

# Woodturners of North Texas

A CHAPTER OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

## February 2012 Program

# Easter Bunnies

by Marion McDaniel

### Next Meeting:

**Thursday,  
February 23, 2012  
Start Time: 6:30 PM**

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

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Wood craftsman Marion McDaniel is a native of Georgia who has resided in Dallas for the past forty years. What makes Mr. McDaniel's talent and artistry so amazing is that he only began wood working a few short years ago. After an on-the-job accident seriously injured his back, he was forced to retire after twenty one years with Kroger Foods. While recovering, he decided to attempt to whittle a cane for himself since he now needed one to aid him in walking. His wife observes that, "Prior to

carving that first cane, he had never carved, drawn, painted or even doodled on paper." That cane, however, was the beginning of a consuming pastime and he now spends his time crafting other



beautiful works in wood. Mr. McDaniel has fashioned immaculate bowls, bottles, canes and walking sticks

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President's message  
by Dave Marshall

... making  
Good  
Shavings

It's hard to believe that Mardi Gras is this week...the year is just flying by. New Year's Day, MLK Day, Ben Franklin's Birthday, Chinese New Year, Australia Day, Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day. Boy, it's hard to get into the shop to turn when you have all these holidays that you need to buy gifts and cards for and decorate the house for. I just took down my Valentines lights from the house and now it's time to put up the Easter lights!

Thankfully, we have Leap Year this year so we all have an extra day to turn. So, don't waste Leap Year on all the commercialized Leap Year stuff that Hallmark, Walmart, and others want you to. Spend that day with some quality time out in the shop. And if you do that, you can spend the day turning Easter Bunnies for your better half and all of your friends. This is courtesy of this month's demo... Marion McDaniel on the topic of Easter Bunnies. We've been fortunate to have Marion visit us before. Remember his legendary Snowman demonstration? A lot of you are still turning snowmen... and some of you make good money turning and selling snowmen.

I'm sure Marion's Easter Bunnies will be a "sure-sell" for most of you. And if you're not into selling, I'm sure these will look great with all your other Easter decorations this year! Don't miss it.

The weather has been cooperating with us turners this February. Remember last year with all the snow and bitter temps? Well this past weekend we got over 2 inches of rain here at the house and you know what that means.... No yard work, no car washing, no dog walking, no gardening... two full days of quality woodturning! Thankfully I did most of my taxes last weekend. And the forecast for the rest of the week looks good too. Sunshine, low to mid 70s. Perfect turning weather (isn't the weather always perfect for turning?)

The 10th annual Empty Bowls luncheon was held last Friday and was a huge success. A big "Thanks" to Sandy Jarrell for leading the effort this year and to our Club members that came to demonstrate woodturning at the luncheon. And, again, "thanks" for all of you that turned bowls throughout the year! It's

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from a variety of fine woods, some with intricate inlay. The holiday seasons keep him busy creating his special wooden snowmen, which are each turned from a single piece of native Texas wood. The flaws and cracks that you may see in your snowman occur naturally in the tree and help to make each creation unique. He also makes Easter bunnies which he will demonstrate at this month's meeting.

### **Professional Demonstrations**

Broken Bow High School "Beginning Woodturning: Turn with the Masters"

Southeast Oklahoma Woodturners

Hunt County Woodturners

Ft. Worth Woodturners

Beavers Bend Folk Festival

Owa-Chito Festival of the Forest - Art Show

Forest Heritage Center Wood Art Gallery

Woodcraft, Dallas

Woodworking Expo, Dallas

Central Oklahoma Woodturners

Christmas Pageant, Richardson Texas

Watermelon Festival, Valliant Oklahoma

Big Foot Festival, Battiest Oklahoma

Antlers Deer Day's, Antlers Texas



a great feeling to know that our Club makes such great contributions to our community. You can see some the great times that everyone had: <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150692543162868.457081.9993051286>.

Don't forget that our National Turner will be here in April. As we mentioned at the last Club meeting, we have Trent Bosch coming on April 21st through the 25th. We will have an all-day demo with Trent on Saturday, April 21st, followed by small hands-on classes beginning Sunday. Class slots are filling up fast and I guarantee that you don't want to miss this great opportunity to train with one of the best. Trent is going to offer a wide range of topics for various skill levels. Don't feel intimidated; the class sizes are small and very hands-on with Trent. See more details of his visit in this newsletter and feel free to visit his website to see some great examples of his turnings and sculptures: <http://www.trentbosch.com/>.

We will be meeting this Thursday in our newly remodeled room at the RD Evans Rec Center. We have been lucky not to have to relocate these past few months, even though the lighting and acoustics have been challenging. Enjoy the new space!

Well, I better wrap this up as I need to get to work on my Mardi Gras costume... it's a spectacle, I tell ya.

Good shavings to all,

*Dave*



Trent Bosch  
WNT Hands-on  
Demonstrator  
for April 2012



Trent Bosch, from Fort Collins Colorado, will be our Spring 2012 Demonstrator/Hands On Instructor. Trent is known all over the world as one of the most creative and versatile woodturners on the planet. There will be something for everyone at the all-day demonstration on April 21st and in the hands-on classes on April 20th, 22nd, -23rd, 24th & 25th. The classes will address all skill levels from beginners through advanced in the different classes. Registration for the classes will start at the club meeting this Thursday. The fee is only \$130 per day. For more information about Trent Bosch, check out his web site at: <http://www.trentbosch.com/>

The following is the current schedule of the Trent Bosch Hands-On Classes:

Fundamentals class: Friday April 20th

Bowls and Platters

Special focus on Sharpening and uses for the swept back grind bowl gouge

Two day class Mixed abilities: Sunday and Monday, April 22nd & 23rd

We will have time to cover a variety of topics on the master list

Intermediate class: Tuesday, April 24th

Hollow forms

Focus on good design and forms getting clean cuts and consistent wall thicknesses

as well as carving on turnings

Advanced class: Wednesday, April 25th

Designing forms to be carved for an intended effect - Participants can make Vessels of illusions or other pieces similar to mine or explore their own ideas within the realm of the class

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Below is a master list of topics that may be explored during any of the workshops:

- Turning open forms
- Getting comfortable with the 1/2" swept back grind gouge
- Different grinds to minimize sanding
- Wood selection (what to look for and why)
- Using Green Wood
- Drying options (Kiln, Air, and other ideas)
- How to cut the wood for best figure
- Enclosed forms (Vessels of Illusion etc.)
- Tools for Hollowing
- Judging wall thickness (Look, Listen, and feel etc.)
- Form (what is good form?)
- Turning pieces that will be carved on (leaving enough wood etc.)
- Wood Manipulation
  - Bending wood
  - Carving Wood
  - Sandblasting wood
- Surface treatments
  - Ways to achieve the desired effect in your work using color, texture, etc.)
- Finishing (lots of options)
- Whatever area you want to explore further
- Slides of work if applicable
- Look and discuss work created and techniques used



# “Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the previous month's drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the "Bring Back" drawing the following month. 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.

WINNER =====	ITEM =====	DONATED BY =====
Drew Deckman	Lidded box	Robert Richards
Nina Francis	Blue Pen	Cole & Drew Deckman
Bill Collins	Torus Bowl	Chas Thornhill
John Lauderbaugh	Bowl	Dave Marshall
Bill Collins	Hurry up 1	Rick Gathier
Tyler Weens	Bowl	Bill Collins
Bill Boehme	magazines	Steve Yauch
Bob Wiggins	Tool Handle	Sandy Jerrell
Chas Thornhill	Ceramic Bowl	J. Williams
Tom Beatty	Pen	Jim McGregor
Ron Traylor	Bowl	John Lauderbaugh



## New Members

Tom	Davis	Aledo	TX
Ronny	Roberson	Crowley	TX
Jim	Ryan	Bedford	TX
Dave	Scott	Granbury	TX
Tyler	Weems	Eules	TX
Ron	Traylor	Hurst	TX
Davod	White	Godley	TX
Walter	Wilson	Granbury	TX

### Corner Johnson

Librarian's  
Randy

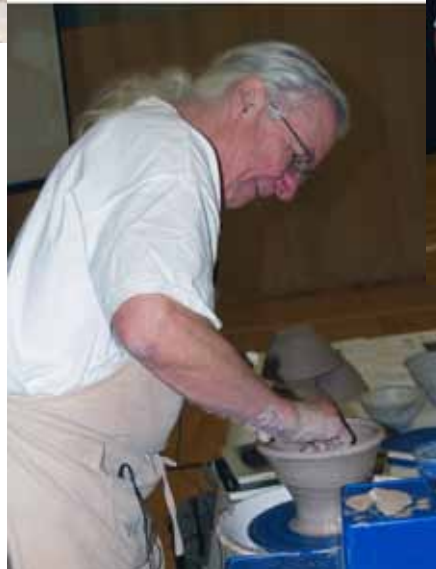
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## Last Month's Program



John Williams explained the Empty Bowls program and discussed bowl design.



## 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 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 (email [vannchan@att.net](mailto:vannchan@att.net)) 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.

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.

**February 23** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Marion McDaniel - Easter Bunnies**

**March 6** - WNT Board Meeting

**March 29** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Jimmie Gill - Pepper Mills**

**April 3** - WNT Board Meeting

**April 21 - Trent Bosch All-day Demonstration**, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, \$10, R. D. Evans Rec. Center

**April 20, 22-25 - Hands-on classes with Trent Bosch**, 3425 Meadow Oaks Drive, Haltom City, TX

**April 26** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Dick Koch - Segmented Boxes for Beads of Courage**

**May 1** - WNT Board Meeting

**May 31** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Sharon Ayers - Platters**

**June 5** - WNT Board Meeting

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