

# Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the  
American Association of Woodturners

## January 2014 Program

# Segmented Turning Techniques by Dale Green

### Next Meeting:

Thursday,  
January 30, 2014  
Start Time: 6:30 PM

Handley-Meadowbrook Lions  
Club  
6013 Craig Street  
Fort Worth, TX

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Dale Green, of Aledo, will present our January program on "Segmented Turning Techniques". Twenty years ago, Dale started turning segmented vessels and, though he spent about five years turning green wood, he now limits his turning activities to only exploring the world of segmented objects. Using the table saw, with a



special sled that he has designed to cut the segments, he composes how each piece of the vessel fits his design with the aid of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet program. Cutting really small pieces on the table saw can sometimes result in surprising and even dangerous kickbacks. Dale developed a special technique that has been extremely successful to eliminate these kickbacks.

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# ... making Good Shavings

- If you were not one of the 93 that attended the Christmas Banquet, you missed a great time. We gave away hundreds of dollars worth of turning tools as door prizes and raffle items. James Haynes won the lathe, and now we are waiting with baited breath to see if he will actually do a turning. As always, the food was wonderful. We had pulled pork, turkey, and ham with all the trimmings, and the dessert table was spectacular. The highlight of the evening was the auction of contributed turnings. The quality of the turnings was top notch, and we notice that each year they just get better and better. We also had an all time high on money raised during the auction. Thanks again to James Haynes for coordinating the banquet. Make plans now to attend the 2014 Banquet.
- We have had a bit of a problem with Chas's Challenges due to weather and timing. So we will be doing them this month. Bring your unstable turning, or your turning that was made without using sandpaper. We will show them and present gift certificates. Bob Wiggins will have a new challenge for next month.
- If you have not done so, please remember to re-register for 2014.
- James will be bringing his 2014 budget for review and club approval.
- Later in this newsletter, there is a table showing member contributions to our Empty Bowls program. Many members committed to a bowl a month, and so far, we are way behind. We only have two months before the Empty Bowls luncheon, so let's all catch up. If our commitment is fulfilled, we will be able to contribute even more than in 2013.
- We will be having an Open Shop in February with additional time, lathes, grinders, and mentors available. Plan to come early to the meeting next month.
- See you Thursday and be safe. We do not need any more "safety coordinators".

**GLYNN COX**



## Segmented Turning Techniques... (continued from page 1)



As a result of Dale's hobby, his vessels have been given or donated to some of the most important people or organizations you can imagine. None of his work has been for sale because he gets his reward from "Psychic Pay", which is worth more to him than anything else.



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## WNT BRING BACK CHALLENGE

I would like to challenge the members of Woodturners of North Texas to put new life and the original purpose back into the Bring Back Raffle.

For many years we had only one Bring Back item. The winner was expected to come to the next meeting with a turned item to be raffled to the next lucky person. That turner then was to keep the chain going. One purpose was to impel the winner to produce a turning, however simple or fancy.

The advent of multiple Bring Back items broadened participation, but it made it too easy to put off following up with a turned item and say "I'll owe one until a later month." Then someone brought a "bowl kit", i.e. a purchased turning block or some other non-turned item and the Bring Back Something You Turned concept or idea was missed.

Let's return the Bring Back Raffle to its original intent. All winners are expected to Bring Back a turned item or homemade tool even if what they won was a gift certificate or non-turned item. Dust off the lathe. Make some shavings. Redesign those catches. Make yourself be a woodturner.

Scared to show your turnings to others? I was. Need some help? The last page of the new directory has a long list of mentors and any one of them would welcome the opportunity to give you assistance.

I didn't win this past month but, when I do, I will be sure to inflict one of my turnings on one of the next winners and it will make me a better turner.

James Haynes



# Last Month's program

At November's meeting, Glynn Cox discussed and demonstrated various piercing systems. He provided information for building a fairly low cost system, well within



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## Our Santa



**NORTH RICHLAND HILLS** — In a tiny workshop in John Horn's back yard, Santa Claus comes to life.

"I am the real Santa," he shouted to be heard over the roar of a wood lathe.

A spray of sawdust pitched up from a whirling piece of wood that Horn was working on and flew at his face like a blizzard. When he finally leaned back and switched off the machine, what had

been a plain old piece of two-by-four pine was almost a race car.

Tiny slivers of wood clung to the wreath of hair that circled Horn's head. His eyes twinkled from a broad face. He laughed, making his belly shake like jelly and sending wood chips tumbling from a beard that was white as snow.

"I get a great sense of satisfaction doing something with my hands," Horn said.

Unfortunately, not many of his handmade toys get into kids' hands. These days a lot of children ask for things like the Rainbow Loom and American Girl dolls, Horn said.

"The older ones want iPhones and iPads," he said. "They aren't exposed to wooden toys in the stores and on TV, so they don't ask for them. But handmade wooden toys by Santa will last through generations."

Horn's been turning a variety of woods into works of art — including toys — for a long time. But at 81, the retired band teacher/Army veteran/gumball machine manager knows that wood turning brings more satisfaction than profit.

"You can't make a living on a lathe that does one thing at a time," Horn said.

The spirit of Christmas

*Our Santa... (continued from previous page)*

But you can make a lot of things that bring people joy. Through clubs like Woodturners of North Texas and Golden Triangle Woodturners, toy cars and wooden tops made on Horn's lathe have found their way to hundreds of kids – most of them underprivileged and/or physically challenged.

Since 1996, when North Pointe Baptist Church in Hurst, where Horn is a deacon, needed Santa for part of its Christmas pageant, he's taken on the role of St. Nick.

It was the church's pastor, Paul Paschall, who saw the spirit of Christmas reflected in the twinkle of Horn's eyes. Santa was soon showing up at members' homes for Christmas parties.

"I remember when he came to my house on Christmas Day 15 years ago," Paschall said. "It was like a rock star showed up at our front door. We had a house full of grandkids. He was Santa, and people believed."

It's sad when some people stop believing in Santa.

"When I find out someone doesn't believe ...," he said, "well, there's no point in coming to see them. Ho ... ho ... ho."

'He's here! He's here!'

None of those people are among the children at Little Tyke Child Care Center in Richland Hills, said the director, Christy Dougan.

"As soon as he hits the door they're yelling 'He's here! He's here!'" Dougan said. "This isn't your mall Santa. Sometimes at the mall they're in a hurry to get the kids in and out. He's very patient."

He not only listens to what kids have to say, but also gives hugs and knows their names, Dougan said.

"He calls each child one by one by name to his lap," Dougan said. "And he gives each child a wrapped story book, because Santa wants children to learn to read."

But Horn also wants people to remember the meaning of Christmas itself, and it's a message he

frequently passes on to the kids who climb onto his lap.

"The thrill is to spread the joy of the celebration of the birth of our savior," he said.

By Terry Evans

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## WNT 2013 Auction Donors

The Woodturners of North Texas Christmas Dinner Auction was a great success and provided a very good financial base for the 2014 budget. A special THANK YOU is owed to the many donors and the successful bidders. Those donating auction items were:

Dale Abshire	Tom Beatty	Bill Boehme
Jim Bragdon	Kathi Bragdon	Wayne Clowers
Glynn Cox	Fred Denke	Larry Denning
Johnny Derczo	Rick Gauthier	Jimmie Gill
Sandy Jarrell	Dick Koch	John Lauderbaugh
Jim McGregor	Gene Reichert	Ronny Roberson
Larry Roberts	Steve Rost	Jodi Rost
Jim Tanksley	Pam Thompson	Paul Tiefel
Sue Wiggins	Bob Wiggins	Steve Yauch



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## Classified Ads

**For Sale:** Contents of Wood Turners Shop...DELTA 46701 Lathe...JET table top lathe...Two (2) Vic Mark Chucks...Forty Seven (47) Assorted Gouges...Plus Assorted Misc wood turning items and How to Books.

\$1500 for all items or best reasonable offer.

Contact Phil Herskowitz at (940)644-2310 or email [phersk@wildblue.net](mailto:phersk@wildblue.net)

**For Sale:** ONEWAY 1224 Lathe w/accessories...slow speed grinder w/wolverine sharpening jigs...pen/pencil jigs...many turning tools...several 'how-to' manuals...other miscellaneous accessories. This is a complete woodturner's shop. All items are one owner, excellent quality and like new. Relocation necessitates sale. Priced right. For additional info, contact Art Lowe at (972)596-4924.



# “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. Winners of any item should bring back a replacement turned item of their own creation to the next meeting. 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.

## Bring Backs = Turnings From October

WINNER	ITEM	DONATED BY
Bob Wiggins	Gift certificate - \$20	Wood World
Susan Wiggins	Gift certificate - \$20	Wood World
Susan Wiggins	Chestnut Dye- 4 colors	Wood World
Bill Collins	Wooden Ornament	John Tolly
Tom Beatty	Sandpaper set	VincesWoodNWonders
John Horn	Sandpaper set for epoxy	VincesWoodNWonders
Bill Boehme	Wood	?
Larry Sweeney	Wood	?
Steve Thomason	Wood	?
Don York	Wood	?
Doug Archer	Cocobolo and Acrylic twist pen	Ron Howe
Randy Johnson	Bacote Pen	Steve Thomason



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## Club Challenge Program

Last year with the help of Chas, we started our club challenges. A lot of the members took on the challenges and it was interesting to see how differently each person accomplished the task. We got a little off track at the end of the year but we will get back on track this month. This meeting we will look at the no sanding challenge and the unstable bottom challenge. If you turned one for these challenges, please bring it to the meeting Thursday. At the meeting we will issue a new challenge for the month for February. I hope lots of members will tackle the challenges so we can all learn different ways to skin that cat.

Bob Wiggins

# Joe Ruminski Spring Demonstrator



Our Spring Instructor/Demonstrator will be Joe Ruminski, one of the very popular demonstrators



that is really making a name for himself wherever he goes. He will be with the Woodturners of North Texas from May 12th through May 17th with five all-day classes,



starting on May 12th and an all-day demonstration on May 17th. Start making your plans now to take one or more of the all-day classes because there will only be six people in each class. Joe will teach a wide variety of subjects in the classes with usually two projects in each class. There will be classes for all skill levels, from beginners to advanced turners. Registration will begin at the February meeting.



# Smithfield Elementary School Fine Arts Day

On Friday, January 31st, eleven members of the Woodturners of North Texas will bring six mini lathes to the Smithfield Elementary School Fine Arts Day event in North Richland Hills where four different classes of fifth grade students will turn and finish candle sticks under the supervision of the eleven WNT instructor/coaches. Listed below in alphabetical order are the club members participating from the WNT: Tom Beatty, Bob Clark, Glynn Cox, Rick Gauthier, John Horn, John Lauderbaugh, Ray Moyer, Ronnie Nuzum, Jeff Robbins, Pam Thompson, and Bob Wiggins.

In each session emphasis will be placed on safety by insisting that each student wear safety glasses and a dust mask while working at the lathe. The students then will turn the material that had been prepared by Glynn Cox, John Lauderbaugh, Ronnie Nuzum and John Horn. Students make the candle sticks of their own design with the supervision of their coaches.

Since many schools today no longer teach wood shop classes, we felt it was important that the students be exposed to the joys of woodturning. The Fine Arts Day program at the school is held each year to give the students hands-on experience in a variety of artistic activities that are not available in their normal curriculum. The various sessions include painting, dancing, balloon art, music, pottery, woodturning and other fine art activities.



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## Weed Pot Shortage

I would like to thank everyone who has turned weed pots for the upcoming empty bowls event.

However, we are still 27 short of our goal, so I am asking anyone who can to turn a weed pot this week. Please keep in mind that the weed pots will be on the tables for people who pay \$100 to be first in line for the event, so they need to look as nice as possible.

Please bring what you can to our meeting on Thursday.

Thank you.

John Lauderbaugh



# Empty Bowls

## Empty Bowls 2014 Turn-a-Bowl-a-Month

Turner's Name	May 2013	Jun 2013	Jul 2013	Aug 2013	Sep 2013	Oct 2013	Nov 2013	Dec 2013	Jan 2014	Feb 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	Total	
<b>Bowl Of Month Member</b>														
Sandy Jarrell	1	3			2		4						10	
John Horn	1		3										4	
John Lauderbaugh	1	1	1										3	
Robert Richards	3		3	5									11	
David Colley	1	1	1										3	
Ron Traylor		1				3	4						8	
Glynn Cox (added by email)		1	3			3		4					11	
Paul Tiefel (added by email)					8								8	
Wayne Clowers						6							6	
Ronnie Nuzum							1						1	
Bob Wiggins					4	1							5	
Steve Rost		2		2	2	1	1						8	
Larry Denning			1			1	1						3	
Tom Beatty			3										3	84
<b>Not Bowl Of Month Member</b>														
Jimmie Gill						3		8					11	
Bill Holt						3							3	
Fred Denke	1												1	
Matt Rabe	1												1	
Jim McGregor				2	2	1	2	1					8	
Bob Placido			12										12	
Jim Humphrey			2				1						3	
Rick Gauthier				4		1							5	
Dave Marshall					3		1						4	
John Beasley				3									3	37
<b>Grand Total</b>	9	9	29	16	21	23	15	13	0	0	0	0	135	

# Mentors

Name	City	Specialty
Beasley, John	Denton,	General turning, Bowls
Boehme, Billy	Arlington	General turning, Bowls
Brand, Neal	Denton	Spindles, Hand-chased threads, Boxes
Clowers, Wayne	Haltom City	Bowls, Pens, Lidded vessels, Segmented
Cox, Glynn	Keller	General turning, Tool making
Denke, Fred	Fort Worth	Bowls, Surface decoration, Inlay
Derczo, Johnny	Mansfield	Segmented
Gill, Jimmie	Haltom City	General turning, Bowls
Horn, John	North Richland Hills	Fundamentals. Spindles, Bowls, Sharpening
Jarrell, Sandy	Fort Worth	General turning, Bowls
Lauderbaugh, John	North Richland Hills	Peppermills, Snowmen, Pens, Sharpening
Moyer, Ray	Eules	Spindles, Boxes, Basics
Placido, Bob	Azle	Bowls, Inlays, Segmented, Boxes, Goblets, Inside-out. Tops
Rost, Steve	Mansfield	Segmented
Solberg, John	Denton	Multi-axis, Ornaments, Bowls, Pens, Tops
Tanksley, Jim	Mansfield	End grain bowls, Hollowing
Taylor, Max	Fort Worth	General turning, Pens, Bowls
Tiefel, Paul	Southlake	Multi-axis, Hollow forms, Bowls, Coring
Tkacs, Peter	Denton	General turning, Peppermills
Wiggins, Bob	Arlington	Bowls

## 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. 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.

Wood World offers a 10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members.

<http://www.woodworldtx.com/>



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

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## Calendar

**NOTE:** The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at the Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club, 6013 Craig Street, Fort Worth, TX. Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at **Niki's Italian Bistro**, 5237 Davis Blvd. (FM1938) in North Richland Hills. 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 30** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club,  
Demonstrator: **Dale Green - Segmented Turning Techniques**

**January 31** - **Smithfield Elementary Fine Arts Day, All day**

**February 4** - WNT Board Meeting

**February 27** - **Open Shop with Mentors 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Lions Club**

**February 27** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club,  
Demonstrator: **Tips & Tricks by club members**

**May 12-16** - Hands-on classes with **Joe Ruminski**, 3425 Meadow Oaks Drive,  
Haltom City, TX

**May 17** - All day demo by **Joe Ruminski**, \$10, 9am-4pm, Lions Club

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