

Golden Triangle Woodturners Club - Denton Texas

THE WOODTURNER

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MEETING: 7:00 PM
FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
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March 6th Demonstration

Sammy Thomason - You can turn a sphere:
Grip it without a chuck

My first projects were building models powered by rubber bands, co2 cartridges, Jetex rockets and small gas airplane engines. However, we experienced something today's kids miss. Failure. Lots of discussions about why a model did not fly, float, roll, skid, crash or go where we wanted it to go. Trial and error or better - trial and failure. All this time I was collecting tools. After college, draft and marriage I attended a wood turning demo and purchased a lathe. My first wood turning meeting was with the Hunt County Wood Turners. Show and tell was eye opening. Oh my gosh! What these people could do. Wow! The sharing of knowledge is so tremendous. Open shop and demos, that is where you really learn how to turn. And then one day, you look around and say "This is one way to do that, now you try it."



President's Platter

Sammy Thomason is going to be our demonstrator for March. I have been asked if we are related, and I really don't know! Perhaps we need to compare lineage. I have seen his work at SWAT and have always been impressed, so I will be looking forward to meeting him.

AAW Symposium and SWAT are coming up so now is the time to be getting those hotel reservations. I hope to go to both of these great events and look forward to seeing Golden Triangle Woodturners well represented at both events. I am always looking for new ideas, and these events are the place to be. The instant gallery is one of my favorite places to see what other turners are doing. Taking pictures of some of the items that have drawn my attention gives me something to refer to once I get home. The demonstrators and their handouts are also a great source of inspiration. I always learn so many things that I have a hard time sleeping with all the new ideas bouncing around in my head all night!

Denton Arts and Jazz is only a month away! Club members will be turning "cars for kids" to give away at our booth again this year. I love the looks on the kids' faces as they get to choose just the right car to take home! If you have attended this event you know what I mean. I encourage all of our members to come and assist at our booth. Turn a car, put on wheels and axles, or just talk to folks about woodturning for a couple of hours. We always have a fun time at this event.

I am hoping to see a good turnout on our "Show and Tell" table this month. The weather has been perfect to get into the shop and get some turning projects done. Bring in what you have been working on and show it off! Who knows, you might inspire someone else to try a new project.

Steve Thomason

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Upcoming Event - Janice Levi “Turning Elegant Finials”

Janice Levi, an experienced instructor at SWAT and this coming AAW Symposium, will demonstrate turning of finials at our May 1, 2017 meeting. She has also offered to lead follow-up “hands on” half-day classes on the same topic the following day. (5/2/17) The classes will be held in one of our club member’s shops to be determined later, and will cost around \$50 per person. **Please contact Joel Rubin** (our Vice President and Programs Chairman) now at jhrubin@verizon.net to help him gauge overall interest levels and reserve your spot. (And while you’re at it, let him know how much you appreciate his tireless efforts in lining up great programs for us month after month.) Check out Janice’s website at janicelevi.com for more information about her work.

Editor’s note - I had the good fortune to work closely with Janice for several years as a member of the Brazos Valley (Waco area) club. I’m confident you’ll find Janice to be a passionate, inventive, creative, and engaging demonstrator.

Website Information

The Golden Triangle Woodturners website located at goldentrianglewoodturners.org has been updated with a presentation by George Freeman. The presentation covers over 50 types of native trees of Texas as well as others from North America with an emphasis on the kinds of wood they produce for wood turning. You can access the presentation documentation from the website under Documents, Texas Wood.

Three videos of the entire presentation are located at the Denton Wood Turners YouTube site <https://www.youtube.com/user/DentonTurners> titled “Choosing the right wood for your woodturning project”. There is a short introduction video, 15 seconds, prior to each presentation. Using the GTW website you can access the Denton Turners by clicking on the Video tab and selecting DentonTurners.

If anyone has suggestions or comments about what to include in the website feel free to contact Doug Busey at dougbusey@sbcglobal.net



SWAT Registration is now open - The annual Southwest Association of Turners Symposium will again be held in Waco August 25-27 2017. Registration is now open at <https://wpforum.wufoo.com/forms/swat-2017-registration/> Act early early to take advantage of lower registration fees and to assure a hotel reservation at your preferred location.

Sand Paper Organizers Still for Sale! \$20

There are limited ways the GTW Club generates money for operations. Yearly dues and raffle sales make up the majority of our operating budget. Monies collected at the demonstrations done during Roanoke and Denton Jazz Festivals typically only cover material costs for the cars we hand out.

John Beasley has designed and built a number of sand paper organizers, and given them to the club for use as a fundraiser. Here's your chance to finally organize your sandpaper stash, and augment the club's programs budget to boot! Maybe there's someone else in your life that would benefit from a bit of organization as well? Get them while they last!



Bring Back winners from February Meeting:

Doug Busey	Dale Lloyd	Thomas Steen	John Easterling	Glen Steubing
David Hoenig	Don Hawkins	Sam Jones	Steve Thomason	Sharon Ayres

Looking for a Newsletter Editor

Your current newsletter editor, Norm Burgess, is moving to Georgetown and will not be able to continue. The club is therefore looking for a replacement Board Member to take over this responsibility. Training will be provided — newsletter templates exist for both Microsoft Word (PC) and Apple Pages word processing programs, or you can use whatever system you're comfortable with. You'll be invited to participate in the monthly board meetings (Thursday evenings following the first Monday Club meetings) to gather content for the coming issue. It's a great way to get involved with the club and get to know the officers and members better, while only requiring a few hours a month. Contact Norm or any Club Officer for more information.



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Membership Application 2017



New () Renewal () Check One

Annual Membership: \$30.00 Per Calendar Year (Jan - Dec). (Students \$15)

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Home: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____

Your Occupation: _____

Full Time () Part Time () Retired ()

Are you a member of AAW? Yes () No ()

How long have you been turning? _____

What kind of lathe do you have? _____

What is your skill level? Beginner () Intermediate () Advanced ()

What would you like to see at our club meetings? _____

Can you suggest a demonstrator? _____

Can we contact you to help with special events? Yes () No ()

Check the box if you do NOT want to be listed in the online roster ()

Would you be willing to be a Mentor? Yes () No ()

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to: Golden Triangle Woodturners

If Mailing, Mail to: Golden Triangle Woodturners

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(For Office Use)

Amount

Method

Date

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