

# Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

## January 2010 Program:

# How Do I Chuck Thee? Let Me Count the Ways.

by **Oren Zehner**

### Next Meeting:

**Thursday,  
January 28, 2010  
Start Time: 6:30 PM**

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

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Oren Zehner was born in Tonkawa, OK, where he attended Northern Oklahoma College and finished his teaching degree at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK. He started turning in high school and continued turning while teaching for the

next 29 years in both public and vocational schools with classes in woodworking, drafting, cabinetmaking, and woodturning for high school students and adults.

He moved from Oklahoma and settled in Roanoke and one of the requirements he had for his new house was for it to have a three car garage so he would have room for his lathes: a Vicmarc Mini, a One-Way 1224 with extension, and a VB36 bowl lathe. While he doesn't specialize in any particular turning style, he likes turning

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President's message  
by Dave Marshall

... making  
**Good**  
**Shavings**

**Happy New Year to you Woodturners!**

I take it that everyone had a great holiday and that you are all busy playing with your new toys...uhm...tools that is. I've heard from some of you about what Santa brought...a Sorby Sandmaster, corded power drills, exotic wood blanks, and even a tape measure (because his wife kept stealing his old one!). I hope that everyone is putting their tools to good use and I expect to see some of the results at our next club meeting on January 28th.

Also at the end of this month on Friday, January 29th the Smithfield Elementary School Fine Arts Day will be held. John Horn has been leading this effort for a number of years now and he will need 6-8 Club members to volunteer some time that day to help kids turn candlesticks on mini-lathes. Its quite fun to see their eyes light up when they get to work with a real tool! And their candlesticks are things that all mothers cherish! Contact John at 817-485-7397 ASAP so that you don't miss out on this opportunity.

January is the final, full month that our Club has to prepare for the Tarrant Area Food Bank's annual philanthropy, Empty Bowls. To date, we have had a handful of Club members generously donate some turned items for the Empty Bowls luncheon

on February 19th. To this end, I am declaring a **President's Turning Challenge** to all WNTx members.

For the January meeting, I challenge each one of you to turn a bowl, goblet or platter to donate to **Empty Bowls – an Artful Luncheon to End Hunger**. You are welcome to use your new tools too. If every member can meet this challenge...no, that's not right...**When every member** meets this challenge, the Woodturners of North Texas can raise their heads high and be proud of the contribution that we provide to our community. We have hungry citizens that need our help...let's not let them down.

Now, I'm not sure why you are continuing to read on here... *a President's Challenge has been declared*. I strongly suggest that you get to the shop right away and start turning. Chop, chop. I'm looking forward to seeing all of your Empty Bowls on January 28th!

Good shavings to all,

*Dave*

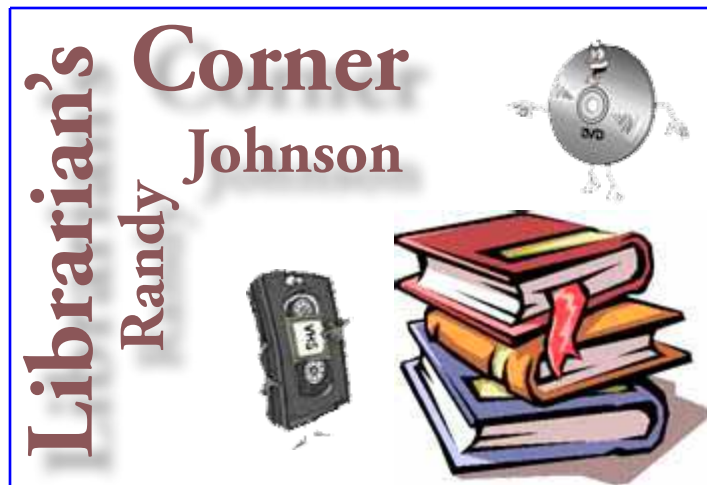


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miniatures and that contributed to his interest in a watch making career.

He is currently a member of the North-eastern Oklahoma Woodturners Association where he presided as president, vice-president, treasurer and demonstrator for many years. He is also a member of the Golden Triangle Woodturners and has been a member of the AAW for many years. If you have ever watched the Woodturning Workshop hosted by Tim Yoder from Tulsa, OK, you might have seen him on the television. He has attended several AAW and SWAT symposiums and numerous seminars which included classes taught by John Jordan, Ron Flemming, Frank Sudol, Trent Bosch, etc.

Oren plans to demonstrate the proper use of a variety of chucks. Some of the chucks he will demonstrate are commercially available while some can be made in your shop. With all of Oren's experience, both teaching and turning, everyone will learn something new from Oren's demonstration.



## LIBRARY ADDITIONS

Well, we just ended another year. You should be renewing your membership for 2010 as there is going to be a large addition to the club library. Mostly due to my procrastination, I have now gotten all of the SWAT 2008 DVD's in their cases and cards added for checking them out. Yes, you read that right, 2008; I figured that I needed to complete 2008 before the 2009 SWAT disks show up. But along with the SWAT 2008, I also have a donation from Max Taylor of Cindy Drozda's Fabulous Finial Box. Thanks a lot, Max, as it is one that I have in my own collection and it is an excellent video even though her warming up is something to behold. If you have not watched Cindy make some of her very elegant finials, this video is an opportunity to learn her techniques for turning finials. Her finials make an otherwise nice box into an exceptional box. Be sure and check it out and make sure to thank Max next time you see him.

Another addition to the library is a video by Barry Gross. You may recognize the name as we have one of his books on pen turning and now we also have the video, Pen Turning. His video is 78 minutes long and goes through pen making in great detail. Sometimes the video drags a little in that regard but otherwise it is an excellent video. Plus, even though I have been turning pens for a while, I learned a trick that will help me in my turning. I won't tell you what it is and spoil the fun but it is in the turning section of the video. The only criticism that I have

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# 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



## Last Month's Program

Fred Denke demonstrated how to turn three-winged vessels. He passed on an



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abundance of tips and advice in his informative and entertaining presentation. He also showed us some of his three-winged vessels that he had already made.



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is where he shows the skew. I noticed his skew does not have rounded edges and this will transfer the surface roughness of the tool rest to the pen blank surface. I always suggest that any skew that is purchased without rounded corners be sanded and rounded over. He also demonstrates that small tools may be used. There is nothing wrong with small tools but I would caution the beginning turner that the techniques for holding small tools are not the same as the ones used with much larger tools. Barry gives some great advice for anyone wanting to market their pens and all in all it is a very complete and easy to follow video. I am sure you will enjoy it, I sure did.

I also added Richard Raffan's Turning Boxes DVD. While the material is dated (1997) and has been available on VCR, it is now available as a DVD. Nevertheless, the turning techniques are still valid, he still turns too fast, and he uses some advanced turning techniques. But Richard Raffan is a production turner and it sometimes shows in his turning. He often makes comments about do as I say, not as I do. This may mislead a beginning turner. I consider boxes one of the more challenging projects for a turner and should be something everyone should turn as they gain experience. So even though he turns fast, it is easy to back up and view his turning again and again until we can understand what he is doing. I have been asked for a box turning video in the library, so I believe this is a good choice. Box building techniques and design elements are included to show how to make pleasant and appealing boxes. After I started trying to catch up on my librarian chores I realized that the Alan Lacer demo videos had not been added either. Alan was here in April and also showed how to make a box, along with many other woodturning tips. He even showed how to make a hook tool. This means that you will have more material to check out of the library at the January meeting and, hopefully, you will return your overdue materials. I won't mention any names but you know who you are. Happy turning and I hope to see you in the new year.



## ... from the Editor

Christmas is over and life is returning to normal (whatever "normal" is.) I would like to emphasize the President's challenge to the club and encourage you to turn as many bowls as you are able. I would also like to make sure you are aware of the WNT Smithfield Fine Arts Day project which has been organized by John Horn. The event takes place on Friday, 1/29/2010, at Smithfield Elementary School. If you are able to volunteer, please contact John Horn.

I would also like to remind everyone that the club needs volunteers to help setup and run the audio/video equipment as well as put it back where it belongs after the meeting. Volunteers are also needed to help setup the room prior to the start of each meeting and cleanup after the end of each meeting. Please contact Dave Marshall to volunteer or for further information.

Lastly, Robert Rosand will be our "hands-on" demonstrator/instructor in April. Opinions will be sought from club members relating to the topics which will be covered by Robert during the week he will be with us. Please look for more information regarding sign-ups and schedules in the near future.

**JVC**





# “Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the November 2009 drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the January 2010 “Bring Back” drawing. 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 January 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.

### **Lathe for sale, Jet #JML-1014 VS Mini Lathe.**

Purchased new 2006, Woodcraft, Ft. Worth. Have all original accessories and owners manual. Very good condition, Only few scratches from normal wear. \$275. Contact Bob Gill, 325-698-8923 or 325-668-0181. Abilene, TX.

Email:bjgill3@suddenlink.net

### **For Sale: Delta 46 701 lathe.**

Three-quarter horse motor, VS, 12 in. swing, extras. \$175.00 Thanks a bunch, Max Taylor.

Email: milmax@sbcglobal.net

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, John Chandler, 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., Fort Worth, Texas. Board meetings are held at **Tommy's**, 5228 Camp Bowie, north 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 6:30 PM.

**January 28** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Oren Zehner -- Common and specialty chucks**

**January 29** - Smithfield Elementary Fine Arts Day, all day, 6 lathes, 48 kids

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