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Next DAW Meeting at 7:00pm at WoodWorld on Thursday, May 21st

May Meeting Demo: Bill Kloeping – Photographing Turnings

Bill will demonstrate the art of photographing turnings. He has photographed thousands of turnings at SWAT and routinely photographs the show-n-tell pieces at the Hunt County club meetings.

Thanks to John Holderman for his demo turning toothpick holders last month.

From the Pen of the President

Wood Worlds annual Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon is right around the corner! This is one of the few yearly events to which I look forward. I personally support this cause and have turned around a thousand pens for Freedom pens over the last 5 years.

Through the numerous emails I have received, I am not just turning a pen. I am giving our troops a piece of me. I am letting them know that I support them and the cause for which they are fighting. A few years ago, I had the honor of meeting a man whom had received a freedom pen. As we spoke, he could not stop expressing how important that pen was to him, knowing that someone handmade it just for him. He told me of how he carried it with him no matter where he went. Wow, what an impact a couple of bucks makes!

So here is my challenge to you: come out to the open shop and help prep the pen blanks for this event. We will be starting at 9 am on Saturday, May 23rd and we will work as long as we can. Be that person who makes an impact on those who are serving our country! You can be assured, I will be there helping! If you have questions about how you can help through out the year, please let me know! So, come on out and let's support our troops!

Don't forget your Empty Bowls!! I'll have mine. Will you have yours?

See you at the next meeting on Thursday, May 21st!

Empty Bowls and Beads of Courage Report by Lou Boudreaux

Twenty-three Empty Bowls were submitted by eight members at the April DAW meeting. Our club total for 2015 now stands at 113 bowls, more than one third of all the bowls we collected in 2014. Twenty members have contributed bowls to this worthwhile charity this year. Three boxes were also donated for Beads of Courage, making a total of 8 for 2015. Members who donated bowls or boxes in April and in 2015 are shown below. Be sure to clearly identify your boxes and bowls so you get credit for the DAW Empty Bowls/Beads of Courage drawing in February.

Empty Bowls and Beads of Courage Report

Empty Bowls Contributors

	April	YTD
Jon Holderman		28
Lou Boudreaux	7	23
Tod Raines		8
John Searles	7	7
Roger Smith	3	6
D. Stuekerjuergen		6
Richard Braddock	1	5
Tom Crosby		2
Jeff Edwards		4
Jason Lowrie		4
Dave Young	1	3
Darrell Miller		3
Robert Pope		3
Lauren Gustafson		2
Gary Miller		2
Mark Montgomery		2
Ron Johnson	2	2
LarryMaughan		1
Doug Cooley	1	1
Nonmember/Unknown	1	1
Total	23	113

Beads of Courage Contributors

	April	YTD
Lou Boudreaux	2	6
John Holderman		2
Tom Crosby	1	2
Nonmember/Unknown		1
Total	3	11

Contact Lou Boudreaux, louboudreaux@att.net or see him at the May meeting for ceramic Beads of Courage disks to put in box lids.

DAW Member Profile: Brian Evans by Charlie Tucker



Brian Evans is a cornerstone of DAW. As a member, mentor, and demonstrator, Brian is always at the ready to share his 25 years of wood turning experience with anyone with a question or a desire to improve on a technique or process.

His introduction to the lathe began when a Handy Dan lumber yard was going out of business and selling a lathe for \$70. Brian had never worked on such a machine but isn't one to pass up a good deal. So he bought the lathe, got a set of Sears Craftsman turning tools and Richard Raffin's first book, and set out on a new adventure.

Brian now turns on a Robust Sweet 16 lathe which he says is ideally suited for his love of spindle turning.

Initially a member of the North Texas Club in Ft Worth, he moved over to DAW a couple of years after it was established. Brian is a long-time member of AAW and is an advocate of the organization's mission, programs and publications.

His shop is shared with former DAW president, Robert Pope and is located in a 1200 square foot office warehouse in a Richardson industrial district. Their shop is just down the street from Jimmie Arledge, who regularly stops in for lunch visits and to exchange ideas and experiences.

Brian's turning favorites are spindles, boxes and tops: he likes to make things "people want to handle" Over his turning years he estimates he has made and given away over 1000 tops, many to be used as gifts to children by friends engaging in missionary and humanitarian ventures. In years past he fabricated 400-500 toy cars used as Christmas gifts by a local charity as well as several hundred bowls in DAW's Empty Bowls project.

Brian remarked, "I remember when a bunch of us would show up at Jimmie's shop around 9:00 and turn bowls until lunch break. Then we'd come back and keep turning bowls until about 4:30 that afternoon. We produced a truckload of bowls in those days."

Some of his most recent commissions were baseball bats, stair balusters, table legs, chair rungs, and finials for a grandfather clock.

He has demonstrated at schools, Empty Bowls, and area woodturning.

His other interests include playing the guitar and golf.

His favorite turning tool? A spindle gouge, of course.

His favorite wood is pear, and his favorite wood finish is thinned lacquer buffed on a Beale System.

In addition to being an excellent teacher, Brian is a devoted student, having studied under Jean-Francois Escoulen, Betty Scarpino, Nick Cook, Stu Beatty, Jimmy Clewes, Michael Hosaluk and three sessions at Arrowmont School.

Asked for a gem of wisdom for new turners, Brian said, "Learn to cut, not scrape. Learn tool control. Reinforce learning by repeating the same process 50-70 times. Set as your goal to achieve the desired results with as few cuts as possible. But don't be afraid to make mistakes."

Brian has no preference for tool brands. He has experimented with the spectrum of cutting angles and sharpening systems.

Asked to characterize himself, Brian said, "Some people would call me a dinosaur because I enjoy the old school approach to turning."

Brian exemplifies the quality of creation that comes from joining art to craft. The result is an enviable standard of excellence in all his endeavors.

Library Report by Mark Montgomery

Last year, members checked out 274 items from the library. This year, 119 checkouts have already occurred; at that rate, we should have over 325 checkouts this year. A number of requests have been made by DAW members for new items to be added to the library. Those items, and more, have been received and will be available for checkout this month. **The listing of the new items will be covered in a separate document.** Updated listings will be posted on the DAW web site by Monday morning for you to search through to find things you would like to check out. If anyone has additional requests for more additions to our library, just let me know.

Membership News by Mark Montgomery

DAW continues to exceed 200 members. 189 family memberships have already paid for 2015, for a total of 211 members. That's a great start! Meeting attendance continues to hover around 80 people.

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.

Also, your 2015 membership card is necessary for checking out items from our library and for use at WoodWorld, Rockler, and Woodcraft to receive your 10% club discount.

DAW Website by Ken Rodgers, Webmaster

Our Website link is: <http://www.dallaswoodturners.com>

There is a lot of club information on the Website, including contact information for club officers. Check it out.

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!

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

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