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## Next Meeting: April 17

**The Bruised Brothers AKA John Solberg and Peter Tkacs will  
show how to make and use inexpensive vacuum chucks**

### President's Words of Wisdom

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The last month offered a great showing of the generosity by the members of DAW. We raised a total of \$1,050 from the club members and with \$500 matching donation from the DAW treasury our total donation to Phil Brennon was \$1550. Thanks!

Now, another request! We very likely will be losing our workshop location in Plano the end of May. The reason: the Purple Crayon, who we sublease the space from is going out of business and it is unlikely that we will be able to make other arrangements to stay at this location. So, the request is to keep your eyes and ears open for another suitable location. Please let me or any of the officers know of any leads you may have. Just to set the bar, we only pay \$150 a month for our present space and while that is not an absolute bottom line keep it in mind. Another thanks!

Empty Bowls....we need more! I know it's a little early but particularly if you turn green wood it's time to get started. For the past several years Jay Overmeyer has been coordinating our efforts with the North Texas Food Bank and we thank him for his efforts and doing a great job. This year Lou Boudreau has agreed to assume this responsibility so let's show our support and help him fill up his garage with our donations! Thanks to both Jay and Lou!

This months meeting demo will be on vacuum chucks. This is a great way to finish off the bottom of your bowls. Several members of the club have built their own vacuum chucks and if this demo peaks your interest and you need some help be sure to ask..

Another early reminder.....we have always been well represented with woodturned entries to the Texas State Fair so if you plan to enter this year check out their web site for rules and time frames. (<http://www.bigtex.com/creativearts/competitionhandbook/>) Entry deadline was in August last year so check it out. The Hunt county fair is coming up in June and also is looking for entries.

See you Thursday.  
Jon Lindgren

## **April Program**

We became interested in vacuum chucks a couple of years ago but became turned off by the expense of purchasing one. We were determined to build a system and reduce the cost significantly. After researching other avenues of parts and supplies we came up with a system that functions as well as the catalog versions and was considerably less expensive.

Our demonstration will show how to put a system together with parts and supplies that can be purchased locally or on the web at very low prices. We will show a variety of pumps that can be used to supply the vacuum, and we will discuss the pros and cons of each. Several techniques using a vacuum system will be demonstrated. We will talk about adapting this system to most any lathe. –The Bruised Brothers

## **Monthly/Quarterly Raffle**

We have some great items to be raffled off to begin our 2nd Quarterly Raffle. You will have to come to the meeting to find out what the big prize will be.

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

## **Open Shop Saturday**

The Saturday after our April meeting we will have the DAW “Open Shop” at our training facility in Plano. Same time (9 to noon) Pick up a map and other information at the meeting. There is also a map on the Webpage..

## **Schedule of Upcoming Events**

April 17 – The Bruised Brothers – Vacuum Chucking
May 1 – DAW Board Meeting
May 15 – DAW Meeting
May 17 – Open Shop – Rose Engine Late

## **SWAT News**

This year SWAT has made some changes so get a pencil and write these down. The dates are Oct. 17, 18, 19th. This is a little later than normal. Also Waco will be the host city. So mark your calendars and be sure to get those hotel reservations in early.

The line up for this year is another stellar group beginning with Art Liesuman, Betty Scarpino, Binh D Pho, Donald Derry, Mark St. Leger, Matthew Hill, Trent Bosh. For more details about each of these demonstrators visit the SWAT web site.

<http://www.swaturners.org/welcome/index.shtml>

Here you will find more details and links to each of these turners web sites. Also don't forget the local talent. SWAT has some of the best "home grown" talent. The instant gallery will be available as always, so start working on those pieces that everyone will WOW over. If the SWAT web site doesn't answer your questions then you can contact Jimmy Cusic or Bob Matern.

## **Empty Bowls**

Don't forget to bring a bowl or two for Empty Bowls 2009. These don't have to be gallery-quality bowls. Just simple bowls with pretty good finishes.

## **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](mailto:docstucker@ntin.net)). If you don't have email, you can call Ken Rodgers at 972-690-8950 and get Allan's home address. No takers on this so far. Could be easy pickins!

## **Rose Engine Lathe Session**

There is a Rose Engine Lathe open shop session at the DAW training center in Plano tentative set for May 17. More about this at the meeting.

## **Hunt County Fair**

Ken here is the Fair entries categories. The entries will be done May 27 from 2:00 till 7:00 at the Hunt County Fair grounds that are across from the L 3 Plant on FM 1570 in Greenville and cost .50 for each entry.

### Woodturning Entries

- A. Spindle turnings, Small: Pens, Perfume atomizers, (items turned on pen mandrel) Tops.
- B. Spindle turnings, Large: Rolling pens, candle sticks, lamps, etc.
- C. Vessels: Bowls, Vases, boxes, platters, goblets, etc.
- D. Segmented: Open or closed segmented pieces.
- E. Turned Art: (Other turned items that do not fit into above description)

I will provide more info at the April Meeting.

Dan Henry

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