Golden Triangle Woodturners Club - Denton Texas

## THE WOODTURNER

FIRST MEETING: 7:00 PM

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### **Finishing**

By Chris Morgan and the

#### **GTW Club Members**

Finishing can be a confusing and mystifying subject to many. This is compounded by package labeling which doesn't always reveal what a finish product actually is. In this introduction to finishing I will describe the various types of finishes and show a variety of products. Each will be classified into the type it represents. Finishes are based on the solvent they use and the type of material it is made from. Solvents can be mineral spirits, alcohol, lacquer thinner, or water. The finish type can be oil (e.g., tung oil, linseed oil), shellac, lacquer, varnish (polyurethane), or wax. Some products combine these products. Danish oil, for example, is a combination of an oil (either Tung oil or Linseed oil) and varnish (or polyurethane). More modern finishes used by professionals are catalyzed finishes, either pre-catalyzed or post-catalyzed. Other types of finishes can include glues (CA glue) or epoxy.



During the presentation I'll give some of the history of traditional finishes, how you can detect what finish you have on a piece, how to tell what you are getting at the store, and some of the properties you can expect from various products.

There will be a discussion by club members on surface preparation and treatment before finishing followed by finishing from the quick and easy to a blemish free high gloss for display items. We have supplied about 350 bowls this year to the Empty Bowls program. Have you ever wondered what would happen to finishes applied to them when they come in contact with food products? Plan on attending this meeting and learn the answer to that question.





### President's Report

**NEAL BRAND** 

This cooler weather is sure a welcome change! Even though I have an air conditioner in my shop, it worked awfully hard and it just couldn't quite keep up with those 100 degree days. But now, it is a pleasure to work out in the shop!



Although it seems like we just had the 2011 Christmas party, now that it is fall, it is time to start planning for the 2012 Christmas party. Each December, instead of a regular meeting, we have a Christmas party consisting of dinner, a gift exchange, some lottery give away items, and the quarterly raffle. In past years, the Executive Committee organized the party, but this year we are asking for volunteers to form a Christmas Party Committee. The committee will have the responsibility of planning the party and organizing both the setup and clean up. The committee can either follow tradition or try some new ideas. Let me or any other executive committee member know if you are interested in being on the committee.

The quarterly raffle this year will be a CBN grinding wheel. I have no idea what CBN stands for, but I know how well they sharpen tools! I bought one about a year ago and I haven't looked back! When I mounted it on my grinder, it ran true with no tuning. It grinds fast, cool and never needs to be touched with a diamond. I would never go back to a regular grinding wheel.

I need an idea. Last summer we had an exhibition called "Turning Logs to Art" and we are planning to have another exhibition. I need to submit an application very soon in order to have an exhibit in 2014. But I need an idea for a theme. The theme should be inclusive of all the different techniques and styles that we use, both traditional and contemporary. Please let me know if you have any ideas.

I am looking forward to learning more about finishing at the October meeting. John Beasley has lined up several of our members to divulge some of their special finishing secrets. It should be a very informative meeting!

Editor Note: CBN is Cubic Boron Nitride

### Up Coming Activities at GTW

#### **Future Demonstrations**

October: Finishing. Club members present - Do you have a favorite finish. Willing to

share it with the rest of the club?

November: Doug Fisher



December: Christmas Party

### Open Shop Saturday October 20th

Open Shop in October will be at Peter Tkacs' shop on Saturday the 20th from 09:00-12:00. Every one is invited. Bring your tools and we will have some wood to turn. Please bring your own if you have a piece you want to turn. Also, if you have a certain type of turning or something related to turning that you want to work on or emphasize please let us know at the October meeting.

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### **New Name Tags Available to Club Members**

New name tags are available for all paid club members. Please be sure to pick yours up at the next meeting. There will be a \$5.00 charge to replace lost tags so hang on to them. They are generic and can be used at other club meetings as well.





### November is election month at GTW.

### Plan on voting for next years officers

Our club election will be at the November meeting. The following is the initial list of club members that have agreed to fill positions on the ballot for our club officers. If anyone would like to be considered, please call Peter Tkacs and he will get your name on the ballot. We need anyone who is willing to serve.

President-- John Beasley Vice President-- Sam Slovack

Activities-- Mike Zunkowski

Tom Lohr

Secretary-- Mike Nelson
Treasurer-- Chris Morgen
Membership-- Mike Nelson
Past President-- Neal Brand
Librarian-- Peter Tkacs
Newsletter Editor-- John Solberg



### GTW now on facebook

Find us at: **Golden Triangle Woodturners**Follow us for up to date club information.

### Miscellaneous Club Information

#### **Bring Back Winners from August**

Dale Lloyd x3 Don Hawkins Neal Brand Sally Zumkowski x2 Robert Voth Peter Tkacs x2 John Karmann Gary Bobenhausen John Easterling John Solberg

#### **GTW Events Calendar 2012**

October 1: Monthly Club Meeting
October 13: Celebrate Roanoke
November 5: Monthly Club Meeting
November 8: GTW Board Meeting
December 4: Annual Christmas Party



Photos of members from our September meeting

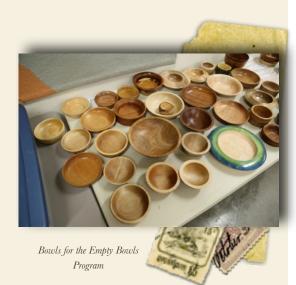
### Miscellaneous Club Information

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#### Bowl of the Month Club

To date we have 350 bowls turned. ONE months to go. (DAW did 400 Bowls this year) We can still catch and beat them. We need 50 bowls in October to reach 400. Let's give it our best effort. The following is Bowl of the Month Club members and the number they turned:

Gary Armitage	7	John Lauderbough	12
Greg Ammon	15	Dale Lloyd	38
Sharon Ayres	7	Joel Rubin 6	
Bob Beaubouef	4	Jeff Short	3
John Beasley	47	Sam Slovak	12
Neal Brand	10	John Solberg	45
Lewis Brown	10	Peter Tkacs	3
Bill George	12	Teddy Twombly	12
Don Hawkins	12	Robert Voth	6
David Hoenig	11	Oren Zehner	10
Jim Johnson	18		
Tom Lohr	7	Others	34
		Total	350



Empty Bowls and Beads of Courage will continue to be our outreach programs for 2012.

We will also participate in Denton Arts and Jazz and Celebrate Roanoke

### Congratulations

**Robert Voth** 

Third Quarter Raffle winner.

A two day class at Canyon Studios
Turning bowls and platters.



### Mark your calendar Now!!!



#### Celebrate Roanoke - October 13 2012

Again this year we will participate in Celebrate Roanoke and turn cars for kids. Mark you calendars now and plan on turning a few cars. We will be turning from 10:00 AM to about 6:00 PM. We need your help to make this the big success it has been in the past.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the October meeting



#### **Auction for the Arts**

Saturday November 10, 2012

Silent Auction Starts at 6:00 PM

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### 2013 AAW Symposium

Tampa Florida



The AAW has a long history of highly-acclaimed symposiums - dating back to 1987 - featuring turners and collectors from around the world, all gathering for 3 days of demonstrations and exhibits showcasing the art and craft of woodturning.

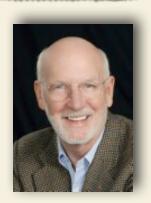
Join us for the 27th international symposium, to be held at the Tampa Convention Center, Tampa FL, June 28-30, 2013

### THE WOODTURNER



# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

**TOM WIRSING - BOARD MEMBER** 



I've often heard it said that the AAW is like a big family.

I began turning wood at the age of about 13 in my father's basement workshop. And I turned wood off and on over the next 40 years, but my skills did not improve much. Then someone told me about the AAW chapter in Denver. I joined, and it didn't take long before members of the chapter were showing me all kinds of things I had never imagined. They welcomed me into their family, and they treated me like a long-lost cousin. I was in heaven. I soon joined the AAW and discovered that there was an even bigger family, a huge family with many thousands of members around the world, and like the members of the Denver chapter, everyone treated me like family. Again I found myself in heaven and I found that Saint Peter had welcomed thousands like me to enter the pearly gates of woodturning.

Since joining the AAW, I've served as a chapter president, as a member of the AAW Board of Directors, and two years as president of the AAW. I've found that the more I contribute to the woodturning family, the closer my relationship becomes. And now I count my AAW family among my closest friends.

One of the things I've enjoyed most is the opportunity to visit members of the family in many places in the USA and around the world. I've visited chapters from Connecticut to California. I've demonstrated at symposiums from Utah to Australia. I've stayed in the homes of friends from such far-flung places as Ireland and South Africa. And I've been treated like a member of the family everywhere I've been. The AAW is truly a wonderful family.

It surprises me how many woodturners are not AAW members. They lose so much by not joining the family. I encourage all of you to invite anyone you know who enjoys turning wood but is not an AAW member to join. Explain to them what they are missing by not joining the family. And when they join, I promise they will be glad they did.

With warm regards,

-- Tom Wirsing



### **Greater Denton Arts Council**

Did you know that the Golden Triangle Woodturners is a member of GDAC? What is that? GDAC is the Greater Denton Arts Council. They provide our meeting space, any administrative assistance that we need, and the exhibit hall and set up for our recent *Turning Logs Into Art*.

GDAC was founded in the 1970's to be the umbrella organization for the arts in Denton. During the 1980's a capital campaign was organized to renovate two facilities. One was for the visual arts and the other was to be for the performing arts. Only enough was raised to renovate one facility. This is our home, the Center for the Visual Arts. During the 1990's there was another capital campaign and the Campus Theatre was renovated into the performing arts facility.

GDAC provides grant funds to many of the art organizations in Denton. They do this by raising money through The Arts Guild which was formed in 1980 to serve as a supportive arm of GDAC and to raise funds for GDAC and its member organizations. The Arts Guild holds an annual *Auction for the Arts* in November of each year. Since the first auction \$1,350,831.00 has been raised to support the arts.

Many people viewed our recent exhibit *Turning Logs Into Art*. There were many comments about the wonderful work of our members. Next year we plan to discuss with GDAC the possibilities of an arts outreach program where we could demonstrate and possibly give woodturning lessons.

How about helping to further the arts in Denton by donating a work for the November *Auction for the Arts?* Donation forms for the auction will be available at our September and October meetings. Or, become an individual member of GDAC, only \$35 for an Arts/ Educator membership or \$50 for an individual membership.





## Pictures from the September Demonstration





### GTW Mentoring Program

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH A TURNING PROJECT? JUST ASK!

The members listed below have offered their time and expertise and are willing to be a mentor to other members. Please contact the mentor directly. For More information check the GTW web site.

Sharon Ayres	Dallas	469-737-5305	ladywithlathe@aol.com
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Neal Brand	Denton	940-383-1248	neal@unt.edu
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Don Hawkins	Gainesville	940-665-3033	ddhawkins@sbcglobal.net
John Horn	N. Richland Hills	817-485-7397	johnhorn@flash.net
John Solberg	Denton	940-387-3089	betweencenters@gmail.com
Peter Tkacs	Denton	940-271-4728	petertkacs@gmail.com

### Thank You For Volunteering your Time and Expertise!!

If you are interested in becoming a mentor please let one of the board members know.

### Want to expand your turning experience?

Consider joining the board and becoming a part of the decision making process of GTW.

As Neal Brand mentioned in his presidents report, a nominating committee has formed to fill positions for next years board. Please let Neal or the members of the nominating committee know you are willing to be an important part of the Golden Triangle Woodturners.

### Golden Triangle Woodturners

#### CLUB INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

#### **2012 Club Officers**

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