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Next Meeting: March 19 Flute Carving by Ken Terrell

President's Words of Wisdom

All Members and Friends

Where were you? Following Richard Duval's excellent turning demonstration on creating spiral turnings at our February meeting, we had an Open Shop session at the Training Center to learn more about his techniques. Richard generously shared with us many of the techniques he has learned over the years. But just a few of us attended this learning-socializing opportunity. I remain puzzled as to why more of us are not taking advantage of the Open Shop to expand our knowledge of wood turning, or to share our experiences with others, or just to come to socialize a bit.

Last month I asked you for your thoughts on what we can do to make the Saturday Open Shop concept more attractive to you personally and whether you would like to see a weekday open shop where you can come to turn, learn, share thoughts, and socialize with your fellow turners. I did not get a single response to that request, so I am asking you once more: please send me your thoughts at ollie1617-daw1@yahoo.com or see me or any board member before or during the break at Thursday's meeting. We are continuing to strive to make the DAW experience more meaningful and enjoyable for you. Let us know what you think about Open Shop or anything else that we can do to so that the DAW better serves your needs.

Along the same lines, our Training Director Kevin Bassett had put together two classes covering the fundamentals of spindle turning, which included the basic skills to get inexperienced turners on the right track. Although we have a lot of new members who say that they are new to turning, we had no takers for this course. We would like to know why. The primary purpose of our organization is to promote woodturning through member education, focusing on helping novices learn and grow by sharing information and techniques with one another. So again, let us know what you want in the way of training courses. Contact Kevin (kbassett@arborillogical.com) or myself or any of the board members and we'll do everything we can to bring you the woodturning courses you want, when you want them, and at the right price.

We will have a change in our meeting schedule in April. **We will meet on April 23rd**, one week later than normal, so that we can coordinate with our April demonstrator's schedule. For April, we will be having Vermont's famous turner Al Stirt, who will also be teaching at Canyon Studios. See his website www.alstirt.com to learn more about Al and his work.

I hope to see all of you on Thursday March 19th for a demonstration of creating fluted bowls by Ken Terrell, a member of the East Texas Woodturners and President of the Southwest Association of Turners (SWAT). Remember to bring your show-and-tell turnings.

Dick Koch

March Program

The demonstration topic for the March meeting will be fluting of bowls and platters by Ken Terrell of the East Texas Woodturners Association in Tyler. Over the years Ken has served in most of the officer positions of that club including president, treasurer and program director. He is currently the president of SWAT after having headed up the demonstrator, vendor and Instant Gallery committees in past years.

While his commitment to the woodturning community is evident from the above, his expertise in turning is best exemplified by the fact that he is a multi-year contributor to the by-invitation-only SWAT 2-for-1 Raffle where his pierced and fluted pieces are instantly recognizable.



Empty Bowls 2009

Empty Bowls set another record this year. 1,342 guests and corporate sponsors raised \$146,520. This will supply almost 600,000 meals for North Texas in need. Thanks for your hard work to supply a record number of turned bowls.

AAW Collaborative Project Challenge

The project continues to take shape. Richard Duval is making progress on the spiral staircase. The piercing of the dome is in progress. Team members should now be turning and/or carving their miniatures for display in the museum. If any DAW members who are not currently part of this endeavor would like to contribute miniatures for display in the museum, contact Dick Koch (ollie1617-daw1@yahoo.com) for guidance on the sizing of your miniatures.

First Quarter Raffle Item

Our 1st Quarterly Raffle will include a double-ended 5/8 inch OneWay Mastercut bowl gouge, and a Trent Bosch handle, just the thing for turning lots of bowls for Empty Bowls 2010. Together, these items will cost you almost \$180 in a retail store, but they can be yours for the price of a \$1 raffle ticket (and a little luck).

Remember, the tickets you buy at the next three meetings are good not only for the great raffle prizes offered that month, but go back in the bowl for the quarterly drawing at our March meeting.

So don't buy just one ticket! Increase your odds by buying 5 tickets and we'll give you the sixth one 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!

SWAT Report

The 2009 SWATurners symposium will be October 16-18, 2009 in Wichita Falls, Texas featuring outstanding national and international lead demonstrators, and a number of local demonstrators. The 2009 Lead Turners will be:

Jimmie Clews, Michael Mocho, Mike Mahoney, Stephen Hatcher, Stu Batty, Jamie Donaldson

Visit the SWATurners web page for more information:

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

Schedule of Upcoming DAW Events

March 19 – DAW Meeting: Flute Carving by Ken Terrell. April 2 – DAW Board meeting April 23 – DAW Meeting: Al Stirt (Note this is 1 week later than usual)

DAW has Anchorseal Available

(For the benefit of newer turners, freshly cut logs have a real tendency to crack on the ends. This is caused by unequal evaporation of water from the end grain as opposed to the rest of the log. Anchorseal is waxy liquid applied to seal the end grain and retard this process. There are alternatives to Anchorseal but this is what's used by the majority of turners.)

DAW periodically purchases 55 gallon drums of Anchorseal for sale to its members, resulting in a significant savings over store-bought quantities. We now have a brand new drum and we sell it for \$10 per gallon. DAW has a limited supply of 1.5 gallon containers (available for, ta da, \$15). Feel free to bring your own container but any container used for Anchorseal should have good, tight-fitting lid. A couple members found out about this the hard way.

Woodburning Training Opportunity

Orchid Davis is in town on April 17 & 18 for the [2009 Texas Scroll Saw Picnic](#) at the Denton Civic Center. Orchid will give an introduction to wood burning including some of the more advanced techniques not covered in her seminar at the 2008 Picnic. Orchid is a remarkable artist, teacher, and author who has two very popular books out. She is famous for doing “soulful eyes” and has her own technique for creating soft furry critters and adding color washes to enhance the already rich nuances of color she creates through burning her designs.

In addition, Orchid will be teaching a beginner's woodburning class on April 20 – 22 (Monday – Wednesday) following the Scroll Saw Picnic. These classes are being held at [Seyco](http://www.seyco.com/) in Rockwall. The cost is \$175 for all 3 days. Minimum class size is 3, and the maximum is 8 people. The classes will fill fast, so contact Ray or Cindy Seymore at (800) 462-3353 or (972) 722-9722 or go online at <http://www.seyco.com/> to register.

Upcoming Classes at Canyon Studios

Below is a chart of the upcoming classes that have open slots at Canyon Studios in Copper Canyon, Texas. Please go to the Website at <http://www.canyonstudios.org/> for further details and registration forms. Current open slot are not numerous, so act now if you are interested.

Class Topic	Instructor	Date	Cost
Turn and Carve a Bowl	Al Stirt	April 24-25	\$295 plus lab and material fees
Turn, Carve, and Color a Platter	Al Stirt	April 26-27	\$295 plus lab and material fees
Woodturning I	Ed Avisera	June 21-22	\$295 plus lab and material fees
Woodturning II	Ed Avisera	June 23-24	\$295 plus lab and material fees
Small Hollow Forms and Ornaments	Donald Derry	September	\$285 plus lab and material fees
Shape and form and the Hollow Form	Donald Derry	September	\$285 plus lab and material fees

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