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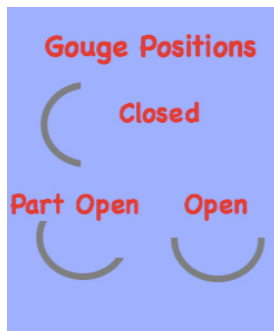
## PLATTERS PLATTERS PLATTERS MIKE OGLESBY DEMO

The December demonstration presented by Mike Oglesby was a comprehensive and in-depth look at turning platters. Mike has obviously thought out the elements of woodturning, and he instructs us on these fundamentals.

Thermodynamics, a branch of physics concerned with heat and temperature and their relation to energy and work figures greatly in Mike's business, metal work, no less for woodturning when the iron meets the wood. Lathe speed increases heat via friction every time a tool is applied to the work piece. Mike explained how to deal with this heat.

Keep tools sharp. Apply the tool in the right position so that the cut is small and controlled. "Heat," Mike told us, "is reduced as material is removed. This is just as important for a pocket knife as it is for a power saw and everything in between."

Mike insists that every time the bowl gouge is applied to cross grain work, it be in the closed position to prevent a back-skip. Each time the tool is established, then the tool can be opened to finish the cut.



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## CHRISTMAS FEST



Members and guests of the South Plains Woodturners enjoyed an informative and stimulating presentation by Charles Armstrong, recently retired NASA engineer. Armstrong's presentation reminded us that US space exploration continues to strive to move into space.

We were also reminded of the size of the universe, relative to our world, to ourselves. Armstrong spoke about the recent successful Orion test and other NASA objectives.

The space program may seem unusual for a group of woodturners, but at our very first Christmas party, Greg Johnson, a US astronaut was our speaker.

The parents of Lubbock here, Willie McCool graciously accepted our invitation to join us for the Christmas party.

The club thanks Anne Hamilton for her work putting together our Christmas party.



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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Christmas party provided us with good food, fun door prizes, beautiful pieces for the gift exchange and the opportunity to enjoy each other's company. The speaker, Charles Armstrong, was interesting and knowledgeable. We appreciated the McCool's joining us for the occasion. Several years ago Mike Brown, an astronomer, speculated that Pluto was a small frozen ball of gas and not a planet. Our speaker informed us that the New Horizon Spacecraft launched 10 year ago by NASA will fly by Pluto on July 14, 2015. This spacecraft fly-by will hopefully verify or refute Brown's speculation. Either way, it will be a memorable event. I would like to express my appreciation for the excellent job that David Turner did overseeing the gift exchange and to Ann Hamilton for being the Master of Ceremonies of the party.

Thanks to Vicki Oglesby and Randy Thorne the display case has been moved from the Lubbock Airport to the Overton Hotel. In its new location our club's turnings will be shown to the hotel's patrons and the attendee's of the many business functions held at the Overton. Our next workshop will be held at Glen Williamson shop on January 24.

The Garden and Arts Center will host our next beginner's class starting January 29th. These classes will continue every Thursday night for six weeks. If you know someone who is interested in woodturning, please contact our committee chairman, Jim Harris. 797-6377.

SWAT 2015 has announced an RFP (see page 6) to demonstrate at the SWAT symposium in August. Many of our club members are excellent demonstrators. Please consider applying to Buddy Compton, SWAT Vice President before March 1st.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
  
Harry Hamilton

# SWAT 2015

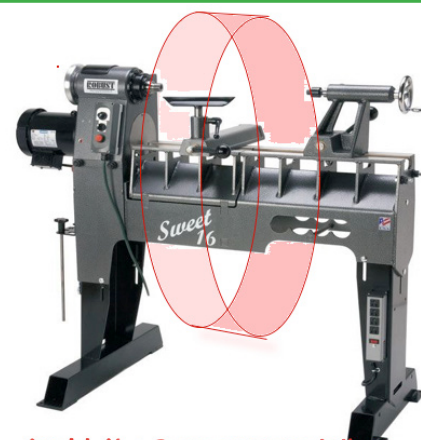
David Hoehns, SWAT Director for our club, will be attending the SWAT planning meeting January 24th. If you have thoughts or ideas that might improve one's SWAT experience, please speak to Hoehns at the January club meeting.

**Christmas Party**

**Club Calendar**



January Club Meeting 10-12 a.m Jim Burt <i>Heart Box</i>	1/3/15
BOD Meeting	1/5/15
Beginner's Class	1/29/15
Beginner's Class	2/5/15
February Club Meeting 10-12 a.m Tom Farrell <i>Deep hollowing/finishing</i>	2/7/15
BOD Meeting	2/9/15
Beginner's Class	2/12/15
Beginner's Class	2/19/15
Beginner's Class	2/26/15
Beginner's Class	3/5/15
March Club Meeting 10-12 a.m Buddy Compton <i>Natural-edge Cuspidore</i>	3/7/15
BOD Meeting	3/9/15
April Club Meeting Ray Hughes	4/4/15
BOD Meeting	4/6/15
Lubbock Arts Festival (Set up and Premiere Night)	4/17/15
Lubbock Arts Festival (10 am -7 pm)	4/18/15
Lubbock Arts Festival (12 - 5 pm)	4/19/15
May Club Meeting 10-12 a.m Election of Officers (Demo: To Be Announced)	5/2/15
BOD Meeting	5/4/15



**Avoid the Danger Zone When Starting Your Lathe**

December Gallery



Four lidded boxes with ebony finials by Vicki Oglesby. (L to R) redwood, white oak, ebony and rosewood. Vicki turned the three larger forms in November and the small box in December.



Loy Cornett combines maple and purpleheart for two bowls, one with flared lip and the other a closed form.

At right are his two pepper mills, an ash and purpleheart blend.

Loy uses Deft® sealer and clear gloss which he buffs. All of Cornett's works were completed in November or December.



Four gun pens below were shown by David Turner. They are made from a variety of woods.



At left Randy Thorne exhibits two pieces, an open segmented bowl and a lidded box with finial and stem. Not shown a third vessel, a boxelder box with a Katilox lid was donated to the club raffle.

Randy's bowl combines mesquite, walnut, maple, curly maple and purple heart.

The lidded box was turned from salmon gum burl, a Western Australian tree not related to sweet gum found in USA, which Thorne purchased at SWAT. The piece presented Randy with numerous challenges with stabilizing it prior to turning. The stem, lid and finial are made with cocobolo and spalted hackberry.



Below, two candle holders by Willard Ellis. These are made of oak and cherry.



At left Christian Jensen exhibits hollowing tools with turned Corian® handles he turned in November.



Mike

Platters, like bowls, are crossgrain turning. As such safety and directionality are very important. Mike discussed these in detail.

As Mike worked various pieces during his demo, he gave several *started* platters to members of the audience. Hopefully, we will see these on the Show'N Tell table in the future.



Gallery



Jim Harris exhibited the bowl form above which combine three woods. Jim's bowl is cherry. His lid is apricot, and the finial is walnut. Harris finished the bowl in December.



Mike Oglesby showed the above winged bowl. It was turned from big-leaf maple burl. Mike finished the bowl in December.

Not pictured is an elm bowl.

Also not pictured is vase be Johnnie Hamilton.

Below are natural-edge end-grain bowl and side-grain bowl of paper bark maple by David Hoehns. Safety concern dictated the shape of the cross-grain bowl.



Jim Bob Burgoon displayed three bottle stoppers and this cane. At far left spalted pecan. The other two are oak burl. The cane, right and above has been turned from mahogany.

# RFP

## SOUTH WEST ASSOCIATION OF TURNERS REGIONAL DEMONSTRATOR APPLICATION

**SWAT 2015** is accepting applications for Regional Demonstrator until March 1, 2015. Applications may be mailed to Buddy Compton, 3050 CR 139, Colorado City, Texas 79512 or attached to email directed to [bcc@wtconnect.com](mailto:bcc@wtconnect.com). Regional Demonstrators shall present demonstrations on one subject two times during SWAT 2015.

An application shall consist of the information below plus:  
[ ] a proposed demonstration;  
[ ] an editable digital copy of demonstration handout in Microsoft Word to Buddy Compton [bcc@wtconnect.com](mailto:bcc@wtconnect.com) with your application. Also send a copy of the demonstration handout in Microsoft, Apple or Apache Open Office format; by March 1, 2015 to David Hoehns at [allskewedup@gmail.com](mailto:allskewedup@gmail.com).  
[ ] a resume of club demonstrations you have presented in past two years.

If application and resume are mailed, be certain to clearly identify yourself when sending digital copy of handout.

All Handouts remain the intellectual property of the demonstrator. SWAT will issue a single printing. Portions of handout may appear on the website [http:// www.swaturners.org](http://www.swaturners.org) to promote SWAT 2015. SWAT reserves the right to edit handouts, particularly to achieve a uniform format throughout the combined demonstrator handouts.

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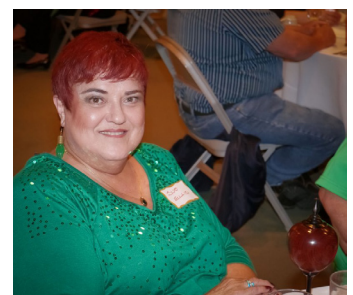


Above a collection of Christmas ornament is offered by Dick Markham. Dick has assembled these pieces over several years. This collection includes snowmen, "fuzzy" trees, turned globes, bells, sea urchens and angels. Markham exhibits inside-outside turning, hollow forms, segmented forms and spindle mastery-all with whimsy.

At right, James Kessler's cuttingboard.



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