

HCW NEWSLETTER

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MAY LETTER

Time is really flying by. We have had wonderful workshops that have been fun and interesting, and we have learned so much. We had the first Women In Turning class taught by Donna Frazier and Tim White which was successful. Matt Monaco did the demo at last months meeting, as well as classes on the following Saturday and Sunday. If you missed this class, you missed learning some great techniques and a lot of fun. At the fair we needed an Army to pull it off, and an army showed up. Despite getting rained out a couple of times everyone had a great time and it was a huge success. At The Beginner/Fundamentals In Turning Class those who participated took in a wealth of knowledge shared by some of our seasoned members. We are grateful to all our members who work hard to make these activities come to fruition. Looking forward, there are many activities planned for you. At the May Club Meeting Stacey Nehl will be demonstrating carving on turned items as well as familiarizing us with the different carving bits. Tom Nehl will be demonstrating flocking at our next open shop on May 13th.

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Open Shop is from 8am ~ 12pm at Brian Livingston's, 100 Margaret Street, Fate, 75189. Aren't we fortunate to have this talented duo in our club! The next Women In Turning Event will be June 17th, where we will be making candlestick holders. Segmenting will be the project for the Quarterly School on July 22nd. You will have more information on this soon. Our next quarterly challenge will be to make a "Drinking Vessel" of your choosing. We expect there will be many fun and interesting variations for this challenge that you will be bringing to the meeting on June 8th. We will not be making Beads of Courage Boxes for S.W.A.T. this year. Fortunately, at this time our area has all the boxes they need. We all need each other for advice, moral support and friendship.....we are a family of 98. Reach out today to a fellow club member in fellowship! I am taking my wife to Washington State to be with our family for Mother's Day so I will not be at the May Club Meeting. Alain Schwarz is graciously filling in for me during my absence. I will see you all in June.

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

Dale King

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.

May Birthdays

	days
Adrienne Clark	6
Mike Rackley	7
Karen Conley	12
Vic Hollingsworth	16
Eric Kirby	16
Linda Strand	17
Drake Freeman	19
Kay Shrode	20
Mitzi Freeman	28



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Girls Just Want To Have More Fun!

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.



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

May

Brian Livingston

100 Margaret Street, Fate, TX

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 # is 903-450-5372.

If anyone is interested in the wood, (don't know what kind or what shape) , he will be at that address Tuesday, May 16th about 11:am or 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 \(woodturner.org\)](#)



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Tips of the month!

[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 explore 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 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/>

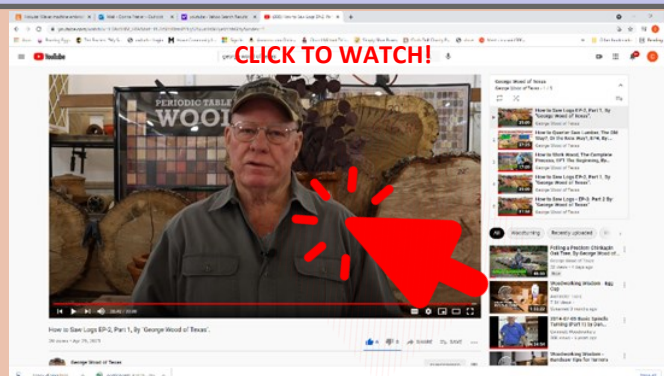
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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

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](#)

Mentor		Member City	Cell #/Phone	Woodturning	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Turned	Spinning	Carving	Design	Business	Marketing	Education	Other
Frank Strick	Greenville	903-266-0428	903	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Spillars	Lubbock, TX	806-734-0623	806	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Robert England	Greenville	903-692-2488	903	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
James Probstman	Greenville	903-222-0868	903	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Spillars	Greenville	903-692-2476	903	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
George Probstman	Greenville	903-222-0868	903	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Spillars	McKinney	214-482-2127	972	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gary Lashless	Greenville	903-692-4833	903	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark Spencer	Greenville	972-742-2629	972	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Spillars	Greenville	903-692-2476	903	Y	Y	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
May 4, 2023**

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

Club members Attending in Person: Lee Craft*, Alain Schwarz*, Sully Sullivan*, Doug Balzer*, Burt Andrew*, Cynthia Balzer, Mark Spencer*, Rod Brumlow*.

Board Members absent: Alan Fields.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 6:06pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

Items of Business

- Board Meeting minutes from April 6, 2023:

Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 6, 2023, board meeting with no changes. The motion was seconded by Doug Balzer. Motion passed.

- Items of Interest – Club Membership and Activities

- Membership stands at 98 after removing those who did not renew for 2023.
- Club apparel order forms for 2023 are ready for distribution. Prices will remain the same as last year. Burt will send out the forms before the May club meeting, and orders will be accepted through the June meeting. The schedule:
 - May meeting – Order forms will be made available to the membership.
 - 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).

- Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops

- Stacy Nehl will demonstrate an embellished lidded box during the May meeting. Brian Livingston (100 Margaret Street, Fate, TX) will host Open Shop, and Tom Nehl will demonstrate flocking during the mini-class.
- Johnny Hayre will demonstrate during the June meeting. His subject will involve the use of epoxy. Burt Andrew will host Open Shop in June and the mini-class will cover the making of lathe tools.
- July is currently open.
- Tom Nehl will demonstrate a three pointed bowl during the August meeting.
- Tim White will discuss Rules of Turning in September.

- Beginner School in May:

- The two-day Beginner School, Sat/Sun, May 6 and 7, will be held at Rod Brumlow's shop (102 Jeremy Drive, Royse City).
- The class will feature turning a basic bowl, platter, and lidded box. As an added feature, finishing of a bowl will be demonstrated.
- Class capacity is 6. Four individuals have signed up so far.
- **Women in Turning:**
 - The next WIT event, initially scheduled for May 29, will be rescheduled to June 17, 8am to 4pm, Lee Craft's shop.
 - The candlestick project will be continued. Donna Frazier will be the instructor.
- **Hunt County Fair:**
 - Doug reported that HCW was well represented at the fair. Our members filled 58 of the 75 demonstrator slots. A significant number of fair attendees expressed interest in HCW activities and will consider attending a club meeting.
 - Proceeds amounted to \$697, even with the closing of two evenings due to rain.
- **Training:**
 - Training Coordinator Rod Brumlow suggested that we need two more larger-scale training events this year. Subjects discussed for these two-day classes are in line with interests expressed by club members in the survey completed early this year. Possibilities include:
 - Segmenting (Rod Brumow, Dale King, Dale Scruggs)
 - Wood carving (Stacy Nehl)
 - Embellishments (Cory White)
- **Quarterly Challenge**
 - Our next Quarterly Challenge will be the turning of a goblet, mug, or drinking vessel.
 - Due June meeting.
- **Restored Hope**
 - Alain Schwarz suggested that we support Restored Hope, a Dallas-based organization that assists in recovery of exploited women. [ref: End Sex Trafficking | Restored Hope Ministries | Dallas, Tx]
 - Restored Hope is asking for turned items for their fundraiser action to be held Sept. 16.
 - Turned submittals will need to be turned in to Alain at or before our August meeting.
 - Alain will provide details during the May meeting.

- **SWAT (Lee Craft)**

- Lee attended the SWAT meeting in Waco on April 29.
- Hilton rooms are sold out; Marriott has 50 rooms left.
- The event will feature 7 professional lead demonstrators and 17 regional demonstrators.
- HCW will be located in another room near the previous location of the gallery.
- There will be no Beads of Courage this year. Hospitals apparently have enough, though Rod will check with the Scottish Rites Hospital in Dallas to check their status for direct contributions.

- **Audio/Visual**

- The group discussed and decided to renew Zoom licensing for another year at \$149.90. Mark Spencer will check status with Alan and will pay immediately if needed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Matt at class last month

