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Next Meeting: May 15

Art Ransom will demonstrate his method for turning spheres quickly and accurately

President's Words of Wisdom

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Spring rains, winds, tornado warnings and sunshine! HUUUUUU must be May in Texas. Well, at least the winds have created some opportunities for wood harvest. Recycling is a good thing particularly if it is someone else's tree??

Hope you are all marking your calendars. We have some excellent opportunities with the Anthony Harris classes in July. Allan has firmed up the schedule for the week and we have set the price at \$100 a day, which is a great rate for a full day of hands-on training with a professional of this caliber.

Other calendar events: Fair entries for both the Texas and Hunt County events. Hunt Count entries will be done on May 27 and Texas deadline is in August.

We will have our Open Shop session on the 17th from 9:00 to noon. We will ask for a show of hands at our meeting of those who plan to attend. This will be our last Open Shop at this location. We are moving out on May 24th. We will have trailers there at 9:00 on the 24th to move our stuff to temporary storage and could use a few volunteers. If you're available, mark that date on your calendar also.

Another plea for help, we need to find another location for our workshop. If you know of any possibilities let me or any other board member know and we will explore them.

SWAT is scheduled for October 17-19. Now is not too early to make your room reservations. Waco can get pretty crowded during football season.

See you at the meeting. Bring something for show-and-tell! Bring something for Empty Bowls! Be ready to enjoy Art Ransom's demo!

Jon Lindgren

May Program

From Art Ransom: *I had an order for thirty 12" balls and while I was wondering what can of worms I had opened I got an order for twenty 6" balls. All the methods I found on the net involved too much time and prone to error. I knew I had to find a better way. After 2 futile days the simple solution came to me. Now I can do a 6" ball in 30 minutes and a 12" in an hour. The method allows you to make a ball that feels and looks perfect or with a little extra care one that measures perfect plus the skill level needed dropped from the expert level to intermediate.* Check out Art's awesome Website at <http://www.turningaround.org/>

Monthly/Quarterly Raffle

Our Second Quarterly Raffle will feature a **Barracuda 2** 4-jaw chuck system. This system includes the Barracuda 2 key chuck and four sets of jaws including #2 round jaws mounted on the chuck, #1 step jaws, #3 wide jaws, and extended pin jaws to cover almost any application you have. In addition to the large chuck wrench, it also includes a T-handle hex wrench for quickly changing jaws and a screw chuck which fits into the chuck for attaching bowls during the roughing-out stage. Everything fits into a nice blow-molded case so you don't lose any parts. This is a very complete system for your lathe, one you don't want to be without.



Get your raffle tickets at the next meeting; 6 for \$5 or 12 for \$10 and don't miss out on this deal. Your tickets are good for the great monthly raffle items and will be held over until the June meeting when we will draw for the Barracuda 2 chuck system. 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. **Note:** Plan to arrive by 10 am. If no one else shows up, the place will likely be locked up at 10.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

May 15 – DAW Meeting- Turning Spheres by Art Ransom
May 17 – Open Shop + Rose Engine Late
June 5 – DAW Board Meeting
June 19 – DAW Meeting- Open-Sided Vessels by Ken Rodgers
July 3 – DAW Board Meeting
July 17 – DAW Meeting-
July 20-25 – Training Classes by Anthony Harris
July 26 – Pen Turn-a-Thon at Wood World in Richardson

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.

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 September or October. Attendance grows each year and will probably exceed 600 this year.)

SWAT Preregistration is Now Available

Registration for SWAT (October 17-19 in Waco) is now available and can be done either on-line, by mail or at DAW meetings. All the information about SWAT including demonstrators, Instant Gallery, meals, area accommodations, vendors and 2-for-1 raffle can be found on the website at www.swaturners.org. Don't miss out on this once-a-year opportunity for intensive woodturning education and a good time!

DAW to Host Bin Pho

DAW will be hosting the demonstration room for Bin Pho, a truly world class turner whose work featuring unique texturing, piercing and coloring is instantly recognizable. More information will follow next month.

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). If you don't have email, you can call Ken Rodgers at 972-690-8950 and get Allan's home address.

Hunt County Fair

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.

Turning Demo at an Allen Elementary School

On May 30 Ken Rodgers and Jon Lindgren will demonstrate woodturning as part of a larger "horizon broadening" event at Boone Elementary school in Allen. We will be turning tops and would like to have as many as possible to give to the students. So if you can turn a few for us before then, it would be appreciated. Also, if you would like to join us there and take part, please let us know.

Masters at Work Competition

The "Masters at Work" woodturning competition will be held again this year in Broken Bow, OK from September 12-14. You may remember that last year DAW members won both 1st place (Kevin Bassett) and 2nd place (Dan Henry), along with the prizes (\$\$) that went with those honors.

If you're interested in being considered for being DAW's entry into the competition, please contact Bob Matern at bob@dfwair.net or 214-495-7493. and he'll provide the details. Submissions, including, per the contest instructions, "bio and photos (digital or print) that represent the caliber of your woodturning style" must be submitted to the DAW Board by May 24.

Be advised that contestants are responsible for furnishing all their own equipment and supplies, such as lathes, wood, tools, pop-up tent and safety shield. Only 110V, 30 amp. power and a wood platform will be provided.

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