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# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Ponderings

So, it's the beginning of November. Have you started your Christmas shopping yet??? Yeah, me neither. It's hard to get in the Christmas shopping mood when I'm still mowing my yard!

But in spite of the warm weather, Christmas IS just around the corner and so is our Christmas party! So in the rest of my note here, I want to highlight all that that entails.

- ⇒ RSVP - We need to know how many are coming.
- ⇒ Food signup - Let us know what delicious dish you're bringing. It's your choice what you want to bring, so pull out your favorite recipe and share it with us.....the food, not the recipe!
- ⇒ Helpers - There are still lots of slots left to help set up, greet, serve or tear down. We appreciate your time and muscles!

All of the above can be done either on the website (preferred method) or on paper at the club meeting this month.

⇒ Quarterly Challenge - due at the November Club Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Bring your Christmas Decoration to the meeting and the winning entry will be announced at the Christmas party.

The difference this year is that, instead of you taking them home, all the entries will be taken to the party, and used as centerpieces to decorate the tables. Any extras will be put in the auction.

⇒ "Show, no Tell" Display Table - This is something new at the Christmas party this year. This table is intended to allow those who don't normally come to the club meeting to see some of the amazing talent of our turners. So feel free to bring one or two of your favorite lathe pieces that you've done to "show" to the rest of our members and families.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting next week!!

Be blessed,

Brian

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### November

- 14<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Open Shop

### December

- 13<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party!

### January

- 9<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Open Shop

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## NOVEMBER

### BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 7th 5:30pm  
Wesley United Methodist  
Church, Greenville

### CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 14th 7-9pm  
Wesley United Methodist  
Church, Greenville  
Demonstration by Sammy Thomason  
Topic: *Inside Out Turning*

### OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 16th 8am-Noon  
Lee Craft's shop  
6207 CR 2560, Royse City  
Mini-Class: Bill Belitz, Tom Nehl, and  
Brian Schrader  
Off-set Chuck

Join in on the Monthly Club meeting  
through ZOOM meetings using the link below:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkJRoSGh3Zz09)  
[pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkJRoSGh3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkJRoSGh3Zz09)  
Meeting ID: 849 3813 1255 Passcode: 308416

## *Just For Fun Let's Get Together*

Many have often mentioned how friendly our club members are to be around. These "unofficial" get-togethers are part of the reason why. Take advantage of these opportunities for some fun and friendly times.

### ⇒ **Every THURSDAY - Lunch**

Several club members, spouses and friends gather for lunch at **Burgers and Fries** 5360 State Highway 276 W in Royse City. No reservation needed but be there before 12:00 as that's when we order lunch. Come spend an hour or so with friends as we visit, catch up with each other and then return to our daily activities.

### ⇒ **Once a MONTH - Pre-Club Meeting Meal**

Every month on the Thursday of the Club Meeting, a group of club members, spouses and friends meet to eat at 5:30pm at **TaMolly's Restaurant**, 6929 I-30 in Greenville.



## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM DUST!

Conventional woodturning tools work very well on cork, but don't expect the long shavings you might get from regular wood. Turning and sanding cork produces a fine dust, so be sure to use adequate dust collection and personal protection equipment (PPE) to protect your lungs.

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## QUARTERLY CHALLENGE

The current challenge is to make a Christmas decoration.

This could be ornaments or Christmas trees, etc.

It can be a single item or a grouping or set of items.

Bring yours to the November Club Meeting (14th).

The entries will be used as centerpieces to decorate the tables at the Christmas Party.

The winning entry will be announced there.

If there are any extras, not used on the tables, they will be added to the auction items.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

**December 13th 6:00pm**

It's been a great year at HCW! Let's celebrate together.

In the fun party spirit, we will share a meal together and win some prizes. Plus, through the silent auction, you'll have a chance to bid for that special item (or items) for yourself or as a present for someone on your Christmas list. With a heart of generosity, we will collect unwrapped toys for "Women in Need".

### ***RSVP TODAY!***

Go to the HCW website ([here](#)) to sign-up:

- 1) to bring a dish
- 2) to help set-up or serve or clean-up
- 3) to RSVP

Sign-up sheets for ways you can help and for food items to bring are also available at the November Club Meeting.



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| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Ed Drake           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Kevin Evans        |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Ed Mastin          |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Antoinette Frazier |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Roger King         |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Dean Freeman       |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Johnny Campbell    |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | John McConnell     |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Scott Roller       |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Lee Conley         |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Bill Kirk          |

## Prayer Requests and Praise

**John Blattman**

**Tami Lattanzi**

**George Littlefield**

**Robert Webster**



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As a club, it is our desire to build connectivity between members. The **Members' Highlight** section is one way to learn about each other. Each month we hope to highlight 2 members. If you would like to volunteer your bio info for future editions, let Brian Livingston know. Brian's email is [bdliving@yahoo.com](mailto:bdliving@yahoo.com) or talk to him next you see him.

**Chris Cohen** I was born in Wisconsin and moved to California when I was 14. Where I met my wife, Janine. We have two great kids, daughter Jessica who is working her way through school wanting to be a lawyer. And our son Tony who is now a U.S. Marine.

Both my grandfathers taught me woodworking. But neither one of them were into woodturning. It always fascinated me. One day I saw a used lathe on sale on Facebook Marketplace and on a whim bought it. That was 7 years ago.

Little did I know that one decision would change my life. I took some classes at Woodcraft, it was enough to get me hooked. But it was not until I joined DAW and met some people that were really willing to help out a beginner and his son that this "hobby/obsession" would really take off.

I could not take enough classes or try enough new things; I just love everything about turning. I went from one lathe to five. Although, I am now down to two.

The best part of Woodturning to me is the friendships I have made. I believe woodturners are some of the nicest people I have ever been around. While I am Vice President of DAW, I joined Hunt County to be around some of the people I have met and liked, and you all have accepted me in your club in the nicest of ways.

Something some of you may not know is that I am big into helping/supporting our Veterans. I love that I was able to help teach Veterans fly tying and fly fishing (my other passion). And was ecstatic to help get the Veterans Court Pen project up and running so boring!

**Dan Henry** I have been a member of the Hunt County Wood Turners since the late 1990s when the club was formed and the meetings were at the Greenville middle school when Pleas McGee and others started the club. Sometimes there were as many as 8 people at the meetings. Pleas was the only one brave enough to do a demo. After a few years Pleas said he did not want to continue running the club and ask me to be President. I accepted and was president for 4 years and the meetings went from meetings at someone's shop to meetings at the Senior Center in Caddo Mills and the club started growing.

In the beginnings of my turning I only turned pens as they were easy and did not require a lot of skill but after attending my 1st TTT in 1998 and many SWAT gatherings my skills have improved. In 2007, I got interested in Rose Engine turning and made a MDF lathe and bought a used Lindow White lathe and had it updated with the latest updates and made other improvements as my knowledge grew. Woodturning has been a great asset to me as it has enable me to make some wonderful turner friends over the years and been good to stay busy doing some worth-while and making some turnings, some pretty nice and some not so good.

I was born and raised on different farms in northwest Ohio. After high-school, I joined the US Air Force and made it a career in Aircraft maintenance for 21 years and retiring as an E-9 CMSgt. I worked at E-System/Raytheon for 18 years as 1st line and 2nd line supervisor doing aircraft overhaul and modifications.

I have been married for almost 65 years and have traveled to every US state and many overseas places. Mary and I are full-time living in a nice motor home for almost two years spending the summer in Colorado and the winter in Florida, then with a couple of months here in North Texas visiting with our 3 children.

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## HCW CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Friday, December 13, 2024 6:00pm - 9:00pm**

*This annual event is always a highlight of the year for Club Members and their Families.*

*This has been a great year! Let's come together and celebrate the season with a delicious meal, some festive fun, good conversations, and your chance to win some cool door prizes as well as a few beautifully crafted centerpieces.*

*Just as in past years, you will have your chance to bid (and out-bid) for some amazing items in our Silent Auction!*

Sign up to bring your favorite food item and reserve your spot for you and your family.

Sign-up sheets are available at the November Club Meeting and also online on the HCW website. [www.huntcountywoodturners.org](http://www.huntcountywoodturners.org)

Sign-up for food: your choice to bring salad, side dish, or dessert.

Also sign-up to help. If you are able, please choose to help set-up, or assist during the party, or clean-up after. Many hands make light work. But not all need to do everything.

*If you would like, you may bring an unwrapped new toy.*

*These will be donated to the non-profit organization*

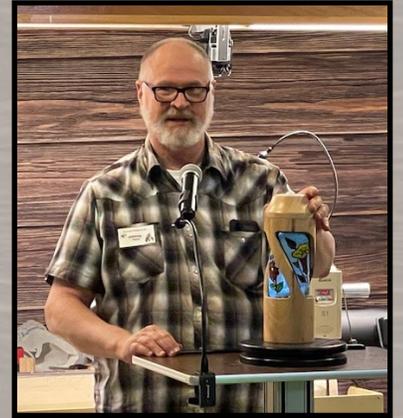
*Women in Need*

*For many years, it has been the honor of HCW to support this ministry in this way each year.*

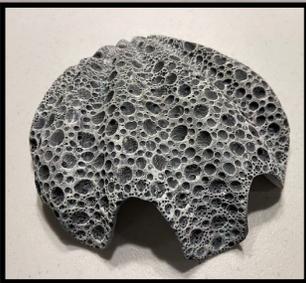
Held at Wesley United Methodist Church  
1200 E. Joe Ramsey Boulevard \* Greenville

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A big thank you to Tim White for  
Demonstrating Shot Glasses at our  
**October Club Meeting.**  
There were a total of 35  
1 of those was a visitor and 3 joined by Zoom.



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## OCTOBER'S OPEN SHOP

Thank you Tom and Stacy Nehl for hosting last month's open shop.

On the topic of "Filling Cracks" for the mini-class, Brian Schrader described methods using a variety of material including resins, CA glue, and ground colored plastic beads.

And Burt Andrew explained the use of Milliput.

There were a total of 18 who attended and 1 of those was a visitor.



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## RESOURCES!

HCW has a marvelous array of talented **MENTORS** who have graciously agreed to be a resource. They can mentor you over the phone, in person, or maybe even a video call. Give them a call or a text and they will get back to you. Find our Mentors List in the Members Only section of our website. [www.huntcountywoodturners.org](http://www.huntcountywoodturners.org)

### **SPECIALTY LUMBER & LOGGING** George Freeman \* 214-334-4035 \* [woodchipper2011@hotmail.com](mailto:woodchipper2011@hotmail.com)

Many of you know me, and know about my company, but some of you do not. This is why I am putting my company as a resource in this newsletter. I pride myself on offering unique and diverse cuts of wood that are not available at any other wood supplier in North Texas.

What my company does.....

We have a sawmill and cut trees to be milled. This includes:

- ◆ Cutting down trees that are threatening homes or other structures of our clients.
- ◆ Rescuing trees that have been damaged in storms; removing them if necessary.
- ◆ With the use of our heavy duty equipment we can load and haul logs up to five feet in diameter and 20' long.
- ◆ Some of these logs, we then cut into slabs. And from these slabs, we cut out woodturning blanks.
- ◆ Larger logs are slabbed with a chainsaw-mill to be made into 3" thick slabs for tables or bar tops.
- ◆ Still other large logs are cut into 6" thick fireplace mantels.
- ◆ Smaller logs, less than 20" in diameter, are cut into lumber of various thickness for...
  - ◇ Wood-turning billets: tool handles, pepper grinders, candle sticks and table legs of 2", 3" & 4" square pieces of various lengths.
  - ◇ Sawed into Lumber: 10' and 12' long by 1", 2" or 3" thick for woodworking projects.
  - ◇ Boards for small DIY projects: cutting boards, shelving, cheese boards, etc. These are cut and planed into 2', 3', 4', & 6' lengths.
  - ◇ Small board lengths for segmenting and intarsia projects.

Additionally, we spend a lot of time gathering Pecan, Maple, Cedar Elm, Hackberry, Cherry and Red oak logs for *spalding*. That's the introduction of a fungus into the wood to add to the natural beauty of the various woods when cut.

We also gather Pine to be cut into utility projects for the sawmill such as stickers, billets, and forklift pallets. We also cut Pine into 1 1/2" thick boards by 20-foot lengths for clients with horses to build stalls and corrals. This thick lumber prevents a horse from kicking through their enclosures.

#### **New Projects we started this year:**

- Tall billets for vases and funeral urns of 6", 8", 10" & 12" square by 14" tall. These are available in various woods, including Black Walnut.
- Tree cookies of 1", 2", 3" & 5" thickness. These cookies range from 10" to 36" diameter.

We carry **wood products in thirty-two different species** that include: Mesquite, Pecan, Maple, Red Oak, Post Oak, Red Cedar, Poplar, Cherry, White Ash, Board d' Arc, Sycamore, Cedar Elm, Pine & Black Walnut

All our lumber can be custom cut to length and planed to meet a customer's needs. All lumber is air dried and then the thicker slabs are sent to a wood-drying kiln to be further dried to 6-8 % moisture.

Check out my You-Tube channel, "George Wood of Texas" to see how we do all the activities I have mentioned.

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## BECOME A MEMBER



Become a member of the  
**Hunt County Woodturners!**

Membership is renewable annually for each calendar year and covers individual and family at the same address. The membership cost is \$48.00 per year.

Dues are prorated for new members at \$4 / month.

To get the application, download it [here](#) OR email Mark at [m Spencer2112@gmail.com](mailto:m Spencer2112@gmail.com).

Turn in the completed application at the monthly club meeting or mail it to:

Hunt County Woodturners, Inc.

Attn. Mark Spencer

P.O. Box 8191

Greenville, Tx 75404

Membership in HCW, Inc. entitles you to discounts on selected items at these 3 fine businesses you see listed below. ↓



HCW members are encouraged to become a member of the  
**American Association of Woodturners!**

Hunt Count Woodturners Inc. is a Chapter of this National organization. Your membership not only supports AAW but HCW as well. Insurance Protection is one of the many benefits we gain by membership Check out this excellent guide to their membership services and publications at <http://www.woodturner.org>

### Rockler

584 West I-30,  
Suite 403,  
Garland, TX.  
(469) 329-0971



### Wood World

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



Wood World  
of Texas LLC

### Woodcraft

601 W. Plano Pkwy,  
Suite 145,  
Plano, TX  
(972) 422-2732



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## Who's on Board

Serving the Hunt County Woodturners for 2024 are:

**Brian Livingston, President**

**Alain Schwarz, Vice-President**

**Burt Andrew, Secretary**

**Mark Spencer, Treasurer**

**Howard Wellspring, Technology Officer**

**Brian Schrader, Training Coordinator**

**Tom Nehl, Event Coordinator**

*HCW Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30pm. Board meetings are open to all members & can be attended in person or remotely via Zoom. Board Meeting Minutes can be found on the website in the Members Only section.*

**OUR 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.

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.