



MEETING DATE: JANUARY 8, 2005
MEETING TIME: 10:00 AM
MEETING PLACE: GEORGE HANCOCK'S SHOP
DEMO: LIDDED VESSEL

JANUARY'S DEMO

The first demo of this year will be representative of the great year coming up.

Jim Davis will demonstrate his expertise once again by turning a clam shell lidded vessel. I picked this one due to the interest it brought at Temple earlier in 2004. If you didn't know already, Jim's piece was picked out of the instant gallery at the SWAT Symposium (over 200 pieces) by Linda Salter for critique. Linda was a lead demonstrator from California. Her expertise is segmented bowls, and she is a world class turner. It should be a must see demo, so I'll plan to see you there.

I plan to ask you for feedback through a survey I will give you in either January or February to help give me an idea what you want in demos this year. I will tell you now the one's that have been chosen are fantastic. The only way to make a choice if for you to tell me what you want to see so please help me in this regard.

I will see you at 10:00 AM at George Hancock's shop on January 8, 2005.

DON FARRIS

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE NOW FOR 2005
IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER THESE NEED TO BE PAID TO HELEN EASLEY.
THE DUES ARE \$25.00 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL OR \$30.00 FOR A
FAMILY.

Wood Dust from your President:

It is hard to imagine that 2004 has passed into history. Each of us has accumulated and experienced another year of memory, success, failure, happiness and sadness.

It is my sincere hope that all of our members had a successful year, and that 2005 will present us with opportunity in our endeavors and the strength to meet and overcome adversaries that stand in the way of reaching varied goals.

I want to thank the club for having the trust to give me the opportunity to help guide our little organization to bigger and better things. No one can replace Don Farris as a leader, and I will depend on his wisdom and guidance throughout the year. It is my opinion that as Club President, it is my duty to help guide the direction of the Club, but it is you, the members that make the Club great or a failure. I request that you always bring any idea or concern to my attention, or to that of another officer. Any concern or idea is important and will be addressed as such. Please make every effort to attend and participate in the meetings. After all, if you are not at the meeting, you may miss the information you are looking for.

For those of you that attended the Christmas Party December 11, 2004, I don't have to tell you that it was a success. For those who didn't attend, for whatever reason, you missed a great evening.

Don and Ernie did an outstanding job. The food was good, the fellowship priceless, and the program presented by Burr Williams proved to be informative and challenging as he demonstrated how little we really know about the trees of West Texas. Burr gave us some history, and dispelled some myths. My personal favorite was about the fact that Mesquite is native to the area, and was not brought in by the cattle drives. He also explained how the prairie dog for centuries held the Mesquite in check by eating the seedlings as they sprouted. Settlers, by eliminating the numbers of prairie dog allowed the tree to spread as the ecological balance was upset by the interference of man. He also said the Mesquite bean has about 30% protein, and was an important food source to Native Americans in the area. Ernie presented Burr with one of his Native American Flutes and played us a short tune. Burr was truly touched by the gesture, which is above the call of duty. Jim Ketcham presented Burr's wife with a Mesquite bowl, again, well received.

The gift exchange, drawing for gift certificates, and table decorations was handled by Jim Ketcham with his usual professional and entertaining style. Again those who didn't attend missed the chance at a one of (10) \$50 gift certificates from Craft Supply or Packard Woodworks. More important, the opportunity to take home one of Jim Davis' platters is not an everyday occurrence. We all need to say; thank you Jim for your hard work, unselfish support of the club, and making sure the evening was a memorable one. The "weed pots" weren't bad either, and the quality of the gift exchange continues to get better.

As your SWAT representative last year, and for this year, I will attend the board meeting January 22 in Temple at the Hilton Inn at 10:00 A.M., where the agenda will be set for the fall meeting in Wichita Falls. Any club member is welcome to attend, but cannot vote on the issues. The executive committee usually has the agenda pretty well set, and it moves ahead at a rapid pace. The EC has requested that if any of our members wish to demonstrate at Wichita Falls, that I bring a synopsis of what they wish to present and leave it for the committee to consider. They appear to be making a real effort to include as many regional demonstrators as possible. However, we will have to wait and see how it progresses. If you have something, bring it to the January meeting.

Regarding the January meeting, I need everyone to be thinking about our February tool making agenda. WHAT KIND OF TOOL DO YOU WANT TO TACKLE? The board had discussed making a scraper, but as you may or may not know, the cost of steel has doubled since last year and the flat oil or water hardening bar cost would exceed the club's ability to buy the raw material. I doubt the cost would exceed \$10-15 per person depending on the thickness and width scraper decided upon. Think about it, and we will decide at the January meeting. Be there, so we can consider your input and desire.

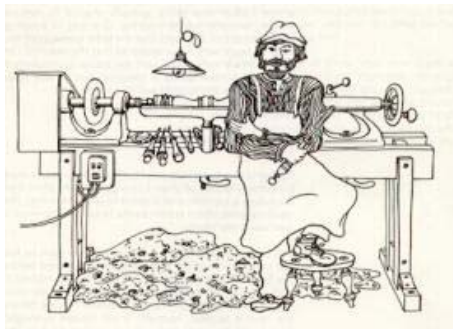
The Grants obtained from SWAT and the AAW for the Lathes for Midland College has been received and spent. We purchased ten (10) Jet Midi lathes to establish the continuing education class. The college funded, and purchased ten sets of tools, 10 chucks, and a Wolverine Sharpening Jig. They are pushing hard to have an inaugural class in January. We will keep you posted.

Now for the most important part! We do we want to accomplish the rest of the year? The officers and board are working diligently to make the meetings and demonstrations interesting and diverse. Still, we need everyone to offer suggesting as to what they want to see, and what they are willing to demonstrate. We have the talent. If you have an idea, or have something you would like to do, let Don or any of the officers know, and you will receive whatever help you need in your presentation. January and February is set, pending the tool making decision. I don't want to get into Don's domain by talking about programs, as he does an exemplary job, and will be discussing his vision for the year.

Just remember it is YOUR club, and the more you participate the better it will be. Every member possesses unique ideas, and skills. We need you to let the rest of us know and, as a group we can continue to add diversity and interest into our woodturning. With participation we can all experience the satisfaction that comes from helping, teaching, and improving our skills. There are a number of members who have expressed willingness to mentor others and assist them in improving their skills or showing them one on one how to do a specific project. Call on anyone you think might be able to help you through a troubling part of a project. If they can't, I'll bet they know someone who can. No one will put you down for not having knowledge of a process or skill. The more we work together the more camaraderie that develops, and the opportunity for a better organization increases exponentially.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the January meeting and to a successful and enjoyable New Year. Everyone try to attend. Call an ex-member that may have become disillusioned for some reason, or bring a friend, wife, child or just an acquaintance that may have the desire to SEE THE CHIPS FLY!

GEORGE HANCOCK,
PRESIDENT 2005



WOODTURNING DEFINITIONS

Split turning

A technique used where two identical semicircular items are required. One method is to make a complete turning from solid stock and then saw the piece in half. A better way is to glue two pieces of stock together with a leaf of paper in the joint and then make the turning. When the turning is complete the paper allows the pieces to be separated.

Square (wood)

A sawn piece of timber which is roughly square in section and ready to be used in spindle turning.

Square nose chisel

A chisel on which the cutting edge is square to the sides.

Star shake

A group of [splits](#) running away from the pith in the form of a star.

Surface check

A [split](#) on the surface of the wood.

Tailstock

The movable assembly to the right of the headstock which slides along the bed.

Tang

The tapered end of a woodturning tool which fits into the handle.

Through check

A [split](#) which extends through a board from one surface to the other.

Ticketer

A round piece of metal used to form a [burr](#).

Tool rest (or T rest)

Adjustable part of the lathe (usually a 'T' shape) which fits into the banjo and supports the turning tool whilst work is in progress.

Waney edge

A natural edge left by the outside of the tree on a sawn board.

Wire edge

See [burr](#).

