

# HCW NEWSLETTER

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## OCTOBER LETTER

2023 is quickly coming to a close. It has been a good year and with your help we are looking forward to building on it. We may recall that at the start of the year we asked for a list of what classes and demonstrations we would like to see. Your board is pleased to say that all were offered. To those who participated in the classes and took advantage of the offers thank-you

### Announcements

October's club demo will be George Freeman. He will be talking about "Choosing the Right Wood for your Woodturning". It promises to be very educational. George said we might learn more about wood than we thought we needed; I for one hope I can take it all in. Thank you George.

Last month's newsletter reminded everyone that Rod Brumlow's Segmenting class would be on Oct. 28th & 29th . We are pleased to say that the course is filled up. Once again thank you to all who signed up.

The club is looking for new officers. What has made HCW such a good club is we have always had members willing to share their time leading the club. Many of the same members keep volunteering, and some are feeling the burden. A club can only remain active and current with new faces, ideas, and viewpoints. We need new members on the board, which would allow many of the current officers to become non-board members and enjoy the club they have helped build. Currently our club is doing very well. We need your help in keeping it moving forward. Remember, this is our club started and operated by volunteers.

Plans for the Christmas party are well underway, and we hope to see a record number of people there. Start making your centerpiece decorations. A heads up, this will be our Quarterly Challenge. A chance to win the \$50 dollar gift certificate.

Thanks you, - Alain

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## Announcements

Hi Folks ,,,,

All the spots have been taken for both the Carving class and the Segmenting class. thanks to all the members who are participating in these classes.

Also,,, we will be having a Quarterly Challenge at the November meeting. A \$50. gift card will go to whoever brings the best Table Decoration for the Christmas Party.

I'm always amazed at the creativity you all show at these events.

Thanks ,,,, Lee

**PRAY FOR:**

Kay Shrode &

Frank Shrode

George Littlefield

Lonnie Duke



# 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.

## October

### Birthdays

days

Rodney Follis	17
Lee Craft	20
Thomas Parrish	21

Randy Rather	23
Cheryl Cornish	24
Maribeth Hughes	30

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Thank you George.



**Open Shop**  
**October**

Open Shop - October 14th, 8a to 12n  
Rod Brumlow's Place  
102 Jeremy Drive  
Royse City

## 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),  
Mark Spencer (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.





“Measure twice, cut once, then force it to fit”

**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.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/>

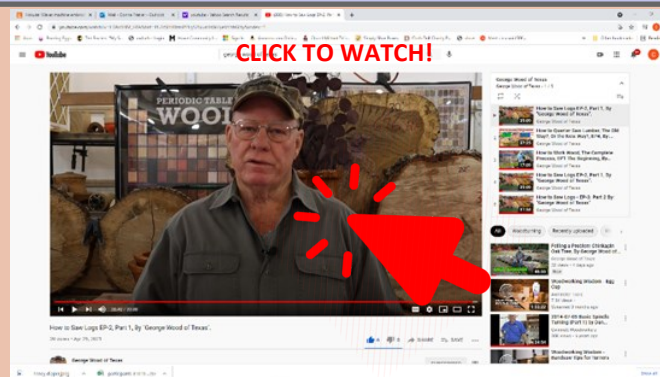
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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-WOODTURNE 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. Mark Spencer**  
**P.O. Box 8191**  
**Greenville, Texas 75404**

**OR Email to**

Alan Fields at  
[mfields2112@gmail.com](mailto:mfields2112@gmail.com)

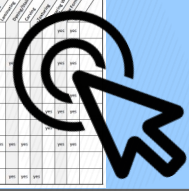
*Dues are prorated for new members at **\$4.00 per month***

# 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	10/1	10/2	10/3	10/4	10/5	10/6	10/7	10/8	10/9	10/10
Frank Strick	Greenville	972-280-0200	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Joe Gribben	Castle Rock	940-510-8893	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Walter England	Greenville	940-481-1488	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Sammy Hinesman	Greenville	940-217-3888	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Frank Updell	Greenville	940-482-8279	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
George Brannon	Chadler	214-588-0505	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tim White	Midkerry	214-478-8117	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Gary Landers	Greenville	940-484-4033	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mark Spencer	Greenville	972-742-2020	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Eric White	Greenville	972-448-4226	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes



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  
Ward Manufacturing**

Hunt County Woodturners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 5, 2023

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church. The Zoom link was made available for this meeting by Sully Sullivan; the Zoom meeting was conducted by Howard Wellspring.

**Club members Attending in Person:** Lee Craft\*, Alain Schwarz\*, Doug Balzer\*, Cynthia Balzer, Mark Spencer\*, Rod Brumlow\*, Howard Wellspring, Sheryl Sanders, Gary Sanders, Tom Nehl.

Board Member(s) absent: Sully Sullivan\*

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

**Club members Attending through Zoom:** Ed Mastin

The Meeting was called to order at 6:20pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

## Items of Business

### - Board Meeting minutes from September 7, 2023:

*Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes, with no changes, from the September 7, 2023, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Spencer. Motion passed.*

### - Website

- The HCW website needs repair and development.
- Gary contacted PJC in search of an individual who may be interested in helping us with the website. One individual has contacted Lee so far, with discussion pending.
- The board discussed payments that will likely be required for ongoing website development, maintenance, and updates. The website budget line item for 2023 shows \$300 unspent.

*Rod Brumlow made a motion to give Lee authority to negotiate and commit payments for website administration. The motion was seconded by Doug Balzer. Motion passed.*

- A formal contract may be needed for the administration of the website. Howard Wellspring has offered to assist with this.

### - Training:

- Carving Class (Stacy Nehl, Oct 7/8):
  - Stacy will instruct one two-day class featuring texturing and carving on vases. A rough vase will be supplied to each student and no turning will be involved in this class. The board approved payment of \$40 per vase to Stacy/Tom.
  - The class is full (8 students) and all students have paid.
  - Stacy sent out a list to students outlining materials to bring.
- Segmenting Class (Rod Brumlow and Dale King, Oct 28/29):
  - Rod Brumlow and Dale King will present a two-day segmenting class on Sat/Sun, October 28 and 29.
  - The class is full (8 students) and all but two students have paid.
  - Approximately \$100 total in material expenses will be reimbursed to Rod.

- Lathes for Rod's upcoming Open Shop will be delivered by Tom and Howard on the Friday before Open Shop. The lathes will remain Rod's shop for the October segmenting class.
- HCW instructor cost was discussed and approved. Total for each of the two two-day classes, \$400.
- Release of Liability forms will be provided in advance by Burt for both training events. During the meeting a change was discussed and will be incorporated to add protection for the host shop owner(s).
- Rod expressed his intent to host a session for boy scouts to obtain merit badges. Will need club lathes and support. The Board approved. Note: Scout activities will be restricted to turning only. A liability document will be required to be signed by the parents in advance.
- Alain shared a request from DAW for students to attend DAW's upcoming training taught by Simon Beggs. His class on decorative platters will be at Wood World on Oct 19. About 3 slots remain open. Members can contact Alain or refer to the DAW website for additional information.
- **Christmas Party, WUMC, Saturday Dec 9**
  - Cynthia, Sheryl, and Lee are working on the details of an upcoming memo to the membership covering various elements of the Christmas Party, i.e. event schedule, food needs, volunteers, auction related, raffle, centerpieces, Penny Raffle drawing, toy donations for Women-in-Need.
  - Discussed general order of events: Starts at 6pm, meal served at 7, bidding stops at 8, event ends around 9. The regular raffle (1 ticket per family) and Penny Raffle will be the final activity.
  - Individuals responsible for supplying the meat dishes have been determined: Lee, brisket; George, ham; Burt, sausage.
  - Mark will provide the auction bidding sheets and will collect auction payments, with assistance from Doug.
  - Members are encouraged to work on table decorations (ornaments and/or Christmas trees) for centerpieces.
  - The Quarterly Challenge (items due and collected at the November meeting) will be Christmas Party centerpieces. A \$50 gift certificate will be presented for the piece voted best by the membership.
  - Will expect to have the website enabled to accept attendee signups.
  - The event will be open to HCW members and members' families. Lee will invite other selected friends and supporters of HCW.
- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops**
  - George Freeman is lined up for October's club meeting demo on "choosing the right wood for your woodturning project."
  - Rod Brumlow (102 Jeremy Drive, Royse City) will host October's Open Shop.
  - Upcoming planned club meeting demos: November, Sharon Ayres; January, Gary Sanders; February, Cory White; March, Derek Weidman on lathe chainsawing (tentative).
  - The October Open Shop mini-class will feature eccentric Christmas trees, instructed by Burt Andrew. The November Open Shop mini-class will feature globe-type Christmas ornaments by Gary Sanders.
- **Financial (Mark Spencer)** [Financials were sent to the Board members in advance, but due to technical problems were not delivered. Mark will re-send. Several copies were provided to the members during the meeting.]

- Penny raffle revenue is on track, with about \$600 remaining to reach the \$2100 target.
- It's time to start work on the 2024 budget. Mark will prepare a spreadsheet with recommendations, to be sent to board members in advance of next meeting and will be prepared for discussions and changes at the meeting.
- Mark presented a 2023 Budget Summary through September.
  - Finances are in good shape, with overall reserves greater than \$32K.
  - September income was greater than expenses by \$1,436; YTD income shows greater than expenses by \$3,782.
  - The main income items in September consisted of revenues from both raffles (monthly and Penny), event revenue (upcoming classes), and from SWAT. Main expenses included payment for the storage building rental (including insurance), cost related to SWAT, and open shop hosting.
  - September ending check register balance, \$6,230.68.
- **Other Items of Business**
  - Discussed disposition of the Club's Nova lathe. Will be retained as a spare.
  - Discussed open elected positions for 2024. Two remain open: President and Event Coordinator. Alain will develop an e-mail to our membership, especially regarding our need for a President.
  - Subject to the usual approval process, Howard Wellspring will replace Sully as Technology Director (elected). Tom Nehl is considering the position of Event Coordinator (elected).
  - Lee will continue as SWAT Director (appointed).

**The meeting adjourned** at 7:44pm.