

Golden Triangle Woodturners Club - Denton Texas

# THE WOODTURNER

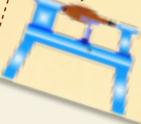
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MEETING: 7:00 PM  
FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
Center for the Visual Arts  
Bell and Hickory

TELEPHONE  
(940) 387-7062



## December 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Party Potluck and Gift Exchange



Where has 2013 gone? It's already time for the GTW Christmas party! This year, as is our tradition, the December meeting will be a party. Metzlers will provide meat, cole slaw, potato salad, pinto beans, rolls, and soft drinks. Members are invited to bring either a desert, salad or other side dish to contribute to the feast. But if you can't bring food, come anyway as there should be plenty of food.

The party will be at the usual meeting date, December 2, the first Monday of December, but we ask people to arrive between 6:30 and 6:45 if possible so we can start the meal at 7:00. If you would like to help set up, then please come at 5:30. We will meet in the main room of the Visual Arts Center, so enter through the front door instead of the back door. After the meal, we will have Show and Tell, a gift exchange, and a raffle. If you made Christmas gifts, bring them along for Show and Tell. Also, bring along one wrapped gift for each person who wishes to participate in the gift exchange. We will have two tables of gifts. One will be gifts that a wood turner would want and the second would be for gifts that anyone would like. When you bring your gift, you decide which table would be most appropriate and that will be the table from which you will receive a gift. Of course, handmade items are always appreciated, but bring whatever you wish. We will not do Bring Backs in December, so if you won in November, wait until January to bring something back. We will have a raffle consisting of a few turning related items such as a nice face shield, spur drive, and turning tools. We will also have the quarterly raffle which is a chain saw.

This should be a fun event, so I hope you can be there!





## President's Platter

JOHN BEASLEY

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As I look forward to our Christmas party meeting on December the 2<sup>nd</sup>, it is hard to believe that 2013 will be behind us soon.

Looking back, I hope everyone feels we had a good year for our club. The Back to Basics Hands on Demonstrations were lots of fun and we are encouraged to find more topics for hands on participation at meetings. Our open shops were linked to demonstrations providing opportunity to follow up on what was learned at the meetings. We were swamped by kids of all ages at the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival and Roanoak Days where we created a lot of community awareness of woodturning and made a bunch of kids happy. Empty Bowls was again a successful public service event, so much so that we can back off on the number of bowls for 2014. Finally we upgraded our visual system to HD, much improving the quality of the meetings. Now we are working on plans for the audio side – not that any of us have hearing issues!

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas party and look forward to more woodturning fun in 2014. Thank you everyone for your support during 2013.

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### **A note about alcohol storage from Tim Howe (972) 539-9659**

At the September meeting Don Hawkins made a presentation on turning bowls from green logs. Part of the discussion was the use of methanol to take the moisture out of the wood, and from the audience I heard a few people comment/question the use of plastic drums, and their chemical resistance/safety.

Most drums/ barrels you will find on line are polyethylene, and are typically listed as "water" or "food". The key wording you need to look for is that the material is High-density Polyethylene (HDPE). This is often listed a food grade. Water drums are usually low density polyethylene (LDPE), and will NOT stand up to alcohols, and will leak and fail with time. 10 gallons of methanol on the shop floor is not a good thing.

I got on Ebay and searched plastic drums, and found a used 12 gallon HDPE drum for \$14, originally from some sort of food storage. Shipping cost another \$15, but worth it.

You can buy methanol in 5 gallon cans from either Valley Solvents in Fort Worth (817-831-0001) or Thermo Processes in Dallas (214-942-3131).

I thought this might be something useful to put in the newsletter.

## A Poem by Neal Brand

Reprint From December 2012



Twas the month of Christmas and all through the shop  
Not a lathe was turning, all came to a stop.  
The gouges were sitting by the grinder all dull  
Hoping a new CBN wheel will sharpen them all.

The turners were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of powermatics danced in their heads.  
And light maple blanks and mahogany brown  
Had just been rescued and cut into round.

When there on the lathe there arose so much chatter,  
I ran to the lathe bed to see what was the matter.  
A tool was extended way beyond the rest,  
And chatter marks created by a curious guest.

The moon on the breast of the new-turned holly  
Gave the luster of mid-day to objects by golly!  
When what to my wondering eyes did I see,  
But a miniature snowman and tiny ducks, three

With a turning teacher, so lively and quick,  
John Horn I thought, or is it St. Nick?  
More rapid than eagles his shavings they flew,  
As a bowl took shape into something brand new.

Turn John S.! Turn Mike N., Turn Tom and John B!  
On Neal, on Chris, on Sam and Mike Z!  
From the chuck on the left to live center on right,  
Make shavings that soar up clear out of sight.

As dry wood that cracked before it was dry,  
When it meets with a tool and mounts to the sky.  
So off the Visual Arts Center they flew,  
To set up the party, with members help, too.

They spoke not a word, but went straight to their worky,  
Bringing brisket and ham and maybe some turkey.  
While club members, their spouses and brothers  
Shared food and gifts with all of the others.

By 9:30 they ate, exchanged gifts and left,  
No one was there, not even one guest.  
But I heard someone exclaim, ‘err he drove out of sight,  
“Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!”



# Up Coming Activities at GTW

## Future Demonstrations



December: The Annual Christmas Party



January: Susan Thellen - Enhance your Turning with Zentangle  
February: Richard Rivera - How to Create Turned Celtic Knots



## Golden Triangle Woodturners again participates in Denton Arts and Jazz 2014

April 25<sup>th</sup> - April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014

We will again be turning tops and cars for kids.  
Mark you calendars now and plan on being a part of this wonderful festival. You don't want to miss out on the fun.

# Miscellaneous Club Information

## Bring Back Winners from November

Jon Lundgren X2	Jeff Whitcomb X3
John Solberg	Dale Lloyd
Peter Tkacs	John Karman
Neal Brand X2	Don Hawkins

Plan on bringing them to the  
January meeting

## GTW Events Calendar 2013/2014

December 2:	GTW Christmas Party
December 7:	DAW Christmas Party
December 12:	GTW Board Meeting
January 1:	Happy New Year!!
January 6:	GTW Monthly Meeting
January 9:	GTW Board Meeting
April 25-27:	Denton Arts and Jazz

## **2014 Membership Form now available.**

New Membership Form for 2014 can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Consider renewing your membership for 2014 now and beat the rush.



*Photos of members from our November meeting*

Pictures from the November Meeting



## Consider becoming an AAW Member



General Membership is Just \$53.00

[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)

### Benefits

- Six issues of *American Woodturner* annually
- Automatic participation in [periodic drawings](#) for prizes
- Access to all past issues of *American Woodturner*, viewable online through the website [Members Area](#).
- Access to machine-readable *American Woodturner* issues for those members who are visually impaired and utilize screen-reading software - [contact the webmaster](#) if this applies to you.
- [Marketing opportunities](#) on our website for artists, collectors, galleries, and museums.
- Group rates for [individual and chapter insurance](#).
- Savings of up to 50% on [AAW merchandise](#), including project books, DVDs, logo apparel, and more.
- Eligibility to apply for AAW [Educational Opportunity Grants](#).
- AAW Forum and member-only access to articles and resources on our website.
- Eligibility to vote in AAW board elections if a member before the end of August in that year.
- Eligibility to apply for membership in the [Professional Outreach Program](#) (POP).
- Access to [POP Fellowship grants](#).
- Exhibit opportunities - AAW members may enter work for the annual juried member exhibit featured at the Symposium, the Gallery of Wood Art in St. Paul, and other venues.
- Annual [International AAW Woodturning symposium](#).
- Demonstration opportunities at AAW symposiums.
- AAW "[Resource Directory](#)" that contains a complete listing of contact information for members, local chapters, demonstrators, and other woodturning resources. Updated listings are available to members through the [AAW website](#).
- [More than 300 AAW local chapters](#) that offer workshops, camaraderie, opportunities to share ideas and techniques, and access to lending libraries, discounts, and volume purchases.

## 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	214-707-0776	<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>
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Glynn Cox	Roanoke	817-337-0210	<a href="mailto:thumb9@verizon.net">thumb9@verizon.net</a>
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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.



**GTW is now on facebook**

Find us at: **Golden Triangle Woodturners**

Follow us for up to date club information.

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## CLUB INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

### 2013 Club Officers

President	John Beasley	940-387-7062	<a href="mailto:rbeasley15@verizon.net">rbeasley15@verizon.net</a>
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## Membership Application 2014

New ( ) Renewal ( ) Check One

Annual Membership: \$30.00 Per Calendar Year (Jan - Dec). (Students \$15)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Time ( ) Part Time ( ) Retired ( )

Are you a member of AAW? Yes ( ) No ( )

How long have you been turning? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of lathe do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your skill level? Beginner ( ) Intermediate ( ) Advanced ( )

What would you like to see at our club meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you suggest a demonstrator? \_\_\_\_\_

Can we contact you to help with special events? Yes ( ) No ( )

Check the box if you do NOT want to be listed in the online roster ( )

Would you be willing to be a Mentor? Yes ( ) No ( )

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Golden Triangle Woodturners

If Mailing, Mail to: Golden Triangle Woodturners

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