

Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

August 2009 Program:

Turning Spheres

by **Oren Zehner**

Next Meeting:

**Thursday,
August 27, 2009
Start Time: 6:30 PM**

**R. D. Evans Recreational
Center
3242 Lackland Rd.
Fort Worth, TX**

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My name is Oren Zehner. I was born in Tonkawa, Oklahoma where I attended Northern Oklahoma College and finished my teaching degree at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK. I started turning in high school and continued

while I taught for twenty-nine years both in public and vocational schools with classes in woodworking, drafting, cabinetmaking, and woodturning for high school students and adults.

Once retired from teaching, I sought out another career in microtechnology and watchmaking. Currently, I am employed with Richemont North America in Fort Worth in the Quality Control Department for Cartier, IWC, Baume

and Mercier, Piaget and Panerai watches.

When I graduated with my second career we moved from Oklahoma and settled in Roanoke and one of the requirements of the house

was a three car garage where I would have a place for my lathes. The three lathes I own include a Vicmarc Mini, One-Way 1224 with extension and a VB36 bowl lathe. I do not specialize in any particular turning style although



I like turning miniatures which is what actually piqued my interest in a watchmaking career.

I am a current member of the Northeastern Oklahoma Woodturners

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President's message
by Dave Marshall

... making
Good
Shavings

Wow. What a busy month August has been, so I'm a little ... OK, a lot ... behind schedule on everything. Especially things related to this Club and woodturning in general. Now that the kids are back in school, off to college, summer relatives and friends are gone, you and I can start to focus on important things ... woodturning!

Let's start with form, shape and design; critical to our hobby and profession. This month's demo by Oren Zehner is on turning spheres. It will be an interesting yet very functional demo for us all since the "sphere" is a classic, primary design element. Combining this shape with elements of the ovoid (remember Fred Denke's demo last year) provides you, the designer/turner, with many combinations of proportionally correct, classic design elements for your turnings. All necessary for the critical eye that is judging your piece in a juried show, or gallery, or on the web or even at our club's critique table. We are fortunate to have so much talent within and around north Texas that allows us to host these proficient turners at our club meetings.

While working on your designs and form, please show some good form and turn a few bowls and platters and goblets for our Club philanthropy - Empty Bowls. This is "right around the corner" and we need your donations to support this great charity. So practice on your designs and design elements and then donate the resulting piece to Empty Bowls. Stormy is now collecting all donations at ev-

ery meeting so, let's see yours this month!

SWAT is also "right around the corner!" SWAT this year is in Wichita Falls on October 16 - 18. The national turner line-up, as well as local turners, presenting this year are superb. Please get registered as soon as possible and get those hotel reservations as space will be limited and attendance is expected to be high. Visit <http://www.swaturners.org/welcome/welcome.shtml> to review the featured turners and to register on-line.

For the last couple of weeks on our club's website, there has been a message posted from the AAW Board. I hope that you all have had a chance to read this and review the benefits of joining AAW as well as noticing some of the exciting changes that are taking place with AAW. If you're not a AAW member yet, now's the time to join!

Finally, I hope to see you all at the next club meeting this Thursday, August 27. I ask that you please bring some of your latest turnings to show on the Critique Table. Also, if you have recently won a Bring-Back Raffle item and have yet to reciprocate with your Bring-Back; now is the time to settle up your debt. Clear that balance sheet if you are in arrears!

Good shavings to all,

Dave

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Association where I presided as president, vice-president, treasurer and demonstrator for many years. Recently, I became a member of the Golden Triangle Woodturners and have been a member of the AAW for many years. If you have ever watched the Woodturning Workshop hosted by Tim Yoder from Tulsa, Oklahoma, you might have seen me on his show. I have attended several AAW and SWAT symposiums and numerous seminars which include classes taught by John Jordan, Ron Flemming, Frank Sudol, Trent Bosch, etc.

Turning spheres started out with a friend of mine, Larry Elizondo, where we would gather unique and different types of wood, share with each other and turn spheres. This developed into a unique wood collection. The standing joke was "who had the biggest sphere, the smallest sphere and the most spheres". You can see from this how things can get out of control. We had to develop holding devices to fit into the headstock and tailstock to turn the spheres. Another friend, Larry Anderson, helped develop these devices.



This led to a demonstration by the three of us for the Tulsa club. The next stop on this adventure was on the road where I did a demonstration for the Oklahoma City club and the culmination was being on the Woodturning Workshop hosted by Tim Yoder. The Woodturning Workshop is a syndicated program presented on PBS.



SWAT 2009

October 16 - 18

Wichita Falls

Now is the time to begin making your plans for the Southwest Association of Turners Woodturning Symposium in Wichita Falls, Texas. As in the past, the event will take place at the very nice Multipurpose Events Center and the dates are October 16 through 18.

SWAT is the nation's largest regional woodturning symposium and this year it will feature the following six nationally and internationally recognized woodturners: Stuart Batty, Mike Mahoney, Jimmy Clewes, Jamie Donaldson, Michael Mocho, and Stephen Hatcher. In addition, there will be fourteen regional turners. And as always, the vendor area will be stocked with all of your favorite toys from sandpaper to "big boy" lathes.

SWAT provides an excellent opportunity to expand your woodturning knowledge, get some hands-on woodturning tutoring from knowledgeable volunteers, meet other woodturners from faraway lands (like Oklahoma or Houston), buy a few necessities. You can even update your wardrobe with some new SWAT logo shirts. On top of this, there are drawings for lots of neat stuff at the great banquet on Saturday night and following lunch on Sunday, a lathe will be given away (a Powermatic 3520 for the past several years).

A part of the symposium that is always worth visiting is the Instant Gallery -- a collection of turnings by attendees as well as the demonstrators. Attendees are encouraged to bring at least one of their favorite turnings. Those who are new to turning are encouraged to bring some of their favorite work to display. You can register online and get further details at <http://www.swaturners.org>.



Robert Rosand

scheduled to be

WNT Hands-on Demonstrator

for
April 2010



Professional Woodturner and instructor, Bob Rosand, has agreed to be our “hands-on” Demonstrator/Instructor next Spring, April 17 - 22, 2010.

If you are not familiar with Bob Rosand and his work, you can find information about him on his web site at: <http://www.rrosand.com>.

His video “Turning Projects from Scrap” is a classic and one that I would highly recommend to any turner, beginner or advanced. If you are an AAW member, the DVD or VHS tape sells for \$19.00 on the AAW web site at <http://www.woodturner.org>.

Bob primarily turns small to medium sized objects that can be completed in a relatively short period of time. He is recognized as an excellent teacher and demonstrator. His style of demonstrating and teaching is an easy going, relaxed presentation that puts everyone at ease and promotes confidence in the student. Whether a person is an absolute beginner at woodturning or very advanced, having instruction from Bob Rosand will be a very worthwhile experience that you won't forget. Class sizes are very limited so be prepared to sign up early next spring. Further details will be announced in the coming months.

-- John Horn



“Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the July 2009 drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the August 2009 “Bring Back” drawing. The rules have changed and you can see the “Making Good Shavings” column in the 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 replacement 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 August 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 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 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.

August 27 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Oren Zehner -- Turning Spheres**

September 1 - WNT Board Meeting

September 24 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Mike Jones -- Turning Negative Space**

October 6 - WNT Board Meeting

October 16 - 18 - SWAT Symposium, Wichita Falls, TX

October 29 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Fred Denke -- Three Cornered Vessels**

November 3 - WNT Board Meeting

November 19 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Randy Johnson -- Pen Turning**

December 12 - Holiday Banquet 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center

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