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Next Meeting: March 20

Bill Kloeppling will show how to make swirly, segmented turning blanks

President's Words of Wisdom

Well, March Madness is truly upon us this year. We've had the first and worst snow storm of the winter, the NCAA BB tournament is heating up, the political scene is truly mad and the governor of NY has found some good reasons to change professions. Among all of this madness, the best thing to do is take refuge in your shop (or studio to those artists among us) and make some shaving fly off the lathe.

Another incentive to get the lathe spinning, now is a great time to start rough turning some green wood that can warp and dry just in time to be finished for Empty Bowls in 2009! We had some excellent examples of our work donated to support this effort and thanks to all of you who contributed but the quantity was down a bit from previous years so I'm urging an early start.

Anthony Harris, a well know professional turner from Kansas City will be visiting DAW in July. We are planning a Saturday demo surrounded by several days of hands on training. Details are being worked out and Allan Tucker, our program director, will be announcing them soon.

By the time you see this newsletter you will have seen an email from Carl Voss regarding Phil Brennon's predicament. Phil is a past president of AAW and has contributed much to the woodturning community. I won't repeat the detail of that email here but I hope you all will consider supporting this plea for help.

We have another interesting demo for our meeting this Thursday and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Jon Lindgren

Another DAW Turner Represented in an Art Gallery

Allan Tucker now has some of his work in a gallery in, of all places, between Santa Fe and Taos, NM. Go to <http://www.ojosarco.com> and click on Fine Crafts. His link is at the bottom of the page.

March Program

Bill Kloeping, of the Hunt County club will present our program. The demo will illustrate a method to easily create turning blanks that consist of multiple woods laminated together. The resultant turned pieces display a random swirling mix of woods instead of linear joints. Some examples are shown below.



Swirly Turning Blanks



Finished bowl

Monthly/Quarterly Raffle

This is the month!!!! We have some great items to be raffled off for our 1st Quarterly Raffle. We have a beautifully figured Mexican Mesquite bowl blank measuring 14x14x6, together with a nice heavy OneWay Mastercut long handle and a Mastercut 1/2 inch bowl gouge, just the thing for turning your beautiful Mexican Mesquite bowl. Together, these items are worth about \$200, and they can be yours (with a little luck) for the price of a \$1 raffle ticket.

But don't buy just one ticket. Increase your odds by buying 5 tickets and we'll give you the sixth free. But hey, lots of people are getting at least 6 tickets at each meeting, so increase your odds and buy 12 for \$10 or 24 for \$20. If you don't buy, you can't win. And just in case you have a mini-lathe, this Mesquite bowl blank is still for you; it will make four great 7-inch bowls.

Open Shop Saturday

The Saturday after our March meeting we will have the DAW "Open Shop" at our training facility in Plano. Same time (9 to noon). (The Saturday training classes for that day are postponed a week because the 22nd is on Easter weekend.) Pick up a map and other information at the meeting. There is also a map on the Webpage. We had our best attendance ever at our last open shop.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

March 20 – Swirl-Pattern Segmenting, Bill Kloeping
April 3 – DAW Board Meeting
April 17 – John Solberg – Vacuum Chucking (tentative)

DAW Training Classes

The 2008 DAW training classes are well underway in our Training Center under the direction of Special Projects Coordinator Brian Evans. Nineteen students are enrolled in four separate classes being taught by Brian, Allan Tucker, Jimmie Arledge, and Ken Rodgers with the assistance of a number of additional DAW members. These classes are a true bargain for those taking them, costing a mere \$5.00 an hour for the four-week sessions. The DAW board wants to express its gratitude to these talented and dedicated individuals for taking their time to plan, prepare the materials for, and teach these woodturning courses. They are all experienced woodturners with the willingness, talent, and especially the patience to share their knowledge and skill with those of us who want to develop and improve our own skills at the lathe. Thank you one and all...



Brian demonstrates turning a weed pot.

SWAT News

Everything you need to know about SWAT 2008 (October 17-19 in Waco) can be found on the SWAT Webpage at <http://www.swaturners.org>. As in years past we will be responsible for the audio/video/gofer duties in the primo, numero uno demo room. Not only that, we will be responsible for ordering the SWAT merchandise (caps, shirts, etc.). So if you have connections with someone in that business, which does great work, let an officer know about it.

Empty Bowls

Empty Bowls 2008 drew a crowd of over 1,500 guests that enjoyed a delicious lunch while raising \$115,735 for the North Texas Food Bank. More than half a million meals to North Texas in need! (578, 679 meals to be exact!) Thanks to all who made bowls. Let's get an earlier start for 2009 and at least double our number of bowls. If only 20 of us brought in one bowl per month, that would do it. That doesn't seem too hard does it? We will start collecting bowls for 2009 **this month!**

Scholarship for Canyon Studios

Canyon Studios (<http://www.canyonstudios.org/>) has donated a \$75 gift certificate that can be applied to tuition at one of their 2008 classes. This will be awarded at our June meeting. The winner will be (a paid-up DAW member) who presents the most compelling case for how he/she will make the best use of this prize. Send your short "essay" to Allan Tucker (docstucker@ntin.net). If you don't have email, you can call Ken Rodgers at 972-690-8950 and get Allan's home address.

Dues

The number of long-time members who have not paid their 2008 dues is somewhat greater than usual. This is just a reminder for those who simply forgot. If you need to mail it in, call Jon Lindgren to get his address. Clay will not be available for a few weeks. Thanks – the DAW Board.

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