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September 15 at WoodWorld

Ron Engel-Wilson will demonstrate turning a "Four-poster"

President's Notes

Thanks to **Richard Mineo** for a great demo at the August meeting. A drawing will be held at our September meeting for the bracelet jig and an unfinished bracelet Richard made in the demo.

When I saw **Ron Engel-Wilson** (our September demonstrator) at **SWAT** last month, he handed me 23 bowls for our **Empty Bowls** drive! He now leads the list of bowl contributors, and will be entered in the drawing to be held next February for cash prizes totaling \$300. Remember, each bowl turned in earns one ticket for the drawing, and each box for our **Beads-of-Courage** drive earns five tickets. Prizes are \$150, \$100 and \$50. Get your bowls and boxes turned in! We'll be collecting them as usual at the meeting.

Ron has an advantage turning out bowls since he cuts and sells turning blanks from woods in his native southeastern Oklahoma. He is bringing a selection to the meeting, including Honey Locust, Persimmon, Catalpa, Cedar Elm, Sugarberry, and Blue Jack Oak. Ron has also generously offered to donate wood for our **Empty Bowls** drive if we'll help him cut it. We're planning a "wood cutting" party to his place in the fall (if the weather cools off).

At their September meeting, Board members discussed several ways to encourage turning of bowls and boxes for our **Empty Bowls** and **Beads-of-Courage** drives. You'll find more info about these plans elsewhere in the newsletter, or at the meeting next week.

DAW was well represented last month at **SWAT** in Waco. It was the largest attendance in the history of the Symposium, and next year should be even better since the Waco Convention Center construction will be complete, and more space will be available for vendors and demos. The Instant Gallery was twice as large as last year, and was filled with some beautiful pieces by some of our regions very talented turners. Now's the time to start getting your items ready to display at the August 2012 event!

We'll see you Thursday evening at WoodWorld! Be sure to bring something to "Show-and-Tell"! - Robert Pope

September Program

Ron-Engel-Wilson will demonstrate turning what he calls a “four-poster”. See the photo below.



Monthly/Quarterly Raffle News

This is the final month of ticket sales for the 3rd quarter raffle – Be sure to buy plenty of raffle tickets for the **\$150 gift certificate for WoodWorld** quarterly raffle prize. Remember raffle proceeds benefit out extensive library and other club needs.

EMPTY BOWLS--ATTENTION, ATTENTION!!!!

Members/visitors: we are trying to improve our participation in **Empty Bowls**. We only have September, October, November and December to reach a goal of 350. So, DAW will run a trial program at the September meeting. If all goes well, DAW will continue the program for October, November, and December. DAW will have dry turning blanks available at the September meeting. We will sell these blanks at a rock bottom price to those interested in turning bowls for **Empty Bowls**. We will keep a list of members or guests buying the blanks. When a member/visitor brings the turned bowl back for **Empty Bowls** he will receive his money back. If a member/visitor buys a blank but does not turn a bowl and return it for **Empty Bowls**—the member will not receive a refund of his purchase price. **REMEMBER if you need a mentor to help you turn a bowl please see a DAW board member for assistance.**

EMPTY BOWLS & BEADS OF COURAGE BOXES--MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!!!!

Members don't forget the prizes available for members providing **Empty Bowls or Beads of Courage boxes**. Members contributing bowls will get one ticket for each bowl and members contributing boxes will receive 5 tickets per box. **Lou Boudreaux** will keep track of all bowls and boxes donated. All tickets will be placed together and three drawing held at the February meeting. First Reward: \$150, Second Reward: \$100, and Third Reward: \$50. **REMEMBER if you need a mentor to help you turn a bowl or making a box please see a DAW board member for assistance.**

Buy Yourself an Early Christmas Present at the DAW Meeting

Our September meeting will be your first opportunity to buy tickets for the Friday, December 2, DAW Christmas Party where we'll have good food, laughs, raffles, door prizes and auctions. We're fortunate again this year to have the DAW "Dynamic Duo" of **Larry Genender** and **Randy Rice** in charge of the proceedings trying to keep us rowdy folks in line.

Tickets bought at the September and October meetings will be priced at \$17.50 per person, the same price as we've had for at least the last 5 years. After the October meeting, the cost will be \$20.

So, plan on being at the Holiday Inn Select in Richardson with family members coming along too. Also, don't forget to use some of that wood and tools you got at SWAT to fashion a nice piece for the auction portion of the evening.

News from SWAT by Dean Cardoza

The 2011 SWAT symposium was recently held at the Waco convention center. Prior to the event **Delbert Dowdy**, this year's SWAT President, promised that the 20th anniversary celebration would be: "Better than ever. We will be having More National and International leads (8), More vendors, More special interest groups (6), Better raffle items, Better food service, and Better instant gallery. All of this for the same low price as last year."

I am pleased to report that with a record 808 people and 36 vendors in attendance the 2011 event lived up to his promise in every way.

National and Regional Demonstrators

As usual there were more rotations presented that I wanted to see than could have fit into two weekends at SWAT. All of the National and Regional demonstrators that I went to see did a wonderful job. And, as in years past, I found that there is always more than advertised in the rotation title. I attended a rotation with Curt Theobald on Saturday morning called "Segmenting – Where to Start" that was packed full of information on form and design.

Instant Gallery



The instant gallery is always an impressive sight but this year, as promised, the Gallery was bigger and better than ever. The 716 Instant Gallery pieces and 99 Beads of Courage boxes entirely filled two of the McLennan rooms.

While the full content of the instant gallery have not yet been published on the SWAT website a very nice presentation available that was created by **Drew Shelton** that contains many of these items along with many other pictures capturing the activities at this year's symposium.

Go to: http://www.swaturners.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=148:simple-gallery&catid=16:galleries&Itemid=51

Vendors



The 36 vendors at SWAT this year entirely filled the expanded vendor area in the main hall and overflowed into the Hands-On area.

This was a very profitable show for the vendors as well. One of the vendors that I talked to after the show related to me that he was sold out of product on Friday afternoon. From that point on he spent the rest of the show demonstrating his products and taking orders to be fulfilled upon his return home.

SWAT Feedback Wanted

The SWAT board is always striving to present the best possible event and is actively seeking your comments and suggestions. Please feel free to send your comments and feedback directly to the SWAT Executive Committee at: board@swaturners.org.

Thanks for a great SWAT

I want to conclude this article by recognizing the many volunteers that make SWAT the success that it is. I want to thank the many members of DAW that have contributed so much. **Robert Pope** did a great job on organizing all of the raffle items, **Ken Rodgers** led the SWAT Audio/Visual assisted by **Bob Younghusband**. **Bob Matern**, as he has for many years, did a great job from the Executive level organizing the many details that go into the symposium. Thanks to those who volunteered to help with the demo room we sponsored. Last but not least, I want to thank each of you who assisted with the envelope stuffing and all of the other activities that are a part of the process.

And remember, it is not too soon to think about SWAT for 2012.

Email Addresses

Members should occasionally check their email address, etc. on the Webpage roster. Let me know if corrections are needed. Also, if you need help related to the DAW Webpage, let me know.

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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

September 15 – DAW Meeting - Ron Engel-Wilson –“ Four-poster” demo
October 6 – DAW Board meeting
October 20 – DAW Meeting - Tom Crosby
November 3 – DAW Board meeting
November 17 – DAW Meeting - Sharon Ayers demo on turning platters
December 1 – DAW Board meeting
December 2– Christmas Dinner/Auction/Raffle
No regular club meeting in December. Spend that evening making empty bowls or a box for Beads of Courage.

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