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August 20: Masking and Finishing Hollow Turnings by Chris Denson

President's Words of Wisdom

All Members and Friends

Mark your calendars for the weekend of September 11-13 and plan on attending the Masters at Work Competition and Exhibition at the Oklahoma Forest Heritage Museum at Beavers Bend Resort Park in Broken Bow, OK. Their web site is <http://www.beaversbend.com/fhc.html>

Our own Master Turner Kevin Bassett will be representing the Dallas Area Woodturners in that competition as he again tries his best to take first place in this three day woodturning event (he took first place two years ago). Kevin would like to have your support at the competition and there should be an opportunity for other members of DAW to show their turning skills also.

We have sent the various turnings submitted by our members up to the Museum for their exhibit which will run through October 18th. There were some fine pieces submitted for the exhibit which will include pieces from five of the area clubs.

We also sent them our *Woodturners' Museum of Art*, winner of the Chapter Collaborative Challenge Best of Show at the 2009 AAW Symposium, for the Forest Heritage Museum to put on display for this exhibit. They also have our 2002 Best of Show winner, the magnificent *Hollow Tree Cookie Factory*, on exhibit there. If you haven't seen it, you don't want to miss seeing it now.

So be sure to go up to Beavers Bend Park and see the Masters at Work Competition and Exhibit this September. You will enjoy it.

We are having another Open Shop on August 29th, this time at the Woodcraft Store in Addison. See details about it on another page of the newsletter...

See you at next week's meeting where Chris Denson of the Fort Worth Woodcraft store will show his surface prep, masking, and finishing techniques for painted hollow forms.

Dick Koch

August Program

Chris Denson works at the Ft. Worth Woodcraft store where he teaches pen and lidded box turning. Based on the recognition he's received recently, his goal of being a professional turner should be easily achievable. For example, at SWAT 2007 in Wichita Falls he had **two** of his instant gallery pieces chosen for the Instant Gallery Critique by the panel of lead demonstrators. Having even one piece to be chosen is considered to be a high honor. Then, at SWAT 2008 in Waco, one of his pieces was one of six selected out of all the donated pieces for the 2-for-1 raffle to be included in the prestigious Gallery Raffle. Chris' turning and finishing skills shown in these pictures will be a learning experience or all of us.



Monthly/Quarterly Raffle

At our July meeting showed off a terrific third quarter raffle prize - a **Wecheer Power Carving Kit (bench-top model) plus a Reciprocating Hand Piece with Five Chisels!** The fine folks at **Traditional Woodworker** in Richardson have given DAW a great discount to allow us to offer this prize with a **retail value of over \$230!** You can get a full description of the items at **www.traditionalwoodworker.com**. Look for item numbers **247-3401** and **247-26515**. While you're there, look over the other tools and accessories they offer. You can also go by their showroom at **1122 Commerce Drive in Richardson**. Be sure to thank them for their generous support of DAW!

After the regular monthly raffle drawing (which will include the usual selection of outstanding prizes!) all of the tickets sold will go into the quarterly bucket. We'll add the August and September tickets to the bucket and have the drawing for the quarterly prize at the September meeting.

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

Club Shirts

We will be taking orders at the August meeting for club shirts. The goal is to have them in time for SWAT. Bring \$20 and we will have an order form (list) at the meeting.

SWAT

Once again, DAW is sponsoring one of the main demo rooms at SWAT. We need you to sign up to be a camera operator or the turner's assistant for at least on demo. We will have a camera operator training session, if necessary. There will be a sign-up sheet at the August meeting.

August Open Shop

We have arranged to hold an Open Shop from 9-12am on August 29th at the Woodcraft Store in Addison <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=317>. As usual, we'll have lathes available for turning (compliments of Woodcraft) but it's a good idea to bring your own turning tools (well marked or see below). Our open shops are a great way to get to know other turners, compare notes, get some help on turning techniques or on projects you are working on. They are fun, educational, and are especially beneficial to new turners.

At the August open shop we will also have Dave Marshall of Etch-a-Tech <http://etch-a-tech.com/> with his mobile laser engraving shop set up in the parking lot available to engrave your name or logo on your electronics devices (laptops, cameras, iPods, PDAs, Mp3s, and cell phones) and on the handles of your turning tools (so you make sure someone doesn't accidentally "borrow" them). He'll also engrave those fine wooden and acrylic pens you have been making. Dave does beautiful work. He did the engraving on the nameplate for our AAW Collaborative Challenge *Woodturners' Museum of Art* which really came out well. You can trust him to do a good job.

Prices for his laser engraving are quite reasonable and it's cheap insurance against having your property appropriated by someone else.

Laser Engraving Price List

Laptops, Name or "Property of Name"	\$7
Laptops, Graphics, per Quadrant	\$20
Laptops, Anti-theft Warning	\$12
Cameras, and similar sized equipment, Graphics	\$15
Cameras, Name or "Property of Name"	\$7
iPods, Mp3s, PDAs, Cell Phones, Graphics	\$30
iPods, Mp3s, PDAs, Cell Phones, Name or "Property of Name"	\$7
Wood-handled Turning Tools, Name or "Property of Name"	\$5
Wood or Acrylic Pens, Name	\$4
Turned Piece (bowl, platter, goblet bottoms), Name/Date/Species (maximum height 8.25 inches)	\$7
Turned Piece (bowl, platter, goblet bottoms), Name/Date/Species With digitized signature	\$9

Empty Bowls

Our collection of bowls for the North Texas Food Bank "Empty Bowls" fundraiser seems to still be in low gear. The year is half over with only 25 bowls donated: just 10% of the 2009 DAW goal. Our rate of collection needs to increase if we are to achieve our goal for this worthwhile event. Bowls don't have to be large, fancy, or finished to the highest degree possible, so get on your lathes and use up some of the wood you have accumulated from the storms this spring and summer. Making bowls is fun and you will be doing a good deed for a very worthwhile cause.

Beads of Courage Boxes

Another community service event DAW and AAW is associated with is Beads of Courage. This national program benefits children with cancer, blood disorders, heart disease, and severe burns by rewarding them with colorful beads as meaningful symbols of courage to commemorate milestones they have achieved along their unique treatment path. This program is currently in place at Children's Medical Center for children with cancer and blood disorders. Our part in this great program is to provide boxes to store their Beads of Courage.

DAW members have donated three boxes to Beads of Courage in the last two months; however the need for boxes is great. Each year about 350 new children are admitted to Children's Medical Center with cancer or blood disorders. Let's expand our bowl creations and make some lidded bowls, turned boxes, or rectangular boxes so these children will have a treasured container to keep their beads.

Some patients have extensive hospital stays and many procedures during their treatment, so they accumulate hundreds of beads. In order to hold all the beads, turned boxes for the Beads of Courage program need to be about 6 inches diameter (5" minimum), rectangular lidded boxes about 4"x6"x 4". If possible, have *Beads of Courage* engraved or burned in the lid. Craig, at Wood World, has said they will give us a good price for laser engraving (the box lid needs to be relatively flat, with no knob or finial to be engraved – knobs can be added after engraving). Remember, some of these kids are pretty sick, so make sure the lids are easily removable. Also, finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate.

In addition to making a child happy with the gift of a box, a tax receipt for your donation will be provided by Beads of Courage. Be sure and include a card with your name and address. Let's make some boxes to help bring a little joy to these most deserving patients!

Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon at Wood World

The Pen Turn-a-thon at Wood World last month was a great success. We had our six club lathes there. Approximately 268 pens were made. We came in second to Hunt County in number of participants (they won by 2!). As a result, Wood World donated five \$10 gift certificates to our stash of prizes. Thanks Craig.

Master's at Work Competition

We are very pleased that Kevin Bassett will again be representing the Dallas Area Woodturners at the *Master's at Work* competition at the Oklahoma Forest Heritage Center Museum located in the [Beavers Bend Resort Park](#) in Broken Bow, Oklahoma on September 11-13, 2009. Kevin took first place in the competition in 2007. Also competing in this event will be DAW members Richard Duval who will be competing on behalf of the Texoma Woodturners and Marion McDaniel on behalf of the Southeast Oklahoma Woodturners. It should be a very exciting competition, one you don't want to miss.

In addition to the turning competition, the museum has a wood art gallery featuring numerous woodturnings. The gallery will be opened to the public is a special reception on Sunday at 1:00pm. During that time, many of the artists will be on hand sharing their turning techniques and tricks of the trade. This is an excellent opportunity to gain first hand knowledge about woodturning from some of the best Woodturners in the region.

There is a lot to see and do at Beavers Bend and pretty good accommodations for overnight stays.

Schedule of Upcoming DAW Events

August 20 - DAW Club Meeting. Chris Denson will be the demonstrator.
 September 3 - DAW Board Meeting
 September 11-13 – Masters at Work Competition, Broken Bow, OK
 September 17 - DAW Club Meeting. Brian Evans will be the demonstrator.
 October 1 - DAW Board Meeting
 October 8 - DAW Club Meeting (Note the accelerated date!!!!!!)
 October 16-18 – SWAT Symposium at Wichita Falls

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