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## June 18: Turning bowls with scalloped rims by Bill Kloepping

### President's Words of Wisdom

Some big changes are coming to DAW, and we hope that you will take advantage of them.

For the past couple of months I've been talking about the low turnout at our Saturday open shops at our Training Center and the lack of interest in our more formal training class programs. Your Board has been mulling over this situation and has come to the conclusion that we are not getting an adequate return on the expense of operating the Training Center on Ronnie Drive in Dallas. Therefore, we did not renew our lease on that facility when it expired at the end of May.

The highlights of our new initiatives are as follows:

- Instead of an open shop at a fixed location every month, we will be holding open shop at various locations including our members' facilities and at other locations as well. Many clubs do this now with good success, combining the traditional open shop concept of members helping each other with their skills and projects with some social interaction and an opportunity to see how other shops have been set up. We're hoping that many of our members will open their shops for these events. More about this in the coming months, but for June, there will not be an open shop event.
- We will still plan on having occasional formal classes for our members, providing that there is adequate demand for them. Make your desires known to Kevin Bassett ([kbassett@arborilogical.com](mailto:kbassett@arborilogical.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 obviously needed a place to store our lathes and other equipment from our Training Center, and to be able to transport them to wherever we hold our Training Classes and possibly to open shops. We have solved that with the purchase of a used 6X12 foot trailer and have moved the entire contents of our Training Center into this mobile facility. Our intention is to take it with us to open shops and our training classes.



We are hoping that these new initiatives meet with your approval and that they provide you with the resources to further your woodturning skills. After all, 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. As always, I and the rest of the Board are open to your thoughts on how we can make the DAW experience better for you. Please let us know what you are thinking...

The big event this month, other than our June meeting, is the AAW Symposium in Albuquerque. As you know, we have been working on the AAW Chapter Collaborative Challenge for the last 10 months and showed our almost-finished entry at the May meeting. At the June meeting, we plan to show the finished project, all dressed out in the many miniatures that have been made by our members. I hope to see lots of you out in Albuquerque for the Symposium, and be sure to vote for our Woodturners' Museum of Art.

It's not too early to make your plans for the 2009 SWAT in October. Registration is now open and the Wichita Falls hotels are holding rooms at special rates for this event. For more information, go to <http://www.swaturners.org/>

See you at the June 18 meeting...Dick Koch

## June Program

Bill Kloeping will show us how he makes bowls with very interesting scalloped rims.



## Boon Elementary School GOLD Day Demos

DAW was represented at Allen's Boon Elementary School GOLD Day on May 29 by Jon Lindgren, Dick Koch, and Mark Duval. Kids from all grades were treated to a woodturning demo, many for the first time. The pictures can be seen at: <http://www.dallaswoodturners.com/boon2009.html>

## Empty Bowls and Beads of Courage Boxes

Our collection of bowls for Empty Bowls is going rather slowly this year, with only 13 bowls collected through the May meeting. Please don't forget to make some bowls for donation to the North Texas Food Bank. They don't have to be real fancy or finished to the highest degree possible, but we do need to step up our rate of collection. And making bowls is great fun, so you can be enjoying yourself while doing a real good deed for the Food Bank. Let's get busy...

At the May meeting we talked about the Beads of Courage program and had invited Colin Smith to speak to us about this very worthwhile program. We want to encourage you to expand your bowl creations and make some lidded bowls (turned boxes) of about 6 inches diameter (5" minimum) for the Beads of Courage program, or make rectangular lidded boxes about 4"x6" and 4" deep. There are so many children in the Dallas hospitals who would love to receive these boxes at the end of their treatment for cancer, blood conditions, heart disease or severe burns. During their treatment, they collect colorful beads as meaningful symbols of courage that commemorate milestones they have achieved along their unique treatment path. The average bead collection is over 500 beads and giving these children a special box to keep them in will mean a lot for the child. If possible, have the boxes engraved with *Beads of Courage*. (See the May Newsletter for more details on this program.) For even 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](mailto:nrscolin@me.com)).

## Monthly/Quarterly Raffle

At our June meeting, we'll draw the winning ticket for the second quarter raffle prize - a "Stinger" hollow vessel boring bar system donated by Don Pencil Woodturning. You can see the "Stinger", and all of Pencil's fine turning products, at [www.donpencil.com](http://www.donpencil.com). If you see Don at the AAW Symposium in Albuquerque, be sure and thank him for his generous support.

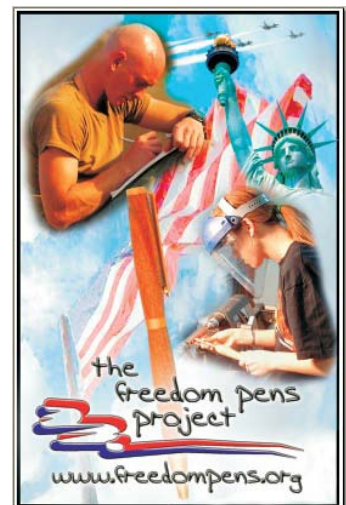
We'll start with our regular monthly raffle for the usual selection of outstanding prizes. Following the drawing for the monthly prizes, we'll add the April and May tickets to the June tickets and draw for the quarterly prize.

Remember the tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5. You have to buy to win!

## Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon at Wood World

Our good friends at Wood World are having their annual Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon on July 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 4pm. Mark your calendars and plan on attending this event. It will take the place of our July Open Shop and we will be bringing our mobile shop-in-a-trailer there with all of our mini-lathes for you to turn pens with. Pen blanks and parts for assembling slim line pens will be provided by Wood World, along with plenty of cold drinks and hot dogs fresh off the grill. Wood World will also be having special drawings throughout the day and awards for the best pens and the club that makes the most pens.

So let's come out in force to support Craig and his partners at Wood World and to make lots of pens for our Armed Forces overseas. It should be a fun day.



## Schedule of Upcoming DAW Events

June 18 - DAW Club Meeting Bill Kloepping 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
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## 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 16-19	\$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	Sept. 11-12	\$285 plus lab and material fees
Shape and form and the Hollow Form	Donald Derry	Sept. 13-14	\$285 plus lab and material fees

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