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Next Meeting: June 21

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wind chimes**

President's Words of Wisdom

Summer is not just around the corner... It's here. Whew... these last few days have been muggy. Thanks to the storms we've had lately, the lakes are full, trees are down, and I hope every one has more green wood to turn than they can shake a bowl gouge at. I've received numerous calls about free wood.

I keep hoping things will slow down just a little, but guess not. AAW, SWAT, Texas State Fair and Oklahoma Master at Work Turner challenge are just a few of the thing happening and here's the biggest one...

It gives me GREAT Pleasure to announce our new Training Facility is open for business. Just last week we completed the wall, flooring and moved our 6 mini laths into the new area. The Saturday after the club meeting we will have our "Open Shop" at this location. Hours will be from 9-12, come by and say Hi and don't forget to bring you bowl gouge. I want to see all 6 lathes going!! While you're looking for that favorite bowl gouge, if you come across any "not so favored" tools consider donating them to the Training room, we'll put them to use. We will have a grinder there ready to use too (if I get it set up). Plans are under way to hold some beginning and intermediate classes in the near future. So get ready to turn and learn.

None of this happens with out volunteers. I'm going to be asking everyone to chip in and help out. We will need some folks to open and close the shop after we are done. I'll have a sign up sheet at the club meeting on Thursday. We will also have another question sheet for you to fill out This one will deal with what type of classes to offer and when would be the best time for those classes. Be sure to fill those out so we know how to schedule these training sessions.

You may ask what is "Masters at Work"? This was started by the Southwest Oklahoma Woodturners association. You might have heard Joe Millsap talk about this at the last meeting. The competition event runs from Sept 7 - 9. One woodturner from participating clubs selects a member to turn. Our member this year is Kevin Bassett. He will be turning in the competition. Also we have been asked to supply 20 turned items from members for their gallery. The items can be marked for sale if you wish. More on this as the details become available. This is a new venture for DAW so mark those dates and let's have a good showing from DAW.

Lastly but certainly not least the Tolly brothers will be doing our club demo this month. Johnny Tolly will be showing how to make wind chimes. He will show how to tune these (I didn't know you could). This proves to be an interesting demo and from the work I've see Johnny do you will learn a lot too.

Happy turning
Jimmy C.

June Program

Johnny Tolly, from the Austin area will demonstrate making wind chimes. The turning will involve vacuum chucking. He will also show how to tune each of the copper pipes to specific musical notes.

I am pretty sure his twin brother Jimmy (I can never remember who is the oldest) will come along to keep him in line.



Schedule of Upcoming Events

June 21 - DAW Club Meeting – Johnny Tolly
June 29 thru July 1 AAW Symposium - Portland, OR
July 5 - DAW Board Meeting (May be shifted)
July 19 - DAW Club Meeting – Clay Foster

Open Shop Saturday at Our New Training Center

The Saturday after our June meeting we will have the DAW "Open Shop" at our new facility in Plano. Same time (9 to noon). Pick up a map and other information at the meeting.

"How To" Corner for June

There will be some turners available before the meeting beginning at 6:15 with tools, chucks, etc. and a mini-lathe to help with basic turning "How to" Also we will have an assortment of gouges, scrapers, chucks, etc. to show and give you a chance to turn. **If you are an experienced turner, please help with this a couple of time per year.**

News from SWAT

(For the benefit of our newer members, SWAT stands for Southwest Association of Turners, an organization of 22 woodturning clubs in Texas and Oklahoma. The purpose of SWAT is to put on a weekend-long turning symposium each year in late September or early October. Attendance grows each year and will probably exceed 600 this year.)

SWAT 2007 is fast approaching

This year SWAT will be held October 5 through 7 at the MultiPurpose Event Center in Wichita Falls, TX with activities kicking off mid-morning on Friday and concluding Sunday afternoon. There will be ten sets of demonstrations featuring 6 nationally known turners doing 5 rotations each plus a full slate of regional turners covering a full range of topics from beginner through advanced. In addition, your fee includes 3 lunches, the Instant Gallery and the vendor exhibit area.

All the demonstrator particulars, lodging information, other event details and the registration forms (both on-line and snail mail) can be found on SWAT's web site at www.swaturners.org. Don't forget that the pre-registration deadline is September 1. After that the higher "at the door" fees will apply.

DAW has a special role at SWAT this year: we will be hosting Demonstration Room #1 which is tentatively scheduled to be the room used for all of David Marks' demos. This means that our members will be doing the video work as well as being the turner's "gopher" in exchange for getting the best seats in the house. Sign up sheets will be coming around in the near future.

SWAT is a great experience, so don't miss it! **If you are going, it is a good idea to make your hotel reservation early!!**

Kevin Bassett – He's our Man

After being selected as DAW's representative to the "Masters at Work Woodturning Competition", Kevin has gone on to be juried in as one of the event's finalists. This means he'll be showing off his skills at Beavers Bend State Park, Broken Bow, OK on September 7-9 and hoping to come home with one of the top prizes.

There's no doubt that Kevin could use some moral support that weekend and if you'd like to be there, limited accommodations at very reasonable rates can be had at the "Broken Bow Inn" (580-584-9103) or at the park (580-494-6300).

A side benefit to sponsoring one of the finalists is that DAW members collectively will be able display, either for pride or for sale (20% commission), up to 20 pieces of our work. We need to have all the pieces up in Oklahoma by August 10 and they'll be on exhibit through October 31. More details will be announced at the meeting.

Good Luck Kevin!

Club Shirt Order Promised by 6/21

Our shirt supplier has promised our shirts on time. Hopefully, there will be 13 more members who will be "in uniform" at various woodturning happenings. If you missed out, we will start a new list and turn in another order when we get at least six buyers.

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