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April 15: Turning Wobble Bowls by John Solberg

President's Words of Wisdom

All Members and Friends

With the nice weather upon us, everyone seems to be out in their shops turning, and that is great. We're also hearing about some nice free wood that is available, so no one should be wondering where to get some wood for making their bowls for the North Texas Food Bank's Empty Bowls collections. At last count we had 33 bowls collected for empty Bowls and 8 for our Beads of Courage donations. These numbers are well ahead of last year's collections.

But with all of the shop work going on, which is encouraging, I am also hearing a lot of stories about shop accidents, along with some injuries to woodturners. June and I are not only members of DAW but we also belong to (and go to most of the meetings of) the North Texas Woodturners (Fort Worth) and the Golden Triangle Woodturners (Denton) clubs. And at each meeting we go to it seems that we hear of more and more accidents.

Of course, we had our own doozy of an accident at our November meeting, and luckily no one was hurt. We do have a hole in the wall above where we normally set our lathe as a reminder. But we're not the only one with a hole in the wall. I was up at [Canyon Studios](#) recently taking a class and **Gene Colley** showed me a 2 x 8 inch hole in his class shop wall at about eye level just behind one of his class lathes. This was the result of one of his students (an experienced turner who shall remain un-named) who put a 12 inch cracked platter blank into the lathe and cranked up the lathe to a fairly high speed. The blank flew apart and part of it imbedded itself into the wall. Luckily, the woodturner was standing off to the left side of the lathe out of the firing zone and was not injured. He was very lucky! The moral of this story is that excessive speed can really be dangerous, and that wood with even minor cracks may not be safe to turn at any speed.

Gene also told of another experienced woodturner who had almost completed turning a bowl when he absent-mindedly let his bowl gouge contact the bowl without it being firmly on the tool rest while the bowl was spinning at high speed. Not surprisingly, the bowl shattered with pieces going all over, but with no personal injury to the woodturner except to his pride. A momentary lack of attention with the lathe running can result in an injury too.

One of our own experienced woodturners recently got a bad cut on the hand while reaching for a turning tool kept sharp-end-up in a bucket of turning tools. The hand bled for 30 minutes before the bleeding finally stopped, and luckily there was not any permanent injury to the hand (big mess on the shop floor though). It's probably a good idea to keep your tools sharp-end-down in the bucket with some foam padding at the bottom of the bucket to protect the cutting edges, and keep a [QuikClot](#) clotting pad in your first aid kit to help stop the bleeding fast.



Enjoy your woodturning, but turn safely. We'll be talking more about shop safety in our monthly meetings, and I'll give you the opportunity to tell about some of your experiences on the subject. See the AAW's Lathe Safety Guidelines in this issue of the DAW newsletter for a lot of very good guidance on using your lathe safely.

For our July 15th meeting, we are planning something different; dinner and our meeting out in the fresh air at a pavilion in the Bob Woodruff Park in Plano. More about this later, but **Mark Duval** may be contacting you to give a mini-demonstration during the meeting phase of the event. We're planning on having a number of short demonstrations on a variety of topics with something to interest everyone. It should be a fun evening for all, with dinner on the club.

And finally, be sure to come to next Thursday's meeting in Garland to see our own **John Solberg** demonstrating how to turn a wobble bowl. I've seen this demonstration before and it's very interesting. Everyone will want to try their hand at making wobble bowls, so don't miss this month's demo...

Dick Koch

April 15 Program

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Monthly/Quarterly Raffle News

This is the first month of ticket sales for our 2nd Quarter drawing. All monthly raffle tickets sold at the April, May and June meetings will be combined for the quarterly drawing in June. **The prize will be a Colwood Detailer Woodburner, five fixed point tips, and the book "Learning the Art of Pyrography".** This kit has everything you need to get started - you can use it to sign your turnings, or to learn how to add decorations to them.

All you have to do is buy tickets for this month's raffle! Not only will you get a chance to win one of our great monthly prizes (including the demo pen made last month by Dan Henry), you will automatically be entered in the quarterly drawing in June. Of course you'll want to increase your chances by buying more tickets in May and June.

And don't buy just one ticket for \$1! 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

Breaking News from SWAT

One of the long-standing traditions of SWAT has been the 2-for-1 Raffle. Buy one raffle ticket and have a chance of winning, on Saturday night, one of 30 or more pieces of wood art crafted especially for SWAT by a by-invitation-only group of some of the most outstanding turners in the Southwest and by some of the lead demonstrators. Then, at the lunch on Sunday, that same raffle ticket could win one of the many pieces of turning equipment or wood.

Usually, the Sunday raffle is concluded by someone winning a Powermatic 3520B lathe (as 2 DAW members have done in past years.) This year, for the first time, the Sunday raffle will **also** include a 1 ½ hp. 115 v. Jet 1436 full size lathe! So, for those of you still turning on a Jet mini because your shop doesn't have 220 service, here's the chance to move up to the big time!

(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.)

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

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– Robert Rosand Demo 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

Robert Rosand Demos

Over the last month or so you have been hearing about Bob Rosand coming to demonstrate and teach hands-on classes in April. If you are not familiar with Bob Rosand and his work, you can find information about him on his web site at: <http://www.rrosand.com>. Robert Rosand began working with wood as a child and now, for well over twenty years has been woodturner, [teacher](#), demonstrator, and [writer](#) on the subject of his craft. Most of his articles can be found in past issues of the American Woodturner. Bob has demonstrated for numerous local American Association of Woodturners chapters and has demonstrated at several national AAW symposiums. In 2005 he was the featured demonstrator at the 20th Annual National Symposium in Overland Park, Kansas. His works are in private collections throughout the United States, Europe and Japan. A Christmas tree ornament turned by Robert and painted by his wife was selected to be placed on one of the White House Christmas trees. His turnings have been accepted in exhibitions such as "Woodturning: Vision and Concept II", Gatlinburg, TN, "Turned for Use", "Put A Lid On It", and "Re-Turn to Oz" sponsored by the AAW.



Bob primarily turns small to medium sized objects that can be completed in a relatively short period of time. He is recognized as an excellent teacher and demonstrator. His style of demonstrating and teaching is an easy going, relaxed presentation that puts everyone at ease and promotes confidence in the student. Whether a person is an absolute beginner at woodturning or very advanced, having instruction from Bob Rosand will be a very worthwhile experience that you won't forget.

Bob will be putting on two local all-day demonstrations:

1. The [Woodturners of North Texas](#) will have an all-day demo with Bob on Saturday **April 17th**. The demo will start at 9:00 AM and finish around 4:00 PM. For a map, go to the WNT web site: www.wntx.org and click on R. D. Evans Community Center on the home page. The All-Day Demo is open to everyone that is interested in woodturning and the cost is only \$10 for the entire day. No advance tickets are necessary. Lunch will not be provided but there are several eating places close to the center. Contact **John Horn** at johnhorn@flash.net for more information.

The [Hunt County Woodturners](#) will have an all-day demo with Bob on Saturday April 24th. Tickets will cost \$25 and includes lunch and will be at the Crest View Christen Church at 5605 Wesley Street in Greenville, TX 75401. Robert will be making a Christmas ornament, a ring holder, an oil lamp, lidded box and possible a Christmas bell, bird house and a mallet time permitting, a full day. We will start at 9:00 AM and end around 4:00 and we have several spaces available. Contact Dan Henry at danhenr@gmail.com for more information. News from SWAT

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