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President's Ponderings

What I have been pondering on this month is a little different than what I've done in the past few months. This time I'm actually asking for your help with something. We are wanting to add more "news/informative" type articles to this newsletter, but we need some help to do it. Most of you have been turning for a long time and have tried many different techniques for turning, finishing, embellishing, etc. Any type of tip would be welcomed by those of us who may not have been turning that long. So that's where you come into my ponderings! Think back to something you've learned while turning. Maybe you tried a new tool, or a different type of wood or tried a finish you've never used before but liked how it worked (or maybe it didn't work - we need to know that too). Could you write a short paragraph on it with information that would be helpful to others?

Here's my example: I turned two Bois D'Arc bowls about a year ago. One I used all Shellac as the finish and one I used friction polly. After a couple of weeks, the one with the friction polly started to crack, but the other one never did. So, I took the cracked one and sanded the areas around the cracks and sprayed a few coats of Shellac on them. Within a few days the cracks closed up and have never re-opened. I don't know what's magical about Shellac and Bois D'Arc, but I'll use it next time for sure.

So, there's my article.....where's yours? We've already received one article, thank you Jonny Hayre, that is featured in this newsletter. You can email your article(s), as many articles as you want to write, to me: bdliving@yahoo.com. I can't wait to read what you've experienced!! Nothing is too insignificant to share! You get bonus points if you send a picture of what you're talking about too!

Be blessed, Brian



July

- 11th - Club Meeting
- 13th - Open Shop

August

- 8th - Club Meeting
- 10th - Open Shop
- 23rd - 25th - SWAT

September

- 12th - Club Meeting
- 14th - Open Shop

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CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 11th 7-9pm

Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville

Demonstration by Tim White
and Alain Schwarz
Basic Bowl Turning

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 13th 8am-Noon

Donna Frazier's shop
1275 Wild Rd., Van Alstyne
Mini-Class: by Donna Frazier
Hollowing

AUGUST

BOARD MEETING -

Thursday, 1st 5:30pm

Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville

CLUB MEETING -

Thursday, 8th 7-9pm

Wesley United Methodist
Church, Greenville
Demonstration by Hugo Privet
Threading

OPEN SHOP -

Saturday, 10th 8am-Noon

Brian Schrader's shop
1012 Lynx Hollow Trl., Forney
Mini-Class: by Brian Schrader
Hollowing

SWAT -

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
23rd, 24th, 25th

Be sure to register by end of July!

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.

⇒ Once/Twice Yearly - Work Party & Lumberjacking

We meet at George Freeman's house to cut up and process trees into blanks for turning. These are not scheduled but you will be notified by email when a date / time is set. Come join the fun and also learn some of the many steps and processes that are needed to produce your own turning blanks. And of course, you can't make blanks without trees, so several times a year, George goes out and cuts down trees to bring back for our Club's use. If you are interested in going on one of these lumberjack excursions, email George woodchipper2011@hotmail.com and he will send you an email notification of when the next trip is planned.

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=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkJkRoSGh3Zz09)
[pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkJkRoSGh3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84938131255?pwd=ZkpOWVFGa00rUmFUeEZlVkJkRoSGh3Zz09)

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SWAT2024 AUGUST 23, 24, 25

If you have yet to Register, do it NOW!!!

Be sure to Register before the end of July! Online registration closes on August 1st! Click on the SWAT website link below to register for the symposium. The online registration cost for the weekend will be \$190 for the 3-day ticket package. The cost is \$300 to register at the door. The Saturday night dinner cost is \$35 and well worth it. SWAT is held in Waco at the Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave. If any club members want to go a day early on August 22nd to help set up, just talk with Lee Craft.

Demonstrators: The lead demonstrators will be: Beth Irland, Sammy Long, Jason Breech, Kurt Hirtzon, Stewart Batty, Laurant Nicolot, and Kirk DeHeer. We encourage you to search YouTube for their videos. There will be Ornamental Turners represented this year (Rose Engine Lathe)

Raffle: The 3-for-1 Raffle this year will offer an American Beauty lathe as the grand prize as well as three Jet 12-21's along with other good prizes.

Hotels: Hotels booked through the SWAT link have sold out. But there are plenty more hotels in Waco. Get all the information and registration details at SWAT's website. www.swaturners.org.



A Message from SWAT:

Will your SPOUSE be coming to Waco for SWAT 2024 with you? Registration for spouses includes meals and entrance to the exhibits and sessions. If your spouse is not interested in the demonstrations, they do not have to pay the spouse fee. They will need to buy the lunch(es) and dinner tickets separately.

Activities for Spouses have been part of the woodturning conference for the past ten years.

Volunteers from the Spouses group schedule fun, creative activities Friday-Sunday. Participants can learn new skills and make new friends. We are currently looking for instructors/leaders to add to our Activities for Spouses. We need individuals who could teach small painting projects, wreath-making, paper crafts, crochet, jewelry, knitting, embroidery, genealogy, or other hobbies.

Participants usually pay a nominal fee to cover the cost of materials.

We currently have teachers signed up to teach basket weaving, authors to discuss their books, how to make custom coffee mugs, paper crafts, and many other things.

Spouses may bring anything they would like to work on; we have a room set aside to just sit and do crafting, crocheting, knitting, etc. To volunteer to teach, contact Marie Mills lakeview6416@yahoo.com We need participants too. Register for Spouse classes in mid-July on the SWAT Website or on Facebook (SWAT Activities for Spouses) using a link to Sign-Up Genius.

Or sign up at our table near the Registration windows at SWAT.

The camaraderie we share expands year after year. Come join us!

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A big thank you to Lee Craft
for demonstrating Air Brushing at our
June Club Meeting.
There were a total of 54 at our meeting:
7 of those were visitors!



Each item brought for **Show & Tell** was individually interesting and creative. We appreciate all participants.

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JUNE's OPEN SHOP

We thank Burt Andrew for hosting this past month.
There were 29 who attended.



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More pictures from JUNE's OPEN SHOP

Some News From **BRIAN SCHRADER** TRAINING COORDINATOR

The Mini-Class at the June Open Shop at Burt Andrew's was a grand success. The topic was Jigs/Fixtures/Gadgets/Tools. A shout out to HCW members... *Sammy Thomason, Burt Andrew, Tim White, Tom Nehl, Billy Walker, Johnny Hayre, Doug Balzer and Scott Roller.* These members shared 20 various gadgets and devices that offer advantages in prep work and design of projects. I believe everyone saw something new or possibly a better way to do something or enhance a tool or technique.

For July and August the Mini-Class topics are going to concentrate on hollowing. Hollowing is often considered removing material from the inside of a vessel through an orifice that is smaller than the internal diameter of the vessel. That is certainly true, but hollowing techniques are not restricted to deep vases or urns. Some might find the stability of a hollowing system allows them to get thinner and more uniform walled bowls. I have often used my hollowing system to strive for thin walled, light weight bowls. In the July Open Shop the club will be hosted by Donna Frazier in Van Alstyne. Donna is going to demonstrate in the Mini-Class the use of the John Jordan hollowing tools and the Lyle Jamieson hollowing system. In August the Open Shop will be hosted by myself, Brian Schrader, in Forney. The Mini-Class that day will present the Tim Yoder Elbo 2 Hollowing System with the laser attachment and the Trent Bosch Visualizer system.

I hope in these three summer months the club members have seen, or will see, tools, fixtures, and systems that intrigue them to stretch their capabilities or incorporate a tool or aid to achieve a task that has been challenging (or impossible) in the past. SWAT will be packed with vendors touting the advantages of their tools. I sincerely hope these summer Mini-Classes have given the HCW members topics to consider and investigate so they can leave SWAT a little heavier in the tool category (and lighter in the wallet) with minimum buyer remorse. Or better (at least cheaper) the tools they can develop at home.



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Article from Johnny Hayre: "SWAT Meetings"

The SWAT Symposium this year will be Friday August 23rd through Sunday the 25th in Waco, Texas. In the unlikely event that your spouse doesn't know about SWAT, let them read this article and not only will they learn what SWAT stands for, but they'll wanna join our club, get their own lathe and meet with us in Waco.

OK. What is SWAT? SWAT is a symposium. The one of which we're interested is not the SWAT symposium where people discuss how to swat mosquitos (that would be in Oklahoma). It is also not related to the Special Weapons And Tactics teams that handle riots and violent confrontations with bad guys.

The acronym SWAT stands for the Southwest Association of Turners-and it's not an association for people from the Southwest whose surname is "Turner", (Bob Turner, Martha Turner, etc.)

"Turners" refers to lathe turners—people who turn things like wood on lathes. By affixing wood to a lathe and spinning said wood, turners use special tools to cunningly remove small pieces of the wood as it spins by in a blur eventually making that very wood round. It's a lot of fun and sometimes the wood doesn't fly off and hit the wall while simultaneously scaring you out of your wits. Which brings up an unappreciated point: If you had your wits about you, would you really spin something that might...whoa...that's not going to encourage you to try lathe turning. Lemme start over:

Turning wood is fun and safe if you're taught properly. A good way to learn is by joining a woodturning club. By a coincidence we have the best such club in Texas, and probably in the North American continent, namely Hunt County Woodturners (HCW). We meet at an undisclosed secret hidden building in Greenville, Texas where we show off compare our art and members give demonstrations trying to teach us poor unexperienced folks some of their cool techniques. I'm not exactly the sharpest tool in the shed but like Yogi Berra said, "you can see a lot just by looking." Usually I learn something and sometimes I retain that new information right up there in my head for more than a week! At any rate, the HCW folks are great people from which to learn. (Notice the phrase "from which to learn" instead of "to learn from." Never end a sentence with a preposition of which "from" is one. Keep reading for even more great grammar you can learn from.)

A few years ago, I traveled to the Waco SWAT with my friend Arlan (surname withheld for his privacy). Arlan got his truck up to 60mph between stops for us to buy coffee or release it after we...uh...filtered it. During one of the stops I had an epiphany (whatever that is). I told Arlan that when we bought our coffee we would save time by immediately pouring it into the urinals in the men's room. (I haven't quite worked out where the women would dump theirs.) We would not only eliminate the middle-man but also the bathroom break. It might come as a shock, but this logic was not exactly appreciated. Life holds many mysteries don't it.

After the first day at SWAT I sold one of my turned pieces to a man from Louisiana or some other foreign land. Made a cool 50 bucks and it took only two weeks to make! (I know what you're thinking, "He means 5 bucks", but no. That's not typo!) That year at SWAT I learned several turning techniques. Most of the

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“SWAT Meetings” article continued.

demonstrators were excellent and one shone so brightly that I was almost blinded by his brilliance. You could tell how special he was as his ego filled the room and leaked out of the building and onto the parking lot. Despite his remarkable ego, he displayed several useful safety tips that I still use.

The other demos were remarkably good especially considering that the demonstrators were just normal people. I also noted a trait that I think is called “humility.” I’ve tried it out but can’t seem to get the hang of it.

Back at the hotel, I eavesdropped on a discussion from a group from Florida, Louisiana or some other non-Texas place. One of their party was expounding his belief that parents should keep their children away from alligators unless they were particularly unruly (the children—not the gators).

“Y’all are way more interesting than us,” I said, straining to sound humble. That’s good line for meeting people. (Pretty educational article, huh?) I should get that line copyrighted, but HCW members can use it for free. Anyway, using this clever line, I met a whole flock of folks who were almost as enthusiastic as me (if you can believe it.) We spent the next hour looking at pictures of our projects on our phones. I secretly swapped one of mine with another guy (the projects not the phones). We weren’t sure if that was legal, but the Woodturning Police didn’t catch us.

At SWAT you’ll see a great host of vendors ready to trade cool woodturning stuff just for money! Besides giving us a chance to buy their wares, the vendors donated items for a raffle held on Sunday. I purchased a few tickets and told everyone I had the winning one. When the drawing began I looked at the screen and to my amazement and the chagrin of those nearby, I won a Thomson spindle gouge, a block of exotic wood and set of sanding supplies all worth \$200 and if you need an example of a run-on sentence this is one added here to help you know what not to do when writing articles. BTW: if you’re going to win one of the raffle prizes, I suggest you wait to win the last one thereby getting the best bang for your buck. (Sounds like deer hunting, don’t it.)

I’m still waiting for the SWAT committee to ask me to demonstrate. I’ll enlighten the audience with the Johnny Hayre woodturning method. All I need to do is figure out what the Johnny Hayre method is. It’ll need a name with a cool sounding acronym. How about the Brute Strength method? ■

QUOTE of the
MONTH

Woodturning
minus patience
equals firewood!

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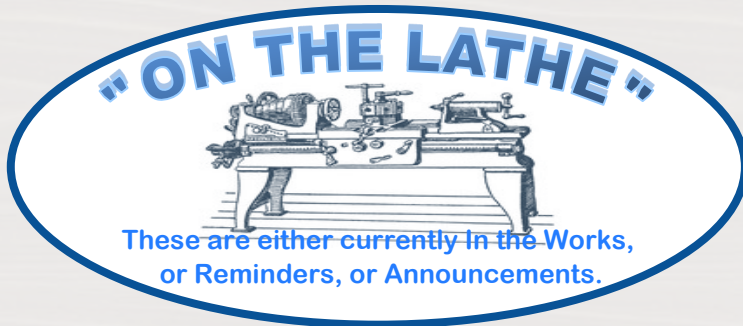
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QUARTERLY CHALLENGE:

Make a CAR

as demonstrated by John Solberg at our May meeting.

Wheels and Axels are available from the Club.

Bring your creation to the

SEPTEMBER Club Meeting for Show-and-Tell.

The members will vote on their favorite item in two separate categories: Painted and Unpainted

A winner from each category will get a \$50 gift card!

SO WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

The "Members' Highlight" section in this newsletter helps build connectivity between club members by sharing the stories of two members each month.

Other members would like to know you better.

Will you share your story with us?

If you will, please contact Brian Livingston and he will give you all the details.

Brian's email is bdliving@yahoo.com.

TENTATIVE TRAINING CLASSES

Looking to expand your knowledge and skill? Keep these classes in mind and go to HCW website for details and to register.

September: Pyrography

November: Beginners 2-day class



2nd - Gage Wirtzberger

7th - Nelson Chrisman

8th - Sarah Frazier

14th - Donna Carmickle

17th - Bill Lilley

18th - Elsa Wirtzberger

24th - Alain Schwarz

27th - John Frazier

27th - Steve Lamkins

Prayer Requests and Praise

John Blattman

Tami Lattanzi

George Littlefield

Kay Shrode

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MEMBERS' HIGHLIGHT

Karen "KC" Conley

I was born 12 May 1970, in Los Angeles, California. I grew up in Azusa, California where I graduated HS in 1988 from Azusa High. I joined the U.S. Army on the Delayed Entry Program the day before Graduation. I completed basic training & army supply specialist unit clerk at Ft. Jackson, SC. Shortly after I completed U.S. Army Airborne School in Ft. Benning, GA. March of 1989 I was assigned to HHC Discom, 82nd Airborne Division Property Book Accounting Office (PBO). Deployed to Saudi Arabia Desert Shield/Desert Storm, while in line for Thanksgiving Dinner I met a tall handsome gentleman named Lee Conley. Months later, while stateside I ran into that gentleman, he asked me out, 6 months later in January 1992 (32 years ago) we were married.

In 1994, after completing the Army Air Traffic Controller Course at Ft. Rucker, Alabama, I was assigned to Bravo company, 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment Training Command. I was discharged from the U.S. Army for medical reasons in December 1998.

From there on I followed my husband and his Army Career, holding down the fort and raising our two beautiful daughters Delaney & Darby. After the girls graduated from school, I found I have time for hobbies. I started seeing items at craft shows that really caught my eye and asked how they were made. Two years ago, I got myself a wood lathe and joined the HCW Club. I am still learning, and I absolutely love it.

Brian Livingston

I currently work for a company called Epiroc Drilling Solutions. It's a Swedish owned company and we make mining equipment for open pit mining, surface drilling and underground mining. This is my 19th year there (after 17 years with Verizon). I am a Supply Planner in the Global Supply Hub team. I work with many suppliers/manufacturers to help them with their supply chain flow so we can make sure we get our products on time and mitigate any constraints. Due to my job, I've been able to travel to Sweden four times and Belgium once and loved it. The Swedish people are so friendly and easy to work with.

Julie and I will be celebrating our 42nd anniversary in September! We have 3 kids (two girls and a boy) and four amazing grandchildren ages 9, 7, 4 & 2 (one boy and 3 girls). All our kids and grandkids live close so we get to see them a lot! Julie watches the two younger ones and since I work from home I get to see them every day! It's a wonderful life! After school, she also gets the two older ones and goes to their house. During the summer, she doesn't have them because our son-in-law is the Rockwall-Heath High School Orchestra Director so he is with them all during the summer.

I was born in the Oklahoma panhandle but grew up in a little farm town called Elkhart, in southwest Kansas, population about 2000. If you're an NFL fan, you may have heard of Elkhart. The current special teams coach for the Cincinnati Bengals is from there. It made the news when they went to the Super Bowl. Julie and I lived in Elkhart for two years after we got married in 1982. Then in 1984 we moved to Texas. We've lived in Garland, Wylie, Rowlett, and now Fate.

I've only been turning wood for a few years, kind of off and on. I learned it from my father-in-law, Dale King, several years ago. I would go over to his shop, when he lived in Wylie, and make a little bowl now and then. When he moved in with us in 2022, he brought his wordturning equipment with him, so since then I've gotten much more involved with it. I am blessed to have access to his knowledge and experience any time I need it. My favorite thing about woodturning is discovering how the different types of wood actually turn. I know a lot of people don't like Bois D'Arc because it's got a lot of cracks and is messy to turn, but it's actually become one of my favorites. I enjoy the challenges of trying to make the cracks part of the end product which give the piece some character.

A couple of things people don't know about me is that, right out of high school, I almost pursued becoming a professional bowler. I bowled on a league from Junior High up through adult men's league (not much else to do in a small town). However, I ended up working as an X-Ray tech in the County hospital of our small town. I loved the medical field and wish I would have stayed in it. If I could do it all over again, I would become a Medical Examiner!!

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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 mspencer2112@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. ↓

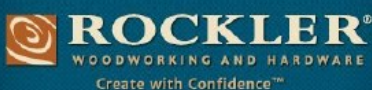


HCW members are encouraged to become a member of the
American Association of Woodturners!

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>

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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

For segmenters, George Freeman has 1" square boards that can be cut to various lengths for segmenting. He has this in Pecan, Mesquite, and Walnut. He also has his original stock of turning blanks. Contact George at 214-334-4035 if you are interested in purchasing any of this wood at a minimal cost. We are so thankful for everything George does for the club.

Please help us expand this RESOURCES page. If you can recommend any YouTube links or Tips or Books, please send the information to Brian Livingston. Continually educating each other is part of who we are as HCW.



If you have any woodturner related items to sell,
this is your space to advertise.

Or maybe you are in search of a tool or equipment,
seek for it here.

Submit your ad to Burt Andrew, email: bandrew1@att.net

Ads will be posted in the newsletter for two months.

What is so special about woodturning?

Woodturning is a craft - an art form for many people - where wood is cut and shaped (turned) on a lathe with a variety of hand-held tools. The various tools are used to cut the wood in different ways. What makes woodturning so interesting is that a single piece of wood can be turned into a vase, a lidded jar, a bowl, a plate, a pen, a bottle stopper, or a beautiful art piece. It all depends on the vision and imagination of the woodturner (maker). How the wood becomes something beautiful and/or useful depends on the tools used - and the skill of the maker. Woodturners continually aspire to hone and advance their craft. Incremental improvements over time produce amazing works of art.

(from www.swaturners.org)

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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.