Voting board members for 2023 indicated \*. A quorum of board members was in attendance.]

**The Meeting was called to order** at 6:08pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

## **Items of Business**

### **- Board Meeting minutes from May 4, 2023:**

*Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 4, 2023, board meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded by Sully Sullivan. Motion passed.*

### **- Misc. Items of Interest**

- Membership stands at 99. Ed and Janice Drake from Farmersville are our newest members.
- The June meeting will be our last opportunity to order HCW logo items. Burt will email the order forms to members once more before next week's meeting. Forms will also be available at the meeting. The schedule:
  - June meeting – Final date that order forms and payments may be turned in.
  - July – Vendor processing time.
  - August meeting – Delivery of apparel to members in time for SWAT (late August).
- Lee requested distribution of an updated membership listing.
- Discussed reserving the church's banquet room early for our Christmas party. Lee will take steps to reserve the date. First choice, Friday, December 8. Second choice, Friday, December 15.

### **- Club Leadership**

- With the recent resignation of Treasurer Alan Fields, co-treasurer Mark Spencer has agreed to fill the primary position.

*Burt Andrew made a motion to approve Mark Spencer as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Alain Schwarz. Motion passed.*

- This change will be announced at the June Club meeting.
- Mark has already been authorized to access the Club's Alliance Bank accounts (ref. Minutes from April 4, 2023). Following Alan's resignation from his elected Board position, his name will be removed as a signatory on the Alliance accounts.

Doug Balzer made a motion to remove Alan Fields as signatory on the Alliance Bank accounts. The motion was seconded by Alain Schwarz. Motion passed.

- Mark will follow through with Alliance Bank to make this change.
- Sully announced that his new job will require travel and that he may not be able to continue in his role as Technology Coordinator. TBD.
- Had a brief discussion regarding other elected positions for next year, particularly President. This important position needs early consideration since a new candidate may need time to prepare. Lee will address this subject at an upcoming club meeting.
- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops**
  - Johnny Hayre will demonstrate the making of an epoxy embellished vase during the June meeting.
  - Burt Andrew (8085 CR 2578, Royse City, TX) will host Open Shop and will show how to make inexpensive/custom lathe tools, traditional and carbide, during the mini-class.
  - No demo is currently scheduled for July. Alain indicated that he may check with Kevin Bassett, Cory White, or others. Donna Frazier will host July's Open Shop.
  - Tom Nehl is lined up for the August demo.
- **Women in Turning (Cynthia Balzer)**
  - The next WIT is scheduled for June 17, 8am to 4pm, Lee Craft's shop. The candlestick project will be continued. Donna Frazier will be the instructor.
  - A following WIT event is tentatively being scheduled for July 8. The program being considered is bracelets and pendants.
  - Cynthia reported that the Penny Raffle is on track with \$590 collected so far.
- **Training:**
  - Lee will contact Training Coordinator Rod Brumlow to discuss possible subjects and dates for future training events. Subjects previously discussed for these two-day classes align with interests expressed by club members in the survey completed early this year. Possibilities include:
    - Segmenting (Rod Brumlow, Dale King, Dale Scruggs)
    - Wood carving (Stacy Nehl)
    - Embellishments (Cory White)
- **Quarterly Challenge**
  - Our Quarterly Challenge, due June meeting, will be the turning of a goblet, mug, or drinking vessel.
  - The winner, as selected by attending members, will receive a \$50 gift card from Rockler, Woodworld, or Woodcraft.

- At Lee's request, Alain will pick up gift cards from Woodworld and Woodcraft (\$20; \$50) for future use.
- **Bois D'Ark Bash (September 22/23, 2023)**
  - This event is held annually on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of September. HCW has for several years hosted a booth on the Saturday of the event. The decision was made not to participate this year, after considering the Club's return on effort and time expended. Factors considered:
    - Very poor club participation last year.
    - Low event attendance, especially during Saturday afternoon. Last year the area was nearly vacant from noon through the rest of the day.
    - This one-day event has not resulted in new members.
    - The Club's assigned location (near electricity) is increasingly out of the flow of traffic and is typically uncomfortable for demonstrators for much of the event (direct sun, high heat).
  - As a more productive approach toward publicizing Club activities, Gary suggested another demo day at the Greenville Public Library. He will contact the library to check out future possibilities.
- **SWAT (Lee Craft)**
  - The Board developed and discussed a list of several possible recipients for the 2023 SWAT scholarship (free registration). Selection TBD.
- **Financial (Mark Spencer)**
  - Mark presented a refined 2023 Budget Summary through May; source documents included the check register and available receipts. More work is to be done.
    - He is adding line items to provide additional details as needed.
    - Several income and expense items have yet to be identified and moved to the correct income/expense categories. A discussion during the meeting resulted in the identification and categorization of some of them.
    - Will consider adding a line item for special demonstrators (one or two demonstrations per year).
    - Discussed the high/increasing cost of the storage building. Mark will research other storage building options in the area.
    - Mark will check out and report on options and costs of using credit cards at club events, as well as sending out Paypal invoices on request.
    - Discussed the relatively high \$14.5K checking account balance at Alliance and the current rate of CD's.

*Sully Sullivan made a motion for Mark to move \$10K of the checking account balance to a 7 month CD offered by Alliance with 5% interest. Doug Balzer seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.**