

May 2009

## Brazos Valley Woodturners

**President's notes:** We are all looking forward to our annual picnic, which will be held at Bill Meador's house. The meeting starts at 9:00 and will last until after lunch. Bill has sent out a note, but I do want to remind everyone that the club will furnish the burgers, but we're asking the members to bring dessert. Let Bill know if you would like to bring dessert, so we can judge how much we'll have.

The picnic is going to be somewhat of a work day. Since BVW is the host club for SWAT in August, we're making weed pots to decorate the 50 dining tables. These pots need to be approximately 3-4 inches in diameter and approximately 6-8 inches tall, if you are making some before or after our meeting. If you would like to turn your weed pot at the picnic, please bring wood blanks adequately sized and the turning tools you will need. Now, read my lips, "LABEL EVERY SINGLE TOOL YOU BRING," or it will end up in the lost in found at the following meeting.

Bill Meador has a coring system for medium sized bowls and Bill will be demonstrating that, as well. I encourage all of you to take a turn at coring a bowl, as I have much appreciation for those who can do this without making a big mess and seriously hurting yourself.

BVW has a new roller system for the big club lathe, and thanks go to Bill Meador for getting that for us, along with a grinder and accompanying tools. A "Thank you" also goes to Ken Mays for delivering our Safety Minute.

Our guest demonstrator was Katrina Thiele, and she showed us how to use crushed stone and stone dust to fill in gaps or to purposely use to enhance turnings. Johnny Farmer continues to find exceptional and varying kinds of demonstrators for our meetings.



The Show and Tell items (presented by Roger Jones) were extremely nice. The quality of turnings produced by the club as a whole continue to improve, thanks in part, to our demonstrations and hands-on sessions that we often have, just like the one we'll have at the June picnic.

I'll see you all at the picnic, where a good time will be had by all. Until then, keep the shavings flying.

*Janice Levi*

**BRAZOS VALLEY WOODTURNERS DEMONSTRATE FOR CENTRAL TEXAS YOUTHS:** The Brazos Valley

### Next BVW Meeting

June 12, 2010  
Bill Meador's Shop  
1610 S. Old Temple RD  
Lorena, TX  
254-640-1199

## Monthly Newsletter

Woodturners participated in the second annual "Kids Art and Culture Day" festivities at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple, TX, on May 15. Among the dozens of demonstrations and activities planned for the children and their families, were music, Karate, and folk dance demonstrations, pottery making, glass bead making and woodturning.



Six BVW turners using three lathes showed the children how to make weed pots, spinning tops, mushrooms and other turned items.

The show, free to the public, gives kids an opportunity to learn about a wide variety of cultural and artistic activities.

The Cultural Arts Center is interesting in offering classes in woodturning to adults and teen-agers, and plans are being made for organizing those classes.

Attending the May 15 demonstration were Joel Crabbe, Robert Henson, Ed Jarvis, Roger Jones, Janice Levi, and Bill Meador.

**Minutes:** The May meeting of the Brazos Valley Woodturners was brought to order by President Janice Levi.

Janice introduced our guest Katrina Fields who has a rock shop in Gilmer Texas.

Saturday May 15th is Kids Day and Roger, Joel, Bill and Janice will be in Temple to teach kids to turn. If anyone else would like to join they are welcome

Tom McMahan is opening a shop in Waco and is looking for quality turnings to put in the shop. Please contact him if you are interested.

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SWAT is giving free registration for two people who would not be able to attend the symposium in August otherwise. Joel and Bennett will be the committee to choose should receive the free registration.

We are the host club for the symposium and will be decorating the tables with weed pots. Everyone needs to get busy as we will need at least fifty weed pots. They should be three to four inches in diameter and seven to eight inches in height. We will be putting blue bonnets in the weed pot if we can find them this time of year.

The DVD's from SWAT are in and Bill will have them for use next month.

Our June picnic will be held at Bill Meador's house and the lunch will be provided by the club. Please bring a dessert and join in the fun. We will have lathes set up and it will be a good time to do those weed pots so being some wood.

Our supply of sealer is getting low, if you would like some please bring a container and \$12.00 for a gallon.

Ken Mays has a 6 inch Delta joiner for sale if anyone is interested.

Bill has purchased a Porter Cable grinder and Wolverine system for the club it will be on display at the next meeting.

James Norton has volunteered to do a newsletter and has asked for input.



Ken Mays did a safety minute on static electricity.

Katrina Fields our guest did a great demo on inlays.

The meeting was adjourned.

Balance in savings \$751.59

Balance in checking \$105.00

Income from bring back and raffle \$42.00

Paid out \$12.00 for tarp and dust pan

Paid out \$7.00 for donuts.

To be deposited \$23.00

*Jan Dean, Sec. Treas.*

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**Tip of the month:** Turning uphill -- use extreme caution or avoid altogether!

I was turning a square to round and was doing fine. When going uphill at one point the gouge caught and almost wound up in the chuck. I've turned uphill before this incident with no problems.

Be very aware of turning uphill and stay safe! *Charlie Lewandowski*

**Editors Note:** I have been asked to work on the newsletter and am really excited about the opportunity to do so. The Club officers and I met following our last meeting and discussed what we will endeavor to accomplish with the newsletter and this is our first attempt. We really need your input as to what you would like to have in a newsletter and will appreciate all ideas.

I will be out of the country during the July and August meetings so will not be able to get back to editing until after the September meeting. This should give all of us a couple of months to think about exactly we want in a newsletter. *James Norton*

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