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President's Notes

It's hard to believe we're almost half-way through 2011. That means only seven months left to complete our "Empty Bowls" contributions! It also means we have six terrific programs left this year. Program Director Mark Duval has lined up some more great demonstrators, starting with Past President Dick Koch at the June 16 meeting.

At the June Board meeting we officially welcomed our new Secretary, Glen Katz. We all owe Glen a big "thank you" for agreeing to step into the position; he's already off to a great start.

The board also heard from Tim Conard regarding his proposal for DAW to participate in the 2011 Boy Scout Winter Camp hosted by the BSA Circle Ten Council. Tim has asked the club to assist with hands-on turning lessons for some of the 1300 scouts and 500 adult volunteers expected to attend the three day event at Camp Clements (located just south of Athens, Texas) in late December. Tim has already lined up a building (with heat) for the lessons, and he says there will be overnight accommodations for volunteers. The Board committed to support the event with lathes, tools, and volunteers, and to help line up other clubs in the area to participate. Tim will be calling on some of you to serve on a committee to help finalize the plans. This will be a great opportunity to achieve one of the main goals of Dallas Area Woodturners - educating future turners about our great hobby!

Speaking of education, don't forget to check the website for classes arranged by our Training Director (and new grandfather!) Jimmy Cusic . The next class, scheduled for June 26 at the training center, will be "Beginning Platters" taught by our own Media Director, Ken Rodgers. This will be a great class for anyone with bowl turning experience who wants to learn the techniques unique to platter turning. Sign up on the website before it's too late!

Remember to register for SWAT (www.swaturners.org). Dean Cardoza, our representative on the SWAT Board, has an article elsewhere in this newsletter about SWAT opportunities.

I'll be on vacation during our next meeting, so Vice-President Jon Searles will be in charge. **Remember - 7:00 PM Thursday, June 16, at WoodWorld!** -Robert Pope

New Members

Welcome to recent new members: **David Lawhead** of Dallas, **Mike Nouri**, of Dallas, **Mike Rowe**, of Sachse, and **David Young** of McKinney.

June Program

Making Segmented Beads of Courage Lidded Boxes by Dick Koch

The main purpose of my demonstration this month is show how easy segmented lidded boxes are to make and to encourage our members to make some of these for the children undergoing a long series of serious medical treatments in local hospitals. It would be great if each member made at least one box for Beads of Courage to this year, but I am sure that won't happen. Instead, I hope to encourage at least a few of you to make a bunch of them and either submit them to B of C through the DAW or bring them to SWAT to enter them into the box building competition there organized by our good friend Craig Fyock of Woodworld.



I will be demonstrating many of the steps which I use to make these lidded boxes for Beads of Courage. Last year I made three identical boxes which are pictured above. They were made from yellowheart and bloodwood. The design must be attractive since the one box which I submitted at SWAT won first place in the competition last year.

This year I have five boxes in production being made from maple and walnut. I find that making a group of them simultaneously makes the job easier and quicker since I can cut all of the pieces for a particular ring at the same time making saw setup more efficient. I am using ten segments per ring, so I have to cut 50 identical pieces for the rings to supply five boxes. After cutting, I glue the segments together to make a ring. The cutting and gluing for five rings takes about an hour or so when done this way, and with the design having seven layers (including the lids) it takes about seven hours or so to cut and glue everything together ready for assembly in boxes. This photo shows all of the wood for five Beads of Courage lidded boxes.

In my demo I will be showing how I glue the segments together into a ring, how I glue the rings onto a partially assembled box, how I turn the box, and how I make the lid for the box.



I have created a video (in five parts) which is on YouTube beginning at <http://youtu.be/XxVJB9WDdbY?hd=1> in which I go through the whole process of creating the bowls for these lidded boxes from cutting the segments to applying the varnish finish. The video does not show making the lids for the boxes, but I will go through that in detail during my demo. I also have a handout which I will send to you if request it by emailing me at u1617sa-daw@yahoo.com or perhaps Ken will post it on our web site. The handout contains the plan for these boxes and a cutting chart with the dimensions and cutting angles of all or the segments for each ring of the box.

Dick Koch

Monthly/Quarterly Raffle News

This is the final 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 and other club needs.

Training Class

Sunday afternoon, June 26: Ken Rodgers will teach a beginning platter class. Cost is \$30.

SWAT Says “Thank You” to DAW

At the last DAW meeting, SWAT asked for someone to step forward to take over the name badge printing and laminating responsibilities. No less than **Three** (yes,3!) members volunteered. They were Cliff DeWitt, new member Randy Harrill and Bob Younghusband. Thanks, guys!

News from SWAT

If you haven't yet registered for SWAT you need to be aware that the Early Registration deadline for the 2011 symposium is July 26th. Be sure to register before the July 26th deadline to qualify for the reduced rate of \$125.00. For further details go to the [SWAT web site](#).

Those registering before the deadline will automatically be entered into the drawing for one of three prizes. The winners will participate in a vendor shopping spree: 1st - \$250 2nd - \$150 3rd - \$100.

In the May newsletter we announced that the SWAT board is once again providing two complementary registrations for the 2011 symposium. We are still looking for two DAW members to present these registrations to. These registrations are for all three days and include lunch. If you would like to apply for one of the SWAT grants please contact our SWAT representative, Dean Cardoza at d.cardoza@tx.rr.com or 469-360-2118.

The SWAT web site has recently been updated to include information about the [Lead and Regional Demonstrators](#), [Session Schedule](#), [Special Interest Groups](#), and of course the [Vendors](#).

The final two lead demonstrators that will be with in Waco this year are Nick Arnall and Kurt Theobald.

Nick Arnall – Form and Decoration



Nick Arnall, a professional woodturner from the UK, has demonstrated at many symposiums in the US, South Africa and throughout the UK.

For the last 4 ½ years he has contributed to GMC publication's "Woodturning magazine" which is read in over 60 countries.

In his rotations Nick will introduce the audiences to methods to help improve finishing techniques, working with the wood and finishing products to achieve the best possible finish when creating decorated work using color or texture. He works with a simple approach and has a strong emphasis on design and aesthetics. The projects will explore

surface manipulation/decoration and color.

Curt Theobald – Segmented Turning



Curt Theobald, a professional wood turner from Wyoming, is internationally known segmented woodturner, artist, instructor and author. His work has been exhibited in some of the largest and most prestigious galleries.

Curt has produced several videos in which he demystifies the process of segmentation. Curt's work is well known for its precise patterns and accurate joinery.

Curt will cover all aspects of turning from “Where to start” to “Pushing your work to the next level”. If your interest is segmented turning Curt's rotations must not be missed. For more information about Curt visit his [website](#).

WoodWorld Freedom Pens Turn-A-Thon – Saturday, July 30

(For new members, Freedom Pens is a nationwide project to send turned pens to our troops overseas. See www.freedompens.org for more information.)

Come join your fellow DAW members and other turners from around North Texas for the 4th Annual Freedom Pen Turn-A-Thon at WoodWorld on the last Saturday of July. Last year the effort attracted over 100 participants turning on 28 lathes set up around the store. WoodWorld provides food and drink and all the pen making materials as well as numerous drawings for prizes. There are also awards to individuals for most pens, best pens, best finish, etc.

The last 2 years DAW has been *barely* edged out for the “Most Club Members Participating” prize by that little club from somewhere out around Greenville. Let's not let that happen again! The event starts at 9 AM and goes on all day, so feel free to drop in anytime. It doesn't have to be a full day commitment on your part, just be sure you sign in as DAW member. If you've never turned a pen, here's the best way to learn! Even non-turners can contribute by helping with assembling the pens. Also, on the Friday before the event, we'll be needing some help in loading the club's mini-lathes at Kevin's shop on the trailer, so you can help there, too.

DAW Entertains The Kids

For the 5th (or is it 6th?) year, DAW was invited to show off to the kids at Boone Elementary School in Allen at their Gold Presenter Day. Each year the school invites individuals or groups to meet with kindergarteners to 4th graders to give them a view of what their jobs or hobbies are like. This year Brian Evans, Jon Lindgren and Bob Matern showed the kids some examples of woodturning and did eight demo rotations showing the kids how we go about turning tops out of wood and vegetable boxes out of rutabagas and sweet potatoes. Brian shows Jon and his classmates how to turn tops.



AAW Custom Powermatic Lathe Raffle

The AAW is raffling off a Powermatic 3520B lathe at the AAW Symposium in St. Paul. They have given turners who are not planning to be there an opportunity to buy raffle tickets at local club meetings. This lathe has been beautifully painted by the world famous turner and artist, Binh Pho. The AAW is raffling off this lathe to raise money to further woodturning education. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and you do not have to be present to win. If you buy 5 or more tickets you will receive a free poster as seen at the right as a bonus. Free shipping for the lathe will be provided right to your shop. The drawing will be at the Crown Plaza Hotel in St. Paul on Saturday, June 25, 2011. There is also a 2nd prize of a Jet JML 10141 lathe, so each ticket has two chances to win a raffle prize.

Dick Koch will have raffle tickets at the June 16th meeting at Woodworld. You can pay by cash or with a check made payable to AAW.

Email Addresses

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

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

June 16 . DAW Meeting - Dick Koch on lidded, segmented boxes for Beads of Courage
June 26 - Beginning platter class by Ken Rodgers
July 7 . DAW Board meeting
July 21. DAW Meeting - Marion McDaniel . Twisted offset spindles
July 30 . WoodWorld Freedom Pen Turn-a-Thon
August 4 . DAW Board meeting
August 18. DAW Meeting - Richard Mineo . Turned bracelets
August 26-28 . SWAT Annual Symposium in Waco



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