

The Woodturner

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GOLDENTRIANGLEWOODTURNERS.ORG



August Virtual & Live Meeting

***First Monday of the Month @7pm
Denton Greater Arts Council***



Kevin Bassett

Kevin is a Certified Arborist and has worked with trees since 1975. He began Wood Turning in 1992 on a small Sears lathe. Like many turners Kevin started with small projects like pens, candle sticks and bud vases, ultimately evolving to larger and more complex projects. In 2007 Kevin represented the DAW at the "Master's at Work" competition at the Beavers Bend State Park near Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Kevin was awarded first place in the inaugural competition. Kevin has demonstrated numerous times at most of the Woodturning clubs in North Texas and the Woodturners of Central Oklahoma. He has also been a regional demonstrator several times at SWAT. Over the years, Kevin's work has been exhibited in various galleries in Arizona, Colorado, Texas, and Arkansas. Kevin is a member and current President of the Dallas Area Woodturners. Kevin is also a member of the American Association of Woodturners. Much of Kevin's work is with native woods collected from job sites where he works on trees. Much of Kevin's best artistic work is made to show the inner beauty of trees by utilizing nature edges, voids, and spalting to artistic advantage. As a turner Kevin has diverse skills and takes on architectural spindle turning and antique furniture repair. Other pursuits include Golf, Snow Skiing and Tree Climbing. As a lifetime member of the International Society of Arboriculture Kevin has served as a Head Judge in numerous State, National and International Tree Climbing Championships all over the world. The one constant in Kevin's life is the Love of Trees and of course the wood which they produce along with the many other benefits of



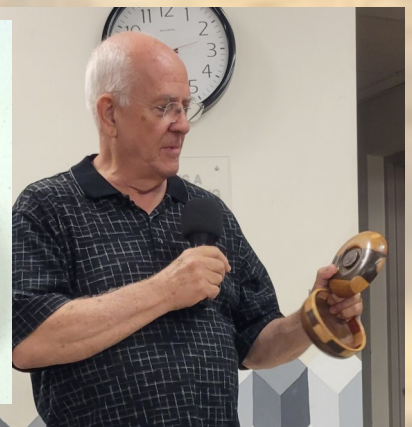
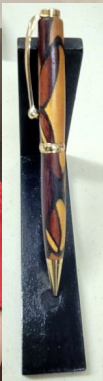
July Demo

Mike Z gave us a great demo on what to do with scraps! He had some great ideas to reduce waste and increase profit, or just make fun gifts for friends and family!





Show and Tell





News

- This month's Challenge is to make something with scrap wood as Mike Z demonstrated. It can be anything done with wood that you otherwise would throw away.
- We have a goal of 100 bowls donated to the Empty Bowls Program. If we can get 35 more bowls, we can meet that goal! Please turn a bowl or 2 and either bring it to a meeting or contact a board member to pick it up.
- Every month, we have a bring back raffle. The heart of bring backs is to make something to be raffled so you can win something made by a fellow turner. While anything related to woodturning is acceptable, made items are quite special.
- Andy Chen will be hosting a 2-day class prior to his demo for us in November. If you are interested in attending, please contact a board member so we can try and make sure there are enough spots for everyone who wants to be there to attend.



Spalted Wood

What is spalting you ask? It is a discoloration of wood caused by fungus. This happens when wood has started to decay but can be used if it is dried to stop the decay process. Spalting gives a variety of wood species dark lines and streaks in areas that the fungus has started rotting the wood. If it's stopped at the right time, the wood can be turned with few soft spots. Another option to help harden spalted wood is to stabilize it with a resin like Cactus Juice which is produced in Texas!

Some common spalted woods are maple, sycamore, hackberry, beech, birch, mango, tamarind, and hickory. Other wood species can spalt, though some are more rare than others.



Jim Smith—Spalted Maple



Miscellaneous Club Information / Upcoming Activities

Presidents Challenge

The challenge for this month is to bring something made from scraps or leftovers that would normally go into the burn pile. Mike Z demonstrated some neat ideas or you can make something else if desired. It does not have to be segmented but that's definitely a neat touch if doable!

Upcoming Events

Sept 9—Denton Arts and Autos

Sept 23 — Open shop at Sam's—Cars for Kids

Oct—Roanoke

Upcoming Demos

Sept—TBD

Oct—Steve T—Just a Bell

Nov— Andy Chen—Accent Ring

Website and Membership

Additional club information can be found on the website:

[Www.goldentrainglewoodturners.org](http://www.goldentrainglewoodturners.org)

Our monthly pictures, handouts, and up coming activities are posted on the site. You can even see yourself and others in the club!

Membership sign-ups and renewals can be filled out and paid on the website.

Bring Backs—Winston, Ed M, Steve T, Gary B, Alan S, Doug B

SWAT registration winner—Alain Schwarz

President's Letter

I hope your hop is air conditioned! It has been hot and we still have to get through August! Every year, I both dread and look forward to August. Dread because of the heat and look forward because SWAT is in late August. If you haven't already registered for SWAT, its not too late. You can register online any time before 10:00pm on July 31 at swaturners.org or you can pay more and register at the event.

The summer GTW exhibition at the Visual Arts Center appears to be a success. I have heard many positive comments on the turned pieces that we have on display. Thanks to each of you who contributed your work. Our exhibit ends on Aug 19 and we are asked to pick up all the items on Aug 19 between 11:00-3:00 or at the latest, on the following Monday the 21st from 10:00-4:00. If you absolutely cannot get your items during those times, I will collect whatever is left at 4:00 on Monday.

At the August meeting GTW will have bargains on all the CDs from the library. Each CD is \$1, regardless of the content. Be sure to get there early and pick out all those you want!

This December , the board tentatively decided to have a party in lieu of a regular meeting. The party will be a little toned down from previous years. Instead of a full meal, we will only have desserts. Also, no reindeer games. We will have a gift exchange and raffle, like last year. We are planning to have time for members and their spouses to mingle and socialize. We will ask for volunteers to turn and donate center pieces for the tables. These plans are not caved in stone, so if you have other ideas, let any board member know.

If you won a bring back in July, be sure to bring something back for the August meeting. The original intent was that members would bring back something that they turned. I would like to see us get back to that tradition. I always enjoy getting a turning from another GTW member, because it is special to get impressive. For example, a simple to p or a little flower pot would be fine. In the past, I have received items that were turned by GTW members who are no longer with us and I especially value those items. When you win a bring back, you can return with whatever you think appropriate, but I hope you contribute something you made.

Don't forget to bring bowls for Empty Bowls. We need 35 more bowls from the August, Sept, and October meetings in order to meet our goal of contributing 100 bowls. Also, mark you r calendar for October 14 to enjoy a lunch and get a bowl with proceeds going to feed those in need. More details on the Empty Bowls event will be available when the time is closer.

Finally, bring an items made from scrap wood fro the August show-and-tell and get a ticket for the quarterly raffle!

Neal Brand



GTW Mentoring Program

If you need help with a project, contact one of us!

These members have offered their time and expertise to mentor other members.

Please contact them directly.

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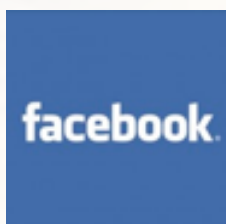
Thank You for Volunteering your Time and Expertise!!

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

GTW is on Facebook

Find us at: **Golden Triangle Woodturner Groups**

Follow us for up to date club information





Golden Triangle Woodturners

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Our thanks for all the hard work and time they put into making this a great club.

Look for our current and past demo's on YouTube. They really are great.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/DentonTurners>










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Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Home: _____

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Your Occupation: _____

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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: _____

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