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Next Meeting: August 21

Allan Tucker will demonstrate production turning techniques.

President's Words of Wisdom

All DAW Members and Friends,

Well, I've done it again! I'm sure I am again the last to get my newsletter article to Ken so I'll publicly apologize to Ken who does such a great job in so many areas for this club. I'd like to blame distractions, a busy schedule, or even old age but, truth be known, the only legitimate excuse is probably the last one!

Down to business. We had a good turn out for the Anthony Harris demo. About 26 members and guests attended on a hot July day with limited cool air. Based on comments I've heard most agreed it was a worthwhile day. I attended the box and thread chasing class and have a better understanding of the skill but nothing close to mastery. I would like to solicit comments and suggestions from those of you attended the demo or the hands on classes as we begin to plan for next year. I'd also like to hear from you who didn't attend as to what would peak your interest. One change we'd all agree on is to go for cooler weather.

The Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon at Wood World was a great success. Congratulations to the Hunt County Club for having the most participants from their club. They had 23 members and won the \$100 prize. DAW had 18 members participating and got the consolation prize of \$20 in gift certificates. Most importantly, nearly 300 pens were turned for our troops. Thanks!

SWAT.....October is just around the corner so if you plan to attend, make your reservations soon.

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 5 at the Holiday Inn Select in Richardson again. Mark your calendars and again we will be looking for examples of your art for the auction.

Allan Tucker will be our program demonstrator at this meeting and Murray Stein is scheduled for October. We like to hear from any of you who have a skill you would like to demonstrate at a future meeting. The October meeting will be on October 9, the second instead of the third Thursday because of SWAT.

Open Shop is scheduled for next Saturday. Allan will be there to answer any questions as a follow-up to his meeting demo and Dick Koch will have the Rose Engine available for those of you who would like to give it a try. Bring your own coffee!

See you all Thursday! Remember Empty Bowls and show-and-tell.

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August Program

Our own Allan Tucker, who is a professional woodturner, has developed some interesting methods that simplify some aspects of production turning. He will share those ideas with us this month. Then at the Open Shop on Saturday we will get a chance to try out some of those methods, with Allan's help.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome DAW's new member from the July meeting: Keith Bailey of Plano

Open Shop Saturday

The Saturday after our August meeting we will give a hands-on opportunity regarding aspects of production turning presented by Allan Tucker. The Rose Engine lathe will also be available with the assistance of Dick Koch.

Monthly/Quarterly Raffle

For the third quarter, we are raffling off a complete Beal Tool buffing system for use in your lathe. The system comes with a shaft with a No. 2 Morse taper that will fit nicely into either a Jet mini-lathe or a larger lathe. It's a great system for putting a very fine finish on any turned pieces with a minimum of effort, worth over \$170. 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 then, 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. Your tickets are good for the great monthly raffle items **and** will be held over until the September meeting when we draw for the Beal buffing system. If you don't buy some, you can't win.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

August – 21 DAW Meeting – Allan Tucker will demonstrate reproduction turning
September 4 – DAW Board Meeting
September 18 – DAW Meeting – Murray Stein will make a presentation on segmented turning
October 2 – DAW Board Meeting
October 9 – DAW Meeting – Topic to be announced (any ideas????) (1 week early)
October 17 – 19 – S.W.A.T in Waco

Club Shirts

At the August meeting we will start a list of those interested in buying a blue DAW club shirt with the idea of having them before we go to Waco for S.W.A.T. So bring your \$20 or a check and sign up with Diane Montgomery at the library table.

AAW Collaborative Project for 2009

The Project Team has finalized the design for the basic structure for DAW's project submission after three good sessions of discussion and built a plywood and cardboard model to confirm the design. We are currently researching the materials for construction and running a trial for building a large (about 24" diameter) segmented turning. We feel that we are on schedule for being able to submit the project for judging at the 2009 AAW Symposium. Watch for further details in next month's Newsletter...

Dick

Empty Bowls

Don't forget to bring a bowl or two for Empty Bowls 2009. We have 56 bowls so far, which is not a bad start, but we need to up our production, not reduce it. These don't have to gallery-quality bowls. Just simple bowls with pretty good finishes.

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.)

So... Other Than Turning Demos, What's at SWAT?

Two Instant Galleries

Just as in prior years, SWAT will have the world's second largest woodturning Instant Gallery. Whether you're a beginner or advanced turner, be sure to see what others are doing and get some great ideas to inspire your future efforts. Feel free to bring along as many of your own pieces as you want and show off what DAW can do!

There's also the Mixed Media Instant Gallery, known in earlier years as the Spouse's Instant Gallery. Any and all artistic efforts are welcome here, too.

The Raffles

Each year SWAT has its unique 2-for-1 raffle. At the Saturday night banquet, for a mere \$1.00 investment, you'll have a chance to win some of the pieces donated to SWAT by some of the lead demonstrators and about 40 of the finest turners in the Southwest, including 6 DAW members. All the tickets purchased for this raffle then go back into the drum for the Sunday lunch chance at all sorts of tools, wood and videos plus a *Powermatic 3520B lathe*.

New this year is what SWAT is calling the "Bucket Raffle". The five or six most outstanding donated pieces will be chosen for this separate raffle and you'll be able to choose which of those pieces you would most like to own. Just put your bucket raffle ticket(s) toward the drawing for that item only.

Vendors

Once again most of your favorite vendors will be represented at SWAT. This year's roster includes many of the big names such as OneWay, Craft Supplies, Woodcraft, Cutting Edge and Turningwood.com. Stop by and try out those tools you've been eying all year long. A complete up-to-date listing of vendors is available on the SWAT website, www.swaturners.org.

The Waco Area

In addition to Baylor University, attractions in the area include the Texas Sports Hall of Fame and the Texas Ranger Museum. For a complete listing, visit www.wacocvb.com.

Registration Deadline is Approaching

By the time DAW's September meeting rolls around, the Sept. 15 cutoff date for advance registration pricing will have passed, so now's the time to finalize your plans to be in Waco (less than 2 hours from downtown Dallas) on October 15-17. Registration forms will be at our August meeting and are available on line at www.swaturners.org.

Basic Turning Skills Classes

Brian Evans (brianevans13@gmail.com) is working toward setting up some basic turning skills classes in September or October. The details are to be determined and depend somewhat on the level of interest. Let him know if you would like to take such a class.

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