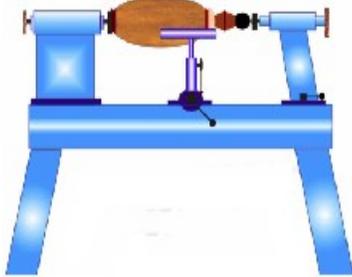


GOLDENTRIANGLE WOODTURNINGS



NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE WOODTURNERS

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Our next meeting is 7:00pm Oct. 3rd

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This Month's Demo is...

“Turning Christmas Ornaments With Icicles”

Presented by
Glynn Cox

My name is Glynn Cox. I was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I attended the University of New Mexico majoring in Electrical Engineering and graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in Mechanical Engineering.



I retired 7 years ago from a 37 year career with Bell Helicopter where I was in charge of Customizing Engineering. In my job I traveled to 34 foreign countries working with customers on their custom configurations.

I have always been a “hands on” type of person and was tutored from an early age by my dad in the art of fixing and building everything. I have not deviated from that as I not only enjoy woodturning but also “flat wood work”, metal work, antique restoration and electronics.

Now about the demo.

After seeing a demonstration last year by Robert Rosan on turning Christmas ornaments I decided to give it a try. I turned several for family and friends who thought they were great and have “ordered” several more for this Christmas season. I have incorporated a few of my own ideas along with some gleaned from a finial class with Cindy Drosda. I will attempt to demonstrate turning hollow thin wall globes with very long decorative “icicles”. I say “attempt” because it is quite easy to cut through the side of the globes or break the thin icicle. Hopefully that will not happen during the demo though I am sure the audience would enjoy an Uh-Oh or two.

I will discuss materials, proportions, tools, turning and finishing techniques.



President's Patter

Is turning wood an art or a craft? According to Wikipedia, “Art is the product or process of deliberately arranging items (often with symbolic significance) in a way that influences and affects one or more of the senses, emotions, and intellect,” while a craft is defined as “a branch of a profession that requires some particular kind of skilled work.” Certainly turning wood requires particular skills that we all strive to develop and improve, so it is definitely a craft. On the other hand, who has not been affected by a nicely turned piece by seeing, touching it, or even smelling the wood. (Come to think of it, I was emotionally affected once after turning a piece of mesquite when I heard it being eaten by a bug somewhere inside it!) Anyway, what we do has aspects that make it a craft as well as aspects that make it an art.

When I turn a piece, I usually think of craft more than art, but often during Show and Tell I see a piece that I think of as art. This summer we will have the opportunity to show off to the community some of our best pieces that lean toward art. The Greater Denton Arts Council approved the exhibition “Turning Logs to Art” which will feature the work of our club members. The exhibition goes from June 15 through August 10 and it will be held in the Gough gallery of the Visual Arts Center.

The Gough gallery is not a large gallery, so the number of pieces to be on display will be limited. Even so, I hope that everyone in the club has at least one piece included. I will ask the Executive Committee to develop a plan to judge submitted pieces to determine which we can include. If you have ideas about the process or criteria used, please let me or another Executive Committee member know. What you need to know at this point is that by May 4, we will submit to the GDAC information on all the pieces that will be in the exhibition. This means that you will need to have all the pieces you wish to submit completed sometime before May 4, probably by April 2, so the pieces to be included can be determined. It is not too soon to start thinking about what you wish to submit. You will receive more details later.

Although it still doesn't feel much like Christmas, it is not too early to think about what you plan to turn for gifts. One nice Christmas gift is a tree ornament and we will have the opportunity to learn the art (or is it craft) of making ornaments from our own Glynn Cox. Glynn is giving the October demo. If you remember Glynn's ornaments from last year's Christmas party, you know that Glynn is an expert at making Christmas ornaments. I am looking forward to picking up some good tips from his demo.

Don't forget to bring bowls for the Empty Bowl Project. We are near our goal of 325 bowls, but we still have about 50 to go and we have less than a month to do it. We need everyone's help! Even if we don't get quite 325 bowls, we have to get a little over 300 to beat the Dallas club's record. Recall that the Empty Bowl Project raises money for the local food pantry and soup kitchen by providing a lunch plus a hand made (wood or ceramic) empty bowl to community members for \$20. This year the event will be held on October 22 at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church.

As a last thought, I ask that each of you keep Bob Larson and Harold Gomez in your thoughts and prayers. Bob's wife passed away a couple weeks ago. Harold had been in the hospital or rehab for the last six months and he recently moved to the Denton senior care facility. He has had a rough time and still has a long way to go before he is back in front of a lathe. He would appreciate visitors.

Welcome new members *Mark Gray of Denton, Timothy Malmer of Little Elm and Jeff Short of Decatur.*

Neal Brand



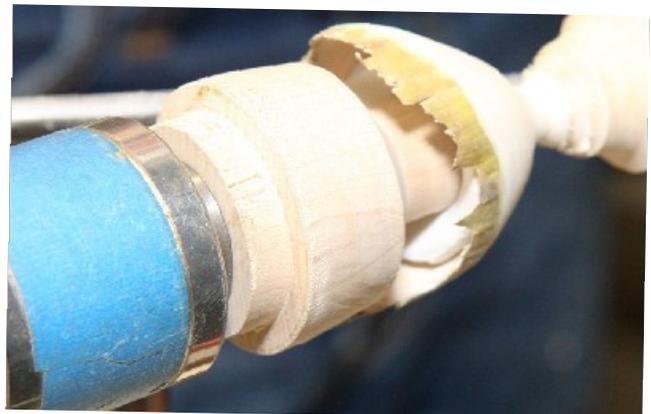
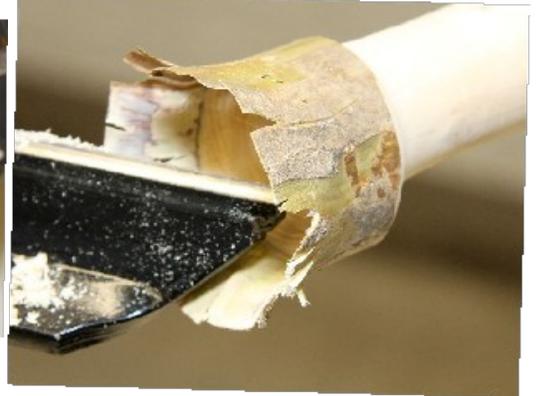
I have been the GTW Newsletter editor for almost 3 years and will be resigning the position effective after the December 2011 newsletter. I have greatly enjoyed working with all the club officers and members but I believe it is time to shuffle along and let someone with some fresh new ideas take over the editors job. If you would be willing, able and interested in this editors position, please tell Neal Brand, me, or one of the club officers.

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







Bring Back Winners

Mark Gray
Sam Slovak
Rowland Harvey
Tim Malmer
Joh Lindgren

Tom Lohr
Glynn Cox
John Lauderbaugh
Larry Robinson
Jeff Short

Quarterly Raffle Winner – John Solberg

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

BOWL #12 DUE THIS MONTH



John Solberg 30	Greg Ammon 13	Dick Ness 12	Don Hawkins 19
Neal Brand 40	Gary Bobenhausen	Oren Zehner 12	John Horn
John Beasley 50	Bob Ragborg /Harold Gomez	Dale Lloyd 14	John Downs 4
Peter Tkacs 10	Jim Johnson 18	Bob Larson	Eddie Charba 4
Bob Loyd 3		Tom Lohr 17	Gary Armitage 12
			Other 13

274 BOWLS COMPLETED SO FAR IN 2011

LINKS OF INTEREST

You might want to consider book marking this guy's web site. He writes articles for Woodturning Design quite often and if you ask him to put you on his mailing list he will notify you when he has a new article coming out. Some of his articles show some great gifts to make and others cover a multitude of subjects of interest.

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

Here is a nice newsletter from the Alamo Woodturners Association including a good tip on how to protect your chuck from finish.

http://alamoturners.com/Newsletter/Vol1_Issue3.pdf

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

October 3	GTW Club Meeting 7:00pm
October 8	Celebrate Roanoke Festival
November 7	GTW Club Meeting 7:00pm
November 12	Open Shop at Chris Morgan's

UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebrate ROANOKE

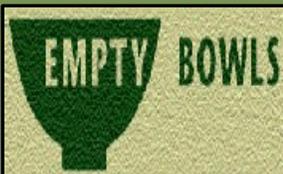


Celebrate Roanoke Festival

Please plan on setting aside a couple of hours of your time on Saturday October 8th to participate in the annual Celebrate Roanoke Festival. GTW will be turning cars for the kids. This a very popular one day event that has brought several new members to our club. It is a lot of fun to see the kid's faces when you give them a hand turned car, not to mention the camaraderie with other turners. Sign up and schedule a time at the October club meeting. See map on next page.

Open Shop

Keep Saturday, November 12th open for a great OPEN SHOP in Chris Morgan's expansive shop. We will be turning Christmas ornaments, snow men, Santas, stands, trees or what every you wish to work on. See next month's newsletter for times and directions.



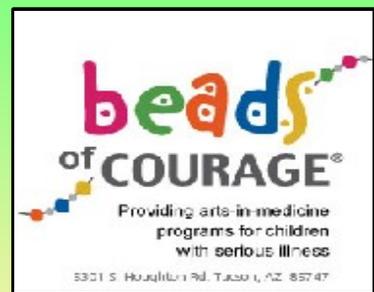
Empty Bowls

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.

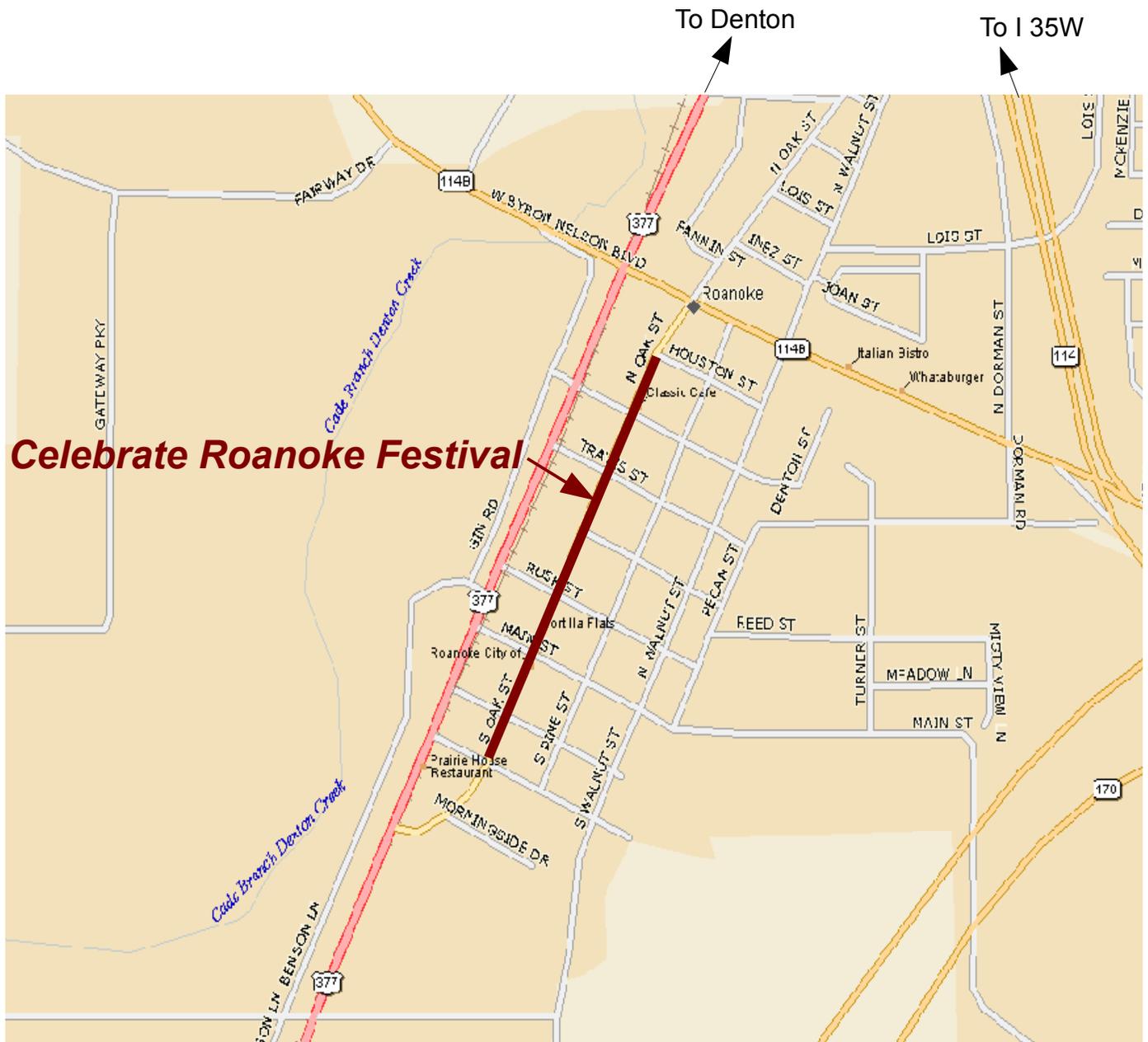
Beads Of Courage

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.



2011 Club Officers

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Activities	Tom Lohr	940-464-7723			



Map to Celebrate Roanoke Festival