

# November's Program

## Thin-Stemmed Goblets

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My name is John Beasley and I have lived in Denton for 36 years. I have been married for 45 years to my wife Roni and have 4 married children who have blessed us with 13 grandchildren (11 boys and 2 girls.)

My career was in manufacturing management where I started as a management trainee with Brown and Sharpe Mfg. Co. after graduating from Notre Dame University in 1967. I was transferred from Rhode Island to Denton to run an industrial drill plant here. I then took a job with Poco Graphite Inc. in Decatur. While working there

I received my MBA in 1983. I retired from Poco in 2008 after 35 years, having served as President and CEO from 1986 until retirement. I recently became the proud owner of some Crepe Myrtle wood and thought I would try to turn it. To my amazement it turned easily and I was able to make beautiful, extremely thin-stemmed goblets. I demonstrated this at the GTW Open Shop last month and several turners have attempted to duplicate the process.

My plan is to demonstrate the technique to make the goblets, without breaking a single one. At least that is the plan. I will also be bringing several green blanks to the meeting for members to take home and make their own goblets.

