

Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

October 2011 Program:

Making Christmas Ornaments

by Glynn Cox

Next Meeting:

**Thursday,
October 27, 2011
Start Time: 6:30 PM**

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

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My name is Glynn Cox. I was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I attended the University of New Mexico majoring in Electrical Engineering and graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in Mechanical Engineering. I retired 7 years ago from a 37 year career with Bell Helicopter where I was

in charge of Customizing Engineering. In my job I traveled to 34 foreign countries working with customers on their custom configurations. I have always been a "hands on" type of person and was tutored from an early age by my dad in the art of fixing and building everything. I have not deviated from that as I not only enjoy woodturning but also "flat wood work", metal work, antique restoration



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President's message

by Dave Marshall

... making Good Shavings

Repeat performance!

Well, it's October and the Rangers are entertaining us in the World Series...again! As I write this, the Rangers are licking their wounds after a 16-7 drubbing but I'm sure they'll recover and take the series. It's our turn. It's our turn. Really, it's our turn. Speaking of "turn" I presume that all of you have your priorities in order and are taking advantage of this cooler weather to get out to the shop. Yeah, there are a lot of distractions in October like baseball, college and pro football, work and family, and WNTx Club obligations, but "family" really is overplayed. And we had the one "family" event earlier this month with the WNTx Family Picnic! A good time was had by all and nobody got sick from my grilling. We had lathes set up at Dr. Gills to turn (as a family) and a group of folks worked on organizing the trailer and spiffing it up a bit.

This past Saturday, we were at the Rocklers in Arlington to show off our excellent turning skills. We were well prepared with mini lathes, tools, wood

blanks, pen kits, tourniquets, large bandages, and extra paper towels to mop up blood...but alas, no

one got hurt this time. We talked to a number of new and interested turners, so hopefully we'll see them at our next Club meeting. Speaking of which, as you may recall at the last meeting we were informed that the RD Evans community center was going to go through some renovations and that we might have to temporarily relocate to a new site. Well, this month we will meet at our regular place, but we'll probably have to meet at different community center in November. At this time, it looks as if we'll be able to use the RD Evans gymnasium for our Holiday Dinner and Auction on December 10th. We'll keep you informed so check your emails and check out the WNTx website for the "lathest" news.

At our next meeting, we have our annual elections for the Club officers. This should go very quickly as most of the officers have been railroaded before... I mean, thoroughly vetted beforehand, and are rejuvenated to serve

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their lofty positions. We truly thank them for their service! If it weren't for all the volunteers in our Club, our Club wouldn't/couldn't function. We always need more help though and I ask you to stand up and do more for the Club and our community. We have a pile of ideas and tasks that we'd like to see get organized and manned but we need help. Don't wait for us... step up to the plate (if the Rangers can do it in October, so can you.) Your Board of Directors also has a recommended change to our Club bylaws to allow additional directors to be voted to the board. We need to review this change and vote on it as a Club and if that is approved, we would like to vote on at least one new director position, Director of Audio Visual Equipment (DAVE). Since AV stuff is complex, costly, and definitely needed for our meetings, the Board feels this is a needed input to the current Board.

We end the month with Halloween. We ask that club members bring 2 sacks of individually wrapped Halloween candy to our meeting this Thursday. This is for the Rec Center's annual bash for all the kiddos that use that facility.

Well, me writing this article - and you reading it - is taking up valuable lathe time, so push away from the computer and go do something productive.

Good Shavings to all of you,

Dave



and electronics. Now about the demo. After seeing a demonstration last year by Robert Rosan on turning Christmas ornaments I decided to give it a try. I turned several for family and friends who thought they were great and have "ordered" several more for this Christmas season. I have incorporated a few of my own ideas along with some gleaned from a final class with Cindy Drosda.

I will attempt to demonstrate turning hollow thin wall globes with very long decorative "icicles". I say "attempt" because it is quite easy to cut through the side of the globes or break the thin icicle. Hopefully that will not happen during the demo though I am sure the audience would enjoy an Uh-Oh! or two. I will discuss materials, proportions, tools, turning and finishing techniques.



Glynn Cox



FOR SALE

MINI MILLING MACHINE



\$450 for machine
and extra accessories

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Grizzly G8689 mini milling machine. I bought a larger one and have had this one for about 2 years. Like new condition. New price is \$575 + \$74 shipping from Grizzly + \$38 in extra accessories (2 end mill holders and 1 slitting saw arbor).

Features:

- Dovetail column
- Safety shut off switch
- Adjustable depth stop
- Fine feed head control
- Geared drive
- Clear guard on spindle
- Rubber chip guards on ways
- Zero setting dials
- Dials read inches
- Adjustable dovetail ways on column
- 3/8" and 1/2" collets
- 1/2" drill chuck
- 2 T-nuts

Specifications:

- Spindle Taper: MT #3
- Head Travel: 7-1/2"
- Head Tilt: 45 degrees L/R
- Max. distance spindle to table: 11-1/2"
- Swing: 12-3/4"
- Longitudinal Travel: 7-5/16"
- Cross-slide travel: 4"
- Table size: 3-5/8" x 15-3/4"
- Speeds: Variable
- Speed Range: 0-2500 RPM
- Motor Size: 3/4 HP
- Shipping Weight: 149 lbs.

Librarian's Corner

Randy Johnson



In recovery mode.



Empty Bowls

Remember that you receive 1 Holiday Party raffle ticket for each empty bowl that you donate.

We have a total of 28 bowls for the Tarrant County Food Bank's Empty Bowls program. The donors to date and the number of raffle tickets they are entitled to are as follows:

Bob Clark	1
Jimmie Gill	1
Sandy Jarrell	16
Dave Marshall	2
Robert Richards	8
Larry Roberts	1



“Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the July 2011 drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the August 2011 “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.

Name	Description
John Herber	Maple Blank
Bill Collins	Hackberry Bowl Kit
Mr. Unknown	Lidded Box
Ned Baker	LED Light
Tom Beatty	Small Box
Bob Wiggins	Bowl

Name	Description
Dewayne Hines	Cocobolo Blank
Sue Wiggins	Mesquite Bowl
Max Taylor	Pickup magnet
Larry Roberts	Weed Pot
Jimmie Gill	Weed Pot



Advertisements

Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$12.00 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 web site 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, John Chandler (email vannchan@att.net) by the 10th of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor by the 10th of the month.

Woodcraft offers a 10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members. Show your membership card in order to get the discount.



Rockler also offers a 10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members. Show your membership card in order to get the discount.

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 on the first Tuesday of each month 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.

October 27 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Glynn Cox - Making Christmas Ornaments**

November 1 - WNT Board Meeting

November 17 - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **TBA - TBD**

December 10 - Club Christmas Party

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