

# GTW TURNINGS



## NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE WOODTURNERS

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

**July 2011** Our next meeting is 7:00pm Tuesday July 5th

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*This Month's Demo is...*

## *“Woodturning Secrets”*

**PRESENTED BY Eli Avisera**

Eli Avisera lives in Jerusalem where he has been a professional woodworker since 1977.

Eli is known throughout the world both for his turning and as a wood turning demonstrator and teacher. Japan, England, France and America are included on his list of places he has been invited to demonstrate. He uses a line of his own signature tools that he has developed based on his years of woodworking experience. His work appears in many exhibitions around the world.

In 1988 Eli established the "Wood Craft Center" where he teaches workshops for furniture building, wood turning and wood carving at all skill levels. Eli has taught hundreds of students and has been instrumental in promoting the art and craft of wood turning.

Eli's demonstrations are going to be a surprise this month. He is currently holding classes at Canyon Studios so will have some interesting topics. Eli gives excellent demonstrations and you don't want to miss this one!



# President's Patter

I am having a great summer. First, my wife told me that my Ford Ranger was too small and too uncomfortable. So what could I do? I had to buy an F-150. Then I drove my new truck to Springfield Missouri for the Grizzly tent sale where I picked up a few things that I think are bargains. (Everyone who likes tools should go to the Grizzly tent sale at least once.) Then I drove to Indiana for a family reunion and to pick up some free wood that my brother-in-law kept in his barn. I filled my truck with native Indiana lumber and headed for Minnesota. After hiking with my brother for a week, I went to the AAW symposium which is where I am now.

I picked up some good tips on box making from Chris Stott and Ray Key. I was inspired by David Ellsworth by watching him make natural edge bowls. Haley Smith also gave an excellent demo on texturing and coloring surfaces. The vendor area was fantastic. Most major suppliers of wood turning tools were there and I could not help but buy a few more tools. But my description just barely scratched the surface. In short, the symposium was wood turners' heaven.

If you missed the AAW symposium, you still have two excellent opportunities coming up. Waco is the host city for SWAT which will be held in August. Although SWAT is not as large as AAW, it is still a significant symposium and it promises to be an excellent opportunity to learn and maybe find that perfect tool.

Even more locally we have an excellent opportunity to learn from Eli Avisera at our July meeting. Eli has given us excellent demonstrations in the past, so I have high expectations for this year's demonstration. **Remember that our July meeting will be on Tuesday the fifth instead of the first Monday.**

I hope to see you Tuesday.

**Welcome new member Steve Short of Decatur**

*Neal Brand*



It is tough living in Texas! I just got back from two weeks in Alaska where my wife and I enjoyed white water rafting, salmon fishing and sightseeing in some beautiful wilderness country. And it was **COOL**. Of course I would not like the forty below winters. I did see some great wood turnings and some trees, or corner posts, that would produce some great burl blanks. Pat and Peggy Bookey, who live in the town of North Pole, do some of the most beautiful turning and piercing I have seen.

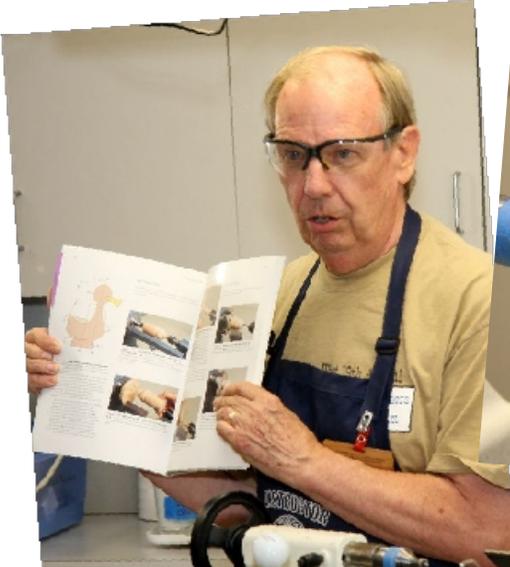
I am still looking for some club participation in the new LINKS section with some choice internet sites you may have found. If you have found any interesting woodturning internet links, usually while looking for something else, send me an email at thumb9@verizon.net with the link and I will add as many as you send. Thank you John Horn for this month's links.

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

*Glynn Cox* Editor



# Photo Highlights of last meeting





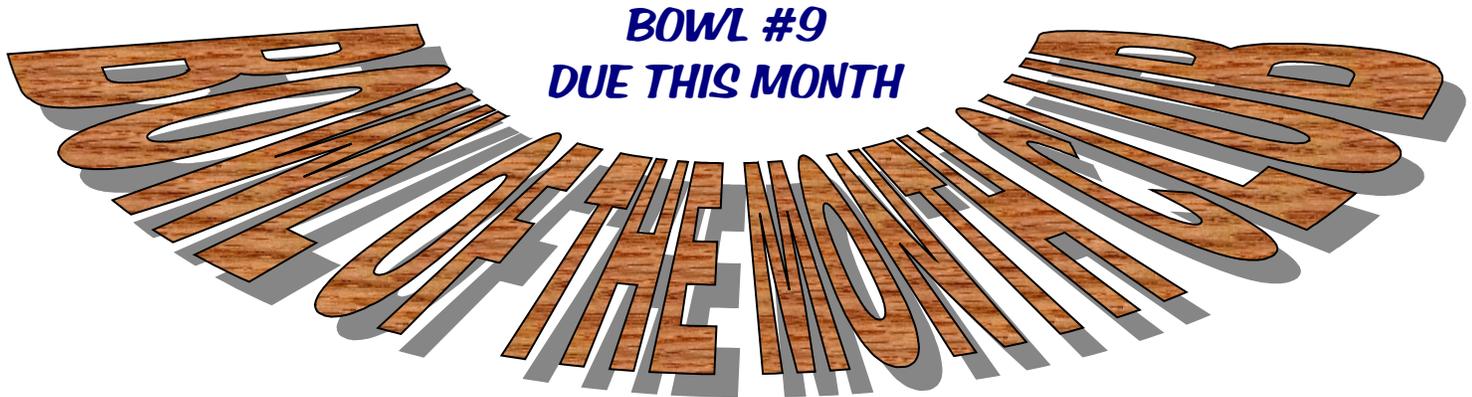
# Bring Back Winners

Sharon Ayers x2  
Oren Zehner x2  
Don Hawkins x3

Clem Steubing  
John Solberg x2  
Steve Short x2  
John Lauderbaugh x2

Larry Robinson  
John Karman  
John Beasley

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



John Solberg 9  
Neal Brand 22  
John Beasley 28  
Peter Tkacs  
Bob Loyd 3

Greg Ammon 7  
Gary Bobenhausen  
Bob Ragborg /Harold Gomez  
Jim Johnson 13

Dick Ness 6  
Oren Zehner 5  
Dale Lloyd 12  
Bob Larson  
Tom Lohr 7

Don Hawkins 18  
John Horn  
John Downs 2  
Eddie Charba 4  
Gary Armitage 11  
Other 8

**155 BOWLS COMPLETED SO FAR IN 2011**

## Tom's Events

On July 16th, we will have an Open Shop in Glynn Cox's air-conditioned shop in Roanoke. John Beasley will work with us on making goblets. John Solberg will show off his new CBN wheel for sharpening tools. Anything else you want to work on or want help with is fair game. See page 7 for times and directions

## CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>July 5 (Tuesday)</b>	<b>GTW Club Meeting 7:00pm</b>
<b>July 16</b>	<b>Open Shop, Glynn Cox's, Keller</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon</b>
<b>August 1</b>	<b>GTW Club Meeting 7:00pm</b>
<b>August 26-28</b>	<b>SWAT in Waco</b>

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Open Shop

Keep Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> open for a great OPEN SHOP in cool comfort. It's being held in Glynn Cox's shop in northern Keller. While John Beasley will be teaching how to make goblets and John Solberg will focus on tool sharpening, the shop will be open to do about anything you want to do or get help on. Check page 7 for times and directions.

## 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.



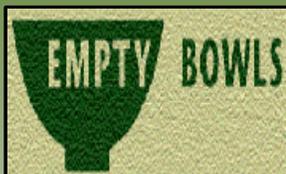
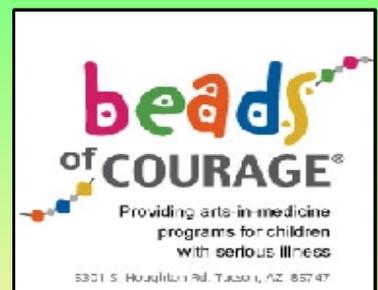
## SWAT

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.

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## 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

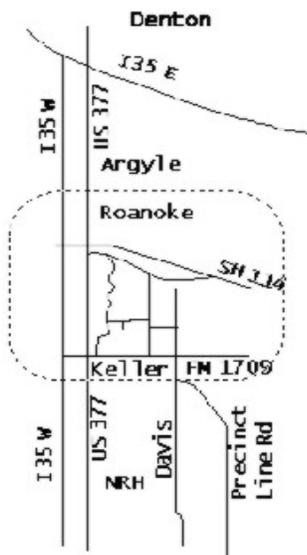
Don't let the BOM club carry GTW's contribution to this worthwhile charity. All members need to participate and keep turning bowls. They are counting on our support again this year.

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.

# Open Shop July 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 12ish

I will have the A/C on early!!

Glynn & Pat Cox  
1401 Melody Breeze Ct.  
Roanoke, TX 76262  
817 337-0210  
N 32° 57.558'  
W 97° 12.710'



Map is not to scale

We live in Keller but have a Roanoke mailing address.

# LINKS OF INTEREST

Cindy Drozda sharpens three of her signature tools

<http://www.youtube.com/user/cindydrozda>

Series of YouTube videos explaining various aspects about sharpening

<http://www.wonderhowto.com/how-to-use-and-sharpen-woodturning-tools-228372/>

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

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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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