



**NEWSLETTER OF THE
GOLDEN TRIANGLE WOODTURNERS**

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Center for the Visual Arts 400 E. Hickory, Denton, TX

April 2011

Our next meeting is 7:00pm April 4th

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This Month's Demo is...

“Pyrography and Turning”

Or

Burning For Success

***Presented by our own
Barbie Holton***

Barbie Holton is a native Texan using her extensive art background to create woodturnings and gourd art. She majored in art education and received her honors degree from the University of Houston. With her study in various fine arts and crafts since childhood, Barbie is constantly trying new directions. This award-winning artist has explored numerous techniques and media. She has been turning for about 12 years, since the Hill Country Turners took her under their collective wings to encourage her efforts. With only a few months of experience, the Holton's headed to the national symposium for training and inspiration.

Barbie and her husband, Jimmy, hail from the Houston area. Art, teaching, travel, children, business, sailboat racing, and woodturning have all been a part of their lives. Thru the years, Barbie has taught art at every level from kindergarten to adult. Her current teaching has revolved around woodturning, gourd techniques, and primarily, pyrography (woodburning).

Barbie will be demonstrating Basic Pyrography. She will be sharing equipment choices and favorite burner needs. Easy woodburning techniques and uses will be shown. Tips and simple tricks for embellishing bowls will be included. Direction will also be given to the more experienced woodburner.



President's Patter

I have been waiting all winter for spring weather so I can get out in my unheated garage and turn some wood. Spring break brought perfect weather and I was off work all week, so I had some quality turning time. I turned some variations of spin tops, some ducks that John Solberg taught me, and a salad bowl for a wedding gift. It was much better than when I tried to turn those days last winter when UNT closed down due to the ice, snow and cold weather!

I also cored some bowls to be used for Empty Bowls and gifts. I used the club coring tools that Eddy Charba and Don Hawkins donated. Don gave a wonderful demo in March on how to use the tools, but I still felt a little uneasy using the tools for the first time. So, I went to Don's shop and he helped me get started. Once I got the hang of it, I was surprised at how easy it is to use the tools and make three or four bowl blanks from one large blank. The tricky part is to line up the tool before you start cutting by visualizing where the tip of the tool will travel. If you cut too shallow, you make a funnel, but if you cut too deep, you may not have enough material left to turn the next larger bowl. From four blanks I cored thirteen usable bowl blanks. Furthermore, the blank only flew off the lathe once!

Now that GTW owns the coring tools, I encourage you to use them. In March, I kept them at my house and I will bring them to the April meeting for someone else to borrow them. We have not yet set policies regarding the tools, but the executive committee will eventually work out a policy on where to store them and how long the tools can be borrowed.

I am looking forward to the April meeting when Barbie Holton is going to demonstrate pyrography. The timing is perfect for me because I would like to enhance the surfaces of the bowls I just cored and they should be dry and ready to finish around the middle of April.

I am also looking forward to the Arts and Jazz Festival April 29 through May 1. It is always fun to make cars, give them away to kids and to talk to potential club members when they stop by the GTW booth. I hope many in the club volunteer to turn cars a couple of hours during the Arts and Jazz weekend. Don't worry if you never turned a car before, it is not difficult to learn. We will have a sign-up sheet at the April meeting, so look at your calendar before the meeting and decide on a time that works for you.

I'll see you at 7:00 in the Visual Arts Center on April 4 for our monthly meeting.

Neal Brand



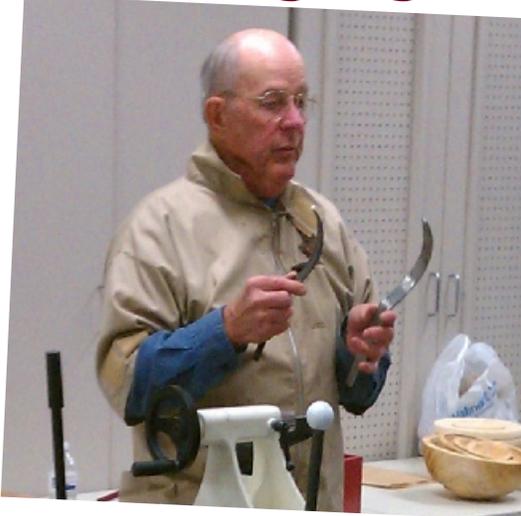
Another month has flown buy and I have not finished a single turning. My wife came through her surgery with flying colors and has amazed the doctors with the speed of her recovery. Thank all of you for your calls and prayers, they are greatly appreciated.

Spring has sprung and the dog days of summer are just around the corner so now is a great time to fire up the old lathe and make your best turning for the SWAT Instant Gallery. I just checked and SWAT preregistration is not yet open but will be coming soon. It is not too early to make hotel reservations. Check the SWAT website for host hotels. http://www.swaturners.org/jom/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=27&Itemid=16

There will be many opportunities to serve the community this year while improving your turning skills. Keep an eye open for upcoming events and join in... it's great fun.

Glynn Cox Editor

Photo Highlights of last meeting

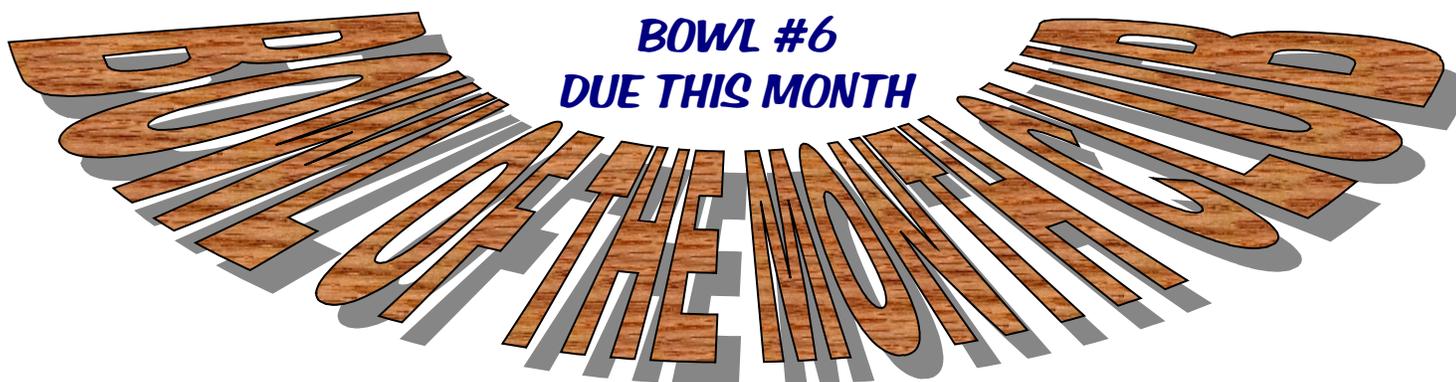


Bring Back Winners

Neal Brand
George Gozney
John Beasley (X2)
Gary Armitage
Barbie Holton

James Johnson
John Solberg
Don Hawkins
Clem Stubing

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



John Solberg 8
Neal Brand 11
John Beasley 6
Peter Tkacs
Bob Loyd 3

Greg Ammon 4
Gary Bobenhausen
Bob Ragborg /Harold Gomez
Jim Johnson 7

Dick Ness 6
Oren Zehner 5
Dale Lloyd 6
Bob Larson

Tom Lohr 2
Don Hawkins 5
John Horn
John Downs
Eddie Charba 4

70 BOWLS COMPLETED SO FAR IN 2011

Tom's Events

We will be turning Cars for Kids at the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival, April 29, 30 & May 1. There will be a sign up sheet available at the meeting on April 4. Please pick a 2 hour slot and have some fun turning cars for some kids. Also come and enjoy the festival with great music and art and it is all free.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR	
April 4	GTW Club Meeting 7:00pm
April 29-May 1	Denton Arts and Jazz Festival
August 26-28	SWAT in Waco

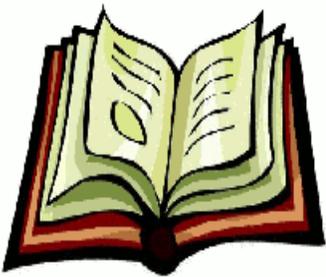
UPCOMING EVENTS



Denton Arts and Jazz Festival

Please plan on setting aside a few hours of your time on Friday, April 29, Saturday April 30, or Sunday May 1 to turn cars for the kids attending the Fest. The kids and adults love to watch us create the cars. The fun is in seeing how many different shapes you can come up with.

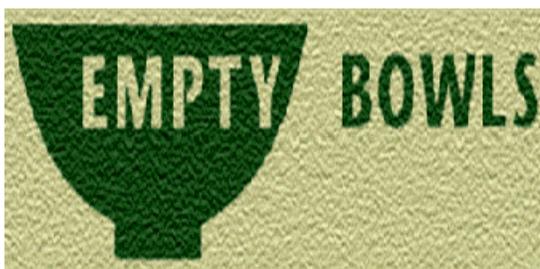
Library Update



Just a short note to let you all know that we have received 27 new DVDs for the library. These DVDs are the demonstrations from last year's SWAT Symposium. They will be in the library for the February meeting. Please check them out.



Don't forget, it is never too late to donate a turned box for this wonderful organization. Six to twelve inch diameter bowls, preferably with lids but not required, are used by the sick or injured kids to store the beads they receive for every procedure they receive while in the hospital. Flat work boxes are just as desirable for those woodworkers who are multi-talented.



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.



SWAT 2011 UPDATE

This year, SWAT will be in Waco, Aug 26-28. It is going to be another excellent symposium with many opportunities for woodturners to learn new techniques and see some outstanding demonstrators. The lead demonstrators this year are:

- Nick Arnull (UK) - Surface Decoration
- Kip Christiansen - Small forms and Boxes
- Nick Cook - Production Turning
- Douglas Fisher - Alaskan Forms
- Dave Houte - Forms and Techniques
- Alan Lacer - Skew
- Robert Rosand - Small items and Ornaments
- Curt Theobald - Segmented Turning

There will also be a number of regional demonstrators doing presentations.

A “must see” area at the symposium is the Instant Gallery. Many woodturners bring items they have turned and it is very impressive how creative these turnings are. Last year there were 529 items in the instant gallery. This year they are increasing the area by 50%, so expect to see a lot more.

There will also be vendors there to give you good deals on tools, wood, and other woodturning items. Last year we had 33 vendors with a total of 60 booths. This year we will have more, so there will be a lot to chose from.

Our club is in charge of the registration booth. We can always use your help if you have a few extra hours. Please let me know if you can volunteer at the registration desk.

There will be more information to follow. If you have any questions please give me a call or send an email.

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