



Brazos Valley Woodturners
Monthly Newsletter

Business Notes

Old Business

- Notes from the April meeting were read into the minutes and approved.
- The Chapter budget currently shows a credit of \$206.30.
- Bill Meador reported on the on-going solicitations for prize donations from the vendors.....over \$450 received to date.
- Joel Crabbe reported on the request for video equipment from SWAT. They require a formal application and he will process.

New Business

- Joel Crabbe proposed the Chapter purchase the SWAT 2004 demonstration videos for the Chapter Library, motion passed.
- James Norton proposed a "Shop Crawl" program for members to share their facilities and problem solution methods. Suggestions are welcome for discussion at the next meeting.
- A motion was made and passed to purchase blank VHS tapes to copy Chapter original videos for check out to preserve the originals.
- The membership voted to provide 39¢ per mile and a \$25 Gift Certificate to guest demonstrators from other chapters in appreciation for their time and instruction.

BVW Meetings

Next Meeting
June 11, 2005
10:00 a.m.
Lorena

Chapter Officers

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Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Meador, 254-857-9876
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Demonstration



Len Brissette from the Central Texas Woodturners Association provided an outstanding demonstration on making miniature hats. Len's tool technique, special lighting fixture, and forming jig were excellent examples of methods to solve turning problems and create unique wood turnings.



Len passed around several samples of his work, and allowed members to get up close looks at his techniques as well as photograph his tool control and constructed materials.



An enlightening demonstration!



Member's Gallery

Excellent examples of work this month, including several styles of natural edge forms, some lidded boxes, and a pair of turned dumbbells.



Raffles



James Norton won this month's Bring-Back Raffle, a very nice Mesquite bowl turned by Joel Crabbe. The challenge is now out to James to create a one of a kind momento for the next winner.



Our Door Prize drawing is gaining in interest, this month Jim Jorgenson won a set of sanding pads from HUT Products. We now have over \$450 in prizes donated by various turning vendors, with more items coming in every week. Next month we will have a special drawing, two prizes, and will kick off an auction for some turning blanks to get them onto the lathe before they age too much.

Coming in June

- Joel Crabbe will be demonstrating his Clam Shell Lidded Box turning technique.
- Site selection for the July meeting will be discussed, Bill Meador will be out of town on the second Saturday. (See the new business notes on James' proposal for a shop crawl).
- There will be Hot Dogs and Burgers on the grill after the demo, bring your own chips and drink....drinks can go in the fridge in the shop to keep them cool. Bring a lawn chair if you want to lounge under the trees while eating.
- Tape Library kick-off.

Potpourri

- James Noton has several pieces of shop equipment for sale; items include a band saw, joiner, and belt sander....give James a call if you are interested.
- We gained two new members at the May meeting, Ken Mays from Hewitt and Clarence Schulze from Giddings have joined the chapter. A new contact roster will be available at the next meeting.
- We have our first tapes available to the Chapter Library, donated by the American Association of Woodturners. (See the Coming in June and New Business notes).
- The AAW has sent several notices for upcoming events:
 - Auctioneers are sought for the Annual Symposium scheduled for July 22-24 in Overland Park, Kansas.
 - Through a special deal with Jet/Powermatic Manufacturing, AAW Chapters can purchase lathes for club use in demonstrations.
 - Brochures and registration forms for the July symposium will be available at the June meeting.
- Craft Supplies USA, better known as the Woodturner's Catalog, has made a special Chapter Members web site on their home page. Each month special pricing is available to Chapter members (we are now registered with them), along with group order savings when Chapter members order in quantity.

**Bring Your Appetite
&
See You At The Lathe**