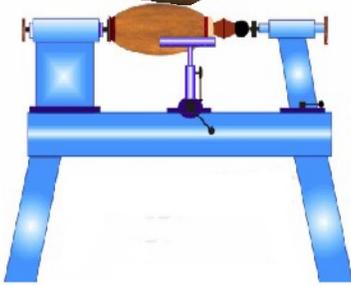


GTW TURNINGS



NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE WOODTURNERS

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Our next meeting is 7:00pm August 3rd

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Neal's NEWS

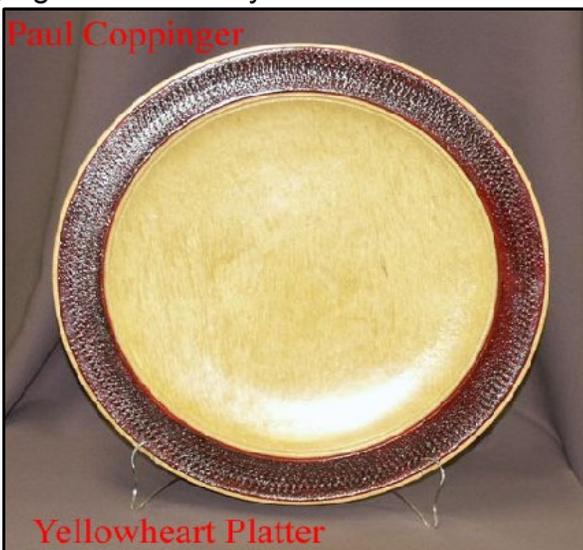
Our Demo This Month Is

FLAT STOCK AND MINI LATHES

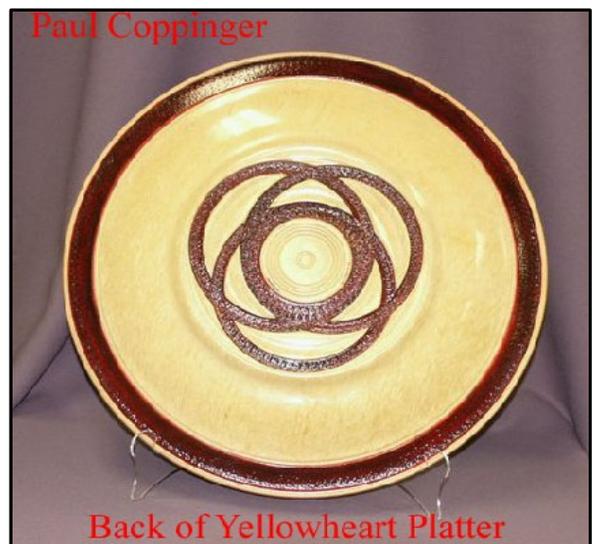
PRESENTED BY PAUL COPPINGER

Paul enjoys all aspects of turning including plates/platters, bowls, hollow vessels (especially miniatures) and finishing. He is currently VP and Web master of East Texas Woodturners, participates in the Mentoring program and has several ongoing students that he teaches.

Many beginning turners start by making pens on mini-lathes but come from a background of making furniture, boxes and miscellaneous other wood items from flat-stock lumber. And if like Paul, they acquired some really nice figured lumber such as curly maple, cherry, walnut, mahogany, etc. Paul's demo will present some fundamental techniques necessary for woodturning and will show how to turn several items from flat-stock lumber, including a plate; a small, square, shallow bowl; and a square, flying bowl with inlayed veneer.



Yellowheart Platter



Back of Yellowheart Platter

THIS MONTH'S BIO

My name is Mike Nelson. I joined the Golden Triangle Wood turners three years ago after being referred to the club by another wood turner. I am currently serving as the membership officer and secretary. I can also be seen before and after the meetings working with the audio visual equipment.

I was born in Germany while my father was in the Air Force. Our family settled in Boise, Idaho after dad's military retirement. I joined the US Navy after high school and spent six years operating and maintaining nuclear reactor plants aboard an aircraft carrier based in Norfolk, Virginia. I took the opportunity after six years of military service to go to college. I graduated from the University of Idaho in 1995 with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Through an odd "being in the right place" circumstance, I wound up taking a job offer in the IT industry and moved to Dallas in 1996. I currently live in Little Elm and work as a Project Manager implementing large and complex IT networking projects for AT&T.



I always have been interested in wood working. I remember looking through the garage and bugging dad to let me build one thing or another. Dad humored me and helped me with the understanding that I put his tools back (I *occasionally* overlooked that last part!). About six years ago I moved into a place with space to set up a couple tools and get back into it. I primarily stayed with smaller furniture pieces as well as decorative jewelry boxes until about three years ago when turning joined my wood working interests.

My visit to a wood turning club's booth at the wood working show in Arlington sparked my interest in wood turning and pointed me to the GTW club in Denton. Like others, I started out turning pens and candle sticks. As my skills progressed, I started making small lidded boxes, smaller bowls, and end-grain hollowing. My recent purchase of a Powermatic 3520B has me looking at larger vessels and platters. I am really intrigued by the current trend in carving and decorative enhancements after turning the piece. I still dabble in pens as I get occasional orders from friends and family and look forward to whatever path this wonderful hobby takes me!!



Now that the 2009 National AAW Symposium is history it is time to start looking forward to SWAT. For you newcomers SWAT stands for South West Association of Turners and is being held in Wichita Falls, Texas this year. This Symposium is second only to the National AAW, is much less expensive, but with super good demonstrations, gallery, vendors, raffles and camaraderie. I was unable to attend the National but, looking at the lineup of demonstrators, SWAT should be just as good.

Congratulations to Bob Lauzon on winning a lathe in the raffle at National. See photos on page 8.

Be sure and read the article from Ancientwood, Ltd and see their 15% discount offer on page 7.

If you haven't noticed it is **HOT** in Texas and if you have a cool shop why not get a couple of turner friends together and do a marathon **BOWL-TURN** for Empty Bowls. Three people could turn 20+ bowls in one day (less drying time) by distributing the effort. Two buddies and I have plans to do just that. You may think 20 is a lot of bowls for one day, but I have turned 7 by myself in about 6 hours. We can't let Woodturners of North Texas outdo us.

Glynn Cox Editor

President's Patter

Well the AAW Symposium is over and what a Symposium it was. There were at least 15 of our club members in attendance. That's better than 25% of our paid up membership. And from what I have heard from those I talked to, everyone enjoyed it. Mike Nelson bought a new lathe, Bob Lauzon won a new lathe at the Saturday night raffle, and most of the rest of us spent some of our hard earned money with the many vendors present. Some of the highlights for me were: David Springett turning a six pointed star inside a cube; Marilyn Campbell "Getting Creative with Epoxy"; David Nittman with "Airbrush Basics"; and Michael Hosaluk "Turning Green Wood."

I also had a chance to represent GTW at the Chapters Meeting and found it very interesting. There are currently 13,077 AAW members in 310 chapters. There were a bit more than 1300 members registered for the Symposium. AAW will be generating a survey and sending it out to the membership early in 2010 to try to determine what issues the membership feels are important. If there is a topic that we as a chapter feel should be included we were asked to submit it. If anyone has an issue that AAW should address please let me know and I will forward it to the appropriate personal at AAW. Some of the other issues that were discussed were a mentoring program at the chapter level, a youth turners program, open shop time for the membership, how to increase AAW membership at each chapter, and new member mentoring. All of these will be taken up in future board meetings. The AAW membership dues will also be increased to \$48.00 a year starting in 2010 and the Journal will add two additional publications increasing it to six issues a year to compensate for the increase.

For those of you that missed the Symposium we have one almost as good coming up in October in Wichita Falls. That's just two hours away from Denton. SWAT has proven to be one of the best regional symposiums in the country. You won't want to miss it.

We have again scheduled an "Open Shop" for Saturday August 22 from 9:00 AM until noon at Chris Morgan's shop. If you want to try your hand at turning a Wobble Bowl or a Sphere as you have seen in the past couple of demonstrations, plan on attending. Blanks and help will be available. If you have some other problem that you would like help working out bring them along as well. Someone will try to help you. As of now we are planning on an open shop at least once a quarter depending upon attendance.

Again let me remind you of the Empty Bowls luncheon to be held October 24th. We have committed to support the Luncheon with 150 turned wooden bowls. Let's not wait until the last minute to get them done. Last year we did 179 which was an all time record. Start turning now. They don't have to be big or elaborate. People attending enjoy selecting a wooden bowl and ours have been the first to be selected each year.

Don't forget to bring something for show and tell to our meetings. We all enjoy seeing what everyone has been turning. Bring Backs are another important part of each months meeting. It is a way to support the club as well as an opportunity to share some of your turning with your fellow members. We all enjoy winning something one of the members has made.

Hope to see you August 3rd.

John Solberg

Welcome New Members

John Easterling of Denton

Please give our new members a warm welcome and introduce yourselves to them at the next meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Denton Art, Antiques and Autos Extravaganza

September 12 10am to 4pm Downtown Square

Again this year we are planning on turning tops and cars for the kids so plan to join in and support your club's community activities. This is also a great opportunity to meet and work with other club members.



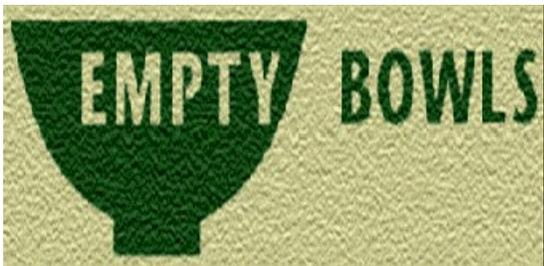
Southwest Association of Turners Symposium is being held in Wichita Falls on October 16th through October 18th.

Several outstanding demonstrators are being featured including Stuart Batty, Mike Mahoney, Jimmy Clews and others.

You really need to attend this one. It is close, inexpensive and has great events. Go to <http://www.swaturners.org/welcome/welcome.shtml> for more information.

It is time to make hotel reservations. This link will take you to the sponsoring hotel and other nearby hotels with special SWAT rates. <http://www.swaturners.org/info/hotels.shtml>

Online registration is now available at <http://www.swaturners.org/registration/registration.shtml>



It is not too early to start turning bowls for the October Empty Bowls program. Our goal this year is 150 bowls. Last year we donated 179. They are counting on our support again this year.

Empty Bowls of Denton is a community ministry of Christ The Servant Lutheran Church, where people of the church work in ecumenical-civic partnership with members of the Denton community to support [Our Daily Bread](#) soup kitchen and the Denton Community Food Center, enabling them to feed nutritious meals to the hungry of Denton.

Christ The Servant Lutheran Church will host the 10th Annual Empty Bowls Soup Luncheon and Silent Auction from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on "Make A Difference Day," Saturday, October 24, 2009, at Our Daily Bread soup kitchen, located at [St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church](#). Handcrafted clay ware and wooden bowls donated by local and regional fine artists, student artists, and the [Golden Triangle Woodturners](#), as well as bowls designed by church members throughout the year, are offered at the luncheon. All proceeds are donated to [Our Daily Bread](#) soup kitchen and the [Denton Community Food Center](#).

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

August 3	7:00pm GTW Meeting
August 22	9:00am Open Shop @ Chris Morgan's
September 7	7:00pm GTW Meeting
September 12	Denton Arts, Antiques and Autos 10am to 4pm
October 5	7:00pm GTW Meeting
October 16 through 18	SWAT, Wichita Falls
October 24	Empty Bowls Luncheon & Auction
November 2	7:00pm GTW Meeting

Bring Back Winners

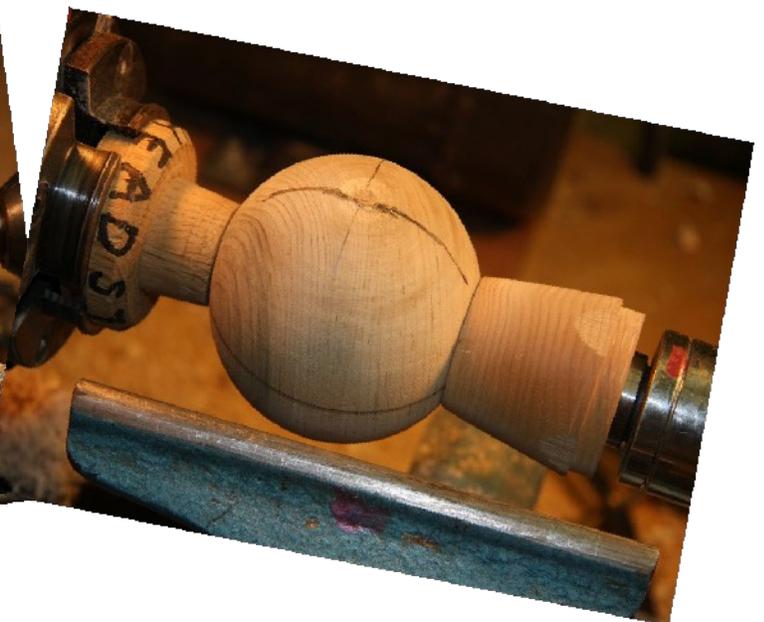
Terri Sargent (x2)
John Horn
Dale Lloyd
John Lauderbaugh
John Solberg (x2)

Gene Colley
Richard Rivera
John Easterling
Larry Robinson

Bring back winners remember to bring a wood turning related item, preferably one you turned, back next meeting.

Photo Highlights of last meeting





ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Check This Out 

Ancientwood, Ltd has offered club members a 15% discount through August. Just mention that you are a member of Golden Triangle Woodturners when you call.

The following article is presented thanks to Ancientwood, Ltd <http://www.ancientwood.com/>

The largest board in North America arrives at Ancientwood



Whether it becomes an enormous dinner table, an impressive corporate boardroom table, or an installation in a Natural History Museum: At 40-feet in length, what is most likely the world's largest solid piece of wood will be the focus of architects and designers alike. The board was included in the latest shipment of Ancient Kauri that came in from New Zealand to Ancientwood's warehouse.

“It's a phenomenal piece of wood,” said Robert Teisberg, Ancientwood's President, “and the fact that it is 50,000 years old makes it even more exotic.” The Ancient Kauri board contains distinctive wood grains and has a rich gold and cognac color with remarkable iridescence throughout its entire 40' length.

A late winter storm moved in with our last shipment of Ancient Kauri, giving a strange look to the early spring scene. Here is the largest single board in North America being moved across into shelter and out of the storm.



After arriving at Ancientwood's shop on a flatbed semi, the 40-foot board had to be lifted with cranes into an upright position. It was then lowered very carefully into a rolling-rack. Released from the crane straps, the board was ready to be wheeled into the warehouse. This beautiful solid slab is now on display in Ancientwood's warehouse until we find a buyer for it.

This is not the first time Ancientwood has been in the News for a remarkable piece of wood for sale: In May of 2008 Ancientwood supplied the largest board in the US, and made a twenty-foot solid Ancient Kauri table that comfortably seats twenty-six people for a vineyard in Napa Valley.

The newest arrival of Ancient Kauri also included a large assortment of beautiful large slabs with natural edges, wild grain activity and beautiful iridescence. These slabs can be viewed [here](#).



Photos From AAW Symposium



Bob Lauzon's lathe winning ticket



Congratulations Bob



Dallas club's collaborative won best in show

2009 Club Officers

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CLASSIFIED ADS

Jet JML-1014I: 10" X 14" Indexing Mini Lathe \$299



Lathe is better than new! I only used it two times. No scratches, dings, dirt or rust. Spring mod to banjo and tailstock. All standard accessories.

Glynn Cox 817 337-0210

- Six Speed operation
- Heavy-duty cast-iron lathe bed adds stability while limiting vibration during operation
- Spindle lock allows for ease of removing chucks and faceplates.
- Indexing mechanism which allows for fast, efficient, fluting and veining operations
- Self-ejecting tailstock for safe and easy removal of tooling