



**CTW MEETING AUGUST 12, 2006  
MAKING NATURAL EDGE BOWL  
GEORGE HANCOCK'S SHOP  
1709 CLARK ST. MIDLAND**

## **WOODCHIPS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I thought last month's meeting was exceptionally good. George did an outstanding job showing how to make kaleidoscopes. The new bearings that he found are really an improvement over the ones that he made out of BBs and PVC Pipe, and they were pretty darned cool. I'm continually amazed at the amount of knowledge and skill our club members possess...and freely share with each other.

I mentioned that we would be teaching some classes at Midland College in the fall. The Basic Woodturning class will be held from 9/11/06 through 10/16/06, on Monday evenings between 7 and 9 pm. The Intermediate Class will teach pen turning and be on Thursdays from 10/26/06 through 12/07/06 (no class on 11/23), and it will be from 7 to 9 pm also. We are coordinating with some local home centers to see if we can do a public demonstration at their stores to advertise and maybe spark some interest in the classes. Doug Mee is going to be our lead instructor. Please help him when (or before) he asks!

Don Farris told me an interesting story at our last meeting and asked me to share it with you. He was able to work with a few of our members over the last couple of months in different settings. He and I worked together sharpening tools, he and Max Richards got together to make pens, he was able to work with Stan Kretzler on a project, and I don't remember the others. The point of his story was the fun he had, and the things he learned by working with the other members of our club.

Don is probably one of the most experienced (and nicest) Woodturners that I know. He's also a great example for all of us to follow. He helps others when they ask; and asks for help when someone has figured out an easier or more efficient way to do something. Spend time working with your fellow club members, it's very rewarding.

Please bring something for the raffle if you won something last month. The proceeds from the raffle tickets allow us to do some good things for the club. We gave away a paid admission to SWAT at the last meeting, and will give away another at this one.

Things like this and the gift certificates at the Christmas party all come from your generous purchase of raffle tickets.

I will be on vacation at the end of July and first part of August, but I think we'll be back in time for our meeting at George's shop on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you there.

Keith Hughes

### **LAST MEETING JULY 8, 2006:**

While George was in the process of making a kaleidoscope it made me do some thinking. He did not do anything fancy, no special tools were used, the wood was not exotic, the hand out didn't express any hidden secrets, yet the end project was a kaleidoscope of superior performance and quality. This reminds me of a story that fits this situation.

At the end of a country farm auction sale where everything from chicken house to the horse barn, all worn out farming machinery and what remained from the kitchen are sold to the highest bidder. As the sale was winding down and the crowd was leaving the auctioneer voiced that there was one more thing to be sold. It was an old violin in a black wooded case where the veneer on the outside was cracked and falling off. The bow had half of the horsehair strands broken. The auctioneer asks for a bid of \$1.00 with no takers. As all auctioneers he had a story to tell, he tried to convince a bid by claiming the history of this violin should command a high price.

As the bidding crowd was leaving an old broke down looking man stepped forward and asked if he could see the violin. The auctioneer handed the instrument to the old man. He put the violin under his chin, tightens up the remaining bow strands and started to play music. The leaving crowd stopped to identify where the sound of the music was coming from. It was the old unkempt broke down man playing the unwanted violin. Bids for the violin started coming in with resulted that it sole for over a hundred dollars.

An elder lady setting in a chair too tired to get up until she was sure everything was over, stepped up the auctioneer and ask what in the world happened to cause those farmers that can't play or sing to buy that old no good violin. He answered," Lady, it is the touch of the master that makes the difference".

### **NEXT MEETING AUGUST 12, 2006:**

Vance Ford will demonstrate making a natural edge bowl. Nothing to it some might say. Why don't we see more natural edge bowls and why was it one of the requests that we demonstrate making this bowl as one of our 2006 demonstrations? It's a combination of several things required to end up with the natural edge bowl. One is the skill of the turner. A log from a tree must be of the right size, the right shape and have a bark that won't end up trying to give some one a black eye. Flying bark from dried out logs posses the character to come off at just the best time to hit the demonstrator or some one in the front row of seats. When it comes to that part of making the natural edge bowl I'm well experienced.

When the process of making the natural edge bowl is properly executed the end product has an investigative character. It isn't a round bowl at all. The bottom may have a small round foot but from that everything is unexpected. The bowl if we call it that has an oval shape. The top edge of the bowl normal retains part of the original bark. Of those not familiar with this type of bowl might think it's not possible to do that on the lathe. Normal bowls from logs have the heartwood at the top of the bowl and the base of the bowl near the sapwood or bark. In the case of the natural edge bowl the sapwood and bark is at the top of the bowl. Vance will make it look like he is a magician with wood, and to some degree he is, but in reality it's what happens when a turner makes the natural edge bowl. This will be a demonstration where no magic is done but the end result ends up with an inquisitive and inviting shape and finish. If I know Vance the bowl will be thin enough for the sun to show through.

### **RAFFLE:**

SWAT Registration fee  
\$15 gift certificate from Craft Supply  
Small shoe brush  
Large shoe brush  
Woodturning Magazine  
Kaleidoscope  
Oyster bowl  
Clamp light  
Myrtle pen made by Max Richards  
Pen by Max Richards  
Maple bowl & scoop  
Seasoned Hackberry wood blank  
Maple & mesquite bowl  
Gavel  
Wenge (?) blank  
wood blank  
Texas ebony  
Texas ebony

Dennis Sever  
Rusty Hill  
Jerry  
Neil Martin  
Jim Ketcham  
Ernie Showalter  
Bob Price  
Keith Hughes  
Carol Chandler  
Ernie Showalter  
Alvin Giesler  
Bob Touchstone  
Bill Garner  
Max Richards  
Don Farris  
Bill Garner  
Max Richards  
Ken Riley

Please take a look at the raffle items our auctioneer had to sell. Not a bad selection. I bought a whole bunch of tickets hoping to get some of the exotic woods and others did the same thing. There were no items on the table that were of less value than the price of 6 tickets. It's fun and for a good cause. Another thing, our auctioneer will always feel his job was a job well done as long as the products have such a desirable value and he sells so many tickets. How about Dennis Sever. Before he won the SWAT fee he wasn't sure he was going. Now when that he has a free ride to all the demonstration we will have another member added to our troops to the SWAT symposium at Temple. Dennis, it will be a trip well remembered and don't forget there special arrangements for things the Ladies to do.

## **PROGRAMS SCHEDULED FOR 2006:**

Sept 9                      Jim Ketcham green log to rough turned bowl

Sept 29 thru Oct 1      SWAT at Temple Texas

Oct 14                      Hamburger barbeque social

Nov 11                      Jake Kemper inside outside turning

Dec 9                        Christmas Party

Program Chairmen:  
Ernie Showalter  
Tom Chandler

### **Other Club Information**

The Club's Board Meeting is two Wednesdays before the regular club meeting, at 6:30 PM, location to be announced by the President.

### **MEMBERS FORUM:**

#### **For Sale**

**SHOPSMITH** (older model) Works good. Basic machine Saw, Lathe, Drill Press, and Horizontal Boring Machine. \$100.00 on casters or \$80.00 w/o casters. Call Don Farris at 520-0326

**Craftsman** 10-inch Electronic Radial Arm Saw. Model-113.197250 (saw with leg set). Like NEW and reasonably priced. If you are interested please call JERRY BECHYNE. 697 3982.

#### **Grizzly G1495 Heavy-Duty Wood Lathe**

Swing over bed: 14 in, Swing over gap: 17in Distance between centers: 40" Spindle size: 1" x 12 T.P.I. R.H. Spindle taper: M.T. #2 Tailstock taper: M.T. #2, Motor size: 3/4 H.P., single phase 110V/220V, Indexed spindle - 30°, and 7 speeds: 500-3070 R.P.M. Many accessories included. \$300.00 Vance Ford 550-9994

#### **Southplains Woodturners Meeting Times**

They will be meeting the first Saturday of each month at Target Sheet metal. The time will be 10:00 am.

