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

Club Meeting Demo: Weedpots by John Tisdale

This month's demo is by John Tisdale.

Convinced I was destined to be the maker of fine Windsor chairs, I bought my first lathe about 16-years ago, a Vicmarc-200. I had never taken woodshop in high-school and had never turned on a lathe. Two years later I abandoned the idea of Windsor chairs, went to a Dallas Area Woodturners meeting and then linked up with Bill Hancock and turned my first little spalted bowl.

After studying the works of the Moulthrop's, my focus turned to large hollow-forms, and after more than a few astonishingly stupid mistakes spread over the next five-years, made a piece I could sign. I then got a 24" lathe and have been doing large hollow-forms over the last eight-years for galleries in Dallas, Aspen and Beaver Creek, CO. But while large works are gratifying they are also a lot of repetitious work; the skills required are tailored to the objective. When asked to do a "little something" for a gift I was back to "fumbling newbie".

I found an article in an old Fine Woodworking by Rude Osolnik touting the merits of weed-pots. Just like my larger works, a weed-pot is a product of form-design and execution without the tedium of hollowing, drying and finishing. Turning a weed-pot or two or three is a great way to practice control with the bowl-gouge which, to me, is the most critical tool in our arsenal; chunking out weed-pots is kind of like playing scales but with a big difference: you have an end product.

Transforming a commonplace and typically ugly log found roadside or at a firewood lot into an object of beauty is, for me, transcendental. According to Thoreau: “I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by conscious endeavor – make a weed-pot” and “To enhance the quality of another man’s day – that is the highest of arts – give a weed-pot”.



Below is John’s donation to the Empty Bowls Silent Auction this year. The winning bid was \$3,600!



From the Pen of the President

Spring has sprung and with it, the annual monster storms. I hope you are all safe & in good condition!

The last couple of months have been a crazy time in my life. Just when you think you have things under control they pop up and bite you and the rear. The one thing that has amazed me is the technology in the workshop. As turners, we really don't have much need for computers and other electronic devices to help us turn. I know there are computer assisted rigs to help you hollow but never have used one so I can't speak for them. The one thing I can speak about is what I now have in my shop, a CNC machine!

I find it funny how I have my computer setting on my table saw running the CNC machine. I am amazed at this machine. The possibilities of what it will bring to all of my woodworking are mind-boggling! From the flat work I do to the turning I try to do, I think it will expand what is possible to make. Please don't get me wrong, I just got it and I am still learning what it can do. I can see that the only thing holding me back is my imagination! So, what kind of technology do you use in your shop to help you turn? I would love to know and start a conversation about how it is helping us in our craft.

Please don't forget your bowls for Empty Bowls. Last year was an overwhelming success. I would love to blow last year's total out of the water. Just a reminder: now we are only accepting bowls that are at least 5 inches in diameter. If you have any questions, please ask a board member.

Turn often and turn safe. – David Young

DAW Membership by Mark Montgomery

Membership so far this year is up to around 170 people, of which 35 are new members; 95 families have not renewed this year. 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 2016 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 Library by Mark Montgomery

Last year, members checked out over 200 items from the library. We currently have over 1250 different items in the library. These consist of 179 books, 343 magazines, 47 AAW symposium videos, over 300 SWAT videos, 159 DAW videos, and 200 commercial videos.

Also, your librarians have completed taking an inventory of all the items, converted the library database from Microsoft Access to FileMaker, and have started converting older videos from VHS to DVD (the commercial videos have now all been converted). New listing files should be available by Tuesday evening (April 19) for you to view/download and help make selections for checkout at our upcoming meeting.

A listing of the new items that have just been acquired are shown in the table below. If anyone has additional requests for more additions to our library, just let us know.

Title	Author	Media Type
Turning Projects	Richard Raffan	Book
Turning Techniques & Projects	Fine Woodworking	Book
Turning Toys	Richard Raffan	Book
Turning Toys	Richard Raffan	DVD
Turning Wood	Richard Raffan	DVD
Weekend Woodturning Projects	Mark Baker	Book
Wood Turning, A Craftsman's Guide	Mark Baker	Book
Woodturning Basics	Mike Mahoney	DVD

Empty Bowls and Beads of Courage by Lou Boudreaux

Sixteen Empty Bowls were submitted by four members at the March meeting. Jack Alexander donated ten of the bowls.

The 2016 North Texas Food Bank Empty Bowls was a success again this year, bringing in over \$211K which will provide meals to the needy in our area. Thanks for your donations. For the first time since DAW has been participating in Empty Bowls, there were many wooden bowls that were not selected by Empty Bowl guests. Most of the 100 turned bowls not chosen were smaller bowls in the 3" - 4" diameter range. The Empty Bowls sponsors do not want to discourage anyone from submitting bowls, so they have decided to group the smaller bowls in

bundles of three to offer to guests. However, DAW has decided we should try and provide larger bowls like the Empty Bowls guests desire. We have established a new desired bowl diameter of at least five inches, 5". Any bowls less than 5" diameter will be accepted and held in reserve for possible bundling at Empty Bowls. Unfinished and poorly finished bowls will also be held in reserve.

BEADS OF COURAGE

Five boxes for Beads of Courage were donated in March; three by DAW members, and two by a nonmember. One box was from a DAW sponsored kit, three of the 20 kits have now been completed. Anyone having a problem assembling their kits should contact Jon Searles, 972-484-2595, or Lou Boudreaux, 972-235-7460.

November Will Be Special

We have booked David Ellsworth, world class turner and a founding member of AAW for November. He will be teaching classes and will also do our meeting demo.

Open Shop Schedule by Hugo Privett

April 23- Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

On April 23rd, we will have the typical Open Shop Activities and, (weather permitting), we plan to have a "**Back -Lot Tool Swap**". Bring your tools to sell, swap, or donate! No wood Please! Bring Photos of Machinery that is too large to bring to the tool sale. Please bring your own tables.

The DALLAS S.P.A.R.K. Project (www.sparkdallas.org) needs tool donations - any type tools, but specifically: hand saws, saw miter boxes, hand screwdrivers, pliers, sanders, hammers, drill bits, wrenches, C-clamps, vises, etc. So bring your old used or extra hand tools for donation to this children's after school craft projects organization! Their craft shops are located in the basement of the old Sears Building at: 1409 S. Lamar St., Suite 004. Dallas, TX 75215. Contact person: Lori Carey| Community Engagement Manager, (214) 421-7727

If you think that you might be interested in selling, buying or donating used tools, call Hugo Privett @ **214-517-4864**, or email: **hugcam8257@gmail.com**. So far, we have had a very good response and the North Texas Woodworker's Association will be included! If you want to bring donations to The DALLAS S.P.A.R.K. Project, but will not be able to come to the Tool Swap, bring those donations to the D.A.W. Meeting, Thursday, April 21st.

For the May 21st Open Shop, we will do maintenance and service on the D.A.W. Jet 16 x 42 Lathes and fill Anchorseal Bottles. More about these activities in future Newsletters.

For the June 18th Open Shop, Jimmy Cusic will be instructing members on turning tool handles. We will have practice blanks available, then members can bring or purchase blanks at Wood World for their finished project(s). Blanks should be 14" long for small turning tool handles, up to 30" for large turning tool handles, and 2" to 2 1/2" in diameter. (straight grain wood is better). We will be drilling and gluing tools into the new handles, as well as drilling and "pressure fitting " tools into handles!

*We will continue keeping a list of volunteers for the 2016 S.W.A.T. Registration Scholarships until the June 18th Open Shop, then we will announce the S.W.A.T. 2016 scholarships at the July Meeting.

**If you run into Craig at one of the D.A.W. Meetings or at one of our Wood World Open Shops, be sure to thank him for all that he provides for our club each month!

***Remember to park in the alley behind Wood World at Open Shops. And wear appropriate attire.

AnchorSeal

The club has a good supply of Anchorseal, used to seal the endgrain of green wood. The price is right but you can only buy it at club meetings. Please do **not** expect the WoodWorld folks to sell you Anchorseal.


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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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