

HCW NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER LETTER



SWAT 2023 was a great success. Hunt County Woodturners was well represented with over a third of our members attending. Our own Donna Frazier (as a regional demonstrator) presented an outstanding demonstration of Theo's Star. At the end of her demo attendees were asking for her autograph. Our Video crew led by Sully Sullivan and Howard Wellspring were also recognized for their professionalism.

One of our former members, Cory White, also demonstrated. Cory has agreed to do the demonstration at our February meeting. Something to look forward to. Anyone interested in taking a class with Cory please let us know. We can plan on asking him to stay.

Among the other SWAT news, congratulations to Alan Baxter for winning the Jet 12-21 Lathe. We also wish to thank Alan for donating it to the club.

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.

Thank you, Alain (for Lee)

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Announcements

The lidded box & texturing class given by Stacy Nehl will still be on Oct. 7th & 8th. This 2 day class will be held at Tom and Stacy's shop in Emory. Price for this 2 day class is the same.

\$125.00 if you sign up by Sept 23rd. \$150.00 after that.

Thanks ,,,, Lee

Hi Folks ,,,,

This is just a quick update on where we are with the two classes we have scheduled next month..

The Carving class given by Stacy Nehl, Oct 7-8, has 1 opening left. This was first listed as turning a lidded box, then carving on it. Tom and Stacy have several vases already turned, and these will be used for carving. There will be no turning involved, just carving. It is a 2 day class that cost \$125.00 per person (for both Days) to be held at Tom and Stacy's shop in Emory. Each person must have a carving machine.

The Segmenting Class at Rod Brumlow's shop on Oct 28-29 has 4 spots still open. It also is \$125. per person for the 2 day class.

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.

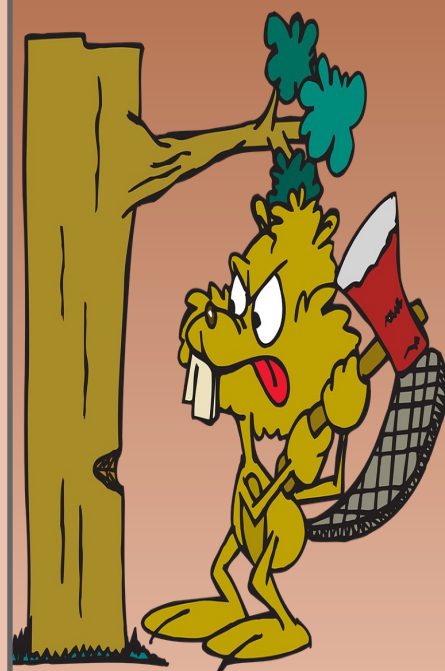
September Birthdays

	days
Alan Fields	7
Jerry Morgan	7
Charles G. Tucker	8
Sully Sullivan	14
Martin Strand	19
Paul Wirtzberger	20
John Astrello	22
Sammy Thomason	25
Pamela Shuman	25



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Club meeting was September 14th at 7 pm at the Wesley United Methodist Church.



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.





“Anyone who doesn’t think money grows on trees hasn’t bought any lumber lately.” – Anonymous

**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.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/>

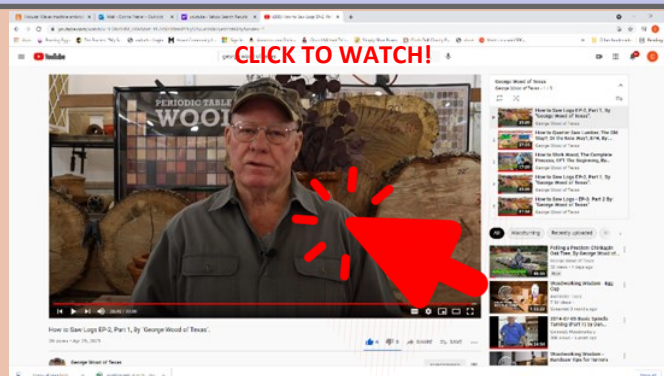
Up to 19% of world's "irreplaceable" giant sequoias lost to fire in about a year, study finds <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/19/giant-sequoias-thousands-killed-wildfires-california/8687355002/>

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	Home City	Cell Phone	Woodturning	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools	Lathe	Hand Tools	Power Tools
Frank Strick	Greenville	903-266-0428	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tom Spillars	Lubbock, TX	806-734-0623	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Robert England	Greenville	903-692-2488	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
James Probstman	Greenville	903-222-0488	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
David Spillars	Greenville	903-692-2475	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
George Probstman	Greenville	903-222-0488	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tom Spillars	McKinney	214-482-2127	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Gary Lashless	Greenville	903-692-4833	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mark Spicers	Greenville	972-742-2629	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tom Spillars	Greenville	903-692-2475	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	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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Ward Manufacturing**

Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2023

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church. Zoom was made available for this meeting, conducted by Howard Wellspring.

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

Board Member(s) absent: Burt Andrew*.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 6:17pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

Items of Business

- Board Meeting minutes from August 3, 2023:

Rod Brumlow made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 3, 2023, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Doug Balzer. Motion passed.

Noted clarification to Christmas Party discussion: invitees include members and members' families.

- Website

- The HCW website needs repair and development. We need a webmaster (appointed).
- Johnny Hayre is considering the position. The Board discussed approaching PJC for initial assistance.
- The Board will consider paying for this initial setup.
- Lee and Gary will meet next week to visit PJC regarding the possibilities.

- Training:

- Carving Class:
 - Stacy Nehl will instruct one two-day class featuring texturing and carving on vases (that will be supplied). No turning will be involved.
 - Training dates: Sat/Sun, October 7 and 8. Training location: Tom and Stacy Nehl's shop, 118 RS County Road 4269, Emory.
 - Maximum 8 students; so far 7 have signed up. Cost is \$125 per student if paid at least two weeks in advance. Otherwise \$150.
 - Lee is maintaining the list. Interested members should contact Lee to be included.
- Segmenting Class:
 - Rod Brumlow and Dale King will present one two-day segmenting class on Sat/Sun, October 28 and 29. Training location: Rod Brumlow's shop, 102 Jeremy Drive, Roys City.
 - Maximum 8 students; so far 4 have signed up. Cost is \$125 per student if paid at least two weeks in advance. Otherwise \$150.
 - Lee is maintaining the list. Interested parties should contact Lee to be included.
 - Rod is obtaining supplies, est. \$500 to HCW. Needs hose clamps, sanding sheets, wood.

- Rod will cut wood into strips in advance.
- Will teach old-school layout (pen and paper) as well as computer layout methods.
- Will use the club lathes plus one borrowed from Alain or Lee.
- Rod wants to get class information on the website and will attempt to do that himself. He will call John Regis for access info.
- For either class, payment may be made in advance or at class. Mark will send out Paypal invoices on request.
- **SWAT**
 - SWAT leadership complimented HCW as having the best A/V presentation and operations. Thanks to Sully and Howard for their video work.
 - Brazos Valley Woodturners has asked for information on how we organize for SWAT. No documents exist; Lee will call Cory to explain and assist otherwise if possible.
- **Christmas Party, WUMC, Saturday Dec 9**
 - Cynthia is preparing a memo covering various elements of the event: food, volunteers, auction related, raffle, centerpieces, Penny Raffle drawing, toy donations for Women-in-Need.
 - Main dish discussion: Will be sausage, brisket, and turkey. Lee has volunteered to do the brisket. Volunteers needed for sausage and turkey.
 - Table decorations (will need at least 13 to cover projected 100 attendees) will likely be ornaments and/or Christmas trees. Cynthia suggested Turning Christmas Trees as a topic for an upcoming Open Shop mini-class.
 - Will expect to have website enabled to accept attendee signups.
 - Open to HCW members and members' families. Lee will invite other selected friends and supporters of HCW.
- **Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops**
 - Tim White is lined up to do the September demo, entitled "Always and Never, and Whatever Works for You." Tom and Stacy Nehl will host September's Open Shop.
 - Alain shared upcoming planned demos: October, Donna Frazier; November, Sharon Ayres; January, Gary Sanders; February, Cory White; March, Derek Weidman on lathe chainsawing (tentative).
 - The September Open Shop mini-class is TBD. Alain will see if Tim would instruct.
- **New Jet 12/21VS Lathe Donated to HCW by Alan Baxter**
 - Club member Alan Baxter has donated the lathe he won at SWAT to HCW.
 - Lee suggested using the new lathe to replace the Club's aging Nova Comet.
 - Nova will be silent-auctioned at the Christmas Party, w/ \$50 minimum.
 - Lee will modify a stand for the new Jet.
 - Lee and Gary will prep the Nova for the auction.

- **Financial (Mark Spencer)** [Financials were sent to the Board members in advance.]
 - Penny raffle revenue has reached about \$1100 toward the \$2100 goal, with three club meetings to go. Mark suggests it's time for heightened promotion.
 - Will be absent from our meeting next week; Alain and Doug have agreed to stand in.
 - SWAT revenues and expenses will show up in next month's reports.
 - Mark presented a 2023 Budget Summary through August.
 - Finances are in overall good shape.
 - August expenses were greater than income by \$590; YTD income shows greater than expenses by \$2,344.
 - The source of two income items (in February and April) amounting to \$1,055 has not been identified. This income will remain categorized as miscellaneous.
 - August was a relatively slow month. The main income items consisted of the monthly raffle, event revenue (wood carving class), and the Penny raffle. Main expenses included payment to WUMC for meeting location, storage building costs, and SWAT related.
 - August ending check register balance, \$4,794.48.
- **Other Items of Business**
 - Lee noted that Howard Wellspring will replace Sully as Technology Director effective next year (elected position, subject to usual approval process). Sully's new job and associated traveling makes this change necessary. Thanks to Howard for stepping up.
 - The WUMC upstairs-area representative is still not pleased with our use of the area. Lee will address with church leadership.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.