

Turning Times

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AUGUST 2011

MEETING

The August meeting will start at 9 am at TSTC in Waco on 13 August 2011

AUGUST DEMONSTRATOR

The August demonstrator is Judy Williams who will present her SWAT demonstration, "In Defense of Spindle Turning." In addition to discussing and demonstrating design issues and spindle cuts with a variety of tools, she will also tell the story of how a fiber oriented and obsessed



person became a woodturner. This is NOT the typical path most people take and it helps explain her passion for spindle turning and other turning that is meant to be used. If pushed or requested, she will also turn a lace bobbin which is the little spindle that she is known for turning. The handout from SWAT is on line.

TEA LIGHTS FOR SWAT

This is a reminder for those members who took tea lights and tea light blanks to return them at the next meeting. BVWT has the opportunity to demonstrate to the larger clubs the talent and artistry of our members. At last count there were approximately 80 completed tea lights. It would be fantastic to have more than enough so that if there is a large turnout for the symposium each table would have a tea light decoration. Remember please bring completed tea lights to the August meeting.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

The heat goes on I am thankful that TSTC is air conditioned. The Dallas Club meets in non-air conditioned space. Attendance must be suffering. Roger Jones demonstration of turning a scoop was most informative and thanks to Roger for sharing his knowledge with us.

I am really impressed with the tea lights and I believe they

will be a sensation at SWAT. They are a testimony to the talent in our club.

The committee meeting was held after the July meeting. Our main concern is to make our club meeting more enjoyable and educational for **all** of our members. There should be a time allotted to hands on instruction at the lathe. This will benefit new members and allow our most experience turners to answer questions and give help at the lathe.

The business portion of the meeting needs to be shortened to allow for this hands on instruction. To do this the committee proposed to have a Board to handle business issues and reduce them to a format the members can vote on. This eliminates a lot of time consuming discussion. Please review the suggestions outlined further down in this newsletter that you will be asked to vote on at the August meeting.

Judy will be our Demonstrator this month. Spindle turning is the root of all woodturning and is where one should master the cuts before moving on to more exotic turning. Judy's demo will be informative to all. Hope everyone is signed up for SWAT.

See you in August.

Tom

JULY MEETING NOTES

A campus wide e-mail was sent describing our woodturning meeting and we had 3 visitors who became members!

There were a total of 23 members present.

Treasurer's Report: \$116.86 in savings, \$711.59 in checking, cash on hand from last meeting \$64 to be applied to door prizes.

There was quite a lot of discussion about how to handle the Bring Back and Door Prize. It was decided that a committee would be formed to present these ideas in a form that the members could vote. The committee was Tom, Roger, Janice and Judy and their report is later in the newsletter.

There was discussion about our status as a non-profit educational group. Tom and Norm are to confirm these status and ensure that proper paperwork has been filed.

Janice's reported on SWAT. She reminded people to sign up for the Symposium. Janice also reported that the Convention Center was forced to break the SWAT contract due to Veterans Administration need for the space to transcribe records from paper to computer. The Hilton Hotel has offered their ballrooms for demonstration spaces.

Janice also reported that Walter Tate is SWAT's new treasurer.

Tom reminded the club about the Apple Tree Bazar which is 3-4 November. Tables will cost \$60 each and admission is \$3. It will be confirmed later if the club will be getting a table.

Ed presented some samples for name tags as to possible colors and shapes. The price is \$5.00 each. The committee would like member input before making a final decision so e-mail us with your comments.

Tom reminded the club about the October retreat. The space that was used last year is available unless it gets rented in which case Keeley offered her shop. The members need to let Tom know what they would like as far as hands on and /or demonstrations.

The new coffee pot was donated by Pat Ferrel. Thank you.

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Meeting 8 July 2011

Committee members: Tom Dean, Roger Jones, Janice Levi and Judy Williams

1. Bring Back Raffle
 - a. Revenue will be dedicated to bringing in guest turners.
 - b. There will be no limit on how many Bring Back tickets anyone can purchase.
2. Regular Raffle for Door Prize
 - a. We will have a big raffle at the Retreat
 - b. Will confirm number of prizes already purchased by Bill.
 - c. Add more items to the raffle. Suggested items included consumables such as sand paper and CA glue.
3. Wood/tool Swap. Have this once a year. Since we didn't have one at the picnic our next will be at the Christmas party.
4. Hands on Classes. This is in addition to our regular meetings 3 times a year.
5. Group Purchases. Plan to have these every few months/or on a regular basis. Suggested items include: sand paper, sanding sealer, Doug Thompson Tools, Craft Supply group purchase.
6. Shorten the time it takes to conduct business meetings.
 - a. This year appoint committees to resolve problems that arise.
 - b. Have club consider working toward the concept of the officers serving as the board to make decisions. (Could also include at large members from the club /editor)
7. Work in time for new turners at the lathe before the business meeting begins. **This would not be a time for seasoned turners to monopolize the lathe.**

COMMITTEE ITEMS TO VOTE ON

In our committee meeting, we discussed a number of options as to bring back and door prize as well as a couple of other items. The committee would like to have the members vote on the following suggestions for changes in our programs. If you have any comments, please contact the committee members or Tom.

1. There will be a kitty for donations for specific items for our club as the need becomes apparent. Such items may include a/v equipment, tooling for the lathe etc. The club members may suggest items for consideration and all club members will vote on the item.
2. Bring Back. Any donations received will be earmarked for a national level turner. In addition more than one ticket may be purchase.
3. The door prize will be a more valuable item and/or gift certificate. This is a pending item as some items have already been purchased.
4. Club members would open their shops for hands on instruction every three or four months. This would be a meeting in addition to our regular meetings and would NOT have a specified demonstration planned. This would be a time for novice and beginner turners to get hands on help as well as for the more advanced members to teach and probably learn a new trick or two. Only one shop at a time would be open for this event.

SAFETY MINUTE

Johnny and Roger both contributed to the safety minute this meeting. Johnny talked about appropriate clothing including closed toe shoes and aprons of some sort that would both protect clothes and keep chips and shavings from getting under street clothing. Roger had a couple of turning shirts and the one from Packard protected the neck and upper body.

TIMES A TURNING

On holiday due to heat in shop and getting ready for SWAT. Will return in September with a Christmas item.

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