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Next Meeting: June 19

Ken Rodgers will demonstrate turning open-sided vessels.

President's Words of Wisdom

All DAW Members and Friends,

Well, compared to most, this has been a busy month for the DAW board. Finding a new location for our workshop and negotiating the lease required some board member time, which is not usually demanded. My personal thanks to all who worked on this project and especially to Dick Koch who found the space and was the closest we had to a lawyer in negotiating the terms. We ended up with a little more space than we had before at a higher cost, \$275 monthly including utilities. Another big thanks to the crew that showed up on move day! With all the help it was quick and easy. There are a few final details that are still being worked out with repairs, painting, etc. Now that we are in our new space we will firm up our schedule for more classes.

We (the board) are looking for your help to regenerate some enthusiasm for our monthly Saturday morning workshops. We kicked around some ideas at the last board meeting but would really be interested in hearing from you. If you have some thoughts or ideas, email me at jon41@sbcglobal.net or bring them up at our next meeting. We would like to make these sessions interesting and useful to our members.

You received an email earlier this week regarding the Anthony Harris demo and training. If you haven't seen his web site yet, take a look. (<http://acmewoodturning.com/index.html>) He has a lot of talent to share with us and is well worth the \$100 a day for hands on training. Take another look at the schedule, pick a class or a day and be ready to commit at our next meeting. We are down to the wire on the decision if this class is financially feasible, and I would hate to miss the opportunity for some up close and personal time with Mr. Harris!

Looking forward to seeing you all next Thursday. Bring something for show and tell AND bring something for Empty Bowls.

Jon Lindgren

June Program

Ken Rodgers will show how to turn a small log into an open-sided vessel at the June 19th meeting. One advantage of the open-sided vessel: When you break through the sides, the shavings fly out on their own and no longer have to be dug out or blown out.



Monthly/Quarterly Raffle

This is the month for our Quarterly Raffle featuring a **Barracuda 2** 4-jaw chuck system.

This is your last chance to get your raffle tickets for this quarter: 6 for \$5 or 12 for \$10 and don't miss out on this deal. If you don't buy, you can't win...

Schedule of Upcoming Events

June 19 – DAW Meeting- Open-Sided Vessels by Ken Rodgers
July 3 – DAW Board Meeting
July 17 – DAW Meeting-Denny Burd, turned duck calls
July 20-25 – Training Classes by Anthony Harris
July 26 – Pen Turn-a-Thon at Wood World in Richardson

Open Shop Saturday

The Saturday after our June meeting we will have the DAW “Open Shop” at our new training facility in N. Dallas. 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.

July Training Classes by Anthony Harris

We have set June 19th as the deadline for deciding if enough interest is out there for us to have this training. Bring you checkbook to the meeting if you want to participate. If you can't be at the meeting, send your check (\$100/day) to Clay Schloessler before 6/19. Your check will not be cashed unless we actually have the training. But we must have solid commitments to keep this on the schedule. If you don't have Clay's address, email me (krodg505@tx.rr.com) and I will send you his address.

SWAT 2008 is fast approaching *(For the SWAT definition, see the May 2008 newsletter.)*

This year SWAT will be held October 17 through 19 at the Waco Convention Center in (...drum roll) Waco, Tx with activities kicking off mid-morning on Friday and concluding Sunday afternoon. There will be nine sets of demonstrations featuring 7 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 15. After that the higher "at the door" fees will apply.

DAW members are playing very important roles at SWAT this year. First of all we will be hosting Demonstration Room #1 which is the room being used for all of Bin Pho's demos of turning thin-walled bowls, using an airbrush and mastering piercing techniques. In our host role, DAW 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.

Also, DAW members Kevin Bassett, Dan Henry, Ken Rodgers, John Solberg, Pete Tkacs and Allan Tucker will be doing demonstrations. Come out and see them in the limelight!

SWAT is a great experience, so don't miss it!

DAW to Host Bin Pho at SWAT

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. Start thinking about volunteering to help with the video and gopher duties for the demos in our room at Waco.

AAW Collaborative Project for 2009

In 2002, DAW submitted a wonderfully creative work-of-art as its submission to the AAW's Collaborative Project competition. It was truly a work of art, which may never be topped. The idea came from the Keebler Cookie ads which featured a big tree and little people making cookies. The cookie tree won the Best in Show award and 1st Place in the fantasy category, making the DAW very proud. More pictures showing our creation in great detail can be found on our website at <http://www.dallaswoodturners.com/images/collab/collab.html> If you haven't looked at these photos, take a look and you will be amazed at the craftsmanship of the team that built this creation.

We were thinking that it's about time we did it again. We'd like to take home the Best in Show award again in 2009. We would like to put together a team of 15 DAW members to brainstorm the project and begin working on a submission for the AAW Symposium next June in Albuquerque NM. To create a winning entry will take a lot of hours of work by a dedicated team of woodworkers and woodturners. But we have to get started soon. We will be showing the Cookie Tree and earlier Kaleidoscope project at the June meeting. If you have not seen these, they alone are worth showing up for.

Library News

Last month, Mark brought in some samples of wood burning that he and Diane did at a class taught by Orchid Davis. We found out about this class by attending a seminar that Orchid gave at the first Scroll Saw Picnic (kind of like our wood turning symposiums) in Texas at the Grapevine Convention Center. She is an excellent instructor, and her work is superb, so we purchased Orchid's two wood burning books, [How to Woodburn Wildlife](#) and [Woodburning Western Wildlife](#). These books are now available in the DAW library. We also selected 5 scroll saw magazines that featured articles by Orchid that detailed a number of key techniques that she teaches. These techniques can easily be applied to embellishing (or just signing) your wood turnings.

Also, several of you expressed an interest in taking Orchid's class. She plans to be coming back through the Dallas area in November. We will work with Orchid to make arrangements for doing a Thursday meeting presentation and/or hands-on training. This all depends on club meeting scheduling, interest by DAW members, and Orchid's availability. Look for more information about this in the fall. P.S. Don't forget to return your library check-outs and double check your videos to make sure you are bringing back the DAW videos in the DAW video cases.

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.

Masters At Work Woodturning Competition

The "Masters at Work" woodturning competition will be held again this year at the Beavers Bend Resort Park in Broken Bow, OK from September 12-14. DAW has two members nominated for participation in this juried event.

Kevin Bassett, the defending champion, was selected to represent DAW while **Allan Tucker** is the nominee of the Hunt County club.

Kevin and Allan would surely benefit from a large cheering section. Plus, it's fun weekend. Lodging is available in the area but space is limited so if you want to go, make your arrangements now. Good Luck, Guys!

Turning Demo at Boon Elementary School

On May 30 **Ken Rodgers** and **Jon Lindgren** demonstrated woodturning as part of larger "horizon broadening" event at Boon Elementary school in Allen. The eight 20-minute demos went very well. Approximately 140 kids saw woodturning for the first time.

Murray Stein Wins Sculptor Award

Murray Stein, in addition to turning and cabinetry, is also a sculptor. On May 16, he won the First Place Prize at the Texas Sculpture Association's 25th Anniversary Membership Show, along with a handsome cash prize. The sculpture is made of wood (What else?). Murray said, "Winning an award like this is always an honor, but this one was more meaningful, because instead of having a judge, TSA elected to have the members themselves (my peers) choose a winner." Murray was later informed that he received three times as many votes as the second place winner.

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