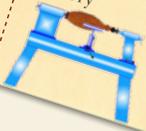


MEETING: 7:00 PM  
FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
Center for the Visual Arts  
Bell and Hickory

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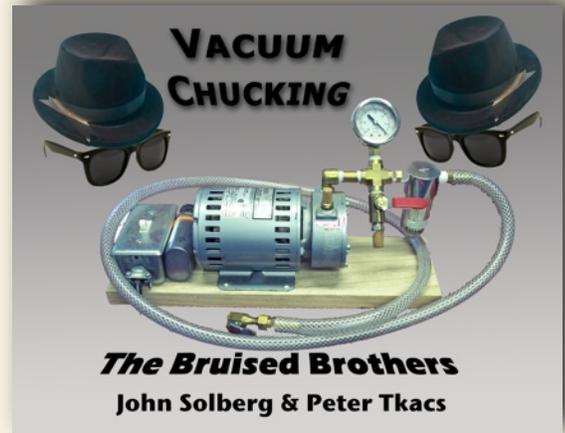
## February 4<sup>th</sup> Demonstration

### The Bruised Brothers Return

The Ins and Outs of Vacuum Chucking

Peter Tkacs & John Solberg

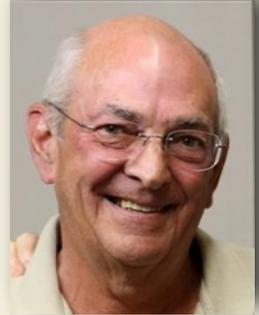
We first became interested in vacuum chucks several years ago but became turned off by the expense of purchasing one. Then during the Holidays that year, Peter and his wife were out with my wife and I for an evening on the town. Peter's wife asked what he wanted for Christmas and he mentioned a vacuum chuck for his lathe. She asked how much and I said about \$600. Well guess who didn't get what he wanted. After that evening we became determined to build a system and reduce the cost to something more affordable. After researching other avenues for parts and supplies we came up with a system that functions as well as the catalog versions and was considerably less expensive. We have learned a lot over the years and now the Bruised Brothers will share some of those experiences, both the good and the bad.



Our demonstration will show how to put a system together with parts and supplies that can be purchased locally or on the web fairly inexpensively. We will show a variety of pumps that can be used to supply the vacuum, and we will discuss the pros and cons of each. Several techniques for using a vacuum system will be demonstrated. We will talk about adapting this system to most any lathe. And we will provide a list of resources where additional information and supplies can be found.

## President's Platter

JOHN BEASLEY



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All reports indicate our first *Back to Basics* hands-on demonstration was a success.

When you try something new there is always plenty of anxiety to go around and last meeting was no exception. The lathes were set up, blanks were mounted and tools sharpened as we waited for members to arrive. What do we do if no one wants to turn? As the room filled up there was that sinking feeling when we saw so few bringing tools and face shields. Might be a really short meeting, however, after the lead demonstration all lathes fired up, chips flew everywhere, and there was a din of conversations.

The next problem was to getting everyone to stop for the business meeting portion. When we were settled down it was neat to see chips on almost everyone, in hair and pockets, and on clothing. Based on the chip count everyone had a lot of fun. We will do it again.

The February meeting should be both entertaining and informative when we will enjoy a special reappearance of the Bruised Brothers who will give us a comprehensive presentation on vacuum chucking, systems, and their use. I hope our two medical doctors members are at the meeting in case the Brothers get out of hand and it is more than a few bruises.

At the meeting we will also have a ten minute mini demonstration on turning cars for the kids. We will need to build up a stock of finished cars before we turn at the Arts and Jazz Festival. We are not able to keep up with demand during the event. Everyone is encouraged to participate by turning some cars now as well as at the festival.

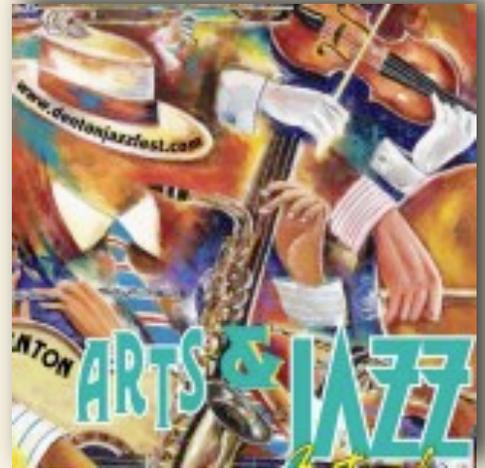
## Up Coming Activities at GTW

### Future Demonstrations

- February:     **The Bruised Brothers Return - Vacuum Chucking**
- March:         **Dixie Biggs - Carving, Texturing, and Coloring your Turnings**
- April:         **Donald Derry - Shape and Form for Turnings**

### April 26 thru April 28 - Denton Arts and Jazz festival

Again this year Golden Triangle Woodturners will be participating in the Denton Arts and Jazz festival. We will be turning cars for kids along with either tops or bowls to demonstrate woodturning to those interested. This is a 2 1/2 day event so we will be asking that as many club members as possible to turn out and help. If you can't help during the festival consider turning some cars in advance. We have found in the past that we can not keep up with the demand the kids put on us for cars and that having a stockpile of cars made before the festival helps in our ability to supply cars to all the kids that want one. See *My Car Turning Story* on the next page of the newsletter and information in John Beasley's Presidents Platter



### Membership has its privileges

With your paid up membership you will receive a membership card. This card will afford you a 10% discount at Rockler, Woodcraft, and Woodworld. This year you will not get the discount without being a card carrying member of a woodturning club. Hartville Tool will also give you a 10% discount as a club member. GTW has provided them a list of 2012 club members so if you buy from them mention that you are currently a member of GTW.

## My Car Turning Story

Mike Zunkowski

My Story is the same. Boy grows up. Boy meets Girl. Boy gets into woodworking. And yes Boy meets the Lathe. I have only been a member of the club for a year and what a neat experience. I have turned pens and other small objects in the past years before joining but have learned so much more being a member of the club. Last year in preparation for the **Arts and Jazz Festival** in Denton the club asked its members to take home some precut 2x4s to turn cars. I had never seen it done; I was a little scared and chose not to do it. My experience was to turn things into round things not just the edge and I had monster visions of seeing the 2x4 come flying off the lathe and embedding itself into me. Well I did decide to volunteer at the Arts Festival and see it done. I had a great experience with Tom, Peter, Neal, John S, Don and others helping me turn my first car. Wow! Don then showed me how to turn a bowl. It was really an awesome bowl. I put a paper sign in my shop telling me to “Ride the Bevel” which Don instilled in me. I was able to turn a few cars that day and helped with installing the wheels.



Next came **Experience Roanoke** and I had the opportunity to help there as well. I got the fun of turning a number of cars and have become very fast at it. I don't know if I will ever become as fast as John S or Neal (2 minute turns) but the challenge to become better is just as fun. There I even got the pleasure of using the biggest roughing gouge I had ever seen, Gougezilla. The shavings would fly like crazy when I used it. Awesome! We used Peter's Press to speed the process of putting the wheels on the cars which really was fun and made the wheel assembly process so much easier. I remember a family that came up to the booth and told how their daughter had a car from every year that GTW had been doing Roanoke since she had been born. Lots of the kids were excited to see the cars and to get a chance to watch someone turn on the lathe. Lots of parents and kids have given compliments to our organization for the efforts we have done in woodturning. Who knows how many of those kids that watch and get a car may become future wood turners!

I now can turn a car in about 10 minutes on my lathe at home. I have overcome the fear of a 2x4 embedded in my forehead and have learned to be more safe with my lathe. I look forward to turning. And now I have even started to make some of the cars a little fancier by adding exhausts and other embellishments. Please take this opportunity in the club to turn some cars in your spare time. It is a great way to develop some of your skills and to give you more time on your lathe.

## DO YOU KNOW THAT.....

....**American Association of Woodturners** aka **AAW**..... In March of 2010 began a monthly drawing as an added membership benefit. Each month, the prizes available are awarded to members whose names are drawn at random from the current membership roster. Congratulations to our own Mike Nelson, winner of a \$100.00 Gift certificate from Craft Supplies USA in the September drawing. Just another reason to become a AAW member.



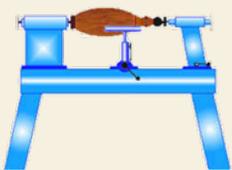
....**Golden Triangle Woodturners** aka **GTW** is now on **YouTube**..... You may know that Peter Tkacs maintains our club library of video tapes, DVD's, and books. Each month the demonstration is videotaped. Mike Nelson edits that video and creates a DVD which is added to the club library. This is great, but only one member can check out the DVD at a time. This led us to look at ways to make that video available to more people at a time.

YouTube has updated their policies to allow longer length videos from the previous 15 minute limit. Our demonstrations vary from 45 minutes to sometime almost two hours. Their new policy opened up an avenue for us to resolve the problem of how do we make our demonstration videos available to more people. Mike created a YouTube account for the club and now publishes our demos.

There are eight videos now posted on our YouTube page. You can find it at <http://www.youtube.com/user/DentonTurners>. In the few months since its start, over 200 people have subscribed to the channel and there are almost 16,000 views. These viewers come from the US, Great Britain, Germany, Australia, Canada, and several other countries. A club in Australia even asked for permission to link to our videos from their club website. We receive questions and suggestions from viewers as well.

We will continue to add demonstration videos, contributing to our club goal of education and community awareness of woodturning. Take a few minutes when you can and check out our YouTube page. Keep Turning and have fun!!

....**Golden Triangle Woodturners added eight new members in January**..... Please welcome the following new members to our club and make them feel right at home:



Schuyler Burkhart  
David Livingston  
Ken Mays  
Steven Neubauer

Dan Peltier  
Jim Rider  
Eric Severson  
Jim Sexton

## Miscellaneous Club Information

### Bring Back Winners from January

Steve Neubauer  
 Peter Tkacs  
 John Solberg  
 David Hoenig  
 Don Hawkins x3  
 Jim Rider

Sam Jones X2  
 Circe Joines  
 Sam Slovak  
 Bill George  
 Teddy Twombly  
 Dale Lloyd

### GTW Events Calendar 2013

February 4: Monthly Club Meeting  
 February 14: GTW Board Meeting  
 March 4: Monthly Club Meeting  
 March 14: GTW Board Meeting  
 April 1: Monthly Club Meeting

## Renew Your Membership

Don't forget to renew your GTW membership. Membership form can be found at the end of this newsletter and on the GTW web site. Your membership allows us to continue with programs, demonstrations, and events to which we all have become accustomed.



*Photos of members from our January meeting*

# GTW Issues a Quarterly Challenge

## TURN A 9 TO 11 INCH PLATTER

*All are encouraged to participate*

It has been a while since Golden Triangle has had any sort of turning challenge. If you read John Beasley's president report you noticed that one of the goals for this year was to establish a quarterly turning challenge. So for the first quarter the challenge will be to turn a platter with the target size of 9 to 11 inches. We were able to find turning blanks that are 9 to 10" that we will supply for anyone interested in using them. It is not mandatory that the challenge platter be turned from supplied blanks, you are more than welcome to use a blank of your choosing that fits within the suggested target range. The challenge is open to all turners independent of skill level. If you only have a mini lathe, make a platter to the smaller target. Use this as an opportunity to work on your style, form, and finish.

Bring your completed platters to the April meeting and show them off. We will set aside time at the meeting to critique each turning.



*Platter Blanks for the first Quarterly Challenge*



*Example Only*

# Pictures from the January Hands on Demo



# GTW Mentoring Program

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

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**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>
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.



**GTW is now on facebook**

Find us at: **Golden Triangle Woodturners**

Follow us for up to date club information.

# Golden Triangle Woodturners

## CLUB INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

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# Golden Triangle Woodturners



## Membership Application 2013

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 ( ) Advance ( )

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

%Chris Morgan

1102 Ellard Drive

Hickory Creek TX 76210

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