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Meeting is 4-20-2006 7 PM
Program: Question and Answer Session

President's Words of Wisdom

Dallas Area Woodturners has benefited from its status as a 501(c)(3) corporation – one of our members has donated a Jet mini-lathe stand along with some of the tools that he has not been using (he will remain anonymous until I get the OK to publish his name). DAW had one more mini-lathe than it had stands so this contribution means that we won't have to improvise for our upcoming classes with George Hatfield. The tools will be used in our fund-raising activities.

I encourage everyone to consider making a contribution of equipment or cash to DAW. We will provide you with a receipt that you can use when you file your income tax return. (I have to add the usual caution that you should check with your tax advisor.)

George Hatfield will be making DAW his first stop in his U.S. tour next month. Everyone can benefit from his classes, but I would especially like to see the beginning and intermediate turners sign up for his tutorials. It is worth taking a day off work for this. Details can be found later in this newsletter.

The Mace made its first public appearance last month at the University of Texas at Dallas. Jimmie Arledge, Roger Smith, and I attended the investiture of the new UTD president and saw it carried at the front of the processional by Dr. Mike Coleman. It stood next to the podium during all the speeches. The Mace was also featured on the front cover of the printed program.

The AAW National Symposium is fast approaching. Deadline for reduced registration is May 16.

Bob Larson has thrown down the gauntlet! He donated the first "Empty Bowl" at the last meeting. You can take up his challenge by bringing at least two bowls to the April meeting.

And finally, the winner of the first Quarterly Raffle was... drum roll, please... Ray Clark. He was not at the last meeting – something about his wife's birthday. But I understand that his traveling companions from Coppell made him pay for his "distorted priorities." They kept quiet about his prize until the Thursday following the March meeting; they delivered the Grizzly sander when they helped him set up his new shop.

Slowly I turned...Randy

April Program

This is your chance to ask those burning questions about woodturning that have been torturing you since you first started making chunks of wood fly around in circles. A panel of (as yet unidentified) “experts” will do their best give solid answers based on their many years of woodturning experience. And if they don’t know the answer, there is a good chance someone in the audience will save the day. And if you are hesitant to ask a question, we will have some blank index cards handy so you can get your question submitted anonymously. So do a little homework and come to the meeting prepared to ask a question or two. We will do our best to keep the program moving along at a brisk pace (i.e., long-winded answers will be discouraged).

Welcome to the March Meeting New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

-Dewayne Ashmore	Mesquite	-Mike Forsman	Sachse
-Michael Boyle	Plano	-Bob Sedita (returning member)	Plano
-Carla Ehney	Nevada	-Bette Porter	Nevada

George Hatfield Demo and Classes

Every year DAW strives to bring in at least one world-class professional turner for demos and hands-on classes. In the recent past, we have sponsored Stewart Batty from England, Jean Francois Escoulen from France, Michael Hosaluk from Canada, and Clay Foster from Krum, Texas. Now we have one of Australia’s master turners, George Hatfield, coming to show us a thing or two he has learned in 49 years of full-time woodturning. On Saturday, May 6, he will demonstrate several projects from 9 am to around 3 pm at our regular meeting place. Admission is \$25, including a pizza lunch. (you provide your own sodas). Non club members are welcome.

Then on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday (5-7/8/9) George will give hands on classes at our new training location. Class size is limited to eight and all equipment, tools, and wood will be furnished. The tuition is \$100 per day and enrollment is open to all; first-come, first-served. So don’t let someone from another club beat you to the punch.

George has been professionally teaching woodturning for turners at all levels for many years, so he knows how to teach at the appropriate level for each student. So there is no reason to feel intimidated, no matter what skill level you have reached.

We will have a brochure giving a lot more details than can fit in this newsletter at the meeting and posted on the Website. Jimmie Arledge is our contact for information on this one and Clay Schoessler (Treasurer) is collecting the tuition and doing the scheduling.

Quarterly Drawing

Congrats to Ray Clark for winning the sander in the 1st quarterly raffle. This month we will start selling tickets for an 8” grinder that will be given at the June meeting. If you buy tickets and your name is on them, you do not have to be present in June to win. We are open to suggestions for prizes for future quarterly raffles. See Jimmy Cusic.

Call for SWAT Demonstrators and Volunteers

The end of September may seem a long ways away, but preparations are already well under way so that SWAT can put on the best possible event for around 600 turners. The primary need right now is for people to step forward and volunteer to do demonstrations. You need not be an expert turner, just be a little better than most in any one particular aspect of woodturning, which will probably be your favorite area. Whether it's hollowing, natural edges, segmenting, using a particular tool or jig, spindle turning or any other imaginable niche of turning, the topic where you have some expertise will be an area where other turners will want to learn more.

Not only is there the pride of showing off your talents, there's also the financial benefits. In addition to getting into SWAT for free, there's also cash compensation for demonstrators, more than enough to cover the expenses of a weekend in Temple, TX.

For more information on applying for one of the demonstrator spots, check out the most recent SWAT Newsletter at www.swaturners.com or talk to Bob Matern. At least one DAW member has already signed up!

DAW was the first club in SWAT this year to step forward and offer to host one of the demonstration rooms. That means we'll need a couple of members at each rotation to handle the video system (it's not as complicated as it looks) and provide assistance to the turner. If you're interested, let Ken Rodgers or Bob Matern know and we'll keep you informed.

So, mark you calendars for September 29, 30 and October 1. If you have any questions about SWAT, see Bob Matern, our SWAT representative (bob@dfwair.net), or any officer.

Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help set up and before the after the club meeting. We are looking for 8 folks to help set up and clean-up at our monthly club meetings. These 8 folks would be split into 2 teams of 4 and these two teams would alternate every other month. So a most you would be helping out no more that 5 or 6 times a year. It would be greatly appreciated so we don't scare off the guys that are helping now. Come spent a few extra minutes with your club members and help us out. Contact Randy Rice or Jimmy Cusic.

DAW Club Shirts

Our DAW club shirt order has been received and the shirts will be available at the April meeting. If you want to pick yours up early (in Richardson), call Ken Rodgers at 972-690-8950.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

April 20 – DAW Meeting	May 7, 8, 9 – George Hatfield hands-on classes
April 21 - 25 – Nick Cook at Ft Worth (WNT)	May 11 – DAW Board Meeting
May 6 – George Hatfield demo at Turning Point	May 25 – DAW Meeting

Anchorseal and Toolboxes

These items will be available for purchase at the April meeting.

Newly Discovered Hardware Source

Texas Specialty Fasteners carry lots of different nuts, bolts, screws, washers, and other hardware parts. Here is their website:

<http://www.tsfasteners.com/products.htm>

They are located in Wylie just off of Hwy. 78 behind Dickies restaurant. – Info contributed by Bob Younghusband

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