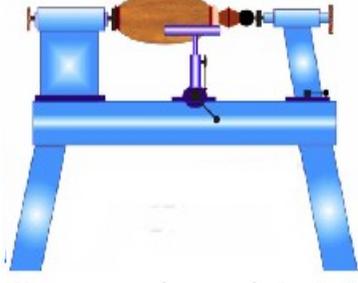


GOLDENTRIANGLE WOODTURNINGS



NEWSLETTER OF THE
GOLDEN TRIANGLE WOODTURNERS

<http://www.goldentrianglewoodturners.org/>

Center for the Visual Arts 400 E. Hickory, Denton, TX

December 2011

Our next meeting is 7:00pm December 5th

*Merry
Christmas
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Happy New Year



President's Patter

It is already time again for the GTW Christmas party. Following tradition, the party will be held at the usual meeting time and place for December. Since we start with a dinner, I suggest that you arrive on December 5 a little before 7:00 so you have time to drop off the items you brought, buy raffle tickets, and find a place to sit before it all starts at 7:00.

Everyone is invited to the Christmas party and we hope your spouse/significant other can also attend. The club will provide meat and drinks, but we ask everyone to bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

If you can't bring anything, that is fine, come anyway as there is always plenty. In addition to a side dish, please bring any show and tell items and if you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift. Everyone who attends, club members and their guests, are each invited to bring a gift, so think about a gift that a wood turner or a wood turner's spouse might appreciate. We will not do the bring backs in December, so wait and bring those in January.

In addition to the gift exchange, we will also have a raffle which will include a number of items that have been donated to the club. The raffle prizes include a variety of things of use to wood turners, including wood glue, a turning tool, pen kits, sandpaper, gift certificates and other fabulous prizes. After the raffle, we will do the quarterly raffle for a Vicmark chuck.

The party promises to provide good food, prizes, good company and a lot of fun. I hope you can attend.

The past year has been a fun and educational year for GTW members. We have learned about turning pens using pen kits, making ducks, burning designs into our turnings, coring bowls, making thin turned goblets as well as ornaments, and balls in boxes. We also learned more about how to buy the right sand paper for the job and how to use "easy" tools to turn. This year we were fortunate to have a demonstration by world famous Eli Avisera who showed us how to turn a variety of small items. We also had several open shops where we practiced making ornaments, tops, goblets, finials, bowls and boxes.

We also participated in Denton's Arts and Jazz Festival and Celebrate Roanoke by providing cars to kids and in the process encouraged people to join our club. Our outreach also included providing over 325 bowls for the Denton Empty Bowl Project as well as boxes for Beads of Courage.

After such a full and productive year, it is time to relax and enjoy the holiday season. So, I hope you can all come to the GTW Christmas party and have a fun time with your wood turning friends.

Neal Brand

Be sure to welcome our new member:

Mike Zunkowski of Flower Mound



Editor's bLOG

Have you noticed the color in the fall leaves this year? Mostly brown, must have been the hot dry summer, HA. I don't know about you but the cooler weather makes me want to sort through the fire wood pile for that nice piece of spalted elm or pecan... not to burn but to turn. There should be a lot of turning wood available next spring when it is known which trees make the winter and which don't.

This is my last newsletter as editor. I have filled this position for almost three years and it is time for someone with fresh ideas to take the reins. I certainly hope a club member will quickly step up and volunteer so as not to leave a gap. I will be glad to work with anyone to get them started, including providing files and application. If you wish to be the new editor please tell Neal or John Beasley.

I wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas**. Enjoy your family and friends in this season and be extra careful traveling or turning.

Glynn Cox Editor



Photos of November Open Shop



UPCOMING EVENTS

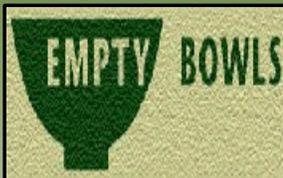


Our GTW *Christmas Party* is next Monday, December 5th at 7:00pm.

Meat for our dinner will be provided by the club and members are asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert.

We will have a gift exchange and raffle. See the President's Patter on page 2 for more information.

Maybe, if we all are good boys and girls, someone will make another great video like last year.



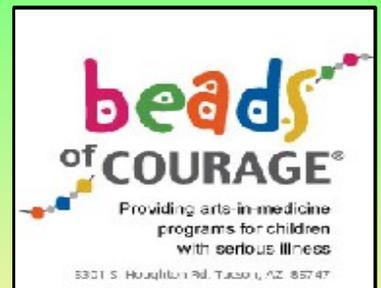
Empty Bowls

Don't let the BOM club carry GTW's contribution to this worthwhile charity. All members need to participate and keep turning bowls. They are counting on our support again this year.

Empty Bowls of Denton is a community ministry of Christ The Servant Lutheran Church, where people of the church work in ecumenical-civic partnership with members of the Denton community to support [Our Daily Bread](#) soup kitchen and the Denton Community Food Center, enabling them to feed nutritious meals to the hungry of Denton.

Beads Of Courage

Don't forget, it is never too late to donate a turned box for this wonderful organization. Six to twelve inch diameter bowls, preferably with lids but not required, are used by the sick or injured kids to store the beads they receive for every procedure they receive while in the hospital. Flat work boxes are just as desirable for those woodworkers who are multi-talented.



CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

December 5	Club Christmas Party and Dinner 7:00 pm
January 2, 2012	GTW Club Meeting 7:00pm

SIGN UP FOR THE 2012 BOWL OF THE MONTH

Bowl of the month is off to a fair start for 2012. So far we have 14 turners signed up and at the November meeting there were 18 bowls donated to the Empty Bowls Program. Not a bad start but we can do better. We need a few more club members to step up and commit to turning a bowl a month. We have a goal of 300 bowls for this year. It's best if we can start off with a bang and get ahead a bit so when the heat of the summer hits we can take a break. Please consider becoming a member of the Bowl of the Month club. You are only committing to 12 bowls. (Of course you can always turn more)

A special thanks to all who helped make 2011 such a great year. 331 bowls was a great success for the Empty Bowls Program.

Current 2012 BOM members	John Beasley	Sam Slovak	Tom Lohr	Jeff Short	Gary Armitage
	Greg Ammon	Mandy Keathley	John Solberg	Teddy Twombly	John Downs
	Oren Zehner	John Lauderbaugh	Don Hawkins	Peter Tkacs	

Bring Back Winners

Don Hawkins - 4 items
Teddy Twombly
Robert Voth
John Easterling - 2 items
Tom Lohr
Rowland Harvey

Bring back winners remember to bring a wood turning related item, preferably one you turned, back next meeting.

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