



**CTW MEETING APRIL 8, 2006
TIME 10:00 – 12:00
DEMO: CUTTING THREADS
GEORGE HANCOCK'S SHOP
1709 CLARK ST. MIDLAND**

WOODCHIPS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello again everyone. It's time to write my monthly missive again, and as usual I don't really have anything to say... so I'll just pass on some information to you.

Jim Davis did an excellent job at last month's demonstration. He talked about wood glues and coloring wood. He was incredibly informative and passed on some great tips about the topic. Great job Jim!

This month's meeting should be just as informative and entertaining. Don Farris is going to show us how to cut threads. Don, (like Jim) always does an outstanding demonstration (no pressure my friend...). You should plan to attend. The meeting will be at George Hancock's shop on April the 8th at 10 A.M. Rumor has it that Don may be unveiling a new project...

Some of us may be reading the newsletter online for the first time this month. I will be starting a poll in the next day or so, to see who wants to receive the newsletter via email. This should make it a little easier on our intrepid newsletter editor, and save the club some money. If I haven't contacted you about this, and you would like to receive the newsletter in an email, please let me know.

While we're on the topic of our newsletter, Vance asked me to...

“Please encourage the members to contribute to the newsletter. If they have items to sell, stories, poems, jokes, or anything I will get them into the newsletter...”

So...there you go. If you want to include anything, he needs to have the information by the Thursday, a week before the Saturday meeting. You can send the info directly to Vance, or get it to me and I'll forward it.

I'll leave you with something from www.cleanjokeoftheday.com:

My wife stepped into the room where I was working the other day and asked me if I would go do some wood turning on the lathe.

"Of course," I replied, receiving anticipatory joy at the thought of my wife's pleasure when I would be finished creating the item for which she had a need.

"What do you need? Maybe a new dibber or possibly a rolling pin or a vase? I have Persimmon, Hickory, Mesquite, a little bit of Walnut and a tad of Oak. What would you like?"

"Oh, I don't care," my wife replied. "I need about six bags of shavings for the flower beds."

See you soon,
Keith

FROM THE PROGRAM CHARMAN ABOUT THE UPCOMING MEETING:

Don Farris will show the thread cutting tools he has made. We have seen Don cut threads small boxes before. He said this demonstration will be different, not the usual threaded connections. Some of the tools he uses are fashioned from thread-cutting dies. Don will show how dies are modified and welded to a handle to make thread cutting tools.

This may be considered advanced woodturning. But Don has a way of showing us that thread cutting can be done by any of us. There is some expensive equipment that can be purchased for threading but instead of going this route it is tool making May be the best bet. There is also thread cutting machinery on the market but it is expensive and appears to be more complicated than the way Don the treading. There are probable some of you that have this equipment and have never used it. What does that tell you?

I asked Don, if you're not going to cut threads for a box and its lid, then what are you going to thread? His comment was I'm working on something new and you'll just have to wait until my demonstration to find out what it is.

Ernie Showalter
Tom Chandler

LAST MONTHS MEETING MARCH 11, 2006:

Jim's demo was on coloring and gluing woods. As always, when Jim does a demonstration there was a handout. With the handout that was passed out, all the glues are listed according to their best qualities. There were some interesting items pointed out about glues, one was that Elmer's glue could have the best holding power of most glues. This was a surprise to me. His description of the most popular glues will give us the information we need to in order decide, which is the best glue for what we are doing and how to prepare the surface.

Coloring of wood may be something most of us would try if we just knew a little bit more about the process, what type of coloring to use, and how to apply colors. Jim was able to give us the information in order to get started.

Raffle Reminder:

As a reminder if you were a raffle winner at the last meeting you are asked to bring a turned object or equivalent to our next meeting, Even if you don't win something you can still bring something to raffle off.

GREAT NEWS!

The raffle earned \$150.00 at last month's meeting. This is only possible because of the wonderful donations that you made for the raffle. Please keep up the good work.

<h3>Other Club Information</h3>
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The Club's regularly scheduled meeting is the 2nd Saturday of the month 10:00 AM - 12:00PM, location of meeting and demonstration topic announced in newsletter. The Club's Board Meeting is two Wednesdays before the regular club meeting, at 6:30 PM, location to be announced by the President.

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MEMBERS FORUM:

I am looking for parts for a Powermatic 45 lathe.....especially a headstock quill. I almost have the complete lathe and I need the quill.

Thanks,
Ken Riley

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Stanley K. submitted a drawing for a steady rest this month but due to time and space constraints I was not able to get it in the newsletter this month but it will in next months.

Southplains Woodturners

Two of our members, Bob Harbaugh and Charles Swift are forming a woodturning chapter in Lubbock. They want the opportunity to meet without having to drive 120 miles one way, can you believe that? Here is an excerpt of what Mr. Harbaugh had to say:

Charles and I decided that we needed a Woodturner chapter here in Lubbock to serve the turners here that don't want to travel 240 miles to enjoy being with other people with similar interests. We have contacted AAW to find out what needed to be done to accomplish this. We have filled out necessary application and have made a request for a charter here in Lubbock. Charles and I want to keep our membership in Comanche Trail and hope you will share our excitement in having a sister club here. We see a lot of great things happening with the two clubs sharing ideas, demos, projects, and just great fellowship among Woodturners. Our club will be called "Southplains Woodturners" and will meet the first Saturday of each month at Target Sheet metal. The first will be May 6, 2006. The time will be 10:00 am. Again, we hope you and Comanche Trail Woodturners will be as excited as we are about the many great possibilities for both clubs. Bob Harbaugh

Personally, I think that they are right. Having a sister club in Lubbock will be good for both groups. I believe that we should support and encourage our brother Woodturners in this exciting new time. Perhaps we could even carpool up for special meetings. You know, I really hate it when I'm forced to eat at "Joe's Crab Shack"! (Wink, wink)

We are looking at setting up a Web Site and here are a few sites that are available at this time. Please take a chance to look at them and see which one you think would fit best and let one of the Board Members know which you prefer.

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