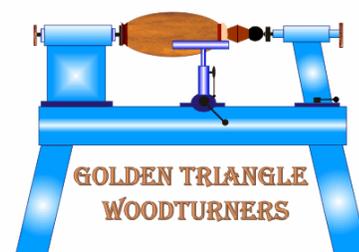


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We meet the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

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

(located at the corner of Bell Avenue and Hickory)

Next meeting - Sept. 3rd

John Horn Featured Demonstrator for September

Techniques and Tools for End Grain Turning

John is a member of the AAW and is active in both the the Golden Triangle Woodturners and Woodturners of North Texas.

Most of us know that a bowl gouge is the preferred tool for most bowl turning where the grain runs 90 degrees to the bed of the lathe, but end grain turning is completely different in both the turning technique and the tools used. If a person looks at the tool catalogs, there will be a wide variety of tools for sale to solve the difficulties of end grain turning.

Some of the tools are complete systems of components that are quite pricey to say the least. How is a person to decide how to select the tool or system of tools that will perform the task at hand? Is it necessary to get a large loan at the bank just to turn a few end grain vessels? Obviously, if only by looking at the catalogs, there are a large number of options, some of which are relatively inexpensive and others are very expensive.

By understanding the theory of how end grain wants to be cut, both the tools and technique choices become much more manageable.



president's platter

Hopefully everyone has had a great summer. Good vacations and a lot of Woodturning! The club has a busy few months between now and Thanksgiving. We need everyone's help to make these events successful. The reason I'm discussing these is we need folks to sign up and help us do some turning. At each of these we are just demonstrating our craft of woodturning and making either tops or cars for kids and pens for the troops. We don't need each of you at all of these events, but just pick one or two and sign up for an hour or two.

The first is Arts Antiques and Auto on Sep 8. It is on the square in Denton and is only for about six hours. The next is SWAT in Wichita Falls on 5-7 Oct. If your attending, we have a room that we are doing the video taping in and need only two people for each secession. This is not hard and will only be for 1 ½ hour. Please help us out on this. The last is the Denton Empty Bowls charity event on Oct 27. We have less than 25 bowls and need 100. If every one would only turn 2 bowls we could reach this goal. Spend a little time turning and help out a good charity.

The last item I need to bring up, is the club meeting in October. We have moved it from Oct 1, to Oct 8, so we can get Jimmy Clewes for the demo. He will be attending SWAT and is available the Monday night after. Please change your calendar for this change. Thanks for your help on these items.

-- Pete Tkacs (2007 GTW President)

SWAT update

This will be the sixteenth event and it promises to be the best one yet! This year it will be held October 5-7, 2007 in Wichita Falls, Texas at the city's Multi-Purpose Events Center (MPEC), and will feature five outstanding national/international lead demonstrators, an excellent regional lead demonstrator and twelve local demonstrators, who promise to thoroughly engage you.

Our Club has an active role in this years SWAT event Hosting a room:

- Golden Triangle will be sponsoring Demo Room #6.
- Stacey Hager, the SW Lead will do 5 rotations in that room.
- Bruce Hoover will do 2 rotations
- Dave Smith will do 2
- Dan Henry will do 1.

Room Sponsors Responsibilities:

Set up on Thursday Oct 4 from 8:00 to 6:00 (Be ready for the 1st Rotation on Friday Oct 5 at 10:30)

Introduce the Demonstrator at the start of each Demo

- Ensure the demonstrator is aware of the camera positions (prior to demo)
- Provide a room assistants and camera operators for each rotation on the scheduled
- Set up and operate your A/V system connect to SWAT provided TV's
- Record the demo on VCR tapes provided by SWAT.
- Keep the demo room clean and

presentable (Clean between each rotation as necessary)

- **Clean room at the end of the show**
- Hand out and collect Demo Evaluation forms
- **Provide the following equipment:**
- 4 Jaw chuck with a 1 ¼ inch X 8 thread insert
- Grinder for tool sharpening with a wolverine and veri-grind type jigs
- Shop vacuum
- Broom, dust pan and a bench brush
- A short tool rest to fit a 1 inch tool rest
- Task lights for lathe or work area
- 115 volt Extension cords and Power strips

You can learn more about all of the turners by visiting the SWAT [Demonstrators page](#).

Please be sure to sign up to assist if you will be attending SWAT this year. We all get something from going to the meetings as well as the SWAT events. There is not a paid staff to run either of these meetings and volunteers and assistance is what allows top quality demonstrators and the lost costs for admission.

Please give back to the Club and SWAT by volunteering to work a few shifts as a room host.



August Bring Back Winners

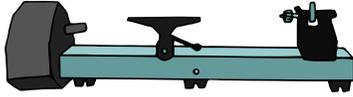
There were lucky members of our club that were winners of "bring backs" at the August meeting. It is now their turn to bring back an item (turning) that will be raffled at the September 3rd meeting. Good luck to all !!!

If you were a Bring Back winner at the last meeting, please be sure to bring back an item for the September Meeting.

Gene Colley - August Demonstration



Turning Tips & Info



Tip # 1

A little masking tape on your tool-rest can be used to easily transfer a pattern to the workpiece.

Do you need to make a number of repetitive parts on a lathe? Using a pattern is a good way to ensure all of the pieces turn out alike but it can take time to transfer the dimensions to each piece. A simple solution is to place a piece of masking tape on your tool-rest and mark the dimensions on the tape. With the dimensions on the tape you won't need to pull out your template as often.



Tips Courtesy of Woodzone.com.

Tip #2

File a small notch in one of the spurs of your drive center so that you can replace wood exactly where it was if you have to take it off for some reason.

Tip #3

Limit exposure of film building finishes like laquer, polyurethane and varnish to air. Use a collapsible container

Tip # 4

To get rid of dark wood stains on your hands like walnut, rub lemon juice for a few minutes and then wash off with water. Repeat until gone.

Tip # 5

Never wrap sandpaper or cloth around your fingers / hands when sanding or finishing. It can still get caught and pull your fingers into the spinning machine

Tip # 6

Don't use a Roughing Gouge on a bowl, platter or faceplate turning or an area where it extends over the rest very far. The tang is too small to handle it. It may break easily.

Tip # 7

When using the tailstock, continually tighten as it can work loose.

Photos From the August Meeting



Calendar

September 3	Monthly Meeting at Greater Denton Arts Council, 7:00pm.
September 25	Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00pm. All members welcome to attend.
October 5-7	SWAT Symposium - Wichita Falls.

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