

# Turning Times

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Monthly meeting 9:30 am 13395 Lyndal Lane,  
Salado, TX on April 9,2011

## APRIL DEMONSTRATION

The April Meeting will be a most of the day event. Keely has opened her shop in Salado to demonstration and hands on attempts using various boring tools. BVWT members will not only demonstrate their favorite boring tools, but will let anyone try them out. If you are thinking about getting a hollowing system or have one but are clueless as to how to use it, this is perfect opportunity to try a number of systems and tools out. The meeting will start at 9:30 am and last into the afternoon.

Lunch will be provided and we are asking for a \$5.00 donation to cover the cost of food and supplies. Any leftover funds will go to our treasurer.

Please bring a lawn chair or be prepared to stand all day.

**DIRECTIONS:** From I 35 take the 286 exit toward Farm to Market rd 2484. Turn West onto FM 2484 go about 4.3 miles, turn LEFT at Crows Ranch Road. Go about 2 miles and turn LEFT at Shiny Top Ranch Ln and take first RIGHT onto Lyndal Lane and go about 1.1 miles. Keeley's place in on the left.

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

We really have a fun day planned for our next meeting. Thanks to Bill Meador for organizing the demos on different hollowing tools. We should pretty much cover the waterfront on hollowing. I know Keeley is excited about her new shop and thanks to her for allowing the club to meet there.

Charles' presentation on boxes last meeting was very informative and Charles was very well prepared in the short time he had. We appreciate him filling in on such short notice.

Bill Meador has collected our entries for the AAW 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary contest and a winner has been selected. Bill will bring all the pieces to the next meeting and will submit the photograph of the winner to AAW by the April 8<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Don't forget your bottle stoppers for the President's Challenge. I am really looking forward to the results of your efforts.

Just a reminder, our club has been selected again this year to provide table center pieces for SWAT. We have decided to turn candle holders (Bill Meador's recent demo) utilizing the battery operated flame. Please get tis on your mind as we will need a lot of them and SWAT is fast approaching.

I am really looking forward to our day of turning at Keeley's . See you there.

Tom

## APRIL SHOP CRAWL

I am hosting the April Shop Crawl for Central Texas Woodturning Association on Saturday, 2 April 2011 from 9ish to noonish. This is a chance to visit with old friends and make new ones without having to drive all the way to South Austin. My house is easy to find. Go South on I35 and take exit 260/Leander Road. Cross over the interstate, turn right at the light. Continue past a second light and over some railroad tracks. After the railroad tracks there is a protected left turn on to Quail Valley Road. Go past 2 stop signs and my house is the third on the right after the second stop sign. The address is 1904 Quail Valley Dr., Georgetown and my phone is 512.293.7479 in case you get lost. We usually go to lunch after and there are several really good places to go.

## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Tom has challenged the club members to a bottle stop competition. Although turning a bottle stop is seemingly simple, looks can be deceiving. What kind of wood to use? What kind of shape would not only look good but make opening the bottle easier? What about a finish that would not be affected by the bottle contents? What about the design process could incorporate some inlays of exotics

woods or metals? What about incorporating some techniques that have been presented at a meeting? What about making a statement or having your work identified as uniquely yours? All of a sudden, it's not such a simple process.

Bring your bottle stoppers to the next meeting. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate.

## CLUB DUES

Club dues of \$20 are due. Please make your check payable to Brazos Valley Wood Turners. If you want to donate a little more, please feel free to do so.

In addition, it is suggested that you also join the American Association of Woodturners. You have the option of receiving their magazine in hard copy or on line. The on line membership is cheaper. With your membership you are able to find turners and chapters to visit while you travel. In addition as a club we can also benefit for the AAW insurance for demonstrations and demonstrators. Membership also brings a reduced registration fee for the national symposium. Membership also opens the sight for forums and galleries of member's work.

## SILENT AUCTION

Some wonderful pieces were donated for the silent auction and a total of \$320 was raised. Thanks go to the donors of the pieces and also to the winners.

## MEETING NOTES

There were 20 members present at the meeting.

There were a few more items of Maynard's that were given away or purchased.

Treasurer reported that there is presently \$721.48 in the checking and savings accounts. He also requested updates on former members as to whether they would be attending or not. All former members will be contacted.

AAW 25<sup>th</sup> Club Turning: BVWT has registered and pay \$40 but need to make the selection which will represent our club. Tom requested any addition pieces be done asap and the finished size must fit in an 8" x 8" x8" box. Roger will coordinate the judging by 3 people—an art professor at Baylor, an owner of a gallery and a third party.

There was a discussion about the coffee urn and the possibility of replacement. It was decided that a 12 cup drip coffee maker actually made more sense as it is much

quicker to make the coffee and doesn't waste as much as the large urn if there are only a few coffee drinkers at any particular meeting.

There was a discussion of hollowing tools and how best to present the various types and allow members to try them out. It was decided that the April meeting would be at Keeley's shop and would start at 9:30 and last into the afternoon. See meeting section for more information.

## SAFETY MINUTE

Roger discussed the dangers of sticking one's finger into a box to check wall thickness while the lathe is running. There is a danger that something will catch the tissue and result in serious injury. (Note: a injury that strips tissue from a finger is called "de-gloving" and usually cannot be treated except by amputation.) In addition Roger suggested that instead of sticking your sandpaper covered finger in the box to sand while the lathe is running, a much safer alternative would be to use a dowel with sandpaper glued to it or a dowel with a slot for the sandpaper.

## INSTANT GALLERY

Check out the web site for the pictures.

## THINGS A TURNING

Here's a quick and easy project for sewers and quilters that you can really have fun making. There are no "rules" except making the ends correctly.

One of the most common things a quilter or sewer does is to press a seam. Oftentimes it is not necessary to get out the iron and make a big deal out of pressing when a quick finger pressing will do the job. When turning collar points, it's real easy to use something pointy like a pencil and poke right through whereas a blunter point would do the job safely. So here is a presser/turner for lack of a better name. One end is a blunt point to help turn a collar point without having to recut a new collar and hope there is enough fabric to redo it (not that has ever been a problem for me after I messed up once). The other end is cut at about a 20 degree angle and is used for finger pressing seams open or to one side as in quilting.

I used a piece of maple between centers. Here it is rough turned and marked.



make a handle and fancy it up. I used a simple wax finish because I like the feel of the wood without it being slick but any finish would be fine. I would have shown the original but I could not find it.

The part that will become the blunt point is to the headstock but it could go either way. Since the wood was so plain, a little decoration was called for.



That helped but it still looked a little plain so out came the markers.



Here's the finished tool along with a companion thing called a trolley. After many years of just using a blunt needle to help little quilt pieces to get sewn, I decided to



Some hints for designs. As we get older and joints stiffen up a smooth piece is more comfortable than lots of beads and coves. Think about an exotic left over from another project. If your other half doesn't sew or quilt, look at the hobbies and see if you can't design the perfect whiz bang.

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