

Woodturners of North Texas



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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS



Twentieth Anniversary Year

August 2007 Program:

"Techniques & Tools for End-Grain Turning"

by John Horn

Next Meeting:

**Thursday,
August 30, 2007
Start Time: 6:30 PM**

**R.D. Evans Recreational
Center
3200 Lackland Rd.
Fort Worth, TX**

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Most of us know that a bowl gouge is the preferred tool for most cross-

If you peruse the woodturning tool catalogs, you will find that there are a wide variety of tools for sale to solve all of the various difficulties encountered in end grain turning. Some of these tools are complete systems of components that are quite pricey to say the least.



grain bowl turning where the grain direction is perpendicular to the length of the lathe bed. End-grain turning, defined as the case in which the grain of the wood is parallel to the length of the lathe bed, presents a completely different challenge in both turning techniques and tools used.

When faced with this overwhelming variety of tools, how is a person to decide which tool or system to select in order to 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, there are a large number of options, some are relatively inexpensive and others are very expensive.

By understanding the theory of how end grain wants to be cut without tearing out chunks of wood, both the tools and technique choices become

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... making Good Shavings

President's message

by Stormy Boudreaux

The annual **South West Area Turners (SWAT) Symposium** is a "you shouldn't miss" event in October. See page 4 for more information about this event. You can also check out the **SWAT** website at www.swaturners.org. This year it will be held in Wichita Falls – there will also be a Ladies Program, both for turning and other craft areas. If you have been considering attending SWAT – the last time to register at a reduced rate is drawing near, so it is time to commit – you will have fun.

August is a great time to start turning bowls to support the annual Empty Bowls project. This is a charitable event, sponsored by the local area Food Banks. Selected bowls will be included as part of an upgrade option for attendees or as part of a silent auction to raise additional money. So by turning your best bowls to donate to Empty Bowls, the Food Bank can raise additional money for this very worthwhile cause.

A comment: The Empty Bowl is a symbol of hunger and the goal of this annual fundraising project is to eliminate hunger in our community; therefore, in keeping with this theme, the intent of our participation is to create bowls or vessels that could, by some reasonable stretch of the imagination, contain or hold soup, bread, or other foodstuff. Miniatures bowls are acceptable – but other turned items, such as candle-sticks, or weed-pots do not meet the intent. Thank You.

Keep your tools sharp and your safety gear on...

And make good shavings!
Stormy



Turn it On

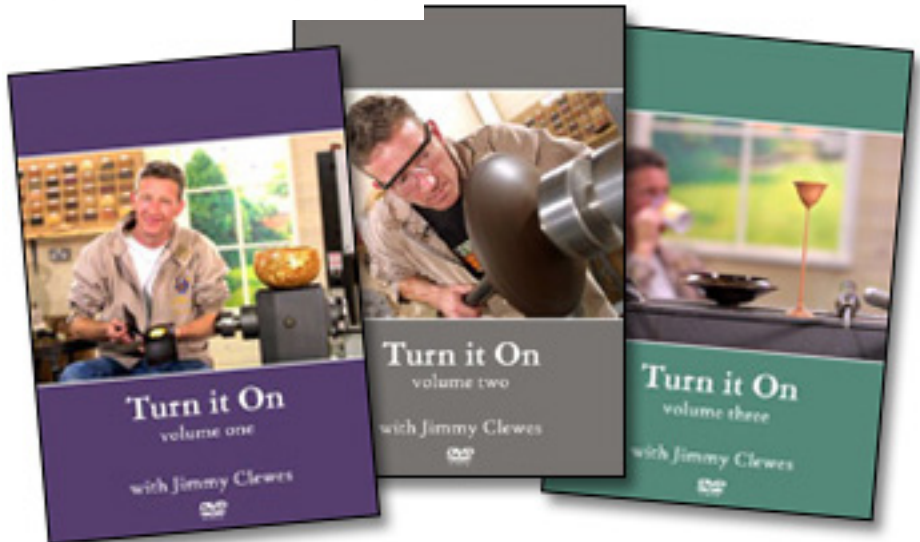
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Jimmy Clewes

The library has recently acquired a three video set of Jimmy Clewes, "*Turn it On*".

Volume 1 has two projects, a footless bowl made from a piece of spalted birch burl and an oriental-style box from Rosewood with 22-carat gold leaf inlay. There are two extra features, one where Jimmy goes into more detail about flute profiles and tool sharpening for bowl turning and the other looking into the life of a professional woodturner, shot in Belgium.

Volume 2 has two projects, a Ziricote bowl with a brass rim inlay and a long stem goblet turned unsupported from Australian Myrtle. Also include in Volume 2 are two extra features, one where Jimmy shows us how to prepare a fallen tree with a chainsaw for various turning projects, and the other in which he takes us to a British museum to show us actual Roman turnings including a 2000 year old box.



Volume 3 also includes two projects, the first a lidded box using a glue-up made from Maple and Wenge, and the second a footless bowl with silver highlights made from Walnut burl. Again as with the other two videos there are two extra features. Feature 1 shows Jimmy using computer graphics to show us his tried and tested technique for fitting a box lid. Extra Feature 2 shows behind-the-scenes work on the *Turn it On* DVD series.

This DVD series has some of the best video that I have every seen. The close ups are outstanding and after viewing the Behind-the-Scenes special feature you can appreciate all of the time and effort that went into producing these DVD. These are must see videos and have something for everyone. This series should be in every woodturner's library.

Reviewed by **Randy Johnson**, WNT Librarian





South West Association of Turners Woodturning Symposium

THE SWAT LADIES PROGRAM Wichita Falls – 2007

This is your official reminder to prepare for the Annual Ladies Instant Gallery. Please bring your crafts, sewing, quilts, artwork (oils, pastels or whatever), jewelry, scrapbooking etc. We need your talent!

Please check where indicated if you plan to participate in any of the events. Mail a check to "SWAT LADIES PROGRAM" in the amount at the bottom of the page to: Joan E. Genender, 11212 Shelterwood Lane, Dallas, Texas 75229. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (214) 363-1425 or email me at: jgenender@aol.com

Friday, Oct. 5

2:00pm to 4:30pm. An Italian Cooking Class -- Fun! Fun! Fun! Only \$15.00

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Friday, Oct. 5

6:00 pm – Barbeque buffet dinner at the MPAC. After dinner, we will drive to The Wichita Theatre for a musical "Night On Broadway" at 7:30pm. Dinner and Theatre are only \$24.00 per person.

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Saturday, Oct. 6

9:00 am -- Load the bus. We will visit the Finishing Touch, a gift and craft store – the largest and oldest in the area. We will be treated to refreshments and cookies!

10:30am -- To "The Scrapbooking Store" for a mini-demo and instruction in the "art of scrapbooking", tips and tricks, discount coupons too!

12:00 noon To Georgann's Tea Room and Craft Mall for a delicious lunch. Afterwards, we will shop!

2:30 pm We will meet with Jim Peddijohn one block away and he will begin the history of Wichita Falls...then back on the bus to the History Museum where Jim will tour us, and entertain us with anecdotes about his lifetime in WF. I have been told he is delightful!

4:30pm – Return by bus to MPEC. \$24.00

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Sunday, Oct. 7

9:30 am -- Making 3 elegant greeting cards. \$5.00

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TOTAL

\$ _____

Name:

Contact Phone Number:

Check Amount:

\$ _____



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... from the Editor

much more manageable. The August program will include information about the features and limitations of most of the end grain hollowing tools on the market and which of those tools and techniques would be best suited for different projects.

Educated as an instructor of high school musicians, John spent a major portion of his life teaching a variety of subjects from high school band and choir to adult computer applications. Now he teaches regular classes at the Woodcraft store in Addison and



one-on-one sessions on woodturning topics in his shop for beginning to intermediate turners.

When he is not teaching and attending woodturning meetings, he stays busy turning contract jobs for corporations and individuals on one or more of his three wood lathes.

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



Check out the advertisements on page 8 of this month's newsletter. James Haynes will be taking orders for WNT logo shirts at the August meeting. These shirts feature a new style logo (less cluttered than the old logo) which will not pucker when washed unlike the previous logo patches. The shirts are available in your size for either long or short sleeve shirts. If you order your shirt at the August meeting, you will receive it in time to wear it at SWAT.

The club also purchases Anchorseal in 55-gallon drums and sells it to club members for only \$8.00 per gallon. You can obtain Anchorseal at the monthly meeting or go to Larry Robert's place if you need it sooner. This is a much lower cost than purchasing Anchorseal at the retail price where it is typically called "green wood sealer".

Speaking of SWAT, the time to pre-register and save money is growing short. You can obtain a registration form on the SWAT website -- www.swaturners.org. Registration forms will also be available at the August meeting.

Be sure to read Stormy's column, "Making Good Shavings" this month. He reminds us that it is time to begin turning bowls for our annual participation in the Empty Bowls Project, which is a fund raising event of the local food banks. Can you turn enough bowls to match the record set last year by Max Taylor? Even if you find only enough "spare" time to turn one bowl for this worthwhile event, it will make a big difference in fighting hunger in Tarrant County. After considerable debate, we have decided to not set a maximum limit on the number of bowls that you can turn for Empty Bowls.

Finally, the Arlington Historical Society would like to have woodturners participate in craft demonstrations during the Front Street Festival (www.arlingtontxhistoricalsociety.org/frontst.nxg). There will also be a juried art show in addition to all of the other festivities. The event takes place on September 29 from 1 - 5 PM. For further information, contact AHS at 817-460-4001.

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Have You Registered for SWAT 2007?

If not, it is time to act!



This is your official two-minute warning. The dates of October 5 - 7 in Wichita Falls are fast approaching. This year's symposium features a lineup of nationally recognized turners that is comparable to the national symposium in its scope. This will be the greatest opportunity yet to attend demonstrations covering a very broad range of topics. The featured national turners shown above are: Stacy Hager, J. Paul Fennel, David Marks, Stuart Mortimer, Alan Stirt, and Cindy Drozda. In addition to that great lineup, there will be many well known regional woodturners including our own John Horn, Andrew Chen, Anthony Harris, Bill Rubenstein, Bill Kloepping, Bill Tilson, Craig Timmerman, Dan Henry, Dave Smith, Bruce Hoover, Delbert Dowdy, Drew Shelton, Joel Crabbe, and C. Tom Crosby. This is an event that you will not want to miss. If you have never been to SWAT before, it is the second largest woodturning symposium in our galaxy and well worth attending, especially considering the expense and time involved in traveling to another galaxy.

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“Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the July drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the August 2007 “Bring Back” drawing. The rules for the “Bring Back” drawing are that winners of a turned item must bring a turned item of their own creation to the next meeting and the winners of any other item must bring something that would be of interest to woodturners. That would include, but is not limited to something that you turned, a tool or jig, wood, book, or magazine. If you have fallen behind in bringing a turned item for the “Bring Back” drawing, now is the time to make up for any items that you owe and please remember to bring a turning to the July meeting. Here is a list of the July “Bring-Back” winners:

NAME

Max Taylor
Max Taylor
Jimmie Gill
Matt Rabe
Helena Turlin
Steve Yauch
Larry Denning
Dwight Schoneweis
Dwight Schoneweis
Dwight Schoneweis
Bill Boehme

TURNUED ITEM

Banana boat bowl
Mesquite root bowl
Mesquite Bowl
Wooden cup
Candle holder
Lidded Container
Walnut bowl
Mesquite bowl
Pen
Screwdriver
Pentagon bowl w/ cookies

NAME

David Heywood
Dwight Schoneweis
Arthur Rossi
Dewayne Hines

NON-TURNUED ITEM

English Claro Walnut Block
Willow blank
Willow blank
Willow blank



Advertisements

WNT SHIRTS

James Haynes will be taking orders for WNT Logo shirts at the August meeting for delivery at the September meeting, just in time for SWAT. Prices are:

SHORT SLEEVE S to XL -- \$20, 2X -- \$25

LONG SLEEVE S to XL -- \$30, 2X -- \$32, 3X -- \$35

Payment is due when the shirt is ordered.

Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$8.00 per gallon. It is being stored at Larry Roberts' place, 6409 Calender in southwest Arlington. Contact James Haynes for payment.

See WNT website ads page:
<http://www.wntx.org/ads/ads.html>
for the latest advertisements.

Rules for advertisements: Free ads are available only to WNT members. The deadline for submission or cancellation of an ad is the 10th of the month to be placed in that month's newsletter. Ads will only run for one issue unless notified otherwise. If you wish to continue running an ad for more than one month, please advise the editor, Bill Boehme, by the 10th of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor by the 10th of the month.



Calendar

NOTE: The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month. Board meetings are held at **Panera Bread Co.**, 1700 S. University Drive south of I-30. Check the WNT web site for any updates. All WNT members are invited to attend. If you would like to join the group for dinner, it begins at 6 PM and the business meeting starts at 7 PM.

August 30 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **John Horn**

September 4 - WNT Board meeting -- see above for location and time.

September 27 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Ralph Watts**

October 2 - WNT Board meeting -- see above for location and time.

October 5 - 7: SWAT Symposium in Wichita Falls, TX

October 25 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Bob Edwards**

November 6 - WNT Board meeting -- see above for location and time.

November 29 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R.D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **John Solberg and Peter Tkacs (The Blues Brothers)** present **Vacuum Chucking**

December 1 - WNT Annual Christmas Holiday Banquet.

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