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August 19: It's no picnic in Plano, but let's meet there anyway

President's Words of Wisdom

All Members and Friends

We are gearing up to begin holding classes on a variety of woodturning subjects in the Fall in response to the information you provided to us in the survey we took after the June meeting. **Jimmy Cusic** has agreed to be DAW's Director of Education to manage the process, selecting class topics and instructors to coincide with the wishes of our members. We have made arrangements to hold the classes at **Kevin Bassett's** new studio in Plano (directions to the studio will be forthcoming) which is spacious and air conditioned (what more could we want?). We will get our club's six Jet mini lathes, bandsaw, and supplemental equipment set up in the shop area of the studio in the near future, and we'll have more information on available classes soon.

We have been getting a terrific response from some of our members on the Beads of Courage program. Most notable are contributions from **Lou Boudreaux** (10 boxes), **Richard Mineo** (8 boxes), **William Hicks** (6), **Richard Merunka** (4), and **Tom Crosby** (4). So far this year, we have donated a total of 34 lidded boxes for the children to put their beads in. I know as the year goes on, this number is likely to at least double. We are proud of all those who have donated boxes, and the Beads of Courage foundation has thanked us with their Inspired Donor certificate.

Unfortunately, we are not making as many bowls for Empty Bowls as planned (93 so far), with many of the members of our Bowl-of-the-Month Club still having to submit their first bowl. **Robert Pope** brought a lot of maple bowl blanks to the July meeting, and the members who took them are obligated to return with completed bowls. With cooler weather just around the corner, I'm sure that bowl production will get into high gear in many of our shops.



On July 31st, Wood World held its annual Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon at its store on TI Boulevard. We had our six mini Jet lathes there and they had a great turnout from DAW members as well as the Hunt County and Golden Triangle clubs. I asked **Craig Fyock** for a recap of the event, and he said that the total was 400 pens. Craig indicated that the Greenville made four more pens than we did, but I suspect that as usual some DAW members registered as Hunt County members. Congratulations to all of you who attended this event and helped to make special gifts for our Armed Forces overseas. Craig has posted pictures on Wood World's facebook account at

http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Dallas-TX/Wood-World/123872960975659?ref=ts&_a=13&ajaxpipe=1

- Best of Show - Natural Materials - **Gary Delma**; Man Made Materials - **Harold Epps**
- Best Finish - **John Solberg**
- Most Unique Blank - Man Made - **Don Ward**; Natural Materials - **Rhonda Stelly**
- Most Pens Turned - **Richard Merunka**

This month we are again meeting at the Bob Woodruff Park North Pavilion, 2601 San Gabriel Dr. in Plano. **Mark Duval** has set up a program of Tips'n'Tricks featuring many of our own members who will be giving us some of their special tips on how they do things in their shop. It should be interesting, so be sure to come and enjoy the meeting and the fellowship of your fellow turners. No dinner this time, but we will have cold bottled water available to keep you cool. The following is a link to the Google map for Bob Woodruff Park North pavilion:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=117309108744328299189.000482f9a03071bf5c967&z=19>

Dick Koch

August 19 Program

Some of the topics to be presented one at a time:

Dick Koch- 1) offset turning gig and technique for pieces that cannot be mounted in a chuck.
2) discuss fabrication of vacuum chuck system.

John Holderman:- fabrication of a insert for an off center ring box with a lid

Richard Mineo- a quick and easy way to make segmented rings using a chop saw

Dan Fobert- 1) using earth magnets to deflect wood chips from burning your hand
2) converting spindle sander barrels into hand held spindle sander
3) 18 inch hg vacuum pump for under \$25.00
4) a entry level go-bar for sale and could glue some segmented layers quickly

Mark Montgomery- demonstrate a Oneway drilling jig

Mark Lindeman- replacing a 22 in table top with segmented table top

Guess Who's Coming to Town

Between now and the end of the year, DAW will be hosting two special visitors. Let's take them in chronological order.

Starting on Thursday, November 18 Michael Hosaluk will be in Dallas. Michael is a world-class turner, best noted for his whimsical creations but is also a master of instruction. He has demonstrated at the AAW Symposium many times and was a demonstrator at SWAT in 2006. He comes to us all the way

from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Michael will be doing the demo at our regular membership meeting on November 18 and doing an all-day demo for us on Saturday, November 20. On Friday, the 19th and on Sunday, the 21st he will be teaching full-day hands-on classes.

We'll start taking reservations for spots in those classes at the upcoming August meeting, first-come, first-served. Classes will be limited to six students and will cost \$125 per day. If, after signing up, you can't make it to the class, it will be up to you to find a replacement.

If we have enough interest, I'll bet we could convince Michael to stay for a couple more days.

Our second guest is making at least his seventh annual visit to DAW. While he won't be doing any woodturning, he does promise us and our spouses an evening of fun, food, good times and the opportunity to walk away with some neat tools and pieces of wood art.

We'll start selling tickets for this event at the September meeting at a cost of \$17.50 per person, the same price that will apply to tickets sold at the October meeting. Purchases at the November meeting will be \$20.

In case you haven't guessed by now, we're talking about the visit by Santa Claus at our annual Christmas Party. So put Friday, December 3 on your calendar for a 7PM start time at the Holiday Inn Select in Richardson. More details as we get closer to the event.

Empty Bowls and Beads of Courage Incentives

The DAW Board has decided to hold a cash prize drawing based on the number of bowls and boxes contributed by members this year. Each bowl or box will earn one ticket. So be sure to put your name or identifying logo on each piece. The prizes will be \$150, \$100, and \$50. The drawing will be held at the January. Your chances of winning are proportional to the number of tickets accrued in your name!

Monthly/Quarterly Raffle News

This is the second month of ticket sales for our 3rd Quarter drawing. All monthly raffle tickets sold at the August and September meetings will be combined for the quarterly drawing in September.

The prize will be a collection of three un-handled tools from Thompson Lathe Tools:

5/8" Mark St. Leger signature roughing gouge

3/8" detail gouge

3/8" Jimmy Clewes signature V-shaped bowl gouge.

Plus a handle that will fit all three tools!

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, you will automatically be entered in the quarterly drawing in September. Of course you'll want to increase your chances by buying more tickets in July and August.

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

SWAT is Only One Week Away!

That's right, a week from Thursday kicks off the 19th annual SWAT Symposium. The largest wood turning gathering outside of the AAW Symposium starts with a social hour at the Hilton in Waco. The next three days you could be joining upwards of 700 turners in an intense weekend of instruction and fellowship.

Registration will be available at the door starting Thursday at 4 PM. The demonstrations start at 10:30 Friday morning and go until the festivities wrap up about noon on Sunday. In addition to record attendance, we will have a record number of vendors on hand with everything under the sun in wood turning.

Some would say that the highlight of the weekend is the raffles for pieces of outstanding wood art (some of which will be on display at this DAW meeting) and for tools ranging from gouges up to four lathes. Others would say that the main attraction is the Instant Gallery showing off the best that the turners in the Southwest have to offer.

Registration for all three days is only \$150 and it includes three lunches. Or, if you can't make it for the whole time, come down to Waco for a day for \$60, lunch included.

For further information, check out www.swaturners.org.

(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.)

Volunteers for SWAT

As usual, DAW is sponsoring Demo Room 2 at SWAT. We will have college students operating the A/V equipment so that makes our job easier. Our volunteer's main duty will be to assist the demonstrator. For the first couple of the 9 demos we may have to make diplomatic suggestions concerning camera shots and selections. Hopefully, after that, the students will get the idea of what kind of shots the audience expects. I will have my cell phone on in case you need to call me if any A/V malfunction occurs. (It is my turn to be the SWAT A/V Manager again, so I will be circulating among all 5 rooms throughout the weekend.)

I will send out an email seeking volunteers and also pass a sign-up sheet around at the August meeting in case there are still unfilled slots. I would really like to have two helpers at each demo. So scope out the schedule for Room 2 and see which demo for which you want an up-close viewpoint.

Bowl Blanks for Empty Bowls

Thanks to John Holderman, we had about 40 maple bowl blanks available at the July meeting for those of you that needed some raw material for "Empty Bowls". Most of the blanks were taken, but few names were signed. So remember you promised to return one bowl by the end of the year.

Schedule of Upcoming DAW Events

August 19 - DAW Club Meeting at Woodruff Park in Plano
 August 27 – 29 – SWAT in Waco
 September 2 – DAW Board Meeting
 September 16 - DAW Club Meeting
 October 7 – DAW Board Meeting
 October 21 - DAW Club Meeting
 November 4 – DAW Board Meeting
 November 18 – DAW Meeting Michael Hosaluk
 November 19 to ?? – All day classes by Michael Hosaluk
 December 2 – DAW Board Meeting
 December 3 – Christmas Party at Richardson Holiday Inn Select (No regular meeting in Dec.)

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