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Next Meeting: May 21 Coring Out Bowl Blanks with the McNaughton System by Larry Walrath

President's Words of Wisdom

All Members and Friends

Wow! The past month has been really great if you are like me and like to see big name turners do their thing.

We kicked it off at our last meeting by having Al Stirt do his demo on turning a square bowl enhanced with his unique style of carved enhancements. The bowl that he did his demo on (it has not been completed) will be included in this month's raffle, and bears his signature. A lucky someone will win it...

Two days later Alan Lacer did a whole day demo over at the Fort Worth club. For those who attended, seeing Alan do his magic with a big skew chisel was a real treat. For those who missed it, we do have some very good Alan Lacer videos in our library; check them out.

A couple of days later, Al Stirt put on a nice bowl turning demo at the Golden Triangle Club in Denton, and then a few days later Alan Lacer demoed again at the Woodturners of North Texas in Fort Worth. Alan has a very special chuck which allows him to turn oval platters and bowls. See the photo at the right, and no, it's not distorted; the platter is really an oval shape. The only downside to turning these platters is that the chuck required costs about \$2,100. I guess I won't be getting one any time soon. But seeing Alan do the demo was fascinating.



It has been a good month for learning new things. This week Kevin Bassett and Murray Stein put on a free demo (class) in our Training Center on making the miniatures, focusing on the miniatures we need for DAW's entry in the AAW Collaborative Challenge this June in Albuquerque. It was a great demo by both of these experts, but only five DAW members attended. Folks, you need to take advantage of these special events when we have them; you'll learn a lot. And a big thanks to Kevin and Murray for putting on this class.

At next Thursday's meeting we plan to have our almost-completed AAW Collaborative Challenge entry on display, and we will again be collecting miniatures to be placed in it. Even if you have not previously signed up to be part of the project, we welcome your contributions in the form of suitable miniatures. If you were at last month's meeting you saw a nice collection of miniatures which Kevin Bassett displayed on the Show'N'Tell table. Please feel welcome to add a few of your own to the collection, and be sure to place them in a small plastic bag with your name on it so we know whom they are from. This next month will be hectic as we put the finishing touches on the project and make it ready for its trip to Albuquerque.

We have another great demo planned for the next meeting. Larry Walrath will be demonstrating bowl coring; cutting several bowls from a single chunk of wood with the McNaughton system. See you on the 21st...

Dick Koch

May Program

Professional wood-turner and instructor Larry Walrath has cored hundreds of bowls using the McNaughton Center Saver. Drawing on his years of experience, Larry will be joining us for a demonstration on bowl coring and nesting using the McNaughton Center Saver. He will show step-by-step how to properly use the center saver with efficiency and ease in all its applications.



He will be giving a demonstration on hollowing bowls from half logs using Kel McNaughton's Center Saver tools. Being able to cut multiple bowls from a single wood blank offers numerous advantages including increased profitability, lower cost per bowl and is an environmentally sound approach to woodturning.

AAW Collaborative Project Challenge

If you have been turning and/or carving miniatures for display in the museum, please bring them to the May meeting so we can see where we stand in that regard. 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.

Don't Forget Those Woodcraft Receipts

Woodcraft has a special arrangement with DAW whereby they will rebate to us 10% of our members' purchases. All we need to do is submit those receipts. So if you have any, just give them to our treasurer, Bob Matern, and we'll take it from there.

Schedule of Upcoming DAW Events

May 21 – DAW Meeting: Larry Walrath will demo coring out several bowl blanks from a half-log.
June 4 - DAW Board Meeting
June 18 - DAW Club Meeting Bill Kloeping will be the demonstrator
June 26-28 - AAW Symposium at Albuquerque, NM
July 2 - DAW Board Meeting
July 16 - DAW Club Meeting Jimmie Arledge will be the demonstrator

Beads of Courage

Beads of Courage, Inc is seeking to partner with The American Association of Woodturners. Over 5,000 children across the United States, Japan and New Zealand participate in Beads of Courage, Inc. These children are all battling serious illness. As a child goes through the journey on treatment for cancer, blood conditions, heart disease or severe burns, they collect colorful beads as meaningful symbols of courage that commemorate milestones they have achieved along their unique treatment path. Woodturners across the country have already started to partner with many of these children by creating a handmade keepsake box for their bead collections. The average bead collection is over 500 beads and a special box will only enhance the meaning for the child.



The Dallas Area Woodturners have been asked to participate by making boxes and bowls and we have agreed to collect these items just as we do with the bowls for the North Texas Food Bank (Empty Bowls). Boxes and bowls for the Beads of Courage will go to the Children's Medical Center of Dallas and to the Medical City Children's Hospital. Just bring your contributions to any regular meeting and we will see that they get delivered to the Beads of Courage organization.

A few considerations...

- Does not need to be turned, hand carved boxes are perfect too!
- Boxes should be a minimum of 4x6x4 (deep) to hold the child's bead collection
- No rough edges
- We appreciate the addition of "Beads of Courage" on the box for program identity but is not a requirement.
- You may include a note of encouragement in your box for the child.

For more information about partnering in this act of kindness, or for any special questions about these donations, contact Colin Smith, Beads of Courage, Inc. (nrscolin@me.com).

Monthly/Quarterly Raffle

Thanks again to **Craig Fyock** at **Wood World** for his contribution of a Sorby gouge for the April raffle. Next time you're in Wood World, please let Craig know how much we appreciate his support of the club. Thanks also to **Steve Worcester** of **Turningwood.com** for his contribution of several bundles of beautiful pen blanks for the raffle; we included some in April, and we'll have the remainder in the May raffle. We'll also include pen blanks and wine stopper kits donated earlier this year by **Roger Smith**, and a wide variety of other prizes.

Our second quarter raffle prize (to be drawn at the June meeting) is a "**Stinger**" hollow vessel boring bar system generously donated by **Don Pencil** of **Don Pencil Woodturning**. You can see the "Stinger" and all of his other fine turning products at www.donpencil.com. Don has supported the club with tool donations in the past, and is sending us more items for use in future raffles and auctions. When you visit Don's website, or see him at the AAW Symposium in Albuquerque, be sure and thank him for his generous support.

Remember, the tickets you buy at the May and June meetings are good not only for the great raffle prizes offered that month, but go back into the bowl (along with the April tickets) for the quarterly drawing at our June meeting.

So don't buy just one ticket! Increase your odds by buying 5 tickets and we'll give you the sixth one free. Even better, since lots of people are getting at least 6 tickets at each meeting, increase your odds and buy 12 for \$10, or 24 for \$20, or ... (you get the picture)!

If you don't buy, you can't win!

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
Introduction to Woodcarving	Eli Avisera	June 21-22	\$525 plus lab and material fees
Woodturning I	Eli Avisera	June 21-22	\$295 plus lab and material fees
Woodturning II	Eli 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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