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Next DAW Meeting at 7:00pm at Wood World on Thursday, January 14th

## January Meeting:

### Kevin Felderhoff – Cowboy Hat Turning



Kevin Felderhoff was born and raised in Muenster, Texas and earned a BS of Industrial Technology with an emphasis in Construction Management from Texas State University in San Marcos Texas. He has lived in Birmingham, Alabama; Brevard, North Carolina and currently lives in Gainesville, Texas and turns for a hobby.

Kevin's love for building things and working with wood began in his high school years. He was fortunate to have an awesome shop teacher who taught him great wood working techniques. While in Alabama, a colleague introduced him to woodturning and Kevin quickly became involved with the Alabama Woodturners and in fact was elected President in 2009. He began turning on a Rikon Mini Lathe in 2007 and currently is turning on a Powermatic 3520B. Living in the mountains of North Carolina, Kevin had the opportunity to participate in numerous exhibitions and demonstrations. Fallen wood was prevalent and provided opportunities to challenge and grow his analytical and artistic mind. It was satisfying to Kevin to rescue a gnarly piece of wood and transform it to an exquisite piece of unique art. Turning for Kevin is stimulating and mentally challenging to analyze the rescued wood and calculate the best angle to mount the wood on the lathe.

Being a native of Texas, it was natural for him to want to turn something "Texas" from wood so.... nothing better than a Wood Turned Cowboy Hat. While in Brevard, North Carolina Kevin was mentored by a local woodturned, Nick Neiley and watched Johannes Michelsen "Creator of the Original Woodhat" on how to make a wood turned cowboy hat.

Kevin has studied under David Ellsworth, Binh Pho, Nick Cook, Frank Penta, and Johannes Michelsen.

## From the Pen of the President

As the calendar turns to 2015, I want to thank Craig Fyock for his leadership of the club and the direction in which he has led us during the last two years. As I look forward to the New Year, I am excited about what it brings; new challenges as the President of the club and the personal challenges I set for myself.

The challenge that I am setting for the club is the continued support Empty Bowls of North Texas and Beads of Courage. I know that we talk about these two organizations all the time. We talk about how we are not living up to what we have done in the past. Let's not dwell on past shortcomings but attaining our future goals.

Let's talk about the mission of Empty Bowls. Most of us all have not suffered from hunger due to not being able to afford to provide food for our families and ourselves. However, there are many people (from the very young to the very old) in our communities that do suffer from hunger. Every year I challenge myself to do at least 10 to 12 bowls to be donated to Empty Bowls. It is simple; one bowl a month equals 12 bowls a year. If just half of our membership would turn just 10 bowls for 2015 that would give us 1000 bowls and would help raise well over \$30,000 to help feed the hungry of DFW. Wow, what an impact we, as a club, could make in our area!

Now, let's talk about Beads of Courage. I will admit that I have not done as much for this group as I would have liked. Yes, lidded boxes are more challenging than bowls but we still can make a difference. Unlike hunger, all of us know someone who has been touch by cancer in some way. This organization is not just about cancer but, more specifically, childhood cancer. It's hitting the youngest among us who have not even lived life, yet. We can help these children cope a little better with their terrible illness. Each time a child receives a chemo treatment he or she receives a bead. The boxes made for Beads of Courage are donated to these children to hold their beads. The boxes don't need to be made on a lathe. They can be any shape you want. Last year, 63 boxes were donated. Let's set our goal high and double that total to 126 in 2015!!

As we move into 2015, and things start to settle down, really think about how YOU can support these wonderful causes. I know, as your President, I will support Empty Bowls and Beads of Courage. Will you join with me in supporting these worthy causes?

If you have questions or need more information please reach out to one of the board members.

[www.beadsofcourage.org](http://www.beadsofcourage.org)  
[www.ntfb.org/emptybowls](http://www.ntfb.org/emptybowls)

## Membership

DAW continues to exceed 200 members; 2014 membership was 230, which was down slightly from our peak of 250 in 2013. Since we started collecting 2015 dues in October, we already have 108 memberships paid for 2015 before we even have our first meeting for the year. That's a great start!

Remember, the membership dues are what make possible having things like having a great audio-visual system, new books, magazines & videos in the library, lathes and support tools for open shop and classes, and bringing in guest presenters and instructors. So, pay early (and if you're from Chicago, pay often).

## Library News

Well, with the Christmas holiday time and no regular club meeting in December, you have had ample time to read/view your library checkout items from November. So, be sure and bring them back this month so other members have the opportunity to use what you had the chance to enjoy. If you are unable to attend the January meeting, you can drop your items off at Wood

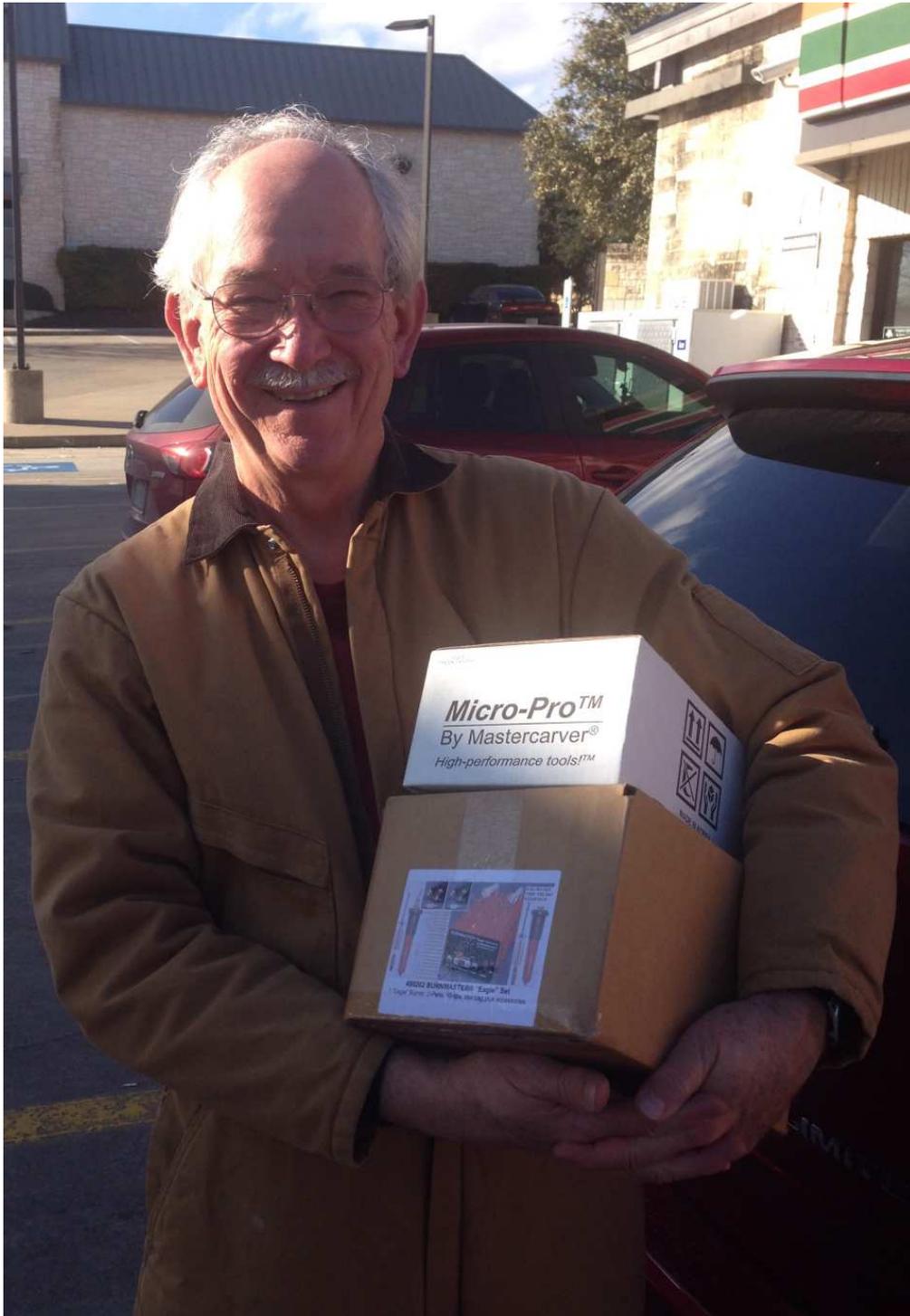
World whenever they are open; we have a locked library check-in box where the items will be placed for safe keeping until the club meeting night.

We have several new Woodturning magazine issues and a book or two has been added to the library. For those of you who like to get an early jump on things, the winter issue of Woodturning has some really nice examples of various styles of Christmas ornaments. Also, if you are really motivated and would like to write a review of anything you have checked out from our library, please let me know.

Over the next few months, we plan to order quite a few new items. If you have some things in particular that you think should be added to our library, please let us know. Also, we are in the process of updating the library database so that the books and videos can be more readily located in our cabinets. We'll also try to do a better job of keeping the web listing up-to-date. We may even consider providing a mechanism for "reserving" library items.

## Quarterly Raffle Winner

Gary Miller the winner of 4 quarter raffle! He won a Micro Pro Carver and Burn Master Burner! Congratulations Gary!!



## Empty Bowls

DAW members contributed thirty-one bowls for North Texas Food Bank Empty Bowls at our November meeting. Roger Smith (10) and Dave Young (10) were the big contributors. So far, 159 bowls have been collected for Empty Bowls this year. Eighty-four of these bowls were donated by Lou Boudreaux (38), Roger Smith (24), and John Holderman (22). Only 20 DAW members have donated bowls this year. The Empty Bowls event at the Myerson Symphony Center will be on March 6, 2015. This means that our January meeting will be the last one to submit bowls for the 2015 Empty Bowls.

Thirty-five Empty Bowls were submitted by DAW for the Southeast Oklahoma Woodturners "Vessels for Vittles" club challenge. Tom Crosby won First Place in the "Decorated Vessel" category. John Holderman won First Place in the "Natural Edge" category. Hugh Hurst and Richard Duval won Honorable Mention in the "Natural Edge" category. Congratulations to these DAW members. Eleven bowls made by DAW members were sold at the event for a total of \$530. This money will be given to the North Texas Food Bank for Empty Bowls.

There were several instances where guests at the 2014 Empty Bowls event asked if they could have two bowls for one ticket when the bowls were small. While these guests were given two bowls, it presented a problem for both the people on the tables and those collecting tickets.

To eliminate this problem, the organizers of Empty Bowls have established a minimum bowl size of 3" diameter for future events. This is not seen as a problem since most DAW bowls are larger than 3" diameter.

## Beads of Courage

Eighteen boxes for Beads of Courage were donated at the November meeting, bringing our total for the year to 63. Fifteen of the boxes were from Danny King and Marvin Cade of East Texas Woodturners. Lou Boudreaux (17) and Jon Searles (12) are the DAW leaders for the year.

For you that have not yet experienced the satisfaction of making a Beads of Courage box for a seriously ill child, a copy of the Thank You note from Children's Medical Center follows. It is hoped that more members will participate in DAW's support of this excellent program.

*Hello Craig,*

*On behalf of children and families at Children's Health, thank you very much for your recent donation to our hospital. Each year, Children's Health continues to advance our mission to "make life better for children". Through our Child Life Department, we have seen many lives changed for the better. We are so grateful that your organization selected Children's Medical Center as your choice for the donation of the exquisite wooden boxes for the Beads of Courage program.*

*The donation from the Dallas Woodturners will bring joy to the many families who have children treated with cancer and those who are treated under the cardiology service. We were astounded to see the degree of beauty and care that was extended with each piece. The boxes will help to serve as a legacy for the bravery each patient exerts while earning beads.*

*The child life specialists carefully placed the boxes on a cart and visited the patients rooms. Patients and parents selected a unique box to store their Beads of Courage strands. As you are aware, each bead a child earns represents the completion of a day in the hospital, a procedure, surgery or treatment. Many of the patients who were recent recipients of the boxes have been inpatient for many weeks if not months and are battling a diagnosis of cancer of heart disease. Your gift a beautiful box helps to make their day bright and for each of the patient families to feel cared for.*

*Thank you again for sharing your talents with the patients.*

*Sincerely,  
Melinda*



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The DAW drawing to promote participation in Empty Bowls/Beads of Courage will be in February. First place prize is \$150, second place is \$100, and third place is \$50. For every bowl submitted to Empty Bowls, the DAW member gets one ticket in the drawing. For every box donated to Beads of Courage, the member receives five tickets. You still have time to increase your chances of winning in by donating more bowls and boxes.

Contact Lou Boudreaux, or see him at the meeting, if you need Beads of Courage disks to put in box lids. We only ask that you return them in a box. Some of the children in the Beads of Courage program have HUGE bead collections, so a good size for boxes is 6" to 8" diameter, and about 6" to 7" tall.

## Classified Ads

Classified ads run for 1 month unless the editor is notified they are needed longer.

## Find Us On Facebook



Do you want to stay in contact with all the Wood Turners in the Club? Do you want to show off your recent work? Do you have a question that you need to ask a fellow turner? Now you can!! Just search Dallas Area Woodturners on Facebook and Become a fan Today! Also if you have photos you want to be posted just forward them to [Chefdavidyoung@gmail.com](mailto:Chefdavidyoung@gmail.com)!

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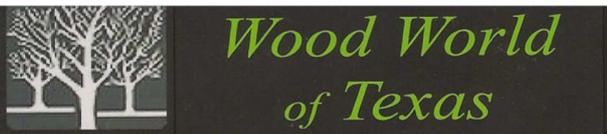


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