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November 19: Turning Natural-Edge Bowls by Hugh Hurst

President's Words of Wisdom

All Members and Friends: With the 2009 SWAT symposium now history, those of you who attended can look back and recall how much fun it was, and look forward to SWAT 2010 next August in Waco, TX. Although no one from DAW won the big PowerMatic lathe this year, everyone was a winner with the knowledge they gained from all of the fine professional turners demonstrating at the symposium. For those who couldn't attend, cheer up; the next SWAT is now only about 9 months away.

The American Association of Woodturners is conducting a survey of its members, and they need your help. The survey is on-line at <http://tinyurl.com/yhupa8m> and should take just a few minutes to complete. Please click on the above link and do it now while you are thinking about it.

As you will recall, I asked all DAW members to bring at least two bowls for Empty Bowls to the November meeting. We are way behind on our bowl collection this year for some reason, and we really need your bowls to fulfill our commitment to help the North Texas Food Bank with their Empty Bowls fund raising event in February. Time is running out. Please reach into your bowl collection and bring some to our November meeting. Or take a chunk of log and turn a few bowls. The time you spend will be enjoyable to you and very much appreciated by the North Texas Food Bank.

And don't forget about Beads of Courage lidded boxes. We've collected only nine this year, and the children need lots more. They can be turned boxes or straight-sided conventional boxes. See the article on Empty Bowls and Beads of Courage later in this newsletter...

Our annual Holiday dinner and auction will be on December 11th at the Holiday Inn on I-75 in Richardson. Bob reports that some tickets are still available at only \$20.00 each. The \$20 you spend on each ticket is a real bargain, because the club heavily subsidizes this event to ensure that you get your money's worth in good food and entertainment. Bring your check or cash to next week's meeting and get your tickets before they are all gone. You do not want to miss this fun event. This year we will again have Master of Ceremonies Randy Rice and auctioneer extraordinaire Larry Genender. We have plenty of great raffle items lined up and I know we will have some wonderful turnings by our members to auction off. It will be a fun evening; don't miss it.

Coming up in January is the Dallas Area Woodturners' exhibition at the ArtCentre in Plano. See the article about it later in this newsletter and be sure to come to the exhibit and see some of the finest works by your friends in DAW.

And finally, **remember our new meeting location.** Turning Point Enterprises has moved to 1902 Reserve Street in Garland (near the intersection of Jupiter Road and Miller Road), just a couple of miles south of their old location, and we've moved with them. See the map link to our new location on our web site.

See you next Thursday...

Dick Koch

November Program

Our own Hugh Hurst will demonstrate turning natural edge bowls.

DAW at the Woodworking Show

Dallas Area Woodturners, along with the Golden Triangle Woodturners and the Hunt County Woodturners, put on a woodturning demonstration at the Woodworking Show in Mesquite on October 23rd-25th. We set up six lathes in our 20x30 foot booth and spent the better part of the three days demonstrating our turning skills and talking with prospective club members as they stopped by to watch our turners making a wide variety of objects on the Jet mini lathes.

Altogether, 14 members of DAW came out to help man our booth and talk with visitors, and most of us spent at least a few hours turning. The photo below shows Gary Nelms busy at the lathe working behind a clear plastic shield which protected visitors from our flying chips. It was a good opportunity to catch up making bowls for Empty Bowls also. All-in-all, we all enjoyed our stint at the Woodworking Show helping DAW to get the woodworkers attending the Woodworking Show interested in turning and attracting new members to our club, as well as browsing and shopping for goodies for our home shops. Perhaps next year we will have more volunteers to man to booth.



Monthly/Quarterly Raffle News

Time for our quarterly drawing in that the November meeting is the last chance to buy tickets for the lathe. The 4th quarter raffle item is a Jet 1220. 12" swing, 20" bed length, 3/4 HP, 500 - 3,900 RPM (six pulleys). No tickets will be sold at the Christmas Party so make sure you load up on tickets at the November meeting. This is not your father's minilathe!!!

Although you won't be able to buy a ticket for the lathe drawing at the Christmas Party, that evening you will have an opportunity to buy raffle tickets for many other great prizes, as well as bid on some terrific items in the live auction.

At our December banquet meeting on 12/11 all of the October and November raffle tickets will go into the quarterly bucket. Remember the tickets are **only** \$1 each, or six for \$5. **You have to buy to win!**

Christmas Party Is Coming Soon

Our annual holiday get-together will be on Friday, December 11 at the Holiday Inn Select in Richardson on the west side of 75 between Arapaho and Campbell. Festivities will start at 7 PM followed by a full dinner of roast beef, turkey, all the "fixins" and dessert. Larry Genender, our incomparable auctioneer and Randy Rice, our MC, will then move us on to the things that make our party so special: the raffle items, the auction items, and the special raffle prizes for the ladies. For a mere \$20 per person, you too can participate in what promises to be a fun and entertaining evening! Tickets will be available at this month's meeting.

For our party auction, Stuart Batty generously donated one of the bowls he turned in a Room 2 demo. He even signed it! It is unsanded and has no finish, but is still a very nice bowl.

The grand finale of the evening will be the drawing for the new Jet beefed-up not-so-Mini Lathe. You'll be able to get tickets for this valuable item, as well as for our normal raffle offerings, at the November meeting but not at the Christmas party. No Jet lathe tickets will be sold at the party, and you need not be present to win, although we certainly want you and your guests there.

Please join us for what promises to be a wonderful evening!

DAW to hold an Exhibit at the ArtCentre of Plano

The Dallas Area Woodturners have finalized arrangement for an exhibit for its members at the [ArtCentre of Plano](#), a not-for-profit art gallery located in the old downtown area of Plano. In addition to displaying our Woodturners' Museum of Art AAW Chapter Collaborative Project winner for 2009, twenty-six DAW members have signed on to display their works of art at the exhibit. We expect to have about 100 pieces on display at the gallery.

The exhibit will open on Friday, January 8th, with an evening reception for ArtCenter invitees, the press and media, all of the members of the Dallas Area Woodturners, and guests and invitees of the DAW artists exhibiting at the ArtCentre. Mark your calendar, look for your invitation in the mail, and plan to attend. If you can not attend on January 8th, the exhibit will continue until February 6th and the ArtCentre is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Empty Bowls

There will only be one more meeting after our November meeting to submit donations for Empty Bowls 2010. All bowls have to be turned in to the North Texas Food Bank by February 8th, so January is the last meeting for you to turn in bowls. So far this year, only 36 bowls of our 250 goal have been received. I hope every DAW member will respond to our president's challenge and submit at least **two bowls** at each of the next two meetings. As we've said before, bowls don't have to be large, fancy, or finished to the highest degree possible. Take advantage of this beautiful weather before the holiday rush starts and make some bowls!

Plan to attend the 2010 Empty Bowls on Friday, February 19, between 11:00 AM and 1:00PM, at the Myerson Symphony Hall. The soups are excellent and you will get to select a wood or ceramic bowl created by a Dallas artisan. Advance admission is \$30 (NTFB.org) or \$35 at the door. All the money goes to the North Texas Food Bank.

Beads of Courage Boxes

DAW members have donated nine boxes to Beads of Courage this year. However, the number of children with cancer or heart disease in the Beads of Courage programs at Children's Medical Center and Medical City that need boxes to keep their beads in is, sadly, very large. DAW members need to heavily support this wonderful program with lidded bowls, turned boxes, or rectangular boxes so these children will have a treasured container to keep their beads. Below is a picture of Makyla, a patient at Children's Medical Center, with her Beads of Courage box turned by a DAW member.

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. Wood World in Richardson is taking in work for laser engraving (in order to be engraved, the box lid needs to be relatively flat, with no knob or finial to be engraved – knobs can be added after engraving). Lids should be easily removable and finials should be easy for a small child to grasp. Tax receipts are available from Beads of Courage for your donations, contact Lou Boudreaux and he will provide you with one.

At this time of year, what greater gift can you think of than making a box in which a child with cancer, blood, or heart disease can keep their Beads of Courage? We need your boxes!



SWAT A/V Report

A big thanks to all of the volunteers who helped us in Room 2. We received a lot of positive comments about the quality of our sound and video.

DAW Mentoring Program

Club members who would like some 1 on 1 mentoring on some particular aspect of turning should look into our mentoring program. Several of our more experienced turners are available to help you. The mentors list showing contact information and their specialties are posted on the Members Only page of the DAW Website. Find one in your area and give him (or her) a call. This is not only a good way to learn something new, but also a way to strike up some new friendships.

Need Some Income Tax Help This Year?

Some of our members may not know that DAW is recognized by our friends at the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. That means that you can make a tax deductible contribution to DAW before 2009 has run its course. So if you would like to adorn your tax return with another charitable deduction, think of DAW!

Which reminds us that certain expenses you incur in furthering DAW activities may also be deductible. For example, mileage on your car to help out at the recent Woodworking Show would qualify. But, sorry, DAW dues don't count.

Dan Henry to Demonstrate at WoodWorld

On Saturday, November 21, at 1 PM Dan Henry will be demonstrating the use of the Beall Pen Wizard at WoodWorld. (See the WoodWorld business card on page 5.) This is a relatively new tool that makes spirals, crosshatches and wavy lines easy to put on pen blanks. For a preview, see the Beall website at www.bealltool.com.

Schedule of Upcoming DAW Events

November 19 – DAW Club Meeting
December 11 – Christmas Dinner (No regular meeting in December)
January 7 – DAW Board Meeting
January 8 – DAW Exhibit Reception at the ArtCentre in Plano
January 8 – February 6 DAW Exhibit at the ArtCentre in Plano
January 21 – DAW Club Meeting
February 4 – DAW Board Meeting
February 18 – DAW Club Meeting
February 19 – Empty Bowls Dallas at the Meyerson

Club Shirts

The club shirts ordered last month and not picked up yet will be delivered at the November 19th meeting.

Classifieds

I have a friend in East Texas who is looking for a good used lathe in the \$800 to \$1200 range. He would like a lathe with variable speed. Belt or direct drive. Needs 16" diameter capacity and a short bed 24" would work fine. He prefers to turn bowls, platters and vases.

Please contact me if you have a lathe to suit his needs. Ken Rodgers (See my contact info below.)

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