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Penturning Demonstration at October Meeting by David Turner

David Turner treated the club to an excellent pen turning demonstration at our November meeting. Although David turns other things, his love of penturning is obvious.

Turner studies the pen blanks mounted on the mandrel below



The demonstration include excellent handouts. Safety was markedly discussed throughout the demonstration, asking others to bring turned pens, David had numerous styles and types available on the saw table to reference during his presentation. He demonstrated turning the 7 mm. slimline pen.

An interesting sidelight: David has little experience turning on the club's Powermatic. Before accepting the task to demonstrate, he had never turned a pen on such a large lathe. His adaptation to the new machine is a credit to his ability. Couple this with the fact that this was David's first demo. I predict more great demonstrations in the future from Mr. Turner.

Pens shown by David included various woods and at least made from antler.

Turner's handout included an excellent outline with space for making notes and copy of Pen turning instructions for the PK-1013 and 1014 slimline Pen and Pencil Kit.

The demonstration took us sequentially through the steps for turning the slimline pen.

David showed us an elegant jig for measuring wood to cut pen blanks. He discussed glue options, but told us he used CA glue. Again another simple jib appeared, made from wire that David uses to treat the surface of the brass core rods to help glue hold these tubes in the blanks.

A lot of us prefer making and designing jigs to actually doing anything else. Wood turning or wood work in general is our excuse to make jigs.

Many club members turn pens, and the demonstration was spot on for beginning turners and intermediates.

Happy Thanksgiving
Turn a Turkey

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First, Buy lotsa tickets to promote nutrition.

Helps buy the coffee and donuts!

It also supports other club activity.
Win an item? Then Bring Back an item.

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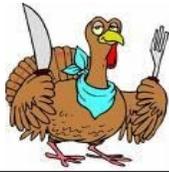
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November Gallery

Many member brought pens at David Turner's request to support his penturning demonstration.



David Turner's Pens



Neil Faulkner's Pens



Randy Thorne's Pens

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Letter from the President

Busy that's one word that can sum up this time of year. From Halloween to New Years there is something going on all the time. With most woodturners it can really get nuts, trying to turn gifts for friends and family and possibly customers it is a challenge to keep up with everything. So take a breath and take a break and come to the annual Christmas Party on December 18th at Hillcrest Country Club. We will have some great entertainment, fine food, and wonderful fellowship. The gift exchange is a highlight of the event. Those who participate receive some beautiful turnings from great friends.

Thanks to David Turner for his demonstration on pen turning. This was David's first demo and I think he did an outstanding job. Jim Bob Burgoon will demonstrate at the December 5 meeting.

We just finished our first workshop and it was very successful. The rest of you who signed up will be contacted as we schedule more workshops in the coming months. Please be patient we are trying to make the classes small so that you can have some quality hands on time with the instructor and really learn something valuable. If you have any questions about the workshops talk to me or Jim Harris.

Those of you who are making weed pots, bowls, etc... for hospice please remember to bring them to the December meeting. Don't forget to include a card with your name on it.

Ray Hughes

SWAT Big Success for Our Club Members

The 2009 SWAT Symposium in Wichita Falls was a big success for our club. Neil Faulkner won the Powermatic. Tom Farrell took possession of his American Beauty Robust lathe in Wichita Falls, and Tom's silver rimmed *Mazer* won first alternate in the AAW's Regional Spotlight: Ohio and Texas Turners Exhibition. Tom's metal spinning demonstrations were successful after the demo lathe was centered properly. Club members sold lots of raffle tickets.

Neil Faulkner's ticket, sold by David Turner, took home the Powermatic. Congratulations to Neil.

The big American Beauty Robust lathe was ordered in Albuquerque at the International Symposium. Tom had been salivating for it ever since. The new Robust will have plenty of power for metal spinning.

During the Middle Ages, British drinkers quaffed from wooden bowls called mazers. These bowls were frequently trimmed with silver, gold and in later years pewter rims. Mazers might have been the first wassail bowls. Certainly they were carefully crafted and owned only by the upper class. Tom Farrell conceived his silver rimmed bowl, titled *Mazer* after the tradition.

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The representatives of AAW selected Tom's *Mazer* as first alternate for the January 14th through February 12th Regional Spotlight: Ohio and Texas Turners Exhibition next year in St. Paul.

One of the other winners declined the honor, and Mazer has been shipped to St. Paul.



Tom and Tony load the American Beauty at SWAT

Tom's first demonstration at SWAT was plagued by the demo lathe head and tail stock being off center. Fortunately, the company rep for the lathe was able to improve its performance for the second demonstration.

Several members exhibited work in the Instant Gallery. Dick Markham displayed a variety of objects. He told several of us this was his last hurrah, SWAT. Let us all hope Dick gets a second wind. Dick is an inspiration to the club.



Dick Markham's Instant Gallery Pieces

Club members sold tickets for the 2 for 1 raffle and the raffle for juried items as well. We never kept track of how much we sold, but we probably sold between six and eight thousand dollars worth of tickets. During the raffle itself, we found the items had been purchased by SWAT, rather than donated by vendors. This would seem to have reduced the amount raised by as much as 30%.



Neil Faulkner poses with Raffle Prize Powermatic

Christmas Party

The annual South Plain Woodturners Christmas Party will be held at Hillcrest Country Club, 4011 North Boston Avenue. The party is on December 18th from 6:00 pm until it is over, whenever that is. Tickets are \$20 per person.

The board encourages everyone to attend.

Bring a gift(s) for the gift exchange. Bring as many as you like. Or bring nothing. Up to you.

Call Charles Swift (806-799-7059) to reserve your tickets. We have promised a count by December 1st to the hosts for the party.

Turn a Gift for Hospice

Take a some time before the next meeting to turn a piece for hospice. It can be simple: a weed pot, tea light or a simple ornament.

You may have the opportunity to give the last gift these folks may ever receive. That is an awesome privilege to me.

Wrap the gift, put your name on it and bring it to the next meeting.

The Club Trailer



After the show at LCU, courtesy of Michelle Kraft, the South Plains Woodturners' board tackled the problems involved in being able to display member's work in other venues. Through Glenn Williamson leadership and several volunteers work, nested pedestals were constructed and Joe Williamson painted them.

Possession of these fine pedestals led to the question: how to store and transport them without getting them scuffed and damaged. The board discussed a trailer, agreeing this was the best way to store and move the pedestals to a show. Glenn searched want ads and sales lots, locating the fine trailer pictured here.

He made and installed the scuff-boards inside the trailer and constructed a handy ramp.



Now we need everyone to turn more stuff.

For Sale

Delta 46-111 (12X36) lathe for sale \$ 250.
Motor is suspect and the lathe does not include a bench or stand.

Call Ken Romines at 806 241-0265

For Sale

Jet Model 1014 Mini Lathe Asking \$ 200
Call George Wills 806 785-2685

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Mike Chambers' Pens



Kent Trim's Pieces



Harrell Ellis's Pieces

Many fine pieces have not been included from the gallery. The editor apologizes for the lack of space.

Next Club Meeting

December 5th

At Target Sheet Metal
In the wood shop

South Loop 289 (see map on page 5)

Jim Bob Burgoon will demonstrate

Fabricating a Desk Set

Meeting starts at 10:00, but come early. Help make the coffee and visit with other turners.

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