

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  
Bell and Hickory

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## November 5<sup>th</sup> Demonstration

Douglas Fisher



Douglas J Fisher is a full-time artist living on Vancouver Island, Canada. Since 1992 he has been involved almost exclusively in creating some form of art, including painting, stained glass, photography, pen and ink drawing, and woodturning. Wood sculptures, primarily made using a lathe, have been the focus of his work since 1997. When not in his studio, Douglas can often be seen performing in theatre productions.

Prior to becoming a full-time artist, he taught skiing and sailing, was an ironworker, a driller and blaster in several underground gold mines, and delivered sailboats in the Pacific Northwest, the Caribbean, and across the Atlantic Ocean.

Some sculptures involve the use of indigenous iconography from the area where Douglas lives. "I have long been fascinated with the art of indigenous cultures from around the world. Upon first inspection it seems so simple and yet at the same time is very powerful. I hope to understand these cultures in my quest to explore a personal aesthetic."

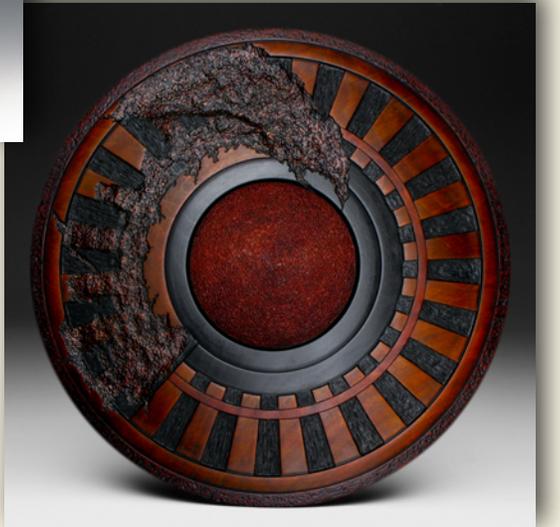
Creating thought provoking and inspiring works of art by combining artistic vision with superb craftsmanship is something Douglas has been doing for some time. He exhibits his unique style of wood turned sculptures internationally, is sought after as a demonstrator and teacher and his works are in private collections around the world.

This months demonstration will involve: Surface Enhancement:

In this demonstration you will learn all the methods Douglas uses to achieve the look of his pieces. This will include applying the design, rotary carving, burning, and coloring.



SOME OF DOUG FISHER'S WORK



## President's Report

NEAL BRAND



I can't believe that it is November already - the older I get, the faster time goes by. We have had a lot of interesting demos this year and the November demo promises to be another excellent one. Doug Fisher will be in town to give classes at Canyon Studio in Copper Canyon and he has agreed to provide us with the November demo. This should be a special demonstration that you will not want to miss.

In December, we will follow tradition and have a Christmas party instead of the usual meeting. Planning and implementing the Christmas party will require a lot of work. For example, in addition to the organizing committee, we will need a setup crew, a cleanup crew, people responsible for getting the meat and drinks, and a number of other tasks. If you are willing to help with the party, please let me or any board member know. As usual, the club will provide the meat and drinks and we ask members to bring side dishes and desserts, if they can. All members and their significant others are invited. The Christmas party is always a lot of fun and whether you can help or not, I hope you will be there.

We will have our annual election for officers at the November meeting. The nominating committee did their job and they presented a slate of nominees at the October meeting. Before the election, the floor will be open for other nominations, so if you wish to be on the board, you still have an opportunity to run.

We have had another excellent year for Empty Bowls. As noted elsewhere, we made a total of 375 bowls that will help feed the hungry. The event was held on October 27 and the wooden bowls were very popular. Thanks to all who contributed bowls and special thanks go to John Beasley and John Solberg for providing scores of bowl blanks that are now empty bowls.

We have been very fortunate to have had so many good demonstrations this year. Some of our demonstrators, such as Doug Fisher, come from teachers at Canyon Studios while others come from other area clubs. But, we also have a number of talented turners in our club who have given some very interesting demonstrations. Think about what you could demonstrate. Maybe you have a special turning skill that you could demonstrate to help the rest of us learn. Or perhaps you know how to make something a little different from what most of us turn. Techniques to enhance surfaces are also welcome demonstrations. If you would like to demonstrate something turning related in 2013, talk to John Beasley or any other board member.

# Up Coming Activities at GTW

## Future Demonstrations

November: **Doug Fisher - Surface Enhancements**



December: **Christmas Party**



January: **Back to the Basics with hands on Bowl Turning**

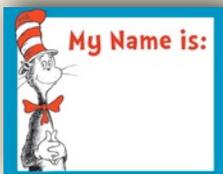


## Membership has its privileges

Are you a member of Golden Triangle Woodturners and the American Association of Woodturners? If not look what you are missing:

- \* Six issues of *American Woodturner* annually
- \* Automatic participation in periodic drawing for AAW prizes
- \* Annual International AAW Woodturning Symposiums
- \* Bodily injury insurance for chapter-affiliated demonstrations or events
- \* Savings of up to 50% on AAW merchandise
- \* Access to all past issues of *American Woodturner*
- \* And so much more.....

Consider joining or renewing your membership in both today!!



## New Name Tags Available to Club Members

New name tags are available for all paid club members. Please be sure to pick yours up at the next meeting. 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.



## November is election month at GTW.

### Plan on voting for next years officers

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Our club election of officers for 2013 will be at this months meeting. The following is the initial list of members that have agreed to fill positions on the ballot for next year. If anyone would like to be considered, please call Peter Tkacs and he will get your name on the ballot. We need anyone who is willing to serve.

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| President--         | John Beasley   |
| Vice President--    | Sam Slovack    |
| Activities--        | Mike Zunkowski |
| Secretary--         | Mike Nelson    |
| Treasurer--         | Chris Morgen   |
| Membership--        | Mike Nelson    |
| Past President--    | Neal Brand     |
| Librarian--         | Peter Tkacs    |
| Newsletter Editor-- | John Solberg   |



## GTW now on facebook

Find us at: **Golden Triangle Woodturners**  
Follow us for up to date club information.

# Miscellaneous Club Information

## Bring Back Winners from October

Clem Steubing x3  
 San Slovak  
 Oren Zehner  
 Neal Brand  
 Sharon Ayers x2  
 Don Cunningham

John Lauderbaugh  
 Peter Tkacs  
 Bill Strohmeyer x2  
 Gary Bobenhausen  
 Jon Lundgren x2  
 John Solberg

## GTW Events Calendar 2012

November 5: Monthly Club Meeting  
 November 8: GTW Board Meeting  
 December 4: Annual Christmas Party  
 January 7: Monthly Club Meeting  
 January 10: GTW Board Meeting



Quarterly raffle item for this quarter will be a CBN Grinding Wheel. (CBN stands for Cubic Boron Nitride). This will be given out at the December meeting. These are wonderful items for sharpening your turning tools. Be sure to buy lots of raffle tickets to increase your odds of winning!!



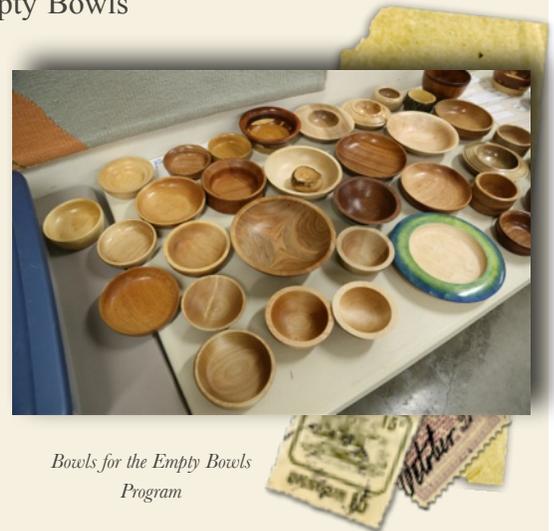
*Photos of members from our October meeting*

# Miscellaneous Club Information

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## Bowl of the Month Club

WOW what an amazing feat, 375 bowls for this years Empty Bowls Program. That is an all time record for our club. You are to be congratulated. A special *thank you* for all that participated. Now we have to start again. The Board has set a goal for 2013 of 300 bowls. Again this year some blanks will be supplied. Join the Bowl of the Month Club and watch the numbers grow.



|               |    |                  |            |
|---------------|----|------------------|------------|
| Gary Armitage | 7  | John Lauderbough | 12         |
| Greg Ammon    | 15 | Dale Lloyd       | 46         |
| Sharon Ayres  | 9  | Joel Rubin       | 6          |
| Bob Beaubouef | 4  | Jeff Short       | 3          |
| John Beasley  | 47 | Sam Slovak       | 12         |
| Neal Brand    | 10 | John Solberg     | 45         |
| Lewis Brown   | 13 | Peter Tkacs      | 3          |
| Bill George   | 12 | Teddy Twombly    | 12         |
| Don Hawkins   | 14 | Robert Voth      | 8          |
| David Hoenig  | 12 | Oren Zehner      | 20         |
| Jim Johnson   | 21 |                  |            |
| Tom Lohr      | 7  | Others           | 34         |
|               |    | <b>Total</b>     | <b>375</b> |

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

Celebrate Roanoke on Saturday, October 13th was a huge success. Neal, Pete, Tom, John Beasley, and Mike Zunkowski were kept busy making around 250 cars that were given away to the kids at the festival. Seeing the looks on the kids faces and hearing the kids plans to decorate the cars with their parents makes the effort all worthwhile. Several parents thanked us for our efforts and said that their kids still have and play with their cars from past years. While we still have a few blanks left, we are planning on having another blank manufacturing session sometime around New Years. Last years session was great fun with about 15 club members helping with the process and enjoying each others company. Keep an eye out for the announcement for the date this year.



## Mark your calendar Now!!!



### Auction for the Arts

Saturday November 10, 2012

Silent Auction Starts at 6:00 PM

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## GTW CHRISTMAS PARTY AND GIFT EXCHANGE

Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

This will be in place of our normal December meeting  
And will take place at our usual meeting facility

## 2013 AAW Symposium

Tampa Florida



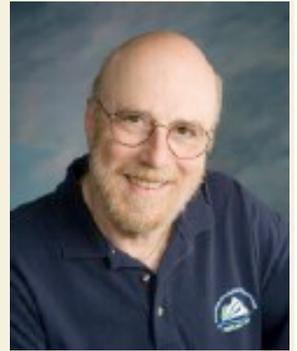
The AAW has a long history of highly-acclaimed symposiums - dating back to 1987 - featuring turners and collectors from around the world, all gathering for 3 days of demonstrations and exhibits showcasing the art and craft of woodturning.

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



## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

### A MESSAGE FROM KURT HERTZOG



When someone mentions the AAW, most immediately think of the Journal and our annual symposium. Our Journal touches every member and many non-members. The symposium directly reaches 1500 attending members each year on average. From our by-laws, "The Association's purpose is to foster a wider understanding and appreciation of lathe-turning ... This will be accomplished by providing education, information, organization, technical assistance, and publications relating to woodturning." We use a host of methods to pursue this goal. There are the gallery and offices in Saint Paul, our six-times-per-year Journal and AAW FUNDamentals e-letter, our annual symposium, our Educational Opportunity Grant program, 350+ chapters with their programs, and more. With all of these in use, the Journal and the symposium reach the largest measurable audience.

We can all play a part as we strive to increase the "understanding and appreciation of lathe-turning" of members through education. You can volunteer for a club demo and educate 30 to 100 of your fellow woodturners. Many of us do this and will continue to do so. A few, rarely as many as needed, contribute to their local chapter newsletter. This is greatly appreciated, always needed, and certainly valuable. Would you like to have an even larger impact?

Our Journal, in print or via the website, reaches our 14,000 members. Have you ever submitted something to the Journal? It doesn't need to be a multi-page article. It could be a tip. It could be a short segment on your chapter or special event. Regardless of the length or topic, a contribution to the Journal could reach those many thousands of AAW members and an unknown number of others. That is leverage! Our editor, Betty Scarpino, welcomes submissions for the Journal. Don't be bashful. There is a wealth of help available from guidelines to assistance as you go. Whether new to turning or an experienced pro, you certainly have something to share. There are members in the same category as yourself who are interested in learning about what you know or have experienced along your woodturning journey.

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## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

### A MESSAGE FROM KURT HERTZOG - CONTINUED

Another way to reach a larger audience is to demonstrate at our annual symposium. The usual symposium attendance is in the 1500- range not to mention the walk-in visitors we'll get from the host city. It takes a wide range of topics and demonstrators to educate and entertain our attendees with something that caters to their particular interest or satisfies their curiosity. We strive to include all types of demonstrators from international to local and from pro to up-and-comer. Think of the reach you could have by demonstrating at the symposium-- not only the audience in your demo room but the attendees' chapters and other turning friends when those people return home and share. The educational process never stops. Share with one or a few and they will share. Share with hundreds during the symposium and think how that can multiply the effect in many widely scattered geographic regions. Have you ever applied to be a demonstrator? Why not? You certainly have something to share. Are the odds long on being selected? Perhaps. There are thousands of talented woodturners in the potential demonstrator-applicant pool and the number selected is quite small by comparison. Like the lottery, the odds are long but they are a lot longer without a ticket. You probably won't be selected if you don't apply.

Don't ever stop demonstrating for your local chapter or contributing to the website and newsletter. But, please consider sharing that same or similar material with a worldwide audience to really magnify the impact. Submit, apply, educate. Be part of the process!

Kurt Hertzog  
Board Member - AAW



## Greater Denton Arts Council

Did you know that the Golden Triangle Woodturners is a member of GDAC? What is that? GDAC is the Greater Denton Arts Council. They provide our meeting space, any administrative assistance that we need, and the exhibit hall and set up for our recent *Turning Logs Into Art*.

GDAC was founded in the 1970's to be the umbrella organization for the arts in Denton. During the 1980's a capital campaign was organized to renovate two facilities. One was for the visual arts and the other was to be for the performing arts. Only enough was raised to renovate one facility. This is our home, the Center for the Visual Arts. During the 1990's there was another capital campaign and the Campus Theatre was renovated into the performing arts facility.

GDAC provides grant funds to many of the art organizations in Denton. They do this by raising money through The Arts Guild which was formed in 1980 to serve as a supportive arm of GDAC and to raise funds for GDAC and its member organizations. The Arts Guild holds an annual *Auction for the Arts* in November of each year. Since the first auction \$1,350,831.00 has been raised to support the arts.

Many people viewed our recent exhibit *Turning Logs Into Art*. There were many comments about the wonderful work of our members. Next year we plan to discuss with GDAC the possibilities of an arts outreach program where we could demonstrate and possibly give woodturning lessons.

How about helping to further the arts in Denton by donating a work for the November *Auction for the Arts*? Donation forms for the auction will be available at our September and October meetings. Or, become an individual member of GDAC, only \$35 for an Arts/ Educator membership or \$50 for an individual membership.



# Pictures from the October Demonstration



# 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.

|              |                   |              |  |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--|
| Sharon Ayres | Dallas            | 469-737-5305 | <a href="mailto:ladywithlathe@aol.com">ladywithlathe@aol.com</a>       |
| John Beasley | Denton            | 940-387-7062 | <a href="mailto:rbeasley15@verizon.net">rbeasley15@verizon.net</a>     |
| Neal Brand   | Denton            | 940-383-1248 | <a href="mailto:neal@unt.edu">neal@unt.edu</a>                         |
| Glynn Cox    | Roanoke           | 817-337-0210 | <a href="mailto:thumb9@verizon.net">thumb9@verizon.net</a>             |
| Don Hawkins  | Gainesville       | 940-665-3033 | <a href="mailto:ddhawkins@sbcglobal.net">ddhawkins@sbcglobal.net</a>   |
| John Horn    | N. Richland Hills | 817-485-7397 | <a href="mailto:johnhorn@flash.net">johnhorn@flash.net</a>             |
| John Solberg | Denton            | 940-387-3089 | <a href="mailto:betweencenters@gmail.com">betweencenters@gmail.com</a> |
| Peter Tkacs  | Denton            | 940-271-4728 | <a href="mailto:petertkacs@gmail.com">petertkacs@gmail.com</a>         |

## Thank You For Volunteering your Time and Expertise!!

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

## Want to expand your turning experience?

Consider joining the board and becoming a part of the decision making process of GTW.

As Neal Brand mentioned in his presidents report, a nominating committee has formed to fill positions for next years board. Please let Neal or the members of the nominating committee know you are willing to be an important part of the Golden Triangle Woodturners.

# Golden Triangle Woodturners

## CLUB INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

### 2012 Club Officers

|                |              |              |                             |
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