I am a native Texan and Vietnam Veteran and have lived in Denton for almost 50 years. I have been married to Sandra for almost forty-seven years. After graduating from UNT with a degree in Production and Operations Man-agement, I started an electrical contracting firm in Denton. In 1999 I was approached about selling the business, and in 2000 I sold it. I continued working as a project manager until I retired in 2010.

Prior to retirement, I decided to take a class at Woodcraft from John Horn, as many of you have. Having no experience in turning before this class, I developed a passion for turning. It was sometime before I bought a mini lathe, and all the other tools I thought I would ever need, and began my adventure in turning.

It was a slow process reading books, watching videos until I discovered Golden Triangle Wood turners. This was the turning point in my learning process, attending meetings, going to open shops, and utilizing the mentor-ing program. SWAT was another source of my learning, and tool buying.

About five years ago, I took a three-day class from Trent Bosch in his stu-dio in Colorado. During this class I developed my interest in hollow forms. I soon began buying many different hollow form tools. Certainly, I did not need them all, but I just thought that one more tool would make me a better turner. This did not come to realization.

A few years ago, Mike Mahoney did a demo at SWAT on making urns, and I attended. This seemed interesting, but I never put the skills to use until about a year later, when I made an urn for our grand dog Merlin.

My demo will be using the skills I learned from John, Trent and Mike. I will turn an end grain hollow form using HSS tools. The urn will be for a small pet, but the concept can be used for any size pet, or loved one. I will be us-ing some of my favorite hollowing tools, but I will show others that can be used as well, I will also discuss shapes, woods to use, wet or dry wood, and just basic ideas that can be used. A quick formula for sizing will be briefly discussed that you can use on any size urn.