



**NEWSLETTER OF THE  
GOLDEN TRIANGLE WOODTURNERS**

<http://www.goldentrianglewoodturners.org/>

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

**June 2011**

**Our next meeting is 7:00pm June 6th**

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*This Month's Demo is...*  
***“Turning Off-Center Ducks with  
a ShapeShifter Chuck”***

***Presented by  
John Solberg***



Mike Darlow's book **Woodturning Methods** has a chapter on multi-axis turning and includes an article on turning off center ducks. He discusses three different methods of turning them. After reading his article I became inspired to create a gaggle of my own. It is my nature to explore alternative and cheaper methods for holding material. My original thought was to build an off center chuck out of PVC. I wanted to experiment with various sizes so several PVC chucks of different sizes were made. The very first ducks were turned with these chucks. They worked well until one of the chucks exploded while turning. That's when it was determined that PVC should not be used off center. It doesn't just come apart; it explodes with pieces flying everywhere. When PVC breaks it is like glass with very sharp edges and is very dangerous. That put an end to my duck turning, or anything off center with PVC, until I could come up with a safer method of doing it.

At the AAW convention last year in Hartford, Ct I met Dan Hoffman of Offcenter-Tools and was introduced to his ShapeShifter Chuck. After discussing with him my desire to find a safe way to turn off center he convinced me to try his chuck. It turned out to be the solution that I was looking for and is a safer way to turn off center.

The demonstration for this month will be how to use the ShapeShifter Chuck in turning off center ducks safely, and how the chuck works. We will explore a couple different ways of holding wood on the chuck along with ways to reduce the weight for reduced vibration. The chuck is very versatile and can be used to turn a variety of items off center: bowls, pens and bottle stoppers for example. The one concern that you will need to address is the speed at which your lathe will allow for off center turning before it "walks" via vibration.

Dan Hoffmans' card is attached should you wish to add a new chuck for your inventory. It can be purchased with an adapter to fit any lathe. An adapter for turning pens or bottlestoppers is also available at an additional charge. Videos of the chuck in action can be seen at <http://www.shapeshiftertools.com/> .



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At the end of the demonstration we will raffle off a ShapeShifter chuck as our quarterly raffle item.

# President's Patter

I had a great time at Arts and Jazz this year. Yes, we were rained out on Sunday and we could have used more volunteers to help make cars, but I still had a great time. It is so much fun to have a child watch you turn a car and then give that child his or her own special hand made car. I also had a great time talking to the other volunteers. I even picked up some turning tips in my conversations. Thanks go to all those who volunteered.

Even after having a fun weekend at Arts and Jazz, the board decided that we should discuss if we want to continue participating in this event. We agreed that the two main reasons for participating are to publicize our club with the goal of getting new members and to give turnings to kids. Our thoughts are that we are probably not doing a very good job on the first goal, but we are doing a good job on the second one. We then discussed what we could do differently and what other goals we could (or should) have by participating. Some of our thoughts included:

- ★ Having a booth where we sold objects turned by club members.
  - ★ More signs and banners at the booth to make it clearer that we are a club.
  - ★ Have pictures of some of our past show and tell objects on display.
  - ★ Displaying a few turnings that are nicer than cars made from 2 by 4's.
  - ★ Make cars ahead so we can use one lathe to turn cars and the other to turn other objects which take longer.
- We also need more people to volunteer at the event so we can spend more time talking to people walking by. Please let any board member know your thoughts on this.

I don't think anyone works harder at making GTW a success than Mike Nelson. You can't miss Mike at our meetings. He is the guy that sets up all the cameras and mikes and then keeps all the AV equipment running. Now he even controls the cameras during the demos. What if Mike were unable to attend a meeting? As it stands now, we don't have anyone who knows the equipment well enough to be able to set it up and do a competent job of recording the demo. We need a volunteer to help Mike. This person would help Mike set up and take charge when Mike is unable to attend (which in the past has been pretty rare). Please let Mike or me know if you are interested in helping the club in this way.

Mike is currently looking at what we can purchase to improve the quality of our AV equipment. We received a grant from AAW for \$750 for this purpose and we intend to supplement this money with some from our coffers. Please let any board member know if you have ideas on how we could improve the mechanics of our demonstration, either by purchasing a piece of equipment or by simply doing something differently. If you were at one of the last two meetings, you noticed that we configured the room 180 degrees from what we had been doing. Is the new configuration better?

John Solberg's June demonstration on making cute off-centered ducks promises to be a good one. The techniques he will show us can be used not only for ducks, but for a variety of off-centered projects. The chuck that he uses for his ducks will be the quarterly raffle prize, so be sure to buy a lot of tickets!

*Neal Brand*



Last month I said that I would gradually make some changes to the format of the newsletter as time permitted. Well, time did not permit this month. 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](mailto:thumb9@verizon.net) with the link and I will add as many as you send.

Any feedback on my changes is greatly appreciated.

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





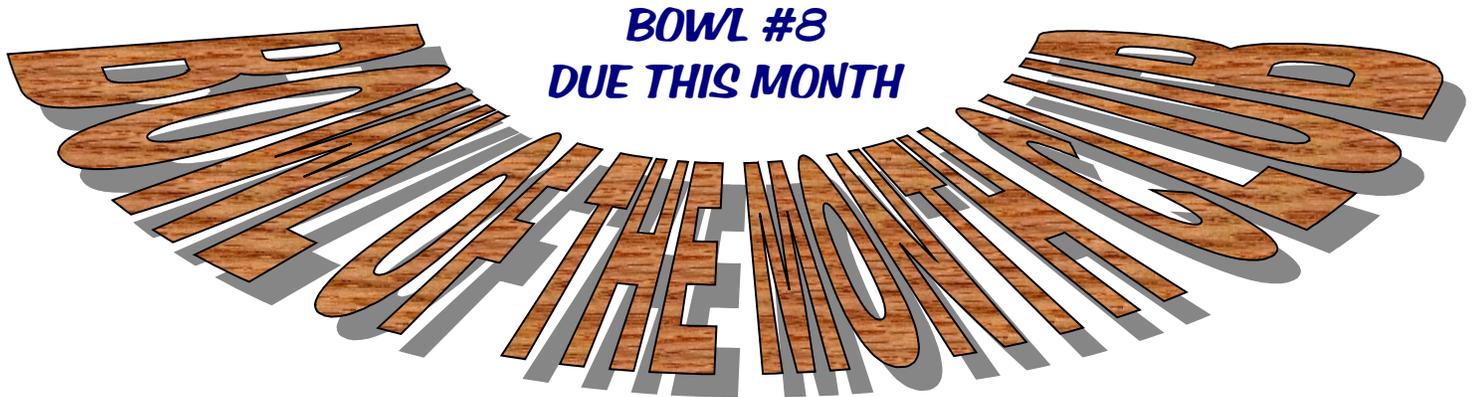
## *Photos of Denton Arts and Jazz booth*



# Bring Back Winners

Don Hawkins	Dale Lloyd	Peter Tkacs
Clem Stubing	John Solberg x2	Sam Jones
Jim Johnson x2	Neal Brand	George Gosney x2
John Easterling	Sharon Ayers	John Beasley
	Tom Lohr	

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



John Solberg 8	Greg Ammon 7	Dick Ness 6	Don Hawkins 18
Neal Brand 19	Gary Bobenhausen	Oren Zehner 5	John Horn
John Beasley 20	Bob Ragborg /Harold Gomez	Dale Lloyd 8	John Downs 2
Peter Tkacs	Jim Johnson 13	Bob Larson	Eddie Charba 4
Bob Loyd 3		Tom Lohr 5	Gary Armitage 6
			Other 4

**129 BOWLS COMPLETED SO FAR IN 2011**

## Tom's Events

Thanks to all of the members that participated in turning cars for kids at the Denton Arts and Jazz Fest. While Sunday was rained out, a lot of happy kids went home with cars and several people expressed interest in joining the club.

In July, 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.

## CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>June 6</b>	<b>GTW Club Meeting 7:00pm</b>
<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 next month's newsletter 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.



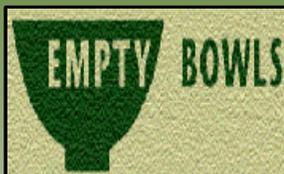
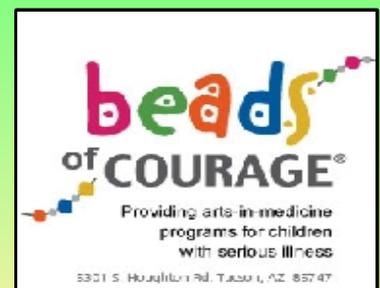
## SWAT

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.

[http://www.swaturners.org/jom/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=24&Itemid=27](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.

# 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](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yX8LufNUxLQ&feature=player_embedded)

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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 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 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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