

Golden Triangle Woodturners Club - Denton Texas

THE WOODTURNER

MEETING : 7:00 PM
FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
Center for the Visual Arts
Bell and Hickory
TELEPHONE (940) 387-7062



John Tisdale Weed Pots

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 Moulthrops, 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.



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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”.

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Miscellaneous Club Information Up Coming Activities at GTW

April Event: Arts and Jazz Festival April 29 — May 1

May: Neil Brand - Staved Boxes

August Event: SWAT— August 26-28, 2016

Bring Back Winners from February

Peter Tkacs 2X	John Solberg	John Beasley
Sam Slovak 2X	Steve Thomason	Bill George
Jeff Whitcomb 4X	Teddy Twombly	Lane Kregel
Mike Zunkowski 3X	John Esterling	Barry Otts

Quarterly Winner John Solberg

Please bring your bring backs to the next meeting.

There will be a separate table for FOG (Found on Ground)

Monthly Drawing Samples



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Open Shop April 2

Open shop at Sam Slovak's shop was a success. Some platters were made and lots of good conversations were had by all from tools to techniques and wood. Here are some pictures if you missed the event.



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Mark your Calendars
We need your help!
April 24 - April 26

Golden Triangle Woodturners is again participating in the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival Friday through Sunday April 29 - May 1.

There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting for you to indicate your willingness to help. We will again be turning cars and tops for the kids of Denton. If you took car blanks home during the last couple meetings be sure to bring them back this month.

The tentative schedule looks something like this:

Friday April 29: About noon we will start to set up and will need some help with that.

Friday Afternoon: About 3:00 pm we will start turning cars and will stay until 5:00 or 6:00. Festival opens at 5:00pm

Saturday April 30: Festival opens at 10:00 am. We will need help all day so if you can help in the morning or afternoon please signup for those times. You do not have to stay all day. We will again close at 5:00 or 6:00

Sunday May 1: Festival opens at 11:00 am. Similar to Saturday we will turn until 5:00 to 6:00 or when we run out of material. Please signup to help. At the close on Sunday we will also need help packing up. If you can stay for that it would be much appreciated.

Watch of an email a few days before the Festival begins for final times. We look forward to seeing you at the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival.

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On Thursday April 27th WFAA Channel 8 TV will feature Golden Triangle Woodturners on their Good Morning Texas live interview television show from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. We will talk about and demonstrate our turning cars for kids and our participation in the upcoming Denton Arts and Jazz Festival.

We will be using John Beasley's shop for this live interview and demo. To our knowledge this is the first televised feature the GTW has been involved with. It should be a wonderful exposure for our club to the entire North Central Texas community. It is not planned to be a long interview, about 4 minutes at length from what we have been told. We are going to attempt to turn and complete a car like the ones we give out at Arts and Jazz.

If you have a recorder box on your TV cable you might want to set it to record this episode.

Again the date is: April 27 from 9:00 to 10:00 AM WFAA Channel 8, Good Morning Texas

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Sand Paper Organizer for Sale \$20 Donation



There are a few ways that the GTW club can generate monies for operations. We charge a small yearly dues and we have raffles. This helps us to bring people in to do demo's and to have open shops. The money collected at the demonstrations we do like Roanoke and Denton Jazz Festival only pay for the materials for the cars we hand out.

John Beasley has designed and made a number of Sand Paper organizers for the club. This is to help the club generate more money for the year and provide you with a product. These are a great way to get your shop organized. I for one have bought one for my lathe area and love it. First time I can look up and see if I need to get more paper before starting a project. I am more prepared to finish now and it makes working in my shop so much more fun. I will be buying a second for another area of my shop. These make a great gift for other wood workers. Support the club and get your sand paper organizer.

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Pictures from the last meeting



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GTW Mentoring Program

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH A TURNING PROJECT? JUST ASK!

The members listed below have offered their time and expertise and are willing to be a mentor to other members. Please contact the mentor directly. For More information check the GTW web site.

Sharon Ayres	Dallas	214-707-0776	ladywithlathe@gmail.com
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Peter Tkacs	Denton	940-271-4728	petertkacs@gmail.com
Joel Rubin	Flower Mound	972-571-8305	jh.rubin@verizon.net

Thank You for Volunteering your Time and Expertise!!

If you are interested in becoming a mentor please let one of the board members know.



GTW is on facebook

Find us at: **Golden Triangle Woodturner Groups**
Follow us for up to date club information.

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CLUB INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

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Our thanks for all the hard work and time they put into making this a great club.



Look for our past demo's on youtube. They really are great.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/DentonTurners>

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Membership Application 2016

New () Renewal () Check One

Annual Membership: \$30.00 Per Calendar Year (Jan - Dec). (Students \$15)

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Home: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____

Your Occupation: _____

Full Time () Part Time () Retired ()

Are you a member of AAW? Yes () No ()

How long have you been turning? _____

What kind of lathe do you have? _____

What is your skill level? Beginner () Intermediate () Advanced ()

What would you like to see at our club meetings? _____

Can you suggest a demonstrator? _____

Can we contact you to help with special events? Yes () No ()

Check the box if you do NOT want to be listed in the online roster ()

Would you be willing to be a Mentor? Yes () No ()

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to: Golden Triangle Woodturners

If Mailing, Mail to: Golden Triangle Woodturners

%David Hoenig

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Method

Date

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