



# DAW NEWSLETTER

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**Next DAW Meeting at 7:00pm at WoodWorld on Thursday, August 27**

## August Meeting Demo: Jimmy Clewes

Please note this meeting is pushed out a week due to SWAT.

Jimmy Clewes is a world-class turner/teacher. Don't miss this one!

### From the Pen of the President

It is amazing how fast this year is gone! Once again, SWAT is upon us for another year. This is always a great time of year. Over a thousand wood turners get together to learn new skills, shop the vendors, and reunite with old friends.

It is also and great time of the year for the club! We celebrate our champion volunteers. Ours is a club that relies on volunteers to make the club work. From the members of the board to those that help make the club what it is. I want to take a moment to celebrate those who have made the biggest impact on the club over the past year. The top three Volunteers for the year are, Susan Clewell, Darrell Miller, and Ron Johnson. These three people have work tirelessly for the club. They have helped with monthly meetings, assisted at open shops, and whatever else the club has needed. Each one was awarded a scholarship to SWAT as a BIG "thank you" for all they do.

So, they next time you see one of these great volunteers, please pat them on the back and thank them for what they do to help keep our club what it is. I also want to do a shout out and thank you to Ken Rodgers. He makes sure the website is up to date, takes care of all the audio visual needs for each meeting, takes care of the room we sponsor at SWAT, edits the newsletter, and a bunch of other little things he does to keep our club Top Notch!

To all other volunteers that I've not been able to mention THANK YOU! You are the many reasons our club continues to grow and is able to pass the art of turning on to generations to come!

Don't forget our monthly club meeting has been moved to August 27<sup>th</sup>! Our demonstrator will be Jimmy Clewes! Hope to see you all there! – David Young

### **DAW Member Profile: John Holderman** by Charlie Tucker



John Holderman's knowledge and experience in woodturning goes far beyond his reputation as an expert with the skew. He is our Club Director of Programs, responsible for scheduling the monthly demonstrations. He's also an ever-present help and adviser to anyone with a woodturning question.

John got his start years ago when he needed a part turned for a wood project, but could not find someone capable of producing what he needed. So, he bought a mini-lathe and turned the part himself. That experience launched him into woodturning. Later that year, when John's father came for a visit, they took a class together from John Horn at Woodcraft. And the rest is history.

Joining DAW in October, 2008, he is also a member of AAW. He heard about DAW during his class with John Horn. Turning on a Robust American Beauty lathe, John's workspace is a 20' x 25' shop which he describes as "...crowded and in need of organization. I clean it once a year or so, but it doesn't stay that way very long."

Asked what he likes most to turn, John said, "I love to turn things I have not turned before. The challenge intrigues me because I love to learn."

Although he is widely known for his mastery of the skew, John's second favorite turning tool is the detail gouge. Favorite wood: "FOG! Found on the ground. I like "found" wood because there is always a variety so you'll get a type of wood you've never turned before."

Asked what advice he would give to a beginning or inexperienced woodturner, John said, "The best advice I could give anyone wanting to learn woodturning is to join a local club like DAW. In a local club you will find a lot of expertise and members who are willing to help and share from their knowledge. You will also have the advantage of being exposed to a lot of different styles and techniques. You will get to see in action the tools of the trade and possibly get to try them out for yourself before you spend your hard earned money."

John continues, "The second best piece of advice is to start slow. Don't try to master everything at once. Be willing to learn from your mistakes. Woodturning is an acquired skill that takes time for your mind and muscle coordination to build. Keep your first pieces. Show them to your friends. And over time you will see a history of your improvements."

Want to see John in action? He will be representing DAW as a regional demonstrator at SWAT this year.

## **Empty Bowls and Beads of Courage Report** by Lou Boudreaux

Fourteen Empty Bowls were donated the July DAW meeting. Darrel Miller, Wes McBryde, and Lou Boudreaux each contributed three bowls. So far in 2015, 186 Empty Bowls have been collected by DAW. Three boxes were contributed for Beads of Courage, bringing our 2015 total to 20. The DAW Empty Bowls and Beads of Courage summaries are shown below:

I am going to urge our members to donate their Beads of Courage Boxes at SWAT rather than bringing them to the August meeting. Since Jimmy Clews will be demonstrating at our August meeting, and I will be in Colorado, I am also going to request that members hold their Empty Bowls until the September meeting. John Holderman has agreed to collect any bowls or boxes that are left at the August meeting. I will pick up anything from the August meeting and SWAT in early September.

## Pen Turn-a-Thon Feedback

Lauren Gustafson just received the following:

*Miss Gustafson,*

*I'm in the Navy deployed to the gulf right now. I received your pen that you have created. I want to personally thank you for the very attractive (and writes great) pen. Bless you and stay safe.*

*AOC Johnny Martinez, CVN-71*

## 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)!

## Classified Ads

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

**DAW Website** by Ken Rodgers, Webmaster

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

We are trying an alternative way to get at the club roster. After logging on, under the Members tab, select Member Documents Repository. There you can download either a MS Word version or Excel version of the member roster. If you choose the Excel version and If you have a recent version of Excel, you can click on the arrow in any column heading and sort the roster by that heading. For example, you can sort by city to find out which members live in a given city because the listings will be grouped by city. Give it a try and give me feedback. If I can eliminate the previous online roster, it will save me a lot of time in adding new members. Currently I have to enter most of the data for each one twice. And later manage both sets of data.

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

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