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March 18: Using the Beal Pen Wizard by Dan Henry

President's Words of Wisdom

All Members and Friends

Spring is finally here; at least it feels like it. Get out and enjoy the nice weather while it lasts, and if your shop (studio?) is anything like mine, it's an ideal time of the year to do some turning, right between too cold and too hot. It won't last long, so take advantage of it.

Our *Turning Your Eyes* exhibit at the ArtCentre of Plano closed last Saturday and from every indication I saw it was a huge success. I understand that it was one of the ArtCentre's most heavily attended exhibits ever, and it gave the Dallas Area Woodturners a wonderful exposure to the non-turning public. The photo at the right is one of **Kevin Bassett's** wonderful creations in the exhibit. As one of the many Saturday afternoon demonstrators at the ArtCentre, I enjoyed seeing all of the visitors who stopped by to see the exhibit and to watch our demonstrations. They were all in awe of what we had to show them. Thanks to all of you who took part in these demonstrations, and especially to **Murray Stein** who organized them on our behalf. For more about our recent exhibit, see the comments made by the ArtCentre's Executive Director Suzy Jones later in this newsletter.

Six of our members sold one or more of their pieces at the exhibit, but I think all of us who had pieces there on exhibit were happy with the exhibit as a whole. So it's not surprising that the ArtCentre would like us to hold another exhibit in about 18 months from now. We'll keep you posted as the plans for future exhibits develop, but start thinking of creating some new turnings that are worthy of being displayed in a public art gallery now.



The Empty Bowls event at the Meyerson on February 19th was so well attended that they actually ran out of bowls to give away during the luncheon period. Luckily, they eventually found some more and sent them to those who were not able to take one home from the Meyerson. A special thanks to four of our club members (**Kevin Bassett, Jimmy Cusic, Brian Evans, and Paul Grindstaff**) who gave woodturning demonstrations during the event. They attracted a lot of attention from the folks attending the Empty Bowls event.

Speaking of Empty Bowls, don't forget to turn a few and bring them to our meetings. For those of you who signed up to our Bowl-of-the-Month club, we want to really thank you for your generous commitment to support the Empty Bowls program. I know how much the *North Texas Food Bank* appreciates it. But we still want bowls from everyone, not just the Bowl-of-the-Month club members. So please bring a bowl or two to next week's meeting.

And finally, be sure to come to next Thursday's meeting in Garland to see our own **Dan Henry** demonstrating how to use the Beal Pen Wizard. It should be interesting...

Dick Koch

March 18 Program

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Is there an echo in here?

One (Hopefully) Last Reminder

In case nobody's told you yet, it's time for DAW dues for 2010. So far we're running a bit behind last year's pace and behind our budgeted figures. We've got several interesting programs and activities already scheduled for 2010 and need your support to make this year the best ever for DAW!

Also, don't forget that we've reduced the dues for this year by \$6, to a mere \$30.

Monthly/Quarterly Raffle News

This is the monthly meeting for our quarterly drawing!! After we complete our regular monthly raffle drawing, all of the March tickets will be added to those from January and February and a winner drawn for the **Mastercut 5/8" Doubled-ended Bowl Gouge and 18" Oneway handle (5/8" & 1/2")!!**

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! –Robert Pope

Library News

The list of thirty 2009 SWAT demo videos is now posted on the DAW Website, along with a couple of Woodturning magazine additions.

DAW Exhibit at the ArtCentre of Plano

Comments from the ArtCentre of Plano's Executive Director

We recently had the pleasure of installing the Dallas Area Woodturners exhibition at the ArtCentre of Plano. The entire process, from working initially with **Murray Stein** and **Dick Koch** on the conception of the exhibition -- to the end when the artists picked up their art from the ArtCentre was truly a pleasure. We were so pleased with the installation, that when an unexpected hole occurred in our calendar, we immediately decided to ask the DAW to stay in the gallery another month. (*Note: there would have been a number of artists willing to take that slot in our calendar!*)

The exhibition was one of the more popular exhibits in the history of the ArtCentre, with daily visitors spending longer than usual in the gallery inspecting each work of art. We received many compliments regarding the work as well as many "how do they do this?" comments. The demonstrations on Saturdays throughout the exhibition were certainly very popular and added an explanation for this sometimes mysterious process.

Each of the Artists is unique in personality and style of work. We look forward to working with the Dallas Area Woodturners again in October of 2011.

Suzy S. Jones
Executive Director
ArtCentre of Plano

Holiday Party

Survey Says...

Thanks to all of you who responded to our Holiday Party survey giving us your opinions about our traditional December party. Thirty-seven DAW members gave us their opinions regarding whether they would attend a party held at a hotel site (for a \$20/head charge) as we have done in the past and whether they would attend the party if it were held at a different site where DAW members would cater the party themselves but there would be no charge to attend.

The results of the survey indicated that you had no preference in the type of party we held; 78.3 % of respondents would or probably would attend the hotel-based party and 75.6% said that they would or probably would attend the free do-it-ourselves party. Several people made comments that they preferred not to be asked to bring food to a party, but preferred to be treated to a care-free night out. There were also quite a few other suggestions made as to how to make the evening more enjoyable, which your board is taking under advisement.

But for now, we will continue to plan on having our tradition fun night out at a hotel or similar location where you can enjoy the evening without having to bring your own food to share with others. Plan on coming the first Friday of December if we can confirm that date with a hotel.

Dick Koch

Remember Rockler!

Next time you make a purchase at Rockler, be sure to tell them to record it on the DAW page of "the Book". For every twenty visits by DAW members, they will present the club with a \$20 gift card for our monthly raffles! Just remember, when you ask for your 10% guild discount, also ask them to record your visit. They have no way of knowing if you don't tell them.

News from SWAT

(For the benefit of our newer members, SWAT stands for Southwest Association of Turners, an organization of 23 woodturning clubs in Texas and Oklahoma. The purpose of SWAT is to put on a weekend-long turning symposium each year. Attendance grows each year and will probably exceed 600 this year.)

The 2010 SWAT Symposium will be held August 27th to 29th at the convention center in Waco, TX. The cost will be the same as last year: \$125.00 for an individual and \$60.00 for spouse.

Thursday evening prior to the event there will be a gathering of SWAT members from 7:30 to 10:00 PM at the Hilton, which is the host hotel this year.

The Lead Demonstrators for the symposium will be: Eli Avisera, Clay Foster, Jennifer Shirley, Alan Leland, Molly Winton, and Mike Jackofsky

[Eli Avisera](#)

Eli is a professional woodworker, demonstrator and teacher. He has served as a demonstrator and teacher in many countries for over thirty years. Eli developed his own line of turning tools, manufactured by Hamlet and sold by many well known retailers.

[Clay Foster](#)

Clay, a native of Texas, is an outstanding turner and woodworker. His work has been shown in numerous galleries and exhibitions. Clay is a truly accomplished woodturner, woodworker, and demonstrator.

[Jennifer Shirley](#)

Jennifer is an accomplished turner and demonstrator, studying under the likes of Betty Scarpino, Michael O'Donnell, Graeme Priddle, and John Jordan. She has served as a studio assistant and instructor at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking, and served as a demonstrator at numerous symposiums.

[Alan Leland](#)

Alan grew up on Connecticut, and after attending East Carolina University, worked in the furniture manufacturing industry for 19 years. Alan has demonstrated at the AAW Symposium, the Utah Woodturning Symposium and many others throughout the United States. He has also published works in the Woodshop News, American Woodturner's Journal.

[Molly Winton](#)

Molly in addition to being an accomplished woodturner is an expert on form and design. She is also accomplished in branding, pyrography, coloring and texturing and carving. Her interests in Native American and prehistoric art inspire her work. She says, I endeavor to make wood pieces that pursue excellence of form and beg to be picked up and caressed.

[Mike Jackofsky](#)

Mike is a hollow form specialist with emphasis on natural edge, asymmetrical and sculptural forms. He has demonstrated in premier symposiums including the Utah Woodturning Symposium and the AAW Symposium. He has won numerous awards, and is an outstanding teacher and demonstrator.

For more information please go to the SWAT website at <http://www.swaturners.org> where you can also register, either on line using PayPal or via a "print-it-and-mail-it-in" form.

AAW Chapter Collaborative Challenge for 2011

Are you ready for a challenge?

Interest is rising to do another AAW Chapter Collaborative Challenge for the 2011 AAW symposium in St. Paul, MN. **John Holderman** has come forward with a proposal to do it again and has volunteered to organize and manage the project. The objective, of course, is to again come away with the Best of Show award as we did in 2009 with our *Woodturners' Museum of Art* and in 2002 with our *Hollow Cookie Tree* (at the right). In order to do this project successfully, we need the active participation of 15-20

DAW members who are willing to work together to form the project team, decide on a winning project, and do all of the design and construction work to bring it to fruition by June of 2011. These projects are a lot of fun to do, but also involve a huge commitment of time and a considerable

amount of talent to do it right. It's a good time to get started on this project and there is plenty of time to get it completed. Anyone interested in signing on to this Chapter Collaborative Challenge project team should contact John at jmholdermn@yahoo.com and let him know that you will be an active participant.



Dick Koch

Robert Rosand Demos

The Ft Worth club (Woodturners of N. Texas) will have an all day demo by **Robert Rosand** on Saturday, April 17th. The \$10 cost does not include lunch. For more info, go to <http://www.wntx.org/>.

The Hunt County Woodturners are hosting Robert Rosand for an all day demo and 3 days of hands on classes in late April. We have offered the demos to all of our Club members and have some openings for the all day demo and the hands on classes. The classes and hands on are open on a first come basis.

For more info and to reserve a spot for either the all day demo and the hands on classes contact; **Mike Kizer** 903-456-8308. Also, check out Mr. Rosand's Website at www.rrosand.com.

lmkizer@verizon.net

Keep Those Woodcraft Receipts Coming!

Did Santa Claus make a stop at Woodcraft on his way to your house to deliver Christmas presents? If so, perhaps he left the receipts, too. If that's the case, you can help enrich DAW's financial picture.

Woodcraft offers area clubs a 10% rebate on purchases made by club members. All we need to do is turn in those receipts and they'll send us a check.

So, if you can bring any Woodcraft receipts you may have to our meetings and give them to our treasurer, **Bob Matern**, he'll forward them on to Woodcraft. –Bob Matern

Schedule of Upcoming DAW Events

March 4 – DAW Board Meeting
 March 18 – DAW Club Meeting-Dan Henry will demonstrate the Pen Wizard
 April 1 – DAW Board Meeting
 April 15 - DAW Club Meeting-John Solberg will show how to turn a wobble bowl
 April 17 – Robert Rosand demo in for WNT in Ft Worth
 April 24-26 – Robert Rosand Demo and classes at the Hunt Co. Club in Greenville.
 May 6 – DAW Board Meeting
 May 20 - DAW Club Meeting-Fred Denke will turn a 4-corner vase.
 June 3 – DAW Board Meeting

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