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## Tom Farrell Treats Club to Spinning Demo



Fresh from the 2009 Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium, our own Tom Farrell presented his Metal Spinning demonstration at the October meeting. This demo was one of the best organized the club has seen.

An excellent handout was forwarded to members with e-mail addresses prior to the meeting. (Note: If you don't have e-mail and you did not make the October meeting, call your editor. I will get you a copy of the hand out. It is a good document with sources for supplies and materials along with a good dose of safety information.

Tom makes many of the spinning tools he uses. To woodturners the tools seem large.

"Spinable metals in order of difficulty from easy to hard are: Pewter, pure Aluminum, low number alloy Aluminum, Copper, Brass, Silver, Stainless steel, mild cold rolled Steel." source: Tom's handout.

If you missed Tom's demo, you can catch it at SWAT.



Tom's Audience

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## Club Adds New Member

**Kay Agnew** became the club's newest member when she joined our ranks. Kay lives in Levelland. She and her husband operate a plumbing business.

Three members live in Levelland. Thirty-nine percent of club members live outside Lubbock.

Welcome, Kay!

## Many Members Late with Dues

Member Dues for Southwest Woodturners are due in June. Charles Swift told the club that we have twenty-two delinquent members.

You know who you are. Please get your dues in to Charles.

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## Van Norman Wood Lathe



Van Norman manufacturing began life as the Waltham Watch Tool Company, a product of the innovative-first American Watch Co-then Waltham Watch Company.

The above image is used by permission of Antique Machinery Scans, and it was suggested by Jim Harris.

## Letter from the President

I know that you will all join with me in thanking Tom Farrell for another great demo. We are one of the few clubs in the country that have had the pleasure of seeing a demonstration on metal spinning.

For those of you attending SWAT don't forget to "WEAR YOUR GREEN" and locate a fellow member at the symposium to help with selling raffle tickets.

Anyone interested in showing their work at the Slaton Art Festival/Oktoberfest please call Chad Wilson @806-535-3949 or me @ 806-544-7479 to arrange to drop off your piece(s).

The results are in and of those responding to the survey of topics of interest for Demos and Workshops indicated a great deal of interest in everything on the list. We will try to bring those topics to workshops and demos as soon as we can, dependant on scheduling and availability of instructors and facilities. I am currently putting together the first workshop which will cover bowl turning.

The November demo will welcome our own David Turner to the lathe to demonstrate penturning.

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## Christmas Party Tickets on Sale Now

\$20

See or Call  
Charles Swift

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## Next Club Meeting

November 7th

At Target Sheet Metal  
In the wood shop

South Loop 289 (see map on page 9)

David Turner will demonstrate

Pen Making

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

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## Regional Demonstrators at SWAT

This completes the article began last month on the SWAT demonstrators later this month. Not all have supplied pictures of their work.

**Anthony Harris** will present two demonstrations, "Hand Chased Threaded Box" in the session just prior to lunch on Sunday and "Two Bowls from One Box" in the session just after lunch.

At the right from right to left is a Boxwood Sphere with Finial and a Tulip wood Orb on Base, used with permission of Anthony Harris.

**Bill Berry** A woodturner since 1992, Berry will present two demonstrations centering on turning tree crotches: Friday 10:30 – 12:00 and Sunday 1:30 to 3:00,

Bill is a full-time woodturner and teacher, operating out of Deer Park, TX. If the name is familiar, Berry was a frequent presenter at early TTT/SWAT symposiums and he authored an excellent article, "Wobble Chuck" that is featured on the [http://www.woodturningonline.com/Turning/Turning\\_articles.html](http://www.woodturningonline.com/Turning/Turning_articles.html). It was first printed in the Gulf Coast Woodturners newsletter.

The three images at the right were supplied by Bill Berry. He did not list the wood, but they look terrific.

**Bruce Hoover** will present "Sanding Secrets" after lunch on Friday.

A woodturner since 1996, Hoover maintains his studio on the Chesapeake Bay in Virginia. He is well known on the eastern seaboard, having demonstrated at many local clubs and regional symposiums.

The photograph of Hoover's lidded palm hollow vessel was taken by Andi Wolfe, no mean woodturner herself. It is used here with permission of Ms. Wolfe.

**Tom Crosby** Returning to SWAT for the third time, Crosby will present "Two-axis Potpourri" on Friday 1:30 - 3:00 and Sunday 10:30 – 12:00.

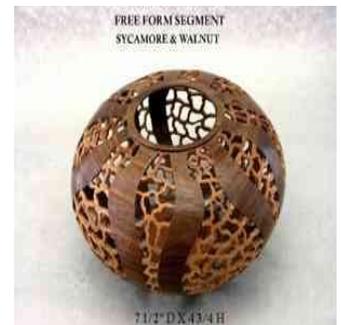
Tom Crosby is a member of East Texas and Dallas turning clubs. He is also in charge of the Instant Gallery at SWAT.

At right are the quad-image of *Hibiscus mutabilis* known familiarly as Confederate Rose and free form composed of sycamore and walnut. Tom says he turned the sycamore first, cut it, filling the voids with walnut before turning and hollowing it again. The final piece is pierced.

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Bruce Hoover, Lidded Palm Vessel. Andi Wolfe © 2007



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## October Gallery

Larry Rogers brought in more of his great segmented pieces.



Jim Bob Burgoon displayed three platters and a ring holder below.



Above: David Turner's pens and display case

Below: David Hoehns Natural Edge Apricot bowl, Natural Edge mushroom form and bird house.



Mike Oglesby displayed his hack berry bowl below.



Randy Thorne's Natural Edge Red Oak bowl, hollow-form maple and blood wood vessel and pen display.



Wally McKee shows his wood versatility. The clock at the right is an enlargement of the upper-left piece in the left panel.

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### SWAT Demonstrators (From Page 3)

**James Johnson** A woodworker for sixty-five years and a woodturner for twenty-five years, Johnson will demonstrate "How to Turn Pods" before and after lunch on Sunday.

The pods must be an outgrowth of his experimentation with form and surface. He created an Alien Drinking Vessel series, but his more tradition art pieces are excellent, as can be seen in the two pictured here courtesy of the Artisans at Rocky Hill in Fredricksburg, Texas.

James Johnson had demonstrated at three AAW national symposiums. This will be his **thirteenth** appearance at TTT/SWAT.



Above are two hollow-forms by James Johnson, Red and White box elder

**Brian Laing** A woodturner for eleven years, Laing will demonstrate Finial Turning on Sunday at 8: to 9:30.

Laing, an advocate of simplicity in tools and techniques, is a member of the Gulf Coast Woodturners Association.

**Gene Kircus** will Demonstrate Turning Vessels for Carving. Demo will include selecting or designing a pattern, transferring pattern to vessel, and carving instruments and methods for carving a turned vessel.

Gene has been a woodturner for about seventeen years. Living in Texas, he frequently utilizes mesquite in his work.

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### Our Sister Club, Comanche Trail

Meets

November 14

At George Hancock's Shop

Jim Davis will Demo

Christmas Ornaments

### For Info about Panhandle Area Turners

Contact Charles Elsea at

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or

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### October Gallery (From Page 4)

Dick Markham displayed his machine, version 2. He said he created the piece nearly twenty years ago. Below are two images of the thingie.



Tom Farrell exhibited several spun pieces.

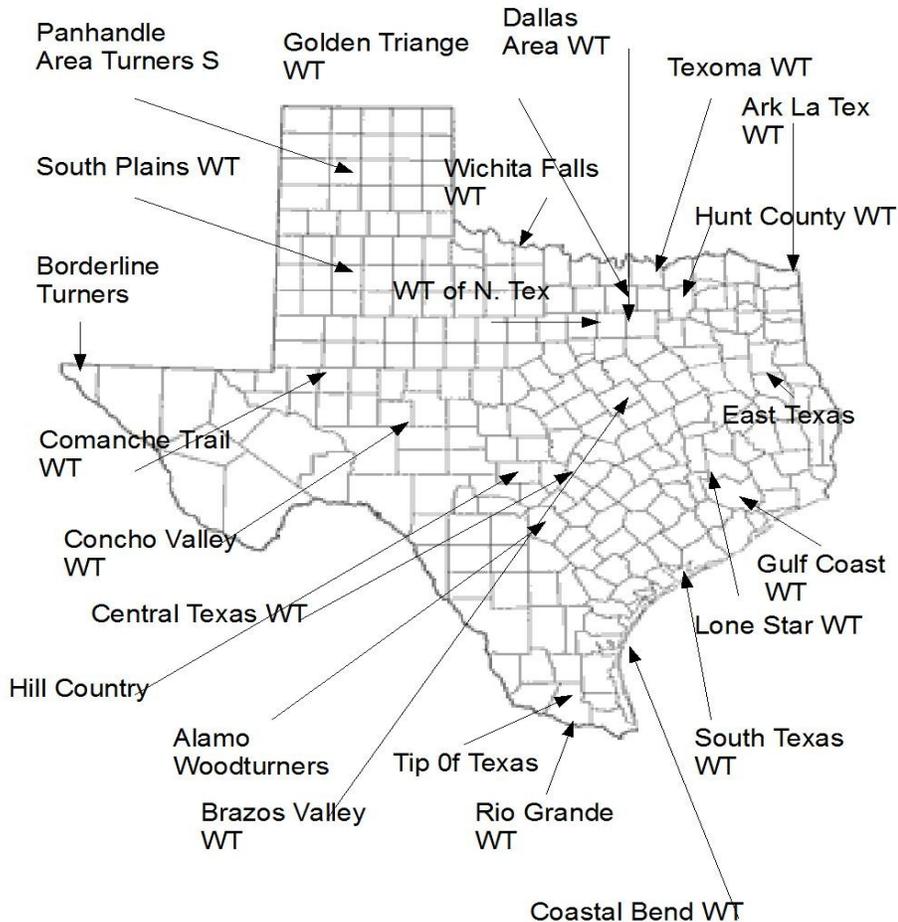


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When you go to SWAT next week, you will find an array of Texas clubs along with other state clubs, too. The map below shows the parts of the state from where all those other folks come.

South Plains members are expected to sell raffle tickets at SWAT, so you will be interacting with members of other clubs. If you are unfamiliar with the other clubs in Texas, this may help you. Also visit the AAW website for more information about specific affiliated chapters.



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## Editorial:

I have enjoyed producing the newsletter these past few issues. Several of you have come to me with ideas. Jim Harris has generously offered ideas and pictures for use. Dick Markham, Charles Swift and some others have offered ideas.

Many others have been very supportive in comments, telephone calls and e-mails. Thank you.

Please continue to help me with your ideas for improving the newsletter. If you like to write, write some articles for our use. If you have some special jigs, techniques or tools, call me. Maybe other may benefit from your work

David Hoehns

## Christmas Gifts for Hospice

Dan Hatch told club members about the need for gifts for Hospice clients, many with no or few family members locally. Dan suggested simple gifts such as pens or weed pots be brought to the December meeting.

Hatch will collect the gifts, taking them to hospice nurses in time for distribution before Christmas.

Let us each try to turn at least one gift for this a very worthy cause. Remember the sobering thought that for many, these will be last gifts they will receive. Somehow that seems very consistent with spirit of the season.