

Golden Triangle Woodturners Club - Denton Texas

THE WOODTURNER

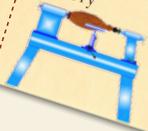
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MEETING: 7:00 PM
FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
Center for the Visual Arts
Bell and Hickory

TELEPHONE
(940) 383-1248



January 7th Demonstration

John Beasley et al

Back to the Basics - Bowl Turning

During 2013 we plan to do a series of Hands-On demonstrations where we will go *Back to the Basics*. Our plan is to have four lathes set up, demonstrate a cut and then have club members try that cut to get a better understanding for it. There will be a coach at each lathe for assistance and safety.

The January demonstration will be our first *Back to the Basics* hands on program. It will cover making a basic bowl. We will include forming a tenon, roughing the outside, shear cutting to prepare for sanding, and turning the inside.



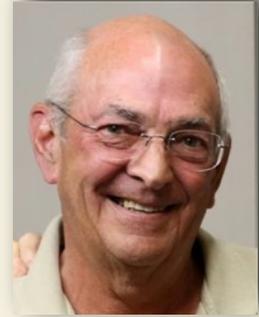
If you are interested in trying these cuts we ask that you bring a bowl gouge of your choice along with safety equipment of a face shield, or at minimum, a pair of safety glasses. If you don't own a bowl gouge there will be some available for you to use. We will also have a sharpening station should your gouge not be as sharp as you would like.

This will be our first attempt at a *Back to the Basics* hands on demonstration. Your feedback on this is important. Please let us know what you thought of it and what you would like to see or try in the future.

For those more experienced members we would ask that you be available to assist members and further discuss the cuts and variations as you deem necessary.

President's Report

JOHN BEASLEY



During our December Board Meeting we took extra time to discuss the club's purpose, how we were doing, and what we might do to improve.

We described the purpose of our club in terms of our goals as follows:

1. Provide education through demonstrations, show and tell, open shops, and mentoring.
2. Provide a social aspect that promotes camaraderie among members and opportunity to make new friends.
3. Promote participation so that members can more fully enjoy being part of the club.
4. Participate in our community through public service by supporting Empty Bowls and Beads of Courage.
5. Create community awareness by turning cars at the Arts and Jazz Festival and Roanoke Days and organizing exhibits of our work.

There was a general feeling that we were pretty much on track and had good plans for the coming year.

We then did some brainstorming to come up with ideas that may improve our club and listed them for possible implementation.

Ideas for 2013

1. Safety, more emphasis, consider a quarterly 5 – 10 minute presentation
2. Open shop – try to make them a follow-up to the demonstration
3. Show and tell, have members come forward and talk about the item rather than staying seated
4. New member package to inform about the clubs activities as well as having someone assigned to introduce new members and answer questions.
5. GTW postcard that would be sent as a thank you note to demonstrators, etc.
6. Back to Basics Hands on Demonstration, 3 or 4 a year to help beginners and tune up the rest of us while teaching good technique with lots of participation.
7. Turning in the Park, acquire a generator so we could set up in the park and do demonstrations for the general public.
8. Duck Boxes for Beads of Courage, a club project where members get together to make boxes and ducks for the kids.
9. Team Speed Turning Tournament, organize an annual event where teams from the metroplex clubs compete to see who can make the most good bowls for Empty Bowls in an allotted time period.
10. Kids Turning – an outreach program to teach youth the basics of turning.
11. Quarterly turning challenge, reinstate.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

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Lots of good, good ideas! So, what do we do next?

First, we are going to implement the obvious and easy ones. At the January meeting we will change the format for show and tell, initiate a quarterly challenge – turn a platter, and have our first *Back to Basics* hands on demonstration.

Second, we will implement the other obvious and easy ones such as a new member package.

Third, we will ask for your feedback on the other ideas as well as additional ideas you may have, discuss them, and implement them if appropriate.

I hope that this, my first report, will give all members a clear understanding of what your board thinks we are all about and the current ideas to improve in the future. We need your participation to give us your thoughts on how we can improve our club and make membership a better experience for all.

We look forward to serving you in 2013.

Treasurer’s Report for 2012

Chris Morgan - Treasurer

Starting Balance: \$3,271.35 1/1/2012

Income:

Dues	\$1,535.00
Bring Backs	1,431.00
<u>Festivals</u>	<u>400.00</u>

Total Income: \$3,366.00

Expenses:

Rent	\$150.00
Festivals	698.17
Demonstrators	350.00
Equipment	373.65
DVDs	63.00
Raffle Items	413.05
Internet	99.50
Name Tags	176.71
<u>Christmas Party</u>	<u>527.47</u>

Total Expenses: \$2,842.55

Ending Balance : \$3794.80 12/31/2012

Up Coming Activities at GTW

Future Demonstrations

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



February: **Stephen Hatcher - Inlays in Turnings**

March: **Dixie Biggs - Carving, Texturing, and Coloring your Turnings**

April: **Donald Derry - Shape and Form for Turnings**

Saturday, January 5th 9:00 AM

Every year, we turn cars for kids at the Denton Arts & Jazz Festival and at Celebrate Roanoke. In years past, we never seemed to be able to keep up with making cars quickly enough to meet the demand and there was always a line of kids waiting for cars. Last year we started a very successful operation by supplying members with kits of pre drilled and pre marked blanks and a supply of axles and wheels to take home and make cars. Not only did this really help the demand problem at the festivals, but it also generated some very unique car shapes and designs.



This year we will do the same thing. We will have a work session on January 5 in the workshop of Chris Morgan to cut, mark, and drill blanks for cars. This session always has a great turnout and provides a lot of fun and some very interesting conversations. Plan to be there at 9:00AM. Chris is located at 1102 Ellard in Hickory Creek. Take the service road of I-35E south from Swisher and turn right on Turberville, (beside the Texas Land & Cattle). Ellard is the second road on the left.

Saturday, January 26th 9:00 AM

Open Shop at John Beasleys' **Back to the Basics.....**A follow-up of the January meeting on bowl turning. We will have three or four lathes set up for reviewing and working on those problem cuts. Bring your tools and come on out and practice your basic skills and turn a bowl or two.

Going Bats Over the Holidays

John Beasley

My Grandson, Damon has been asking for a grandpa made baseball bat. So I bought a blank at Woodcraft and planned to make him a bat for Christmas.

Before I got to the lathe, my wife reminded me that the twins, Evan and Trevor, are really into baseball. I went back to Woodcraft for two more blanks. What about Daniel, the same age as the twins, won't he feel left out? And Charlie says he is going out for baseball next spring. So, back to Woodcraft for two more blanks.

Now with five blanks and time running out, I needed to get turning. But what are the dimensions of a baseball bat? The internet only gave minimum/maximum regulations, so a trip to Secondhand Sports and \$10 got me a Louisville Slugger which I can sell back for \$5 after the project is finished.

At 4:30 pm Christmas Eve the last bat was off the lathe. Fortunately the family from McAllen won't be here until after the New Year, so I had time to wood burn in the names and apply a finish.

By New Years Eve, the bats were ready and I was ready to sell the Louisville Slugger back for my \$5. But then there are Gavin, Andy, Dylan and Thomas who are growing up fast. Looks like four more bats are in my future so I've put the old Louisville Slugger in the back of the closet for now.



Miscellaneous Club Information

Bring Back Winners from November

Ed Doub x2
 Gary Armitage
 J. Robertson x2
 John Solberg
 John Easterling x2
 Pat Livingston

Don Hawkins x2
 J. R. Johnson
 John Lauderbaugh x2
 Don Cunningham
 Teddy Twombly
 John Beasley

GTW Events Calendar 2013

January 5: Work Day @ Chris Morgan's
 January 7: Monthly Club Meeting
 January 15: GTW Board Meeting
 January 26: Open Shop - John Beasley's
 February 4: Monthly Club Meeting
 February 14: GTW Board Meeting
 March 4: GTW Board Meeting

Help Wanted: Phil Joines

I am looking for someone to show me how to do gold leafing. During either evenings or weekends. If you can help please email me at: philip.joines@yahoo.com



Photos of members from our December meeting

Miscellaneous Club Information

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Bowl of the Month Club

Again this year the Golden Triangle Woodturners will be turning bowls to support the Empty Bowls Program. We will continue, as we have in the past couple years, to have the Bowl of the Month Club. So far we have 16 members that have committed to turning one bowl each month. We could use several more. Please consider becoming a part of this most important Club. Our goal this year is 250 to 300 bowls. That will be easy to reach if we could get a few more club members. As in the past year, we will continue to supply bowl blanks for those of you that want them. You are not limited to use only those supplied in your turnings; any bowl is acceptable. A special thanks to all of you that turned bowls in 2012. We had a total of 375 bowl, an all time record!



*Bowls for the Empty Bowls
Program*

January is Membership Month

Your membership to Golden Triangle is important to us. It gives us your current information so that we can keep you up to date on all the latest happenings within your club. Please take a moment to fill out the membership form that can be found at the end of this newsletter or on our website. Bring it along to the next meeting so that you don't miss any of the upcoming activities within GTW.

With your paid up membership you will receive a GTW Membership card. You can use the card for discounts at both Wood World and Woodcraft. In 2013 there will be no discounts without a club membership card.

If you are not a member of AAW we would encourage you to consider joining that organization as well. They provide much needed services to their members and our club, along with an award winning bi-monthly magazine *The American Woodturner*.

GTW Issues a Quarterly Challenge

TURN A 9 TO 11 INCH PLATTER

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 December Christmas Party



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	ladywithlathe@aol.com
John Beasley	Denton	940-387-7062	rbeasley15@verizon.net
Neal Brand	Denton	940-383-1248	neal@unt.edu
Glynn Cox	Roanoke	817-337-0210	thumb9@verizon.net
Don Hawkins	Gainesville	940-665-3033	ddhawkins@sbcglobal.net
John Horn	N. Richland Hills	817-485-7397	johnhorn@flash.net
John Solberg	Denton	940-387-3089	betweencenters@gmail.com
Peter Tkacs	Denton	940-271-4728	petertkacs@gmail.com

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

2013 Club Officers

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Newsletter	John Solberg	940-387-3089	betweencenters@gmail.com
Past President	Neal Brand	940-383-1248	nealbrand70@gmail.com



Don't forget to support the vendors who support us!

GTW Club Officers 2013



President: John Beasley



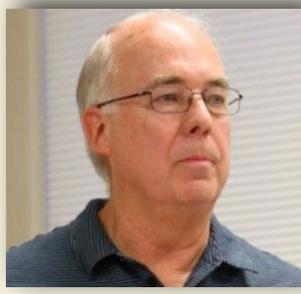
Vice President: Sam Slovak



Activities: Mike Zunkowski



Secretary: Mike Nelson



Treasurer: Chris Morgan



Librarian: Peter Tkacs



Newsletter: John Solberg



Past President: Neal Brand



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

A MESSAGE FROM PHIL MCDONALD

Just as I was about pen a few remarks, I happened to glance at a report of the most recent study on "Volunteering and Civic Life in America" taken from the 2011 census data. Minnesota, the home of the AAW, ranks 4th among all states in the percentage of our residents who volunteer. Seventy-one percent of us do favors for our neighbors, and 89 percent make time to eat together as families. The total economic value of our contributed volunteer service tops \$3.8 billion. As a Minnesota native, all of this comes as no surprise. And while the majority of AAW members reside elsewhere, I have a sense that most of you will find these numbers to be very familiar as well.



There was a brief period back in October when it just happened that I had several conversations with chapter members who proudly told of projects their clubs had undertaken to support charitable causes, including raising money for cancer research, supporting our wounded veterans, and youth education. I spoke with a Minnesota member who helped organize the trips to Ukraine in 2007 and 2008 to give orphaned children a chance to turn with the hope of inspiring them to them to acquire a marketable skill for their futures. And the AAW was just putting finishing touches on the video portion of a soon-to-be-completed grant project that will offer new resources to enable, and to encourage, woodturners who are dealing with sight impairments to keep turning.

This is the essence of what the AAW is all about. You are part of the preeminent nonprofit educational association dedicated to supporting everything good about woodturning, and woodturners. And I think that too often the latter of these is overlooked. Our culture of volunteerism and giving to others, still strong after nearly 27 years, remains intrinsically woven throughout the national organization, our chapters, and you, our members.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

A MESSAGE FROM PHIL MCDONALD - CONTINUED

Even in the shadow of the greatest national economic challenge in 80 years, membership in the AAW has grown in each of the past five years. It takes resources to sustain a growing membership association and to maintain member benefits and educational services at competitive levels. Our recent appeals for your contributions, especially for the AAW technology fund, have been very well-received. On behalf of the Board of Directors, and staff I want to extend our sincere and genuine appreciation for every contribution that has been received thus far. And I applaud everyone who individually volunteered your time, and every local chapter that collectively banded together to support the cause of a greater good in 2012. And still, there is more to be accomplished.

As 2013 is about to take hold, I give my assurance that we will remain fixed on serving all of our members in a way that is meaningful and personally enriching. With 10,000 "boomers" retiring daily into the dawn of their golden years, more and more people will be in need of woodturning education, training, safety awareness, and perhaps most important, new opportunities to volunteer and give back to others. Edgar Allen, the founder of Easter Seals, famously said "Your life and mine should be valued not by what we take... but by what we give." Please help us reach out and introduce others to the AAW.

Phil McDonald
Executive Director AAW

See you in Tampa!
June 28 to 30





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

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(For Office Use)

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