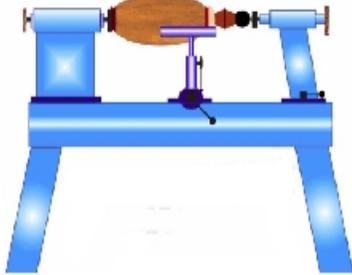


GOLD TRIANGLE WOODTURNINGS



NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE WOODTURNERS

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Our next meeting is 7:00pm August 1st

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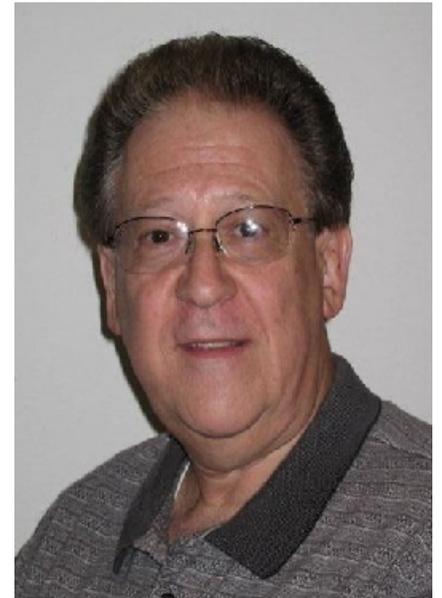
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This Month's Demo is... "Bowl Turning Using Easy Wood Tools"

**Presented by
Chuck Silber**

I have been turning for about 5 years and turn more pens than anything else. With the advent of Easy Wood Tools I have been turning bowls for a couple of years.

Using the Easy Wood Tools makes bowl turning a lot more enjoyable and faster, as well as cutting down on sanding time by 50% or more. I will have a bowl blank with me and will demonstrate the ease and speed of bowl turning using the Easy Wood Tools: (1) Easy Rougher , (2) Easy Finisher & (3) Easy Hollower. I will explain and show turning the general shape of the bowl and the hollowing of the bowl. Craig, of Wood World, has advised that I inform you that this demo will not take as much time as the usual demos because of the easy of use of Easy Wood Tools. That will allow additional time for Q & A. I have obtained some handouts and DVD's from Easy Wood Tools to give out at the meeting.



President's Patter

I have my favorite tools. The first thing I pick up when I start a bowl is my Ellsworth bowl gouge. It works great to take material out and to do the some of the finishing cuts. I then use Eli Avisera's shear scraper to make the final even and smoothing cuts before I start to sand. I also have my favorite spindle gouge that I use for making boxes, tops and other spindle turnings.

For most tasks, we each have our own favorite tools. But could there be better tools? For example, I used to make small beads with a fairly small spindle gouge. Then I discovered the detail gouge which I now often use to make small adjacent beads because it is a lot easier to get into that small groove between two beads. I was told about the skewchi gouge and started using it to make small beads as well as other tasks such as hollowing. Trying new tools for a given job not only satisfies our curiosity about the tool, but it can also make us better turners. But, the problem is that we hate to spend a lot of money on a tool that we may or may not wind up using much. I think that at least half my turning tools get used less than once a month, while a few get used all the time. If I only knew which was which before I bought them!

Examples of tools that are currently expensive, but potentially very useful, are the new line of tools that feature replaceable carbide cutters. When the bit gets dull, just throw it away and slap a new one on. Definitely an advantage to these tools is that you never have to mess with sharpening, but a disadvantage is paying \$15 or so for that replacement. What are the other advantages and disadvantages of these tools? How do you use them? Is it a good idea to use them on everything you turn? These are the kind of questions that our August demonstration will address. So if you are thinking about getting one of these new tools, go to the demo first and be prepared to ask your questions.

Another great way to decide if you should purchase a given tool is to talk to people who use it. You will have an opportunity to do this on Saturday, July 30 at Wood World in Dallas at the Pen Turn-A-Thon. There will be free hot dogs and soda, door prizes, and even a chance to win a Jet mini lathe. I have gone to this event the last couple of years. I learned a lot, turned several pens for our military personnel, ate a bunch of hot dogs, and even bought a few things (like a Powermatic lathe!). It should be a lot of fun. I hope to see you there.

Of course, there will be ample opportunities to check out new tools at SWAT. The vendor area will have pretty much any tool you can imagine. You can also see how people use their favorite tools in the excellent demos. One of the best ways to learn is to just talk to the people there. I always look forward to SWAT with mixed emotions since SWAT seems to signal the beginning of the school year and the end of my summer freedom. But, I guess I have to do something to pay for those tools I want to buy at SWAT!

The keys to discovering better tools and methods are to have an open mind, talk to other people, and be willing to experiment. Then if it warrants the money, buy the new tool!

Welcome new members *Kevin Felderhoff and Rudy Koesler of Muenster, TX*

Neal Brand



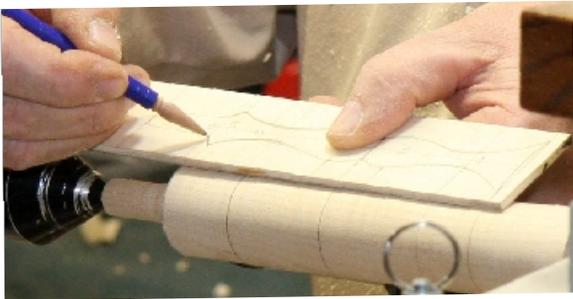
If you were one of the few that missed the Open Shop this month then you missed a great time. Almost half of the club was there. I counted 18 before I lost count. That is the most people I have ever had in my shop. See photos on page 4. If you came and were not able to do the sharpening, turning, bull shooting or whatever, you are always welcome to come to my shop and I will be glad to share any expertise I may have. Just give me a call.

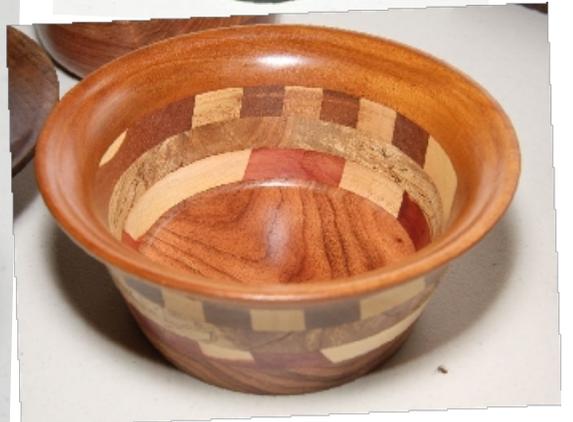
If you have found any interesting woodturning internet links, usually while looking for something else, send me an email at thumb9@verizon.net with the link and I will add as many as you send.

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





Photos of the July Open Shop

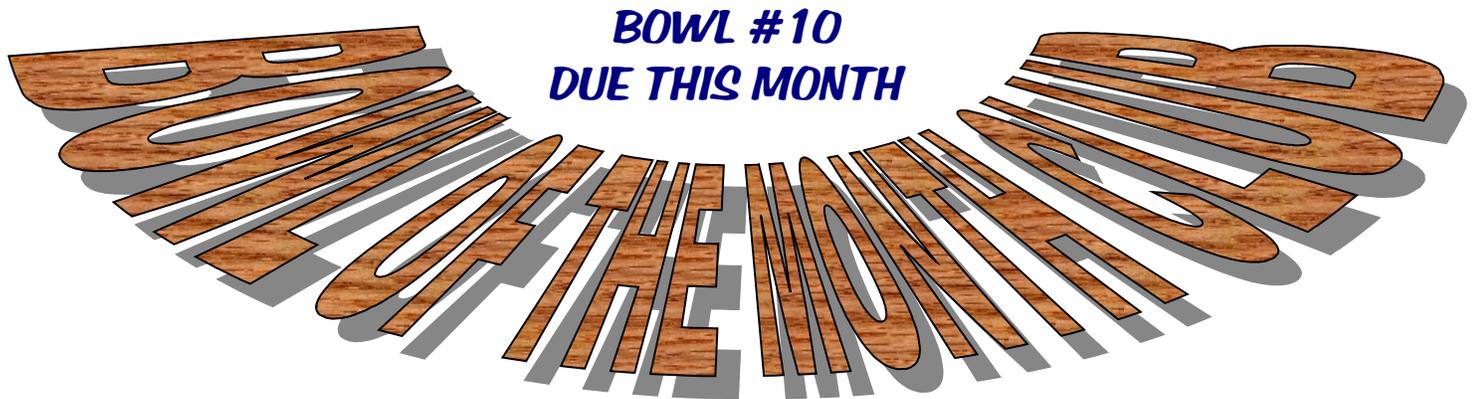


Bring Back Winners

Don Hawkins x2
 Steve Short
 Sam Jones x2
 Dale Lloyd x3
 Sally Zackowski x3

Sam Slovak
 John Beasley x2
 George Gosney
 Tom Lohr
 Larry Robinson

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



John Solberg 10	Greg Ammon 10	Dick Ness 6	Don Hawkins 19
Neal Brand 22	Gary Bobenhausen	Oren Zehner 6	John Horn
John Beasley 38	Bob Ragborg /Harold Gomez	Dale Lloyd 12	John Downs 3
Peter Tkacs	Jim Johnson 17	Bob Larson	Eddie Charba 4
Bob Loyd 3		Tom Lohr 7	Gary Armitage 12
			Other 10

179 BOWLS COMPLETED SO FAR IN 2011

LINKS OF INTEREST

This is a link to a website that has a lot of free videos of interest to woodturners.

<http://www.woodturningvideos.com/>

This one is a new video of the guy who uses his feet to guide a tool on a hand powered lathe.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yX8LufNUxLQ&feature=player_embedded

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

July 30	Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon
August 1	GTW Club Meeting 7:00pm
August 26-28	SWAT in Waco
September 5	GTW Club Meeting 7:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon

Please plan on setting aside a few hours of your time on Saturday July 30 to participate in the annual Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon being held at Wood World. Show your support of our military by turning a few pens for our troops.



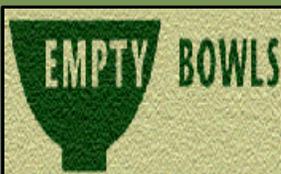
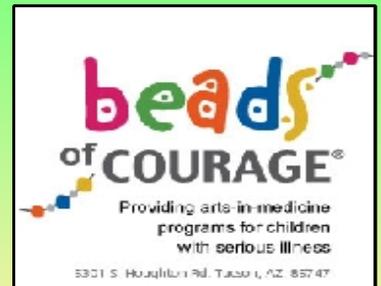
SWAT

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 website is up to date and registration is open.

http://www.swaturners.org/jom/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=24&Itemid=27

Beads Of Courage

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.



Empty Bowls

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 schedule for demonstrations is on-line now!

Go here to view it

http://swaturners.org/index.php?option=com_k2&view=items&layout=items&id=10&Itemid=12

Go here for a printable copy

http://swaturners.org/index.php?option=com_k2&view=items&task=downloads&id=24&Itemid=12

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 choose 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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Classified Ads

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