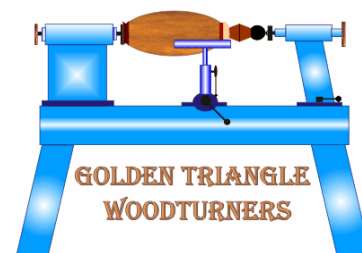


# The Lathest News

## Golden Triangle Woodturners

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We meet the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

East Craft Room  
The Center for Visual Arts  
400 East Hickory  
Denton, TX

(located at the corner of Bell Avenue and Hickory)  
Next meeting - May 5th

**NOTE : Todays meeting is not on the normally scheduled day to accommodate demonstrators schedule**

## World Renowned Turner Al Stirt comes to Denton

This months Demonstration will be from one of the worlds renowned turners. Al Stirt has demonstrated at the AAW Annual National Symposium 6 times, and has been a Honorary Lifetime for Dedication and Contributions to the field of Woodturning. Please find Al's bio below

Each year I travel to teach hands-on classes at [craft schools](#) around the country. These are great opportunities for students to learn new techniques and brush up their turning skills. Each class forms it's own culture where students learn from each other as well as the instructor. I've never taught a class where I haven't brought home some new skill or idea. Classes generally run from Monday through Friday and have anywhere from 8 to 15 students. Contact the schools directly for details. I also do wood turning demonstrations for clubs and organizations. I've demonstrated at many major [symposiums](#) in the U.S. and in England, Ireland & New Zealand. I've also been part of several regional mini-symposiums. In the last few years, organizations have been bringing me to their area to do a one day demonstration followed by two or three days of hands-on classes for a small group of local woodturners. Please [Email Me](#) for more information.



photo: Dave Brown

## Gene Colley Demonstration Pictures



## AAW message to members



Each month an AAW board member writes a message/letter to the members of the supporting clubs. From time to time these messages will be printed in our newsletter. This

month's message comes from AAW Board Member Al Hockenberry.

Dear AAW Members,

It is my honor to write the March letter from the Board to you, our AAW. The AAW Board members, Executive Directors, and a hundreds Richmond region chapter members have spent months working on Symposium preparations. My letter focuses on the 2008 symposium.

In February we visited the Symposium site. I'd only seen Richmond from I95 and from a Woodturners Anonymous meeting. I was pleasantly surprised by the city up close. The convention center is a great facility!

The 2008 Symposium will be the best ever. Keep checking the web pages in the coming weeks for more information on demonstrations, rotation grids, special interest nights, and opportunities to win a lathe from Choice Woods.

Here are some ways to get more out of the symposium.

Participate in ReTurn to the Community. Support the Children's Hospital of Richmond, a private, nonprofit hospital that serves children from birth through the age of 21. **WANTED:** Any toy that kids can play. Suggestions include finger tops, pull string tops, toy cars and trucks, as well as rattles....I urge your club to make a combined club contribution. This lets people who cannot attend the symposium

turn a toy. Bring a sign to label your club's donations.

Volunteer a few hours of your time at the symposium. Each year AAW members volunteer their time to make your symposium a success. This year we need 195 Room Assistants to help the demonstrator and videographers and 100 Assistant Instructors for the Youth classes. In addition volunteers are needed to run the instant gallery, sell AAW merchandise, and run the registration desk. To Volunteer Visit Hockenberry's [Website](#).

Plan your July club meeting to feature presentations by your club members, who attend the symposium. Each will bring home techniques, tools, photos, stories, and ideas to share. Enable your whole club to benefit from their experiences.

Participate in the EOG auction. Donate a really nice piece or buy one. If you are like me, you can only drool over a Bonnie Klein and Jacques Vesery collaboration, but there are many marvelous turnings at prices we can afford. The proceeds go to the education fund.

Take advantage of Special Interest Night. These are sessions put on by AAW members for other AAW members who have similar interest. See more on SIN at the end.

Visit our first symposium Resident Artists: Louise Hibbert and Sarah Parker-Eaton. Watch as they create a new work of art during the Symposium.

Bring your work to display in the Instant Gallery! Be part of the largest exhibition of turning on the planet! It's all about your best work whatever it might be.

I hope to see you or one of your toys in Richmond.

Al Hockenberry  
AAW Board Member

## March Meeting Pictures



## March Bring-Back Winners

Each month during the meetings we draw for Bring-Back winners. This is a great opportunity to share our work and get a chance to collect turnings by other woodturners. While there are not hard and fast rules around the type of items that should be donated to the Bring-Back raffle, it is suggested that it be an item that you turned yourself. The spirit of the activity is to expand our woodturning collections, learn from others, and enjoy the art work others create.

If you were a bring back winner from March's meeting, please be sure to bring in a turned object for the Bring Back for the April meeting (which is being held on 3/31).

## Calendar

March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Monthly Meeting at Greater Denton Arts Council, 7:00pm.
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00pm. All members welcome to attend at Pete Tkacs workshop in Denton, TX.
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting at Greater Denton Arts Council, 7:00pm.

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