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April 21 at WoodWorld

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President's Notes

Thanks to Steve Worcester for finding the wood and Bob Matern for organizing the “chainsaw party” a few Saturdays ago, and also to all those that helped. You’ll see a list of those that attended elsewhere in this newsletter. There are some good pecan, walnut and box elder logs from the party stacked up behind my shop. If you need some green wood for “Empty Bowls” turning, come help yourself. Call or email me if you need directions.

Speaking of “Empty Bowls”, we’ve only had twelve members to commit to the “bowl-of-the-month club” for this year. I’m sure all of those that signed up will at least meet their twelve bowl commitment by next January, but that will give us less than half of the number we submitted for the event last year. **We need the rest of the members to step up and help!** If you don’t feel you can commit to twelve bowls, at least promise yourself to bring one to each of the meetings for the rest of the year. Remember, each bowl you bring gives you one ticket in the drawing next February for cash prizes.

Last month during the March Jet/Powermatic sale, we purchased a new Jet 1642 lathe to use in a permanent meeting place when we find one. The Board felt that this machine would not only be easier to move around wherever we finally land, but would not need any special wiring since it operates on a 110 volt circuit. We will temporarily store the new lathe since Craig Fyock lets us use his 1642 for our meetings at WoodWorld.

With the new lathe in hand, the Board voted to sell our Powermatic 3520A lathe (220V, single phase), and to first offer it to members on a bid basis. The minimum bid will be \$1,900, about half the going price for the newer 3520B. Included in the price are the lathe and the rolling base. We’ll provide more details on the bid process at the meeting and in email instructions following the meeting. The bid process will tentatively end on May 5. If no bids are received by that time, we will offer it for sale to the public. The lathe will be available for inspection by appointment at my shop during the bid period.

There are lots of other things I planned to tell you about in this issue of the newsletter, but I’m out of space. You’ll have to come to the April 21 meeting at WoodWorld to hear the rest. See you there!

Robert Pope

April Program

Our own Bob Matern will demonstrate how to turn decorative square bowls.



New Members

Welcome to the new members who joined at the March meeting:

Josh and Pam Aitken of Richardson, **Michael and Joshua Fox** of Plano, **Ron Johnson** of Plano, **Janet Johnson (Smith)** of Plano, **Randy Smith** of Dallas, **Scott Sweeley** of Dallas and **Barry Ure** of Garland.

Monthly/Quarterly Raffle News

This is the first month of ticket sales for the 2nd quarter raffle – Be sure to buy plenty of raffle tickets for the \$150 cash quarterly raffle prize. Remember raffle proceeds benefit out extensive library.

Training Classes

Box class was held on April 2nd. Good time had by all. Bring them to the meeting and show them off. Our second segmented class is coming up. Mark your calendars. May 21st & 22nd, Jon and Bob will be teaching this class.

Cost is \$60. There will not be any turning but instruction on how to design and layout a segmented bowl. This includes the wood.

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In Your Spare Time

Here's a web site that has links to numerous woodturning videos.

<http://woodturningvideos.weebly.com/> Enjoy. .- Bob Matern

Email Addresses

Members should occasionally check their email address, etc. on the Webpage roster. Let me know if correction are needed. krodg505@tx.rr.com

Chain Saw Party



(Photo by Koch)

On March 26 & 27, a bunch of DAW members got together at the Pecan Hollow golf course in Plano to harvest some of the logs from the renovation of the course. We got a whole bunch of wood for personal use, Empty Bowls, Beads of Courage and DAW classes. Those pitching in included:

Kevin Bassett	Paul DeMars	Cliff DeWitt
Bill Durbin	John Holderman	Del Hollingsworth
Dick & June Koch	Les Lakie	Bob Matern
Mark Montgomery	Robert Pope	Norm Shirk
Will Thompson	Steve Worcester	

The picture above is just a sampling of our “haul” that included ash, bois d’arc, box elder, cedar, cedar elm, hackberry, hickory, pecan, walnut and a few unknowns. At this writing, we think we’ll have access to this source for a few more weeks, so have at it! But be safe.

One other person who really helped out was Bob’s almost-16 year old grandson Brent, at the far left in the picture, who provided the muscle power for us ol’ folks. For his efforts, Brent was named an honorary DAW member for the day. - Bob Matern

Drying Green Wood Using the Alcohol Drying Method

With the recent "haul" of wood from the Pecan Hollow golf course location, DAW should be in good shape to exceed last year's contribution to Empty Bowls. But this wood will not dry in time for Empty Bowls if roughed out bowls are just left to sit and dry all by themselves.

One way to accelerate the drying process is to use the Alcohol Drying Method so that in less than a month a roughed out bowl will be ready for final turning. In short, this method involves soaking a green wood piece in denatured alcohol (DNA) for about 24 hours and then wrapping it in a paper bag for a few weeks until it stops losing weight.

For a more detailed discussion, see http://www.woodcentral.com/cgi-bin/readarticle.pl?dir=turning&file=articles_473.shtml.

One consideration of this method not covered in the article is that the DNA will lose its effectiveness over time. That’s because the process works by having the DNA exchange places with the water in the wood, gradually diluting the DNA. DNA right out of the can weighs about 25% more than water so when the weight of the DNA in the container you’re using dilutes to weighing only about 10% more than a comparable volume of water, it’s time to add more DNA.- Bob Matern

News from SWAT

Registration is now open for the 2011 the SWAT annual symposium being held in Waco, TX Aug 26th through the 28th. There are two registration options available this year. You can either use the [on line](#) registration or register by mail. The [registration form](#) is available from on the SWAT website. Don't forget, by registering before July 25th you will become eligible to win one of three Shopping Spree prizes. Details are available on the SWAT web site.

This Month I will be featuring a brief look at two more of the national demonstrators, Nick Cook and Alan Lacer, that will be with us at SWAT this August.

Nick Cook – Production Turning



Nationally known woodturner, Nick Cook lives in Marietta, Georgia where he owns and operates the only full service woodturning studio in the metropolitan Atlanta area. Nick turns a variety of work including one-of-a-kind bowls and vessels along with his unique gift items—wine stoppers, baby rattles, rolling pins, spinning tops, honey dippers, and the like.

Nick grew up around his father's woodworking equipment and became interested in the art of woodturning in the mid-70s after several years in furniture design and manufacture.

In addition to creating one-of-a-kind pieces and his staple gift items, Nick teaches and lectures on various woodturning topics, has written articles for several woodworking magazines, and produced two woodturning videos.

A founding member of the American Association of Woodturners, Nick served six years on the board of directors, including one as vice president.

See Nick's [web site](#) for more information about his work. There is also a wonderful collection of articles on his site that are informative and inspiring. You can also friend Nick on [facebook](#).

Alan Lacer – The Skew



Alan Lacer has been involved in the turning field for over 35 years as a turner, teacher, writer, exhibition coordinator, expert witness, demonstrator and past president of the American Association of Woodturners. His work has appeared in a number of regional and national exhibitions. Alan has been a regular instructor and demonstrator of the craft—having worked in all 50 states as well as 5 foreign countries. He has published over 140 articles, columns and tips, covering technical aspects of woodturning, many specific projects, and stories related to both contemporary and historical woodturning and the turning traditions of Japan and Germany. He has also produced five videos on his own, with three of them winning a total of five national awards. In 1999 the American Association of

Woodturners awarded him their Lifetime Honorary Member Award for his contributions to the field. Alan's [web site](#) contains a number of interesting and informative articles including 2006 American Woodturner article "In defense of your Favorite Skew" which was co-authored with his long time friend Nick Cook.

Anchorseal Available

(For newer turners, Anchorseal is liquid used to “paint” the end grain of newly sawn logs to inhibit cracking until you can get around to turning them.)

DAW has Anchorseal available for members. We store the filled jugs off-site so you’ll have to place your order for Anchorseal in advance and then pick it up at the meeting. We’ve got 2.25 gal. jugs for \$25 and 1 gal. jugs for \$12. Just let Bob Matern (bob@dfwair.net) know by noon on Wednesday before the meeting and we’ll have it ready for you.

Schedule of Upcoming DAW Events

April 21 – DAW Meeting – Bob Matern on square platters
May 5 – DAW Board Meeting
May 19 – DAW Meeting – Tom Farrell on metal spinning
May 21/22 – 2nd Segmenting class
June 1 – Deadline for entries to *Masters at Work* competition at Beavers Bend, OK

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