

About the Dallas Area Woodturners

The Dallas Area Woodturners (DAW) was organized in 1996 and has grown to over 100 members. Our goals include promoting woodturning through member education. The club focuses on helping novices learn and grow by sharing information and techniques with one other. We are active in community service through woodturning.

The club meets on the third Thursday evening of each month (except December). Visitors are welcome.

Dues: Dues are \$36.00 per household for the current calendar year. New member dues are prorated \$3/month.

Meetings and other activities include:

Education: At club meetings and other special occasions, demonstrations on a wide variety of topics are presented by club members and professional turners.

Club Library: DAW has built an extensive library of woodturning books, magazines, and videos that are available to members for checkout.

Instant Gallery: Members and visitors of all skill levels are encouraged to bring some of their turnings, special tools, homemade jigs, etc. to display at meetings.

Club Raffles: The club holds a monthly raffle to raise money for the library fund and other projects. Each month's tickets are held over for a quarterly drawing for a larger prize.

Club Website: Monthly newsletters are posted on our site along with other club information. Member gallery pages provide a place for pictures of favorite pieces and turning-related items. www.dallaswoodturners.com

Professional Training: Nationally- and internationally-known turners demonstrate at all-day sessions and instruct at hands-on training for small groups.

Empty Bowls: DAW participates with local potters to supply bowls for a fundraiser benefiting the North Texas Food Bank at the Meyerson Symphony Center each year. Attendees get gourmet soups and deserts from well-known local restaurants and a bowl to take home.

Demonstrations: DAW participates with other clubs in the area to demonstrate at the Woodworking Show each fall. We also demonstrate at other venues from time to time by turning at schools, local wood stores, and civic clubs.

Open Shop: On the Saturday following our regular meetings, we hold an open shop at our Training Center in Plano to work on projects, help new turners, get advice, and socialize.

Club Exhibits: Once or twice a year, DAW members place their turnings in a show in a local gallery, library, or museum.

Club Newsletter: The club publishes a monthly newsletter to keep members up-to-date on club activities and upcoming events. It is posted on the club web site the week before regularly scheduled meetings.

American Association of

Woodturners (AAW): DAW is a member of this national woodturning organization. The AAW conducts a national symposium each year and publishes a quarterly journal. There is a variety of books, videos, and merchandise available on its web site: www.woodturner.org

AAW Insurance: DAW members who are also members of the AAW are provided liability insurance protection while participating in club functions. Please, refer to the AAW for details.

AAW Collaborative Challenge: DAW has entered this national symposium competition twice. This is a contest in which at least five club members contribute their skills to the project. In 2002, our Hollow Cookie Tree won both First Place in the Fantasy category and Best of Show.

Southwest Association of Turners (SWAT): SWAT is an association representing woodturners in the Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana region. It holds a regional symposium (usually the first weekend of October) each year that is second in size only to the annual symposium of the AAW.
www.swaturners.com

Discounts: DAW members receive discounts from some local and national merchants.

Donations: DAW is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) organization. Your donations may be tax deductible. Consult a financial advisor for details.