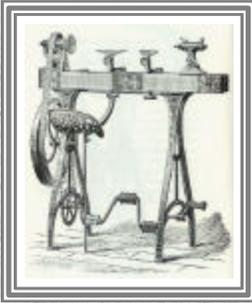


MAY 2003

Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



Next Meeting: MAY 29th at 7:00pm
200-B North Vacek
Meeting will feature: Stacy Hager
Program will be on Cutting Techniques

**** Bring something to the Instant Gallery ****

March Demonstrator – Stacy Hager

Biography:

I am a genuine “Ding-dong Daddy” from Dumas (a small town at the very top of Texas). At the age of eight, I began sweeping and carrying out shavings at my father’s planning mill and cabinet shop. I worked there until I was 18. I always thought of the job as a means of earning pocket change. Only later did I realize that I had received a full European style apprenticeship. I began turning at about twelve.

My “pocket change” (with a little help from oil field jobs) turned into “college money”. I pursued my interest in science, math, music and girls earning two and nine/tenths degrees...and a wife. I taught Chemistry, Physics, and Microbiology at the high school and junior college levels. I am now semi-retired, teaching a couple of microbiology courses at ACC.

With family, jobs, the Army, and all of the dang-things-that-break, I turned very little in my 20’s and 30’s. I joined CTWA in the 80’s and discovered many tools and techniques that my father never imagined. I like experimenting; therefore, I seldom do anything exclusively. Learning to make and use new tools fascinates me and is probably my most constant endeavor.

Recently, I have become increasingly interested in cutting theory (i.e. how and why tools work). By doing a little research and applying some physics, I believe I may have shed some light on a few of the things that once troubled me about using turning tools. My wood turning students seem to gain skill faster when they think in terms of the analogies I am now using. I hope that some of the things I discuss and demonstrate will help you solve turning problems. I am still learning, so please share your ideas and questions (sometimes it’s amazing what happens when a good group of folks start sharing what they know).

Turning Theory Topics - The Nature of Wood - Cutting vs. Scraping - Turning the Tangent - Floating the Bevel - Shear: Cuts and Scrapes - Shear: Cuts and Scrapes - Tool Rests - Specific Tools (use of) –Sharpening (as time permits) - Other (you name it)

Ramblings

As I look back on the time I have been involved with the WNT, I sometimes wonder if we are sometimes too slow on recruiting new members. It seems that when people get excited about this club, great things happen. A couple of new members were instrumental in making of the Totem Pole project we just finished. Their input, insight, abilities, drive and sweat were all extremely helpful during the hours of planning and creation of the piece.

If the new members that we haven't met yet, are anything like the ones we have met, we should be out there beating the bushes looking for them! I have been looking forward to the future for most of my life. I don't spend much time worrying about the past. Let's go out there and create a better future for our Club and all who are exposed to it.

Mike Wallace

Shorter Meetings!

In order for the meeting to remain as short as possible and the demo to have as much time as we can allow, we are asking that announcements be sent to the President for inclusion in a handout. By putting the information on paper and handing it out, we can cut down on the time wasted by repeating announcements. We can have longer demos and still get home in time for the news.

Photo Roster

We should have a photo roster at the May meeting! Because of the size and weight of the roster, you will need to pick them up at the meeting, or make arrangements for someone to pick one up for you. We don't want to spend money mailing them if we can avoid it!

"Turned Memories"

We have, on occasion needed a keepsake to express our sentiments to fellow club members. Some of the occasions in the past include death of a spouse, severe illness or accidents and creation of a remembrance of a Club member. Theses are typically given to a Club member or their family. We have decided on a couple of changes that will allow us to continue this tradition. We are going to call these items, "Turned Memories". We would like to have a couple of items on hand, in the event a need arises. Typically these events arrive without much notice. Having items available beforehand is therefore important. Second, we will sign these items, beforehand. We will allow for an area to remain clear for the dedication information. In the event that someone that signs an items is the one to receive that item, we will just put the word, "To:...", in front of their name.

If you have a platter or bowl that would fit into this category and wish to donate it to this cause, please bring it to the club meeting and we will care for it until we need it. And let's hope we don't need many!

Jazz by the Boulevard

Historic Camp Bowie, Inc. presents the inaugural show- Jazz by the Boulevard. September 19,20. All types of jazz music and cultural performances along with professional art and fine crafts of specially selected artisans from Fort Worth and Tarrant County. This sounds like a really good opportunity for those of our membership who would like to sell some of their work.

You can get further information from <http://www.fortworthjazz.com/>. For those interested in participating, come eat with the WNT board and talk about it at 6:00p.m. June 3 at Angelos. If you have questions regarding this show please email or call me.

Robert Brandt, Vice President

A Texas Turn or Two --We are united again!

The initial organizational meeting of A Texas Turn or Two, Inc. took place in San Antonio on May 12, 2003. Fifteen of the 16 clubs were represented and seated Directors on the Board of TTT, Inc. All the assets of the unincorporated TTT were transferred to the clubs who then transferred them into TTT, Inc. This transfer of assets was done in a very amicable fashion, and I am pleased to report that the woodturners of Texas are all united once again. We have renamed the Symposium, which now will be called SouthWest Association of Woodturners, or SWAT for short. There will be one unified Symposium each year, this year's will be in Wichita Falls, TX, on Labor Day Weekend, August 29 – 31, 2003. Early registration ends on July 15, 2003 – after this date it costs \$10.00 more. Download a form on our website www.texasturnortwo.com, or contact me. By Larry Genender

Dick Sing Demonstration and Hands-On Was Outstanding Success

The visit of Dick Sing performing as our Spring Demonstrator and Hands-On Instructor proved to be one of our most successful programs in years. Those that attended the Saturday demonstration got to see how Dick makes an egg, a Christmas ornament, a miniature birdhouse, and two sizes of really small captured rings that would fit inside one another on a miniature long stemmed goblet.

In the hands-on classes, Dick was able to juggle the interests of the different students and have more than one activity in progress at the same time. Some people worked on the chuck to hold an egg for finishing off the ends, then turned an egg, using the chuck they produced earlier in the day. Others in the class may have been working on basic turning techniques or turning a bowl. Vic Miller even learned how to turn a magic trick.

Everyone seemed pleased with the knowledge and experience they gained by attending a hands-on class with Dick Sing. If you missed the opportunity to take a hands-on class with Dick this time, start planning now to attend a session the next time we host a guest demonstrator.

Spalted Memories...

Sometimes a turning is finished so well that it's *reflection* may actually be a distraction.

Not so with the "Get Well" Platter turned by Larry Roberts, signed by all the WNT members to be given to Ken Philips after his heart surgery. This is a good *reflection* of the hearts of The Woodturners of North Texas.

"Bring Back" Winners at March Meeting

<u>Who Won</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Provided By</u>
Dewayne Hines	Crescent Vessel	Larry Roberts
Paul Tiefel	Talon Bowl	Don Cosgrove
Bob Larson	Maple Bowl	Robert Lawrence

And yet again, in his usual gracious style, Bill Shadle provided a large stack of turning blanks of various woods. There were 22 lucky raffle winners, too numerous to name.

Calendar of Events

May 29 Thursday	WNT Monthly Meeting: 7:00pm 200-B N. Vacek Demo: Stacy Hager – Cutting Techniques
June 3 Tuesday	WNT Directors Meeting 6:00pm at Angelo's BBQ 7:00pm: Meet at 200-B N. Vacek
June 26 Thursday	WNT Monthly Meeting: 7:00pm 200-B N. Vacek Demo: Larry Hancock: "Mushrooms & Flowers"
July 1 Tuesday	WNT Directors Meeting 6:00pm at Angelo's BBQ 7:00pm Meet at 200-B N. Vacek
July 31 Thursday	WNT Monthly Meeting: 7:00pm 200-B N. Vacek Demo: John Horn: "Taming the Skew"

FOR SALE

1. Lathe: Delta type(no name plate), on stand full 36" between centers, ¾ HP, 220 single phase. #2 morse taper. \$225.00
2. Shopsmith Mark V \$800.00
3. Scroll saw, 4" Planer, 6" Belt Sander, Band saw, Wood Lathe accessories, reconditioned motor.

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