

Golden Triangle Woodturners Club - Denton Texas

THE WOODTURNER

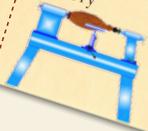
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MEETING: 7:00 PM
FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
Center for the Visual Arts
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August 6th Demonstration

Turning A Bowl From A Board

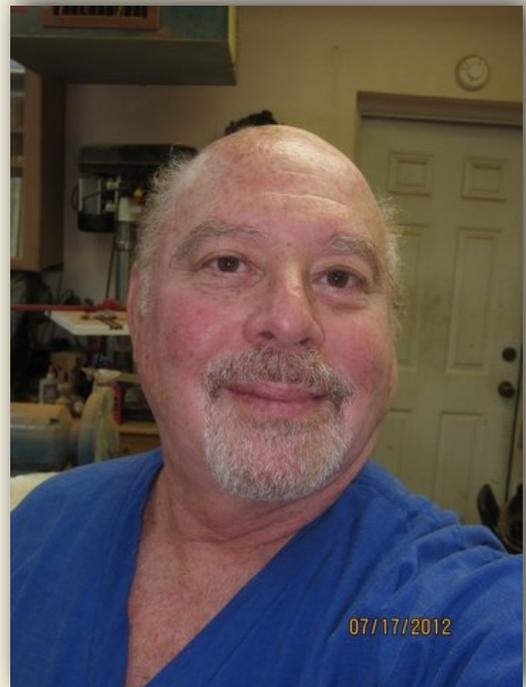
JOEL RUBIN

DEMONSTRATOR



I am a practicing Emergency Medicine doctor and have worked in many of the ERs in the area. About 12 years ago I began woodturning after my wife thought I should stop skydiving. After 850 jumps and 2 broken legs, she thought that was enough!

My first lathe was a Nova and about 2 years ago I bought a Powermatic 3250B. I have done a wide variety of turning from bowls to lidded boxes, pens and ornaments and a segmented burial urn. I became intrigued with inside-out turnings and have given demos on how to do that. A few months ago I saw a different way of making bowls using just a flat board. I liked the idea because you do not have to start with a large log. Since the wood is already dry there is little distortion after the bowl is turned. Even though I already have a sled jig for segmented angles, the idea of turning concentric rings seemed simpler. Developing a parting tool that would work and developing a way to cut the concentric rings at specific angles took several months to work out. I worked out a method to give a graceful curve to the bowls rather than just straight 45 degree angle sides. After a lot of saw dust and a few exploded bowls, I am happy to show you what I have learned.



Photos of Joel's Demonstration



President's Report

NEAL BRAND



Each August about this time I start feeling mildly depressed. Why? Well, it is not so much the hot weather nor is my favorite baseball team doing badly. But late August is the time that school starts and that means my long summer of turning will end I will be facing classes of eager college students aspiring to master mathematics. Well, OK, I am exaggerating on the eagerness and the aspirations of my students, but the point is that at the end of the month I will be standing in front of students shaping minds instead of standing in front of a lathe shaping wood. Sometimes I think that I would enjoy teaching wood turning more than teaching math.

At the last Executive Committee meeting, we discussed the possibility of an outreach program that would teach students in schools how to turn. After some discussion, we concluded that the Executive Committee has enough going on to keep us busy without starting something new. But, if there are members of the club who would like to initiate an outreach program to schools, the club could support it. In fact, AAW offers grants to help promote educational opportunities in wood turning, so we could apply for funds to help get a program started. But first, we need a few people who are willing to take the lead in developing and implementing a program. If you are interested in starting a program along these lines, let me know.

Turning Logs to Art comes to an end this month. Thanks go to all who contributed their turnings to the exhibition. There were a lot of wonderful turnings in the show and I think that we can all be proud of our club for the quality of the show. I hope you all had an opportunity to see the gallery filled with our turnings, but if you haven't seen it yet, you still have until August 10. Please remember to pick up your turnings from the Visual Arts Center on August 13. I hope that we can make this an annual event!

SWAT is coming right up and if you haven't registered yet, you better do it soon! You can count on some great demonstrations, an impressive instant gallery, plenty of vendors with tools you can't live without, and even some pretty good food as I recall! I hope to see you there!

But even if you can't go to SWAT this year, you have opportunities to see good demonstrations at our monthly meetings. This month our own Joel Rubin will show us how to make a bowl from a board. This should be an interesting demonstration and very practical since many of us have 1 inch boards sitting around from the days we did flat work and had not yet discovered the joy of turning. Joel will show us a good way to turn those boards into bowls! You don't want to miss this one.

Up Coming Activities at GTW

Future Demonstrations

- August: **Joel Rubin:** Bowls From A Board
 September: **Gadgets, Gizmos and Gimmicks** - Got one? Tell us about it.
 October: **Finishing.** Club members present - Do you have a favorite finish. Willing to share it with the rest of the club?
 November: **Doug Fisher**
 December: **Christmas Party**

SWAT 2012 - The Best Regional Woodturning Symposium

Waco TX August 24th - 26th

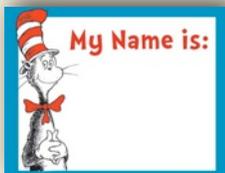


OK folks, one last input on SWAT for this year. August 24th is fast approaching and you can still sign up if you haven't done so. Go to www.swaturners.org and you can check out the demonstrators for this year. The demonstrators have some impressive credentials, so check out their web sites and plan what classes you want to attend prior to getting to Waco. Make sure you give yourself some time to visit the Instant Gallery. You will see hundreds of turnings by many of the attendees. (Don't forget you can bring your own turnings for the gallery) Also, get your raffle tickets for a chance to win an original turning or a lathe. (This year a Powermatic and a Vicmarc)

One last item. Our club supports the registration desk, passing out your packets when you check in. If you can find time to help out we would appreciate your time, even if it is only an hour. I will have a sign up sheet at our August meeting so please try and plan a little time at the registration desk. See you there.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. My cell is: 214-662-2200 or my email is: peterTkacs@gmail.com.

Peter Tkacs - SWAT Representative



New Name Tags Available to Club Members

New name tags will be available for all paid club members at the August meeting. Please be sure to pick yours up. There will be a \$5.00 charge to replace lost tags so hang on to them. They are generic and can be used at other club meetings as well.

Miscellaneous Club Information

Bring Back Winners from July

John Beasley x3	John Easterling x2
Peter Tkacs	John Solberg
Sam Jones x2	Neal Brand x2
L. Sweeney x2	Gary Bobenhausen
Mike Zumkowski	

GTW Calendar 2012

August 6: Monthly Club Meeting
 August 9: GTW Board Meeting
 August 24 - 26 SWAT - Waco TX
 September 3: Monthly Club Meeting
 October 1: Monthly Club Meeting
 October 13: Celebrate Roanoke

GTW September Meeting:

Gadgets - Gizmos - Gimmicks

Each of us has that unusual Tool, Jig, or Gizmo that is our favorite for that woodturning we are working on. The September meeting is the time for you to pull it out and bring it along to share with the rest of your club members. This will be a wide open meeting where we all can show off our **Gadgets - Gizmos - Gimmicks**

We are counting on you to help make this meeting a big success!!



Photos of members from our July meeting



Miscellaneous Club Information

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Bowl of the Month Club

So far this year we have 20 turners signed up for the Bowl of the Month Club. We could use a few more. Why not consider joining. This year bowl blanks will be provided if you want to use them. To date we have 291 bowls turned with a minimum goal of 300. Three months to go. (DAW did 400 Bowls this year) The following is Bowl of the Month Club members and the number they turned:

Gary Armitage	7	John Lauderbough	8
Greg Ammon	11	Dale Lloyd	38
Sharon Ayres	7	Jeff Short	3
Bob Beaubouef	4	Sam Slovak	12
John Beasley	40	John Solberg	37
Neal Brand	9	Peter Tkacs	3
Lewis Brown	10	Teddy Twombly	12
Bill George	7	Robert Voth	4
Don Hawkins	7	Oren Zehner	16
David Hoenig	6	Others	34
Jim Johnson	16		
		Total	291



*Bowls for the Empty Bowls
Program May
meeting*

Empty Bowls and
Beads of Courage will
continue to be our
outreach programs for
2012.

We will also
participate in Denton
Arts and Jazz and
Celebrate Roanoke

Quarterly Raffle Item - September

A Class At Canyon Studios

**Turn a Bowl and Platter with Gene Colley
September 22-23, 2012:**

The focus will be on turning a bowl and platter with a pleasing shape and design. You will work on consistent wall thickness, rim profiles, and much more.



Mark your calendar Now!!!



The Greater Denton Arts Council presents:

Turning Logs to Art

At the Meadows Gallery - June 15 to August 10

Galleries are open 1-5 Tuesday - Sunday

Come out and see what your fellow club members have on display.

It's a great exhibit.



Celebrate Roanoke - October 13 2012

Again this year we will participate in Celebrate Roanoke and turn cars for kids. Mark you calendars now and plan on turning a few cars. We will be turning from 10:00 AM to about 6:00 PM. We need your help to make this the big success it has been in the past.

2013 AAW Symposium

Tampa Florida



The AAW has a long history of highly-acclaimed symposiums - dating back to 1987 - featuring turners and collectors from around the world, all gathering for 3 days of demonstrations and exhibits showcasing the art and craft of woodturning.

Join us for the 27th international symposium, to be held at the Tampa Convention Center, Tampa FL, June 28-30, 2013



AAW NOW OFFERS INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY INSURANCE

ANOTHER BENEFIT OF MEMBERSHIP

Many AAW members who sell some of their work but are not fulltime professional turners, often believe that their homeowner's insurance policy will cover losses due to fires, theft, and other events. In most states, insurance companies say that "any" business is excluded and not covered under the homeowner's policy. We are aware of craft persons that have had their shops destroyed and then found that their homeowner's policy would not pay because the insurance company found that they had sold some things. We recommend that you discuss this with your homeowner's insurance agent to see if you are protected or not.

AAW is pleased to announce a new member benefit to all members (and chapters). We have secured a group insurance policy for a very nominal rate that will insure your Business Personal Property for your contents such as tools, equipment, materials, and inventory. It also includes personal property of others. The yearly premium for this coverage is \$250 per \$20,000 of equipment, etc. coverage. If you do craft shows or the like, you can get a "Location Floater" for an additional \$50 per \$20,000 coverage to cover your inventory and other property while away from your primary location.

The insurance is offered through our agent, Michael George of AMJ Insurance, Inc., who also offers Business Owners Policy to members of the AAW. The insurance policy is underwritten by a US rated A + company. To apply, download the attached "AAW Individual Member Property Insurance Application" then complete and submit it.

If you require insurance for your buildings as well or if you require business liability coverage, we have a very good policy that many of our full time professionals have had for several years that is very affordable.

If you are an officer or director of your AAW chapter, as an additional benefit, we have also arranged for your chapter to be able to purchase affordable group insurance to protect the chapter officers, directors and their spouses from liability claims. Applications for that insurance will be sent to your "Chapter Contact" listed on the AAW web site.

Contact AAW if interested in purchasing this insurance coverage.

Woodturning Fundamentals

American Association of Woodturners, May 2012
Question and Answer

I am a new turner and am confused by all of the tools available. What tools should I buy?

Klem in Kansas

Answer:

Klem, as is the case with any other hobby or craft, there are a myriad of tools available. They range from critically necessary to the tasks at hand, through the nice to have making the task easier, to virtually useless but were promoted nicely. My suggestion is to go VERY SLOWLY in your tool purchases. In the excitement that comes with a new pastime, it is easy to shop to excess only to find out that many of the purchases were inappropriate or unnecessary.

The first order of business is to decide what your turning interest is now. It will probably change as you go forward and you may need to expand your tool arsenal as you branch into other areas. The needs for a bowl turner are quite different than those of a spindle turner. There are some common tools but your workhorse tools for bowls are different than those for spindle work.

If you are interested in bowls as you start, your first purchase will probably be a bowl gouge. Select a size that will work for the type and size of bowls you are doing. Initially, you should be able to work quite nicely with just one. Size it for the size work you plan to be doing. Later on, you might add other sizes or duplicates that you will put a different grind on. Your next tools are likely to be a parting tool and then a spindle gouge. Again, size them based on the size of work you plan to be doing.

If you are going to be more involved with spindles, your initial tool purchases will bypass the bowl gouge in favor of the spindle tools. You probably will start with a roughing gouge, spindle gouge, and parting tool. Those will get you going with the fundamental spindle type activities. Whether you do stairwell balusters or pens, the concepts and the tools are basically the same though the tool size and grind may vary. Later on, adding a skew and other spindle specific tools will be your choice.

In both arenas, you'll probably have a need for the scraper family. My caution is to be very careful with your scraper size and its application. The tendency for new turners is to use the scraper as a crutch to cure poor turning. There are great uses for scrapers but don't use them to cover up for turning that could easily be done better with a cutting tool.

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American Association of Woodturners, May 2012

Question and Answer

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Some words of advice on tool purchases. Go slowly! Buy as you need and make sure you look at it for the long term. If you'll get 25 years of service out of a tool, amortizing the cost of that tool becomes more palatable. I recommend against buying the various manufacturers kits of tools. While the sales agents will pitch the cost savings for you to buy all of them as a package, you'll wind up with tools you probably won't use or which are inappropriately sized for your application. Buy what you need in the way of tools as you need them rather than the "one size fits all" kit of tools.

Do not be afraid to buy used tools. There is little to go wrong with a tool, even if it has been improperly ground. It may look ugly but it can be fixed with proper sharpening. As long as it is high speed steel, as opposed to the older carbon steel tools, a grinder won't damage the underlying tool steel properties. If you are looking at used tools, I suggest you avoid the older styles of tools. The designs have progressed and the older styles, while they certainly will work, might not be what you'd like to use over the long haul. Older tools of the more modern design are fine, but older designs might not be the best choice for a beginner.

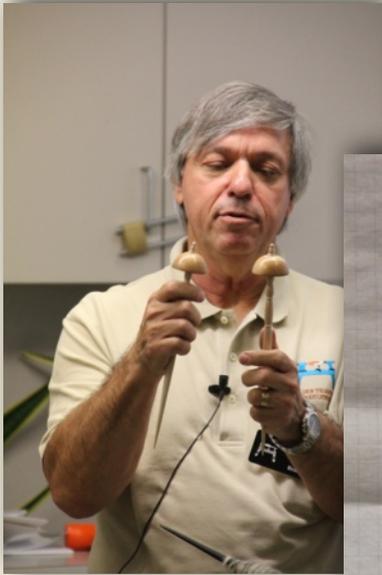
High quality tools will cost more than lower quality tools. You certainly can over pay for anything, but buying smart yet searching for the quality is a good goal. Buy as you need and buy the tool for the long haul. You'll be much better off with fewer tools and more mastery of those tools than a huge array of tools that you can't handle and aren't capable of properly sharpening. Spend time with your local chapter and turning friends. Try out the tools you'd like to buy to see if you really want them. Your fellow turners can recommend their favorites and will likely let you try them. It is a good way to make sure you don't wind up with tools that you bought but have no need for.

If there is a bottom line, it's go slowly, get advice from knowledgeable turners, and master fewer tools rather than be ineffective with a large assortment.

Kurt Hertzog - AAW Board Member

Pictures from the July Demonstration

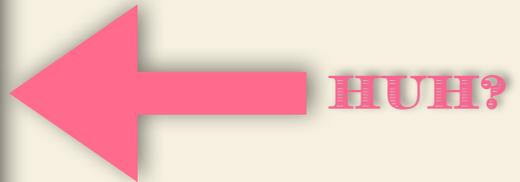
TURN A SPINDLE WITH NEAL BRAND



$$D = \sqrt[4]{\frac{6I}{\pi \cdot h \cdot \rho}}$$

$I = 30$
 $h = \text{height}$
 $\rho = \text{density}$

$$360 = \pi D^2$$



Member turnings from July meeting:



GTW Mentoring Program

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH A TURNING PROJECT? JUST ASK!

The members listed below have offered their time and expertise and are willing to be a mentor to other members. Please contact the mentor directly. For More information check the GTW web site.

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Thank You For Volunteering your Time and Expertise!!

If you are interested in becoming a mentor please let one of the board members know.

Golden Triangle Woodturners

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