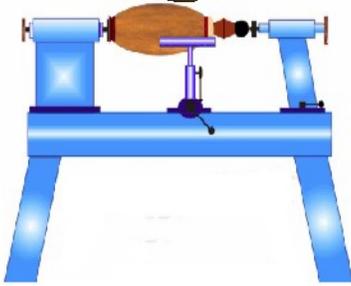


GOLDEN TRIANGLE WOODTURNINGS



NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE WOODTURNERS

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Our next meeting is 7:00pm July 6th

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Neal's NEWS

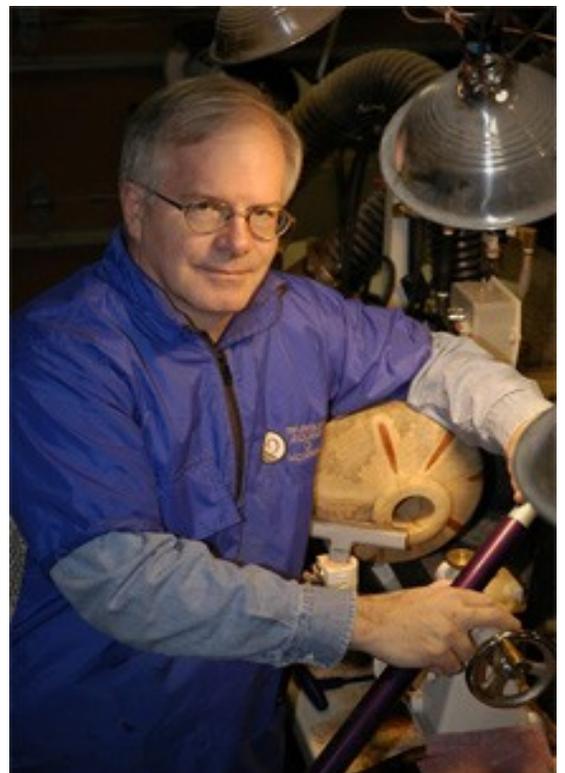
Our demonstrator for July is our own Owen Zehner. Owen lives in Roanoke and will be demonstrating turning spheres.



My name is Oren Zehner. I was born in Tonkawa, OK where I attended Northern Oklahoma College and finished my teaching degree at Oklahoma State University. While there I met my wife Patricia and were married in 1976. We have two daughters. I started turning in high school and continued while I taught for 29 years both in public and vocational schools with classes in woodworking, drafting, cabinetmaking and woodturning for high school students and adults. Once retired from teaching I sought out another career in Microtechnology and Watchmaking and am employed with Richemont North America in Ft. Worth in Quality Control where I look at Cartier, IWC, Baume and Mercier, Piaget and Panerai watches every day.

We now live in Roanoke and one of the requirements of the house was a three car garage where I would have a place for my lathes. The three lathes I own include a Vicmarc Mini, One-Way 1224 with extension and a VB36 bowl lathe. I do not specialize in any particular turning style although I like turning miniatures.

I am a current member of the Northeastern Oklahoma Woodturners Association where I presided as president, vice-president, treasurer and demonstrator for many years. And am a member of AAW and Golden Triangle Woodturners. If you have ever watched the Woodturning Workshop hosted by Tim Yoder from Tulsa, OK you might have seen me on the television. I have attended several AAW and SWAT symposiums and numerous seminars which include classes taught by John Jordan, Ron Flemming, Frank Sudol, Trent Bosch, etc.



THIS MONTH'S BIO

My name is Neal Brand and I have been a member of the Golden Triangle Woodturners club for about three years. I currently serve as the vice president.

I was born and raised in DeKalb County in rural northeastern Indiana. My family owned a 200 acre farm where we raised hogs and grew mainly corn, soy beans, and wheat. I grew up with four brothers and two sisters, all older than me except for one sister. Although we had a wonderful experience growing up on a farm, none of us farmed for a living. We hoped to find easier work. I went to Purdue and majored in mathematics. Then I went on to Stanford where I received a PhD in mathematics.



After school, I taught mathematics at Ohio State University, worked at McDonnell Douglas as a scientist, taught at Loyola of Chicago, and finally ended up at the University of North Texas in 1983. I was mathematics department chair from 1999 to 2007 and I am currently a professor of mathematics.

While teaching at Ohio State, I noticed a very attractive young woman named Shari who sat in the front row. About a year later we were married. She still gives me a hard time about giving her a B instead of an A! Since then our family has grown. We have two daughters, a son-in-law, a grand-daughter, and there seems to be great potential for another son-in-law sometime soon.

My first experience with woodworking and woodturning in particular was in junior high school. My brother-in-law taught shop class and one of my projects in his class was a turned walnut lamp. The wood was from an old barn beam that was in the path of the new interstate highway (I-69) going through northeastern Indiana. I really enjoyed turning that lamp and looked forward to my second woodturning project. Unfortunately, my second project was not until approximately 40 years later when I bought a Jet 1236 lathe. Part of my motivation for turning was that my niece's husband turns boxes and it looked like great fun. So now I'm hooked, too!



Unfortunately I missed our June meeting and John Solberg's Wobble Bowl demo but fortunately I was soaking up some cool in Colorado. If you have not been to the Colorado Rockies lately you would be dismayed to see the damage the Pine Bark Beetle is doing. The mountain sides along I70 west of Denver are completely brown with dead pine trees. The park service has clear cut most of the trees in Glacier Basin campground in Rocky Mountain National Park and a great many trees in the park are dying. We will not see the fully green mountains again in our lifetime. [Link to Denver Post Pine Beetle article](#)



Be sure to checkout the Articles of Interest section for photos of the great Grizzly sidewalk sale.

The dog days of summer are now here so 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.

Glynn Cox Editor

President's Patter

June has been a quiet month for Golden Triangle Woodturners with only the June demonstration on the calendar. But there has been a lot going on behind the scenes. First of all the board is working hard to bring our audio visual equipment up to date so that everyone will have a better view of what is happening during the demos. We want to add a sound system so that everyone can hear. We are trying to find a microphone system that will be effective for the demonstrator and be safe to use as well. We are concerned about cords getting caught in the lathe. We were able to record the June demo but the sound on the recording is still a bit suspect. All that should improve as we progress into summer.

We are at that point in the year when we need to start looking at the elections of officers for 2010. Chris Morgan has agreed to chair the nominating committee this year so if you get a call from him to serve on that committee please agree to help out. The bylaws state that we must have nominations in place by October for an election in November. Please consider being a part of the board if you are asked. Those responsibilities need to be passed about.

The board spent quite a lot of time talking about open shop. We had one in May at Peter Tkacs shop and most attending thought it was very worth while. We decided that we would like to try for one at least once a quarter. We have scheduled the next Open Shop to be at Chris Morgan's shop on Saturday August 22nd from 9:00 to Noon. We would like to have a theme or project this time so please think about what you would like; i.e. sharpening, finishing, turning bowls, turning pens, etc. We will discuss it a bit at the July meeting so come with your ideas.

The AAW Symposium is upon us and many of the club members are planning on attending. We will try to have a report about the Symposium at one of our next couple meetings. With first class turners from all over the world doing demos it should be quite an enjoyable experience.

With the storms we have had the past couple of weeks there now seems to be an abundance of wood laying about on the neighborhood curbs. I found some very nice hackberry this past week. We should now expect to see some great turning from each of you. Now there is no excuse for not turning a few bowls for Empty Bowls. October will be upon us before we know it.

See you at the July meeting, July 6th

John Solberg

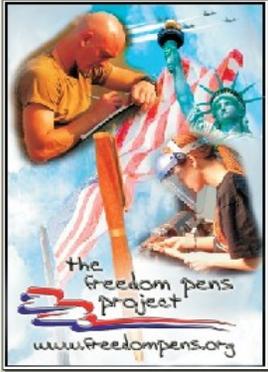
Welcome New Members

Lewis Brown Keller
Dale Lloyd Gainesville

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Freedom Pen Turnathon



Wood World is sponsoring the 2009 Annual Freedom Pen Turnathon at their store in Dallas. Wood World continues to support our club and this would be a good opportunity to return that support.

- ✦ July 25th 2009 9:00 am till 4:00pm
- ✦ Wood World 13650 TI Blvd, Dallas
- ✦ Free Cold Drinks and Hot Dogs and many great door prizes
- ✦ Plus many un-advertised specials and tons of awards will be given



This year's turnathon is dedicated to Art Hendrix



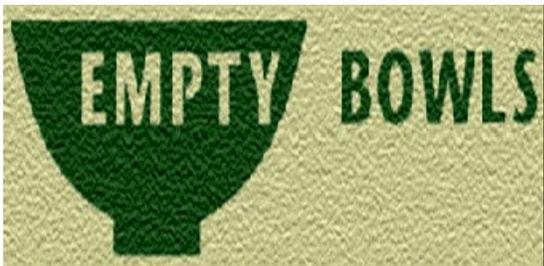
Southwest Association of Turners Symposium is being held in Wichita Falls on October 16th through October 18th.

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

July 6	7:00pm GTWT Meeting
July 25	9:00am Freedom Pen Turnathon @ Wood World
August 3	7:00pm GTWT Meeting
August 22	9:00am Open Shop @ Chris Morgan's
September 7	7:00pm GTWT Meeting
October 5	7:00pm GTWT Meeting
October 16 through 18	SWAT, Wichita Falls
October 24	Empty Bowls Luncheon & Auction

Bring Back Winners

Robert Voth
 Scott Wyatt x2
 Ray Tillman
 Rob Evans
 Eddie Charba
 John Beasley

John Solberg
 Don Cunningham
 John Lauderbaugh
 John Karmann
 Harold Gomez

Quarterly Winner: Pete Tkacs AI Spirit Platter Winner: Eddie Charba

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

Grizzly Sidewalk Sale

By Glynn Cox

Let me start by saying that I unequivocally have no connection whatsoever, other than being a regular customer, with Grizzly Industrial Inc. Let me further say that I would be a charter member of TNA (Tool Nuts Anonymous) if there were such an organization. Having laid down those parameters let me tell you about what I believe is the greatest tool sale in the U.S.

For those not familiar with Grizzly tools you need to go to their web site at <http://www.grizzly.com/home.aspx>. Grizzly has every kind of tool imaginable for woodworkers and metalworkers. True, most machines are Taiwan/China produced, but reviews in magazines such as Fine Woodworking and Wood rate their quality nearly as good as the top of the line tools and almost always rate them the best value. Most of their machines are manufactured in ISO 9001 factories.

Every year Grizzly Industrial Inc holds four one day "tent sales". These sales are held at each of the three Grizzly warehouse/show rooms. The earliest and latest sales are in Muncy, Pennsylvania. This year the first was on May 16th and the last will be on September 19th. The second, and the one I go to, was on June 6th in Springfield, Missouri. The next sale was in Bellingham, Washington on June 20th. You have to get to the sales at least 1 ½ hours early to get a decent place in line.

This year's tent sale was the largest ever. In addition to a vendor's tent for DeWalt, Porter Cable, etc they had 10 large tents (see photos) setup with more tools than you can imagine. These tools are in various conditions from new to having been dropped off the back of a semi. They have a very good method of identifying each machine via a two page serialized form. The cover page gives the machine name, price, condition and list of any missing parts. If you want a machine you tear off the cover sheet and the second sheet says SOLD. You take your copy to checkout and they they will then load the machine in your vehicle if you can't carry it out in a shopping cart.

Prices are exceptionally good and commensurate with the condition of the tool. This year one of the items I bought is a very lightly used spiral carbide cutter head for my 8" jointer for half price. The condition sheet said that it left lines in the wood. After installing it and running a board I could see no lines... great buy.



Grizzly continued



I tried to give everyone plenty of notice about the sale in the newsletters but I didn't see a single person I recognized. Better luck next year.

2009 Club Officers

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CLASSIFIED ADS

I have three tool items for sale.

Glynn Cox 817 337-0210 thumb9@verizon.net

Grizzly G0622 4" horizontal metal cutting bandsaw. I bought a larger one and have had this one for about 1 year. Good condition asking \$150

Generic Forstner bit set. Lightly used 1/4 – 2 1/8 in 1/8 increments \$15

I bought the following item at this year's Grizzly sidewalk sale and is for sale at my cost. Thought some club member could use it.

D3076 6 piece Forstner 1/16" HSS filler set 5/16 – 15/16 \$8.00

