



**NEWSLETTER OF THE  
GOLDEN TRIANGLE WOODTURNERS**

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**Our next meeting is 7:00pm August 2nd**

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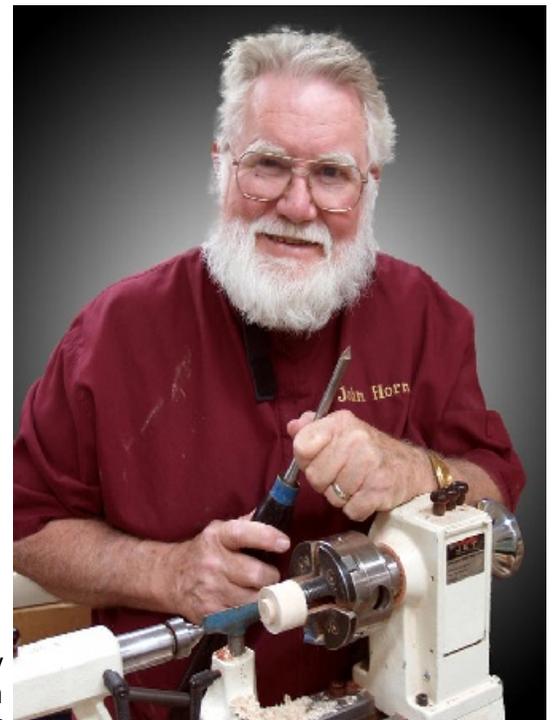
**Neal's NEWS**

*This Month's Demo is...*

***“Turning Duplicates”***

**PRESENTED BY JOHN HORN**

Sooner or later we all are asked to make one or more duplicates of a turning on the lathe. With a minimum of experience, turning the first piece is not usually a problem. The difficulties begin with making the following pieces look exactly like the original.



John Horn's program will demonstrate several techniques to ensure that an item can be closely duplicated. He will also show how to avoid some of the more common mistakes that are made when trying to copy a pattern and how to minimize errors that often plague turners when turning multiple copies. To illustrate these duplication techniques, John will turn a furniture spindle and also a chess game piece as two practical and challenging applications. Most of the traditional chess sets are lathe turned with some carving on the knights and other details on some of the major pieces. Turning the pieces of your own chess set is an accomplishment that a number of woodturners would like to enjoy but keep putting it off because of the perceived difficulty of making a number of small duplicate pieces. By learning duplication techniques, a little carving and making a few jigs, the task can be accomplished to most people's satisfaction. If there is a problem, just remember it is just a piece of wood and there is more wood where that piece came from.

John has been conducting demonstrations several times a year at monthly chapter meetings for woodturning clubs in Texas and Oklahoma. Also, John has demonstrated turning techniques almost every year since 1998 at SWAT (Texas Turn-or-Two). John's versatility is legendary -- but since it is rumored that he is the "real" Santa Claus, these things are no hill for a stepper. He keeps his audience on the edge of their seats and has even been known to sneak in a bit of turning humor now and then. The list of programs that he has performed at SWAT/TTT is long and includes designing and turning the following projects: birdhouse Christmas ornament, Santa Claus nutcracker, threaded lidded box, peppermill, jewelry, and my favorite "Taming the Skew". Before John's program on the skew, I figured that, at best, it might have served as an ancient Celtic weapon or in modern times as a tool for opening paint cans. In his prior life, John was an educator specializing in high school band and choir. He currently teaches woodturning classes at Woodcraft in Addison and individual sessions in his shop. In his spare time, he stays busy doing production turning for both businesses and individuals.

by Bill Boehme

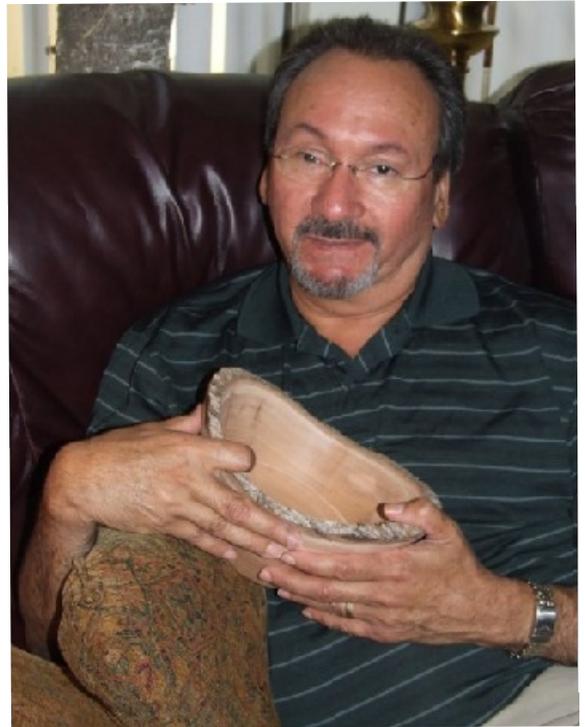
# THIS MONTH'S BIO

Hello, my name is Richard Rivera and I have been turning wood for about four years and have been a member of this club for about three years. I have my wife Kim and three children, two on their own and one in his last year at North Texas. I have always worked in wood over the years, mostly construction as summer jobs or making functional furniture pieces for around the house. I have painted with water colors but found my love in clay. For the past fifteen years I have thrown on a wheel and have done slab work, but I mostly enjoy creating my own glazes, literally a trial by fire, because when they come out of the kiln they may not be what you planned.

My middle son made some pens while in junior high and then wanted to make some for Christmas presents, so I got a mandrel and some kits and used lathe mode of my Shopsmith and turned our pens. About four years ago my wife wanted some pens for our niece and nephew for high school graduation presents and I got sticker shock when we went shopping, so I went and found the old mandrel and made them both a pen and pencil set.....and I was hooked on turning. Now it is wood and not clay, but I think my time with the clay has helped me with my bowl work.

I started with a Jet 1224 after I noted a bit of run out on my old Shopsmith, and as I have progressed I now have a Jet 1642. I am now starting to try hollow forms; I guess I can not completely forget my clay work.

This is a serious hobby for me and I have even sold a few pens, but my day job is as a pediatrician in north Carrollton. I have been in practice here since 1982 and am now seeing the children of patients I saw as children. As a busy physician, being out in my shop, working on the lathe, well, it allows me to relax and forget my day and fully concentrate on the bowl on my lathe. As we all know, if we are not fully concentrating, pieces will fly.



**Welcome back John Solberg and Don Hawkins. After undergoing bypass surgery last month John and Don are doing fine and we hope to see them Monday.**

→The newsletter is a little later and a little thinner than normal this month as Pat and I were vacationing in Washington and Oregon. Sorry guys, doing a newsletter does not take precedence over vacationing. In addition to seeing some beautiful country, enjoying the cool weather and taking walks on the beach with my honey, I was able to get some very nice local wood. (see articles of interest)

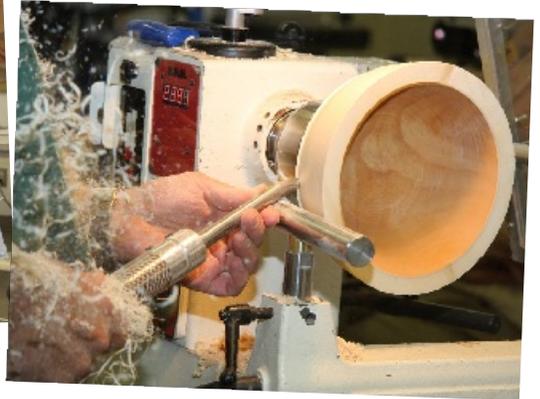
→**SWAT** is in August this year but there is still time to make your best turned object to be included in the instant gallery. It may even be chosen for a critique by the professional demonstrators or for display at AAW headquarters. Don't forget your boxes for Beads of Courage and the Wood World sponsored competition.

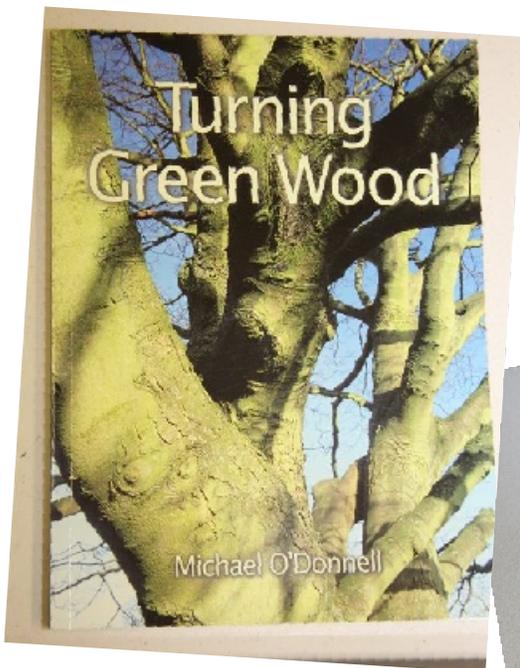
→There are several members that have more than completed, some who are close to completing, and some that have not started their The Bowl-Of-the-Month club commitments. See page 7 for your personal status to see if you are falling behind.

With everything that is going on we need everyone to **JOIN IN FOR A GREAT 2010!**

*Glynn Cox* Editor

# Photo Highlights of last meeting





## *President's Patter*

Wow - what a couple of months this has been. It all started with our plans to travel to NYC the middle of June. On Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> our first grand daughter was born in NYC. We arrived Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> to see the most precious little girl I have ever seen. What a treat. We had planned our trip around the AAW Symposium in Hartford CT. and as it turned out the birth of a bundle of joy as well. I could go on and on but those of you who have grand kids know the feeling.

On Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> I drove my son's car from Manhattan to Hartford for the AAW Symposium. There were five of us from GTW in attendance this year; Gene Colley, Eddie Charba, Troy Dale, Neal Brand and myself. This was one of the best Symposiums I have attended; almost overwhelming. For each hour and a half demonstration there were 15 different rotations from which to choose. There was no way we could see every demo we wanted to see. It was difficult to pick the best of the best. I think my favorite was Hans Weissflog with his Saturn Box with the ring around it loose so that it would rotate. What amazing talent. There were a total of 60 demonstrators, panelists and educators from all over the world. If you have never attended a national symposium I would encourage you to do so. Next year it will be in St. Paul, Minnesota and will be the 25<sup>th</sup> annual so should be something really special.

After the symposium I went back to NYC for a couple of days. That is when my health problems became most evident. I was having trouble walking without chest pains and becoming short of breath. Upon arriving home I called the doctor and was put into the hospital for an angiogram. It turned out that I had three blocked arteries and open heart surgery was scheduled. As I write this I have been four weeks post-op and though not able to conquer the world I am doing quite well. A week after my surgery another GTW member, Don Hawkins ended up in the hospital with the exact same problem. I saw Don a week ago and he is doing very well. Please keep Don in your thoughts and prayers also. I hope this is not something that is spreading through our club.

I want to thank Gene Colley and Neal Brand for stepping in and helping with the club duties during my recuperation. I heard that the Log to Bowl demonstration that Gene did last month was a big hit. Wish I could have seen it. Thank you Gene for the platter that the members signed at the last meeting. The stitches in the middle were appropriate. I look forward to seeing everyone at the August meeting. John Horn has a demonstration planned for us that we all should enjoy.

Looking ahead to upcoming activities, Wood World will be conducting a Freedom Pen Turn-A-Thon July 31<sup>st</sup> at their store in Dallas. Many prizes and discounts will be available. SWAT will have its' annual symposium in Waco August 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss that. It is almost as good as the AAW Symposium. Don't forget bring backs and Bowl of the Month Club bowls. October will be upon us shortly. If you are behind on bring backs now would be a great time to get caught up.

Keep your tools sharp and the lathes turning. See you at the August meeting.

*John Solberg*

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## ***Welcome New Member***

**No new members this month**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Annual Freedom Pen Turnathon at WoodWorld**
- **Saturday July 31, 2010 9:00 AM till 4:00 PM**

For more information go to <http://woodworldtx.com/freedom/>



Everyone going to SWAT is invited to bring a box (square or round) for Beads of Courage. Turned boxes should have a diameter in the range of 6 to 12 inches. The boxes will be judged and Wood World will give gift certificate prizes worth \$100, \$75 and \$50 for first, second and third place, respectively.



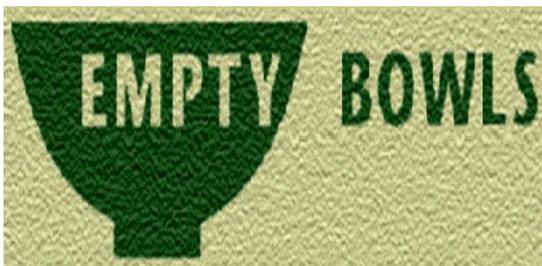
The 2010 South West Association of Woodturners (SWAT) symposium is scheduled for 27-29 August at the Waco Convention Center. If you have not attended one of these symposiums, this is a great chance to see some outstanding demonstrations. There will be National and Regional demonstrators attending. Watching these demonstrators turn is a very educational experience. The demonstrations are 90 minutes long. There will be two demonstrations Friday, four on Saturday, and three on Sunday. So you have a total of nine demonstrations you can select to attend. In addition, one of the best parts of the symposium is the Instant Gallery. Members attending bring items they have turned for all

to see. These are some of the best woodturnings you will ever see. Don't miss the Instant Gallery. Also, there will be many vendors at the symposium all wanting to give you the "best deals" on items such as, crushed stone, turning tools, all species of wood, and many other items having to do with our craft. On Saturday night there will be a banquet and auction. At the auction you will have a chance to bid on some outstanding turned pieces. Symposium registration fee is \$125.00, and the banquet fee is \$30.00 for each person attending. The following are links to SWAT Registration and Hotels that have rooms reserved. The Host hotel is The Waco Hilton with the alternative being The Courtyard by Marriott. The rate at the Hilton is \$109.00 + Tax and the Courtyard is \$99.00 + Tax. If you are planing on attending you might want to consider hotel reservations soon as they are starting to fill up. On line registration for SWAT can be found on the SWAT web Site:

<http://www.swaturners.org/registration/registration.shtml>

Information on the Waco Hilton [http://www.wacocvb.com/trip\\_builder/hotels.aspx?hotel=66](http://www.wacocvb.com/trip_builder/hotels.aspx?hotel=66)

Information on the Waco Courtyard by Marriott [http://www.wacocvb.com/trip\\_builder/hotels.aspx?hotel=63](http://www.wacocvb.com/trip_builder/hotels.aspx?hotel=63)



Don't let the BOM club carry GTW's contribution to this worthwhile charity. All members need to participate and keep turning bowls. 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.

# CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

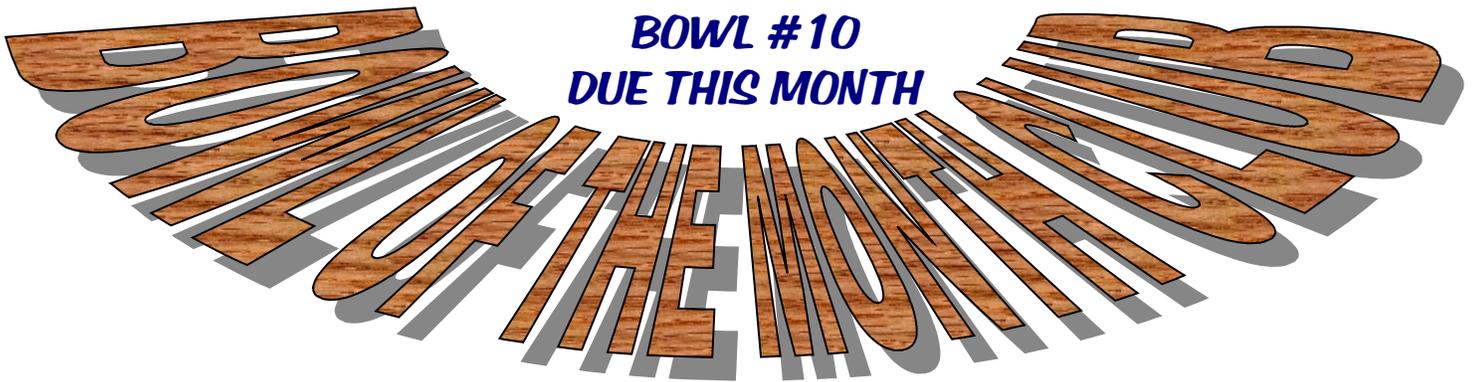
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| July 31      | Freedom Pen Turnathon at WoodWorld Dallas           |
| August 2     | GTW Club Meeting 7:00pm                             |
| August 27-29 | Southwest Association of Turners Symposium Waco, TX |

## Bring Back Winners

John Easterling  
Sam Jones (x2)  
Dale Lloyd

Don Hawkins  
John Horn

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



## 150 BOWLS COMPLETED AS OF JULY MEETING

|                  |    |               |    |
|------------------|----|---------------|----|
| Neal Brand       | 19 | Peter Tkacs   | 5  |
| Terri Sargent    | 6  | Gary Armitage | 3  |
| Chip Sutherland  |    | Mike Nelson   | 2  |
| Dale Lloyd       | 7  | John Downs    | 2  |
| Glynn Cox        | 12 | Gene Colley   | 3  |
| John Lauderbaugh | 7  | John Solberg  | 7  |
| Chuck Raney      |    | John Beasley  | 21 |
| Don Hawkins      | 8  | Bob Loyd      | 13 |
| Oren Zehner      | 7  | Dick Ness     | 15 |
| Richard Rivera   | 6  | John Horn     | 1  |

## Articles of Interest

My wife, Pat, and I took a two week vacation in Oregon and Washington this month. Along with seeing some very beautiful country I was able to buy some really nice pieces of Myrtle and Northern Big Leaf Maple burls and figured wood. I found two places heading south on U.S. 101. The first was in Reedsport, Oregon at the Myrtlewood Gallery. This place had some beautiful turnings and carvings. Most of the turnings were done on site on a Oneway lathe. The back rooms were my primary interest and they were full of maple blocks and burls. They were a little pricey but Sharon Mast, the owner, did give me a discount for multiple pieces which is still much less expensive than you can buy online and have it shipped. Checkout their website at <http://www.myrtlewoodgallery.com/>

I was so intent on getting some turning wood that I forgot to take photos. These are from Google Earth.



The second place, and the one to get Myrtle, is a few miles further south at Bandon, Oregon. The business is called American Western Exotic Hardwoods and is located on U.S. 101 six miles south of Bandon. The owner, David Leister, buys logs from the local mills and burls from wherever he can get them. He saws the logs on his own mill saw and makes some into table tops and sells slabs, blocks and burls. As you can tell by the photo this is NOT a gallery but is a place to get some good deals on local woods. David does not have a web site.



When all was said and done I had about 170 pounds of Myrtle and Maple burl and figured wood so getting it home was another problem. After buying another suitcase and shipping two boxes I was able to cram the wood and our clothes in four cases and two carry-ons. Each of the four suitcases weighed within ½ pound of the 50 pound maximum (thank you handy-dandy digital fish scale) and my carry-on was quite heavy. Luckily I have elite status with American Airlines and it did not cost me for baggage.

So next time you take a vacation to Oregon be sure to pack a couple of extra suitcases and visit the local wood suppliers.

*Glynn Cox*

## Classified Ads

**FOR SALE** Craftsman 10" Radial Arm Saw with a three drawer cabinet, great condition and lots of extras.

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- ★ Molding Shield
- ★ Planer Head
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