



**Brazos Valley Woodturners**  
Monthly Newsletter

### Business Notes

#### Old Business:

- The Chapter currently has an operating budget of \$178.30.
- Family dues were voted on: first member \$20, and \$10 for each additional member.
- Our charter was accepted by the AAW, they forwarded a certificate, banner, proof of insurance, and we will receive three free videos from their symposium library.
- The meeting raffle process was changed, from now on the \$1 tickets will be sold for the door prize, and only those who have not won can participate in the Bring-Back Raffle until all have had a turn.

#### New Business:

- A suggestion was made to contact SWAT for purchasing a set of video equipment to record club activities, Joel will take for action and report back on his findings.
- A suggestion was made to solicit for donations for door prizes, Bill is pursuing with the primary turning vendors.
- The membership voted to restrict mailing of the printed newsletter to dues paying members.
- The chapter established a list of Mentor Turners; Joel Crabbe, James Shinkle, Maynard Miller, and Bill Meador agreed to fill the posts.

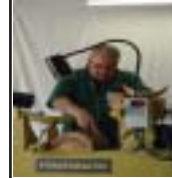
#### BVW Meetings

2nd Saturday  
of the Month  
at  
Lorena, TX

#### Chapter Officers

President: Joel Crabbe, 254-778-0194  
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### Demonstration



The demonstration this month was on natural edge bowl turning, performed by James Norton. James provided an excellent show, illustrated a unique thickness measuring tool, and showed off his vacuum chucking system



for reverse turning the bottom. James emphasized the safety aspects of avoiding the wings when natural edge turning, and the importance of symmetry in the shape.



### Member's Gallery

The Member's Gallery continues to provide excellent examples of our craft. Joel brought a couple of his vases, Bill had two platters of Mahogany, Bob showed off a chalice, James and Tom brought bowls, and Larry Walrath brought a large table leg spindle



## Raffles

- Maynard Miller won the Door Prize at the April meeting, a piece of South American Cherry donated by a local cabinet shop in Waco.



- Joel Crabbe was this month's winner of the Bring-Back Raffle. This month's piece was a miniature bird house, complete with resident, made by Bill Meador.



## Coming Soon!

The May meeting should be very interesting. Len Brissette from the Central Texas Woodturners Association will be with us to demonstrate his technique for creating turned wooden hats. Len produces work so thin he uses a light to gauge thickness. A sample of his work is pictured below (that's not Len in the photo on the right!).



Also in May, James Norton will be bring the refreshments, if they are anything like his natural edge work last month the eating should be great.

## Potpourri

- A proposal has been made that the club provide gift certificates (\$25 was mentioned) to the guest turners from other chapters who share their skills with us.

- Several members are looking into ways to promote our chapter and get some involvement in the craft community. Among the suggestions are a booth at the HOT Fair, booths at local craft shows, a demonstration at some of the local malls, and participation in area trade shows. More discussion to take place in future meetings, but ideas are welcome!

- Joel provided us with a new potential wood source, primarily in the form of cut-offs from a manufacturing process, sometimes in 2-3" thick pieces. The source is Tex-O-Cal Hardwoods, a company in Temple off I-35. You take Exit 303 and go west on Industrial Blvd.....a map is shown below:



- Summer season is rapidly approaching, perhaps we should be thinking of a grill day for the chapter, maybe combine the meeting and demonstration with hamburgers and hot dogs under the shade trees.....

## Next Meeting

May 14, 2005  
10:00 a.m.