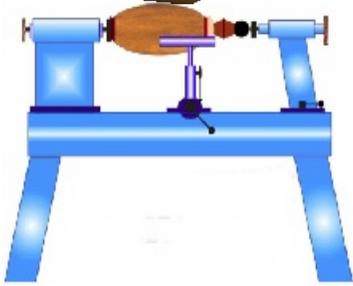


GOLD TRIANGLE WOODTURNINGS



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Our next meeting is 7:00pm November 2nd

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Neal's NEWS

This Month's Demo is...

Creating Christmas Ornaments

By Brian Evans

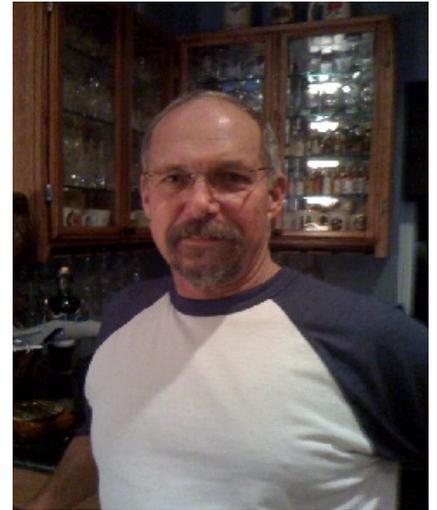
Brian Evans has been turning wood for approximately twenty years. He first read Richard Raffan's book and learned through the process of trial and error. Eventually, he took classes from expert wood turners such as Jean Francois Escoulen, Michael Hosaluk, Stuart Batty, Phil Brennion, Betty Scarpino, George Hatfield, and Nick Cook. Brain is a past officer of the Dallas Area Woodturners club and he is currently their turning coordinator.



Brian will give us a demonstration on making Christmas ornaments. He will show how to make a hollow body ornament with a finial. Since ornaments are small, often they can be made from scrap pieces of wood that were left over from other projects. They make beautiful gifts and the process of making them improves a person's turning skills.



THIS MONTH'S BIO



My name is Peter Tkacs. I was born in Cleveland, Ohio and was raised in Florida from the age of three. After High School, I graduated from Florida State University, joined the Air Force, and attended flight school in Phoenix. I served 30 years in the Air Force and flew T-38s, OV-10s, F15s, and A-10s. After I retired, I flew 10 years for Fed Ex. While at Fed Ex, I flew 727s, DC-10s, and MD-11s. I've known my wife since the 8th grade and we've been married 40 years. We have two daughters and two grandchildren and they all live in the DFW-Ft Worth area.

I started woodworking in a shop class in Jr. High. Then I continued after I got in the Air Force. I was mostly doing wall units and building furniture until I was stationed in San Antonio. Woodcraft had free woodworking classes a couple of nights a month and I started attending. One night they had a lathe demonstration and I tried it and got hooked. After retiring from the Air Force we moved to Highland Village. I heard about the Dallas club, went to a meeting and joined. Later, I saw a flier for the first meeting of the Denton club. I went to the first meeting that was organized by Phil Joines. There were 6-7 of us at that meeting and the club has come a long way since then. This year I also joined the Woodturners of North Texas in Ft Worth. Since I started woodturning, I haven't done much in the line of building furniture. Except at present I am refinishing my daughters kitchen cabinets. (Can't say no to the kids!!)

I really enjoy woodturning and have taken classes at Canyon Studios from Jimmy Clews, Don Derry, Al Stirt, and Binh Pho. It's amazing what you can learn with a very small class. I also enjoy the many civic functions that our club supports. The pens we have turned for the freedom pen program and the tops and cars we turn for Arts and Jazz, Arts and Antiques Auto, Celebrate Roanoke and Empty Bowls, are important to introduce others to our craft. Most important, I think the folks we have in our club are very interested in woodturning and are always willing to help each other and our new members. We have a great club.



October was a very busy month for club members with the final push for Empty Bowls, Celebrate Roanoke, Wood Workers Show and SWAT. If you did not attend SWAT you missed a great chance to see some of the best demonstrations put on by some of the best woodturners in the nation.

I particularly got a kick out of "Dueling Lathes" by Mike Mahoney and Stewart Batty (see SWAT photos). I have never seen two clowns make so many chips fly in such a short time. You also missed a good chance to spend a bunch of \$\$\$ on the newest tools, accessories and wood. Pete did a great job pulling together all the vendors. We had two raffle winners: Don Hawkins won a mini lathe and Pete Tkacs won a beautiful segmented bowl. Plan ahead for next years SWAT to be in Waco in August.

The club participation in the Wood Workers Show was also a lot of fun. If you participated you not only got to meet turners from other clubs you got in free.

WE DID IT!!! We turned 151 bowls for Empty Bowls this year. Great job... and John has committed us to 150+ next year. See what the Denton Record-Chronicle had to say...
http://www.dentonrc.com/sharedcontent/dws/drc/localnews/stories/DRC_empty_1024.2483416ba.html

We need some more participation in the "ARTICLES OF INTEREST" section of our newsletter. I need you to tell me about articles that you find on the internet that would be of interest to the club or better yet write one yourself as Dave Gelnett and I have done. Because of a lack of an article and having so many photos I have not included the Articles of Interest section in this month's newsletter. It should return next month.

It's time for club officer elections again. See page 4 for the members that have volunteered or been nominated for each position. I am sure you can still nominate or volunteer at the November meeting.

Glynn Cox Editor

President's Patter

October proved to be everything we expected and more. It has been a very busy month. We started out participating in the Celebrate Roanoke festival turning cars for kids. About 10 club members helped at various times during the day and we ended up turning our last car blank at about 5:00 o'clock. We made about 250 cars and could have made more but ran out of blanks. We made a lot of kids happy and at the end of the day the tip jar contained about \$130.00, so we covered our expenses and had a good day promoting GTW.

Mid month was the SWAT Symposium in Wichita Falls and again this year it was a very enjoyable weekend. There were about 525 registered attendees and about 40 vendors. The vendors had some nice turning items and made it easy to part with some of our hard earned cash. The gallery this year had some exceptional items. Every year the level of talent within the woodturning community improves and this year was no exception. We will get some pictures posted on the web site. There were two demonstrators that I thought were particularly interesting; Stephen Hatcher did a demo on Stone Inlay for Woodturning, and Michael Mocho did a demo on Texturing Techniques and Sculptural Techniques for Small Turnings. Both of these woodturners were new to me and their demonstrations offered something new for just about everyone. Two of our club members were lucky winners in the raffle as Peter Tkacs won a beautiful segmented piece and Don Hawkins came away with a Jet Mini lathe.

On the 24th of the month was the Empty Bowls Luncheon. I want to offer my thanks and appreciation to the club for all the bowls that were turned and donated again this year. We hit our goal by donating 151 bowls. The luncheon was a great success and as usual the wooden bowls are the first to be chosen. The Denton Record-Chronicle had a nice front page article about the Empty Bowl Program and GTW had a prominent portion of the article. If you missed it you can find it on the web site. We are not off the hook though as I committed the club to another 150 bowls for 2010. I will be looking for 12 club members that are willing to commit to turn one bowl a month for the next year to donate to the Empty Bowl Program. With that commitment we will have no problem hitting and exceeding our goal.

The club also participated in turning at the Wood Working Show in Mesquite from the 23rd to the 25th along with the Dallas Area Woodturners and the Hunt County Woodturners. The three clubs had 6 lathes set up and we all turned various items as demonstrations. There was a lot of interest generated in woodturning and all three clubs could see new members as a result. Thanks to all who helped make the weekend a success.

The holidays are rapidly approaching with Christmas only two months away. Again this year the December meeting will be our Christmas party. As we have done the last few years we will again have a Christmas raffle and gift exchange. To participate you must bring a gift to receive one and spouses or significant others are encouraged to participate as well. Look for more information in the upcoming weeks. The Club will again provide the main food item and we will be asking the members to bring a dish to share.

See you at the November meeting. Don't forget to bring something for show and tell and remember to bring your bring backs. Keep those lathes turning!!

John Solberg

Welcome New Members

Troy Dale, Bartonville

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS

The following club members have been nominated for 2010 officers:
Voting on these nominees will be held at the November meeting.

President	Neal Brand
Vice President	Open... need a volunteer/nominee
Secretary	Mike Nelson
Treasurer	Chris Morgan
Past President	John Solberg

The following are not considered board members and do not require voting

Librarian	Pete Tkacs
Newsletter Editor	Glynn Cox

Christmas Party

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*At the December meeting.
Bring a gift for exchange if you like.
More information in next month's newsletter.*



CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

November 2	7:00pm GTW Meeting
December 7	7:00pm GTW Meeting and Christmas Party

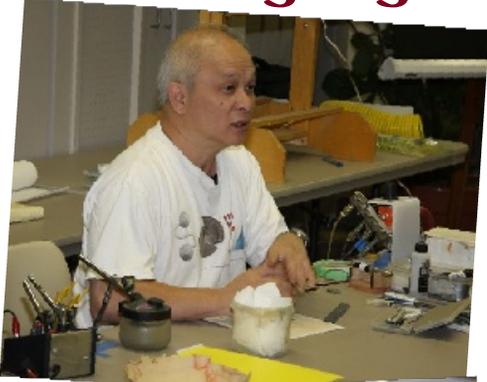
Bring Back Winners

*Richard Rivera (x2)
Robert Voth
Oren Zehner (x2)
Charles Raney (x2)
Larry Robinson*

*Scott Wyatt
Neal Brand (x2)
John Solberg
Don Hawkins*

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

Photo Highlights of last meeting



Photos from the SWAT Instant Gallery



Photos from SWAT Activities



2009 Club Officers

President	John Solberg	940-387-3089	Membership	Mike Nelson	214-387-9077
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