



MEETING DATE: JANUARY 14, 2006
MEETING TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
MEETING PLACE: KEITH HUGHES SHOP
4413 FAIRBANKS DRIVE MIDLAND

WOODCHIPS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy 2006! I pray that everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and that you have an even better year than the last!

I think the first thing that we should do this year is to give a great big “**THANK YOU!**” to George Hancock for the excellent job he did as our club President. I hope that I can do half as good.

We should also thank the great folks that arranged our Christmas Party. You missed a good time if you weren't able to attend. The club gave away 10, \$50.00 gift certificates, Jim Davis donated numerous Christmas ornaments for table gifts, the entertainment was outstanding, and the food was good too! I would have been honored to receive any one of the gifts that were made by our members for the gift exchange. If you can't tell I really enjoyed myself.

I am excited about the demonstrations that Ernie Showalter and Tom Chandler have lined up for us this year. They all sound like they will be outstanding; except the first one that is...I say that because I will be doing the January demo. We have a lot of new members and new turners in the club and someone decided that I should talk about lathes and tools in an attempt to get information out to the new (and not so new) folks. I asked what we will do after the first 15 seconds! After considering Ernie and Tom's request, I think that I will lead a group discussion about lathes and tools. Sooooo, bring all of your hard questions about woodturning equipment, your favorite or least favorite tools, lathe recommendations, and most importantly, bring yourself and a desire to meet with nice people for a great time.

Our little club appears to be healthy and growing and I want us to continue in this direction. My personal goals for our meetings are that we learn something, and have fun doing it. With that in mind, please do me a favor. Think about these questions and let me know what you decide:

Is there something that we used to do; but haven't done in a while, that you would like to try again? Can you see and hear the demonstrators at our meetings? Is there anything about our meetings that we **must not** change? What can we do better?

All of your board members value your opinion, but we can't act upon it unless you let us know what it is. Feel free to contact me at your convenience at keith@grandecom.net or 432-699-7629.

I hope to see all of you at my shop on January 14th.

Keith Hughes

2006 PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS

Ernie Showalter and Tom Chandler will share the responsibility of the programs for 2006. At the November meeting a clipboard was passed around for each member to request the topics for 2006. There were 8 requests made which will be used to select some of our demonstrations. Our Chapter members can fulfill all of the requests except for the February meeting. Raul Pena from Kerrville will be a lead tool making representative. Raul is a great hook- tool maker and demonstrator for SWAT as well as the AAW. He will help us to make and to use the hook tools. This will be an excellent experience for all of us. Anyone who knows Raul will agree that he is an excellent teacher and tool-maker.

Keith's topic for January is lathe tools, selection of lathe tool steels, chucks, and which lathe to buy. Sounds like a program for new turners. Whether we are old turners or new turners Keith's message will be interesting to all of us. Now Keith has a new shop, so it gives us all a chance to see not only his shop but also his long bed Vicmarc lathe and his choice of tools. Keith is not what we call an old turner, (many years of turning experience) but in short time has become one of our choice demonstrators. The items that show up on the raffle table indicate Keith takes turning serious. Now if you're not aware, his wife Chris is also a turner. She may not do big stuff but the little things she turns show an excellent degree of tool control. We may get a chance to see some of the items she has turned.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Folks, our Comanche Trails Woodturners know how to have a party. That's my impression. To make this all happen there was the contribution from all the members. It started last December when the date and reservation was made for our 2005 party. Don Farris and Helen Easley are to be given credit for making the reservation and selecting the menu. The ten \$50.00 dollar gift certificate were made possible by all member that take part in the raffles. The exchange gifts at the party were all of a desirable quality. To look over the turnings on the table it is easy to see all items were made with a degree of pride. Most of them were one of a kind. It's difficult to thank Jim Davis and Julie Horn enough for the ornaments presented at each table. Jim advised us that it takes about four hours to make each those ornaments and that is after they found out how to make them. Jim Ketcham had a mesquite bowl to give to our guest, Dollie Neal. Jim went to his collection of finished bowls and selected the bowl he felt was fitting for the occasion. Ask Dollie what she thinks of her mesquite bowl?

The power point program that presented a continuous display of our Chapter members was the result of the contribution of several members. Doug Mee had the pictures; Tom Chandler put them on a CD disc, Neil and Sherri Martin put the power point program together and Dennis Sever obtained a projector from the college and assisted to make the system work. George Hancock provided a microphone and amplifier for Dollie Neal to tell her stories. Dollie requires oxygen when talking and without the amplifier her voice is too weak to carry across the room. Now whom did I leave out. Every one there including our guest played a part to make the party what it was. We need to recognize the members that came from Lubbock. It is at about a two-hour drive to Midland and two hours back to Lubbock. Did you notice the fellow that had trouble with his Santa Claus hat? Thanks to each of you that made our party the best yet. It reminds me of a banner across the band hall at Midland Lee band hall. "ANYTHING WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST WILL NOT BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE FUTURE".

Raffle: As a reminder to those, and this included me, if you were a raffle winner at the November meeting you need to bring a turned object or equivalent to our January meeting, Even if you did not win something in November, you can still bring something to raffle off.

Just for your information:

All of the turnings that were in the showcase at the Midland Library will be on show at our January meeting and can be picked up. Keith reserved us table space. This doesn't mean you can't bring something else to show, it's just to let you know where your turnings are.

Ernie Showalter & Tom Chandler

Notice:

Just in case you haven't heard, Chuck Hiestand recently passed away. Chuck was a long time member, a long time friend, a great Woodturner, and an even greater tool grinder. Chuck was always there whenever anyone needed help grinding or sharpening tools. Please keep Chuck's family in your prayers during this difficult time. Chuck will be greatly missed by all of us they knew him.

Vance Ford

FAMOUS TREES

Kyle's Hanging Tree

In the 1840's cowboys searching for stray cattle came upon a man hanging from a tree. The identity of the man who hung Kyle has never been determined. The man was buried on the spot and sometime later a Kyle family friend was also buried there. Colonel Kyle (Captain Kyle's father) donated 15 acres of land to serve as a community cemetery. So Kyle's cemetery was chosen by an unknown assailant who hung Kyle for unknown reasons.

SUPER GLUE INFORMATION

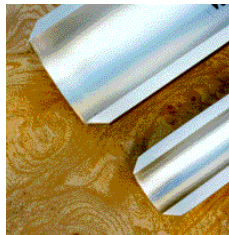
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ROUGHING GOUGES



The first thing that we have to do when starting to turn a spindle, is to 'rough' the wood from square to round. The tools used for that are called, with staggering clarity, **roughing gouges**, examples of which are shown in the photo. These tools are generally formed from high-speed steel and are roughly U-shaped in cross-section. Their cutting edge is sharpened at around 40-45 degrees and they are used to remove stock quickly, moving in either direction, but generally leave an inferior finish. You need one of these unless you're only going to work on bowls and platters

