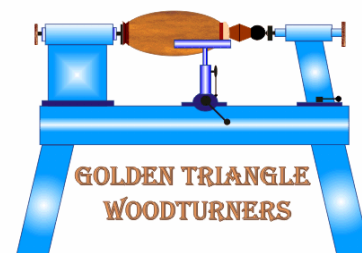


The Lathest News

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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 - March 31st

NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE APRIL MEETING DATE !!!!!

"Turning a Perfect Sphere" presented by Gene Colley

This month's Demonstration will be focused on "Turning a perfect Sphere". The purpose is to illustrate tool control and ways to duplicate patterns (From one side of a sphere to the other). Please find Gene's bio below

I was 12 years old when I turned my first set of salt and pepper shakers out of dried, soft maple left over from something my Dad had made. They were 4" tall and about 2" in diameter. The lathe that I used was an old tabletop lathe that my Dad had from his childhood that needed a motor and had to have the bronze bushings oiled about every 30 minutes and the tail stock only had a cup center, so it had to be oiled all of the time to stop the squeaking! I used an old set of Sears's tools that had not ever been sharpened and I scraped and then sanded until the spindles were smooth. Today I use a Powermatic 4224 and use high speed steel to cut the wood and instead of starting with 60grit sandpaper, I start with 120 or 180.

This month Gene will focus on how to turn a perfect Sphere. The lessons learned in this demonstration will provide tips and techniques that go beyond just how to make a wooden sphere. These tips can improve your coves and beads when doing spindle turning as well. You can also turn wooden spheres as items to decorate with and can be finished in a variety of ways.



Don't be a Square - Be There !!!!

president's platter



about Gene.

This month we are excited to have Gene Colley demonstrate at our Monthly Meeting. Most of you know Gene, however for those that don't, let me share a few things about Gene.

Gene was the previous Past President for the GoldenTriangle Woodturners. He has been an avid turner since he was a young boy. He has served as a Director in the past to the SouthWest Area Woodturners (SWAT) as well as his most recent venture. Gene now has a Woodturning school in Copper Canyon called "Canyon Studios". He brings world renowned turners to our part of the country and provides turners an opportunity to not only learn more about this craft, but also allows hands on training with some of the worlds best turners. Gene has been very gracious in continuing to work with our club to bring World Renowned Demonstrators to the area, making them much more accessible and affordable for our club to be able to have them present here.

I hope everyone enjoys this month demonstration.

-- Pete Tkacs (2008 GTW President)

February 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 February's meeting, please be sure to bring in a turned object for the Bring Back for the March meeting.

2008 SWAT Symposium

This years symposium will be held October 17-19, 2008 in Waco, Texas at the [Waco Convention Center](#), and will feature seven outstanding national/international lead demonstrators, an excellent regional lead demonstrator and a number of local demonstrators, who promise to thoroughly engage you.

Below are links for the National Lead Demonstrators

[Art Liestman](#)

[Betty Scarpino](#)

[Binh D Pho](#)

[Donald Derry](#)

[Mark St. Leger](#)

[Matthew Hill](#)

[Trent Bosch](#)

February Meeting Pictures



AAW message to members

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



Dear AAW Members,

It doesn't seem possible that a year has gone by us! Yet here we are at the threshold of an AAW board meeting in Richmond to put the finishing touches on plans for the [June 20-22 symposium](#). I am looking forward to this meeting with a bittersweet taste as it will be my last symposium as a member of one of the finest boards, I believe, to have lead the organization. There is a hardworking core of volunteer board members working diligently to make this year's symposium the best ever. Armand LaMontagne, a world-famous Rhode Island sculptor, when asked which of his sculptures was his favorite, his response was, "The last one." When asked which sculpture is his best, he responded, "The next one!" I think this is true for the upcoming Richmond symposium. As you have heard, there have been a lot of changes in the AAW administrative offices in St. Paul. We have been making the change from a working board of directors to a board of governance in slow, deliberate steps. We completed that process at the end of 2007. We now have a new Director's Handbook, which describes the responsibilities and expectations of a board member. Soon we expect to have a new Operations Manual in place, which will outline many of the day-to-day tasks performed in St. Paul.

The growth of the AAW continues to surprise me. We started out 2008 with [283 chapters](#) and more than 13,000 members. In 2007 alone, a record 25 new chapters

were chartered (see details on page 10 of the Spring AW). Congratulations to all of those who have the vision and drive to bring chapters closer to members' homes.

Under the watchful eye of Larry Genender, you can expect to see new and innovative programs and services to involve chapters in furthering the mission of the AAW. Be sure to read about the AAW's Star Chapter program, which recognizes chapters with 100 percent AAW membership.

In other AAW activities by board members, Malcolm Tibbetts is working hard to expand the [Educational Opportunity Grants \(EOG\) programs](#).

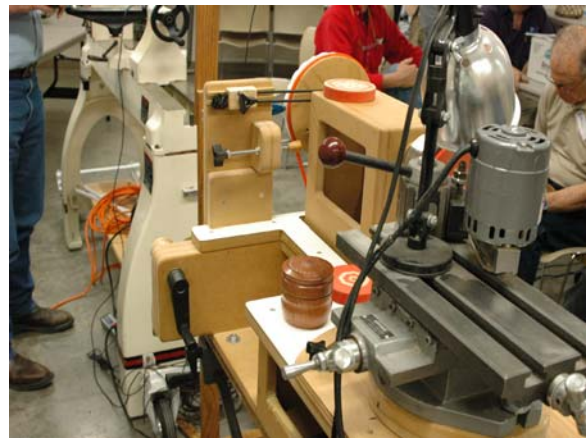
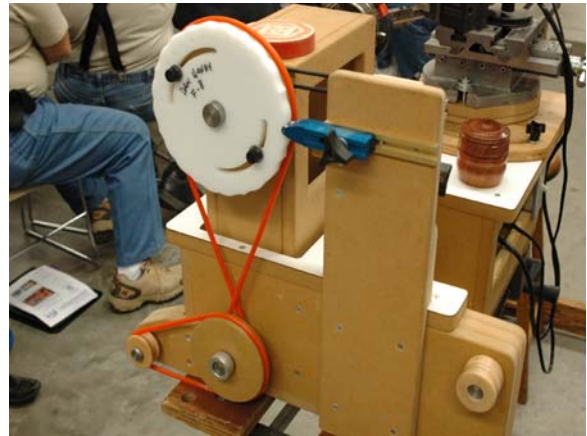
The AAW Youth Committee, under the stewardship of Al Hockenbery, is off to a brilliant year with many new programs. As always you can expect the [Professional Outreach Program \(POP\)](#) Committee to continue to provide each symposium with a series of engaging programs for our collectors, galleries, and museums.

So to all new and current members, on behalf of myself and the board of directors, we wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year. Finally, we would like to congratulate you for your continued support in making the AAW the most successful crafts organization of its kind anywhere in the world.

Thank you.

Angelo lafrate
President AAW

Dan Henry Demonstration Pictures



Calendar

March 3 rd	Monthly Meeting at Greater Denton Arts Council, 7:00pm.
March 18 th	Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00pm. All members welcome to attend at Pete Tkacs workshop in Denton, TX.
March 31 st	Monthly Meeting at Greater Denton Arts Council, 7:00pm.

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