

# Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

## June 2009 Program:

### Next Meeting:

Thursday,

June 25, 2009

Start Time: 6:30 PM

R. D. Evans Recreational  
Center

3242 Lackland Rd.  
Fort Worth, TX

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**Glynn Cox**  
*presents*

## "Decorative Piercing (on the Cheap)"

*Glynn Cox is a member of the Woodturners of North Texas and Golden Triangle Woodturners clubs. He retired five years ago from a thirty-seven year career with Bell Helicopter*

*where he was in charge of Customizing Engineering. Here is his description of the June program that he will present.*

Several years ago I did a little wood gouging, but not until I retired and told myself that I was going to truly learn to "turn" did I actually produce anything to be proud of. I have specialized in turning bowls and prefer using rough, figured or burl wood. I generally like to keep my turnings in their natural state without any surface embellishments.



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President's message

by Dave Marshall

# ... making Good Shavings

Dear WNT members,

I spent quite a bit of time in the shop this past weekend working diligently on a coffee table (in the style of George Nakashima) and rough turning some bowls. Had a great time but every so often, I kept seeing drips of water on my work and rust spots on my lathe bed. It got worse as the day progressed. After drinking about a gallon of water, I realized that there wasn't a leak in my roof, but summer was here (apologies to Roy Underhill). I have yet to turn on the air conditioner out in the shop this year but will probably break down sometime this week if the weather reports are accurate that we'll be pushing into the high 90s soon.

With the onset of summer, we can expect folks in our club to be taking needed vacations; we can expect members to be turning a lot more; a number of our peers will be heading to Albuquerque for the AAW symposium (I'm jealous that I'm not going); and the Woodturners of North Texas will be having our annual picnic!

Summertime = picnic time. Our picnic will take place on Saturday, June 13th and all members and their families are invited to come on out to have some fun. We have a full day planned and if you work hard enough ... we might even feed ya! Check out the WNT web site for details but we will have some lathes

set up for folks that might want to turn some bowls for the Empty Bowls project; we'll be working on the club trailer (installing a new floor/decking and re-hanging cabinets and equipment); some of us will be cooking burgers and dogs; and some of us will be eating them. The club will furnish the burgers, drink, condiments, paper products and such; we ask that you supply a pot-luck side dish, salad or dessert. It looks like the weather should be perfect so, I'll expect to see you all there!

Summertime = woodturning and chain sawing and fireworks and other "dangerous" activities. So be damn careful out there! We have had at least two instances of club members very recently having nasty accidents on the lathe and with a table saw. After looking at some of the photos that I took at the walnut tree felling activity in early June ... I was a little alarmed that we didn't have an issue there. In hindsight, ten chain saws, swinging mauls, ropes, etc. all being active at the same time probably wasn't the best of ideas (but that tree was down and carved up in no time at all). So again, let's all be super careful while having fun turning.

Summertime = hot. Refer back to the first paragraph of this article. Like, duh. Well, to help us keep our cool this summer, I have a President's Turning Challenge for you. We

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### *Oval Turning ... (continued from page 1)*

That is ... until I was viewing turnings at the SWAT 2007 Instant Gallery and saw some pieces that had been pierced. Many were impressively well done and a few not so well done, but it was the inspiration that I needed to try my hand at piercing. Initially, I used my Dremel tool with some success, but then searched the Internet for additional available information about piercing. I found that there were some very expensive tools available in the form of high speed dental hand pieces as well as some straight craft hand pieces -- all in the "above four hundred dollar" price range. Being the frugal engineer and consummate experimenter (also known as, "cheap" to non-engineers), I built a system from surplus parts for about a hundred dollars. I use this system to produce pierced areas on my turnings, some of which I have brought to the club meetings.



When John Horn asked me to do a demonstration on piercing, my initial thought was that watching someone do piercing for an hour might be a bit like watching paint dry or grass grow. So with that in mind, I thought it would be much more beneficial to demonstrate how to construct a piercing tool setup using low cost components and describe how each works within the system. I will then turn a thin wall bowl and demonstrate some basic piercing techniques.

*[For more detailed information on building your own piercing set up including illustrations, see Glenn Cox's handout notes available on the WNT web site at <http://www.wntx.org>. There will also be some printed copies available at the meeting for those who do not have Internet access.]*



### *Making Good Shavings ... (continued from page 2)*

haven't had a challenge for a while (I think the last one was turning a handle). Well, this challenge is a little more oblique in the fact that I challenge all WNT members to turn something "cool" for our next meeting on June 25. That's right ... something cool to take our minds off the summer heat. Your definition of "cool" is up to you but the lame declaration of "I think it's cool" is not acceptable ... you have to convince the rest of us that it's cool too. A lot of you picked up some of those rounds that Ken Phillips brought to the last meeting ... impress us with something cool made from those. Or ... those that picked up some of the walnut last weekend ... wow us with that wood. OK, the challenge is on! Don't let me down, young grasshopper (RIP David Carradine).

Enough reading... go to work. We'll see you at the next club meeting on June 25.

Good shavings to all,

*Dave*



## “Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the May 2009 drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the June 2009 "Bring Back" drawing. The rules have changed and you can see the "Making Good Shavings" column in March 2009 newsletter for updated guidelines on the "Bring Back" drawing. Winners of any turned item should bring back a replacement turned item of their own creation to the next meeting and winners of any other item such as tools or wood are encouraged to also bring a turned item that they have created in lieu of a non-turned item. 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 June meeting.



## Advertisements

### **Anchorseal®**

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$9.00 per gallon. It can be purchased at club meetings and at other times is being stored at Jimmie Gill's place, 3425 Meadow Oaks Dr. in Haltom City. Contact James Haynes for payment.

See the [WNT website ads page](#) for the latest information on what other members have for sale.

Rules for advertisements: Free ads are available only to WNT members. The deadline for submission or cancellation of an ad is the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.



## Calendar

**NOTE:** The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at the R. D. Evans Recreational Center, 3242 Lackland Rd., Forth Worth, Texas. Board meetings are held at **Schlotzsky's Deli**, 6422 Camp Bowie, 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.

**June 25** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Glynn Cox**

### **July 7 - WNT Board Meeting**

**July 30** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Delbert Dowdy -- Turning Items from Antlers**

### **August 4 - WNT Board Meeting**

**August 27** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Mike Jones -- Turning Negative Space**

### **September 1 - WNT Board Meeting**

**September 24** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **John Horn -- How to Hold Just About Anything**

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