South Plains Woodturners

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SPW MEETING JULY 1, 2006
TIME 10:00 am –12:00 noon
WOOD SHOP AT TARGET SHEETMETAL
SOUTH LOOP 289 LUBBOCK
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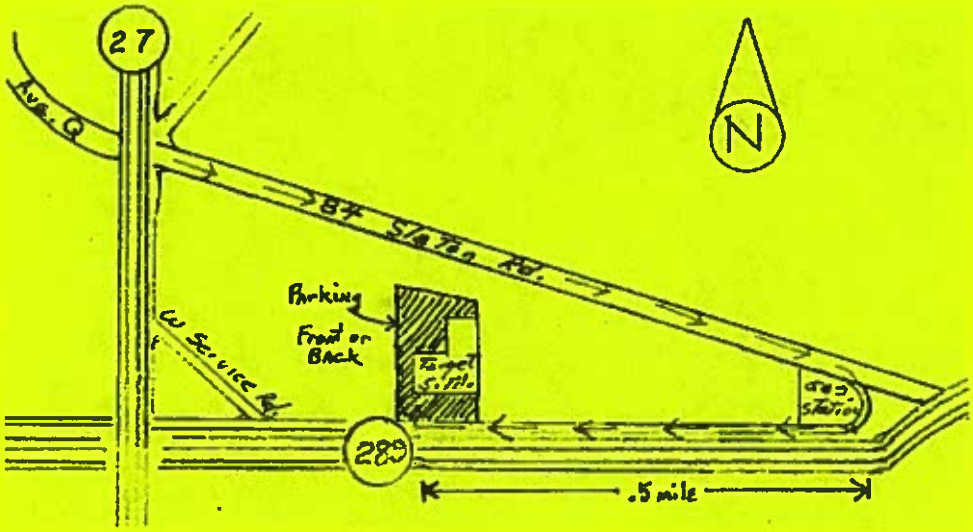

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Raffle

Starting with the July meeting, we will have a raffle. Tickets will be $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00. The raffle each month will be one way for our club to raise money for expenses and various needs we have through the year. When you win something, you will be expected to bring something for the next raffle. An item that has been turned is preferred, but not required. For this first raffle, we are asking for items to be donated to get it started. Your help with this will be appreciated.

Club Logo

At our last meeting, we asked for ideas for our club logo. If you have an idea, please sketch it on a piece of paper and bring it to the meeting. You do not have to be an artist to have an idea. We have some artists who can help you develop your idea. Don't be bashful, bring your idea.

New Worker Bees

Newsletter Editors : Richard Hopson and Mike Chambers
Photographer/ Archivist: Erin Green
Meeting Registrar: Robyn Shofner
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Librarians: Jim Bob Burgoon and John Franklin

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From the President

Our July meeting was a good one and we owe a big "THANK YOU" to Tom Ferrell for a great demo, and to Glenn Williamson and Nita for an outstanding job with the raffle. We increased our membership again from 28 to 36. New members are always welcome and I hope this is a trend that will continue. How great it is to see the growth and interest in our club thus far and the excitement and expectations on the faces of most of the membership. "THANK YOU" also to Arlene Harbaugh, Joyce Markham, and Karen Faulkner for taking care of the registration table for us.

The board met July 17, and one thing we decided was to apply for membership in S.W.A.T. Contact has been made and we are waiting for instructions to proceed. Mike Oglesby will have more to say about S.W.A.T. at our next meeting August 5.

Speaking of our next meeting, if you haven't been to one yet, come on out and bring a friend. I think you will be glad you did. See you there!

Bob

Demo Info

The demonstration for the August meeting will be given by Jim Bob Burgoon, of the LISD Industrial Technology Dept. Jim Bob is an excellent turner with segmentation skills and many others (possibly a future demo), but for this next meeting it's "Back Massagers and Pocket Watches". How's that to peak your interest?

Raffle

Our first raffle got off to a great start under the skillful permanent leadership of Glenn Williamson and brought in an astonishing $145.00. Tickets for the raffle are $1.00 each, or 6 for $5.00. This is one of our main methods of raising money for operating expenses and also helps keep our dues low. REMEMBER!, If you won something last month, you are expected to bring something next month. This keeps our raffle going and insures a good table of items for each meeting. Turned items are preferred, but not required. Tools or something used in turning will work great. Starting with our next newsletter, we will include a list of winners and their prizes

Club Logo

LAST CALL!! If you have any ideas for a club logo, to be reproduced on letterhead, pins, hats, shirts, patches, or whatever, please turn those in to Bob Harbaugh asap as the board will be making a decision shortly.

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New Worker Bees Wanted

1. Refreshment Manager (club pays expenses)
2. Chair Manager (club pays rental)
3. Post- meeting Clean up Manager

If you would be interested in helping with any of these jobs, please talk to Bob . To be honest, the board has been doing these jobs and we need younger, stronger people to handle the stairs.

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Demos and Demonstrators

We are constantly looking for people to do demos or presentations of interest to woodturners. If you can do either one of these, please let Bob or Charles know. This will help us plan for future meetings. We are not acquainted with every member well enough as yet to know what you can do so we are asking for your help. We will assist you in finding materials or equipment for your project and help you adapt to the lathe at Target Sheet Metal if necessary. Possible topics for a program are; tool sharpening, pen making, beginning or advanced projects, kaleidoscopes or whatever you want to do. Also we would like to hear about programs you would like to see. Let us hear from you.

Lathe Acquisition

At our BOD meeting July 17, all members agreed that we should offer our help to anyone wanting to buy a new or used lathe.(BOD members are listed below). If you have not owned a lathe before, it might be helpful to get advice from someone who has experience in buying and using one. This would also include tools and associated equipment such as chucks, chisels, sharpeners etc. Hopefully, any member of our club would be willing to mentor another member who asks for help. This includes "shop visits" which can be great fellowship.

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SouthWest Association of Turners (SWAT)

This is the annual "gathering of the clan" for Texas Woodturners, and is the next to largest gathering of woodturners in the world, second only to the AAW Nationals. Several of the club members have attended over the years. This year it will be in Temple Texas from Sept.29th-Oct. 1st. The BOD has asked Mike and Vickie Oglesby to describe what an uplifting life changing experience attending can be. Don't miss their presentation. Info to register, location map in Temple, and complete program are included with this newsletter.

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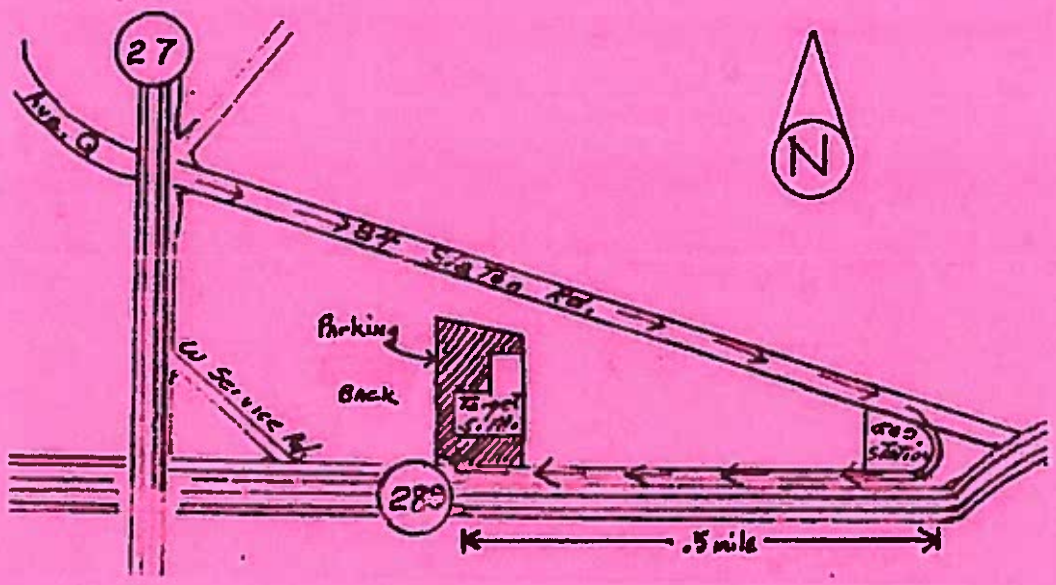

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From the President

We missed Charles and Glenn at our last meeting but they should be back in great form for the September gathering. I apologize to Jim Bob for the problem with the cameras last time, but they will be up and running for Mike Chambers demo on September 2nd. We are looking for a good turn out as school has started and everyone is back from vacations and so forth.

Speaking of Jim Bob, thank you Jim Bob for a very informative and well done demo. We appreciate you very much.

I would like to remind those who won something in the raffle last time, to bring something this time. Our raffle has done well so far and we hope it continues so we can build up our treasury. This will allow us to plan programs and socials etc. in the future. The BOD has come up with some good ideas but they all cost money we don't have at this time. The future really looks good now and the way the club is growing, I think we have a lot of great programs and events to look forward to. Along that line, if any of you have ideas or demos you would like to see, please let us know. We are always open to new ideas for ways to make membership in our club more exciting and rewarding. Looking forward to seeing you all on September 2.

Bob

Demo Info

Mike Chambers, of Brownfield Tx., will be our demonstrator for the September meeting. He will show us some fascinating techniques in spirals and twist turnings. Mike is also very skillful at segmented work.(a possible future demonstration??)

Thank You

To Pastor Robert Storrs and the members of Trinity Baptist Church we say: "THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH". They have loaned indefinitely to us, 25 folding chairs to use at our meetings. This will save the club at least $30.00 a month on rentals and we are most appreciative.

We also want to thank Don Farris for the great books he donated to our library. If you have not looked at our library collection lately, we urge you to do so. Thanks to Don and others it is beginning to look like a library.

Club Shirt with Logo

The BOD has commissioned the design of a club logo which will not be available for us to see until a few days after our September meeting. We are trying to have shirts available in time for those who would like to wear them to SWAT. If you come to the September meeting prepared to order and pay for your shirt, we are hopeful they can have them ready for us in time. The price for the shirt and logo is $30.00. Men's sizes from Xsmall to 6XL either short or long sleve (Talls also available). Women's sizes from small to 4XL.

Shirts will be available at a later time also and owning a club shirt is by no means required.

Raffle

As our president said in his note above, the raffle is the financial "life's blood" of our club. The secret to sustaining successful raffles is based on the quality as well as quantity of the contributed items. Turned items are preferred but anything having to do with woodturning is fine. Remember our raffle motto: "If you win one, you put in one!"

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Social

The BOD has scheduled a social following the October meeting. This will be a catered lunch, on sight, immediately after our regular program. The cost of the meal is $5.00 per person. All members and guests are invited. This will give members and families a chance to get acquainted and have some old fashioned fellowship. We will need a count of those planning to attend so if you can not be at the September meeting to give us your name etc., please call Charles Swift at 799-7059 to make sure you are counted.

E-Mail

At the September meeting, there will be a place for you to give us your e-mail address. This will give us a quick and easy way to contact members for a number of reasons. In the near future, you will be given a choice of how you receive your newsletter. You may choose e-mail or regular mail. E-mail will save the club postage and printing costs. It will be entirely up to each individual how you prefer to receive your letter. The e-mail will be used for other communications though , so please be sure to give us yours if you have one. Our list is for our use only and will not be given out to anyone.

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From the President

As we prepare for another SWAT, it's hard to believe that this year I will be going as a representative of a new chapter from the South Plains. A new chapter with a membership that has already reached 47. It has been very exciting for me to be a part of a group of five interested woodturners with a desire to have a local chapter meeting in the Lubbock area on a regular basis.The night of February 15, 2006, we met for the first time around my dining room table, to exchange ideas and dreams of becoming a chapter of turners chartered by the AAW. By March 16, we had a set of bylaws, a board of directors with elected officers, and a charter from AAW officially namingus "South Plains Woodturners". For the next two months we worked on a mailing list of people we thought might be interested in joining us in our endeavor. Charles showed us why his last name is Swift, by moving with the speed of light, to distribute posters, mail invitations, talk to businesses that might be interested in helping us financially, or with donations of products for our raffles etc. We owe Charles a very big "THANK YOU" for going above and beyond in helping get our club started. Incidentally, he has not slowed down yet. Dick and Glenn have been fantastic, taking care of fixing and repairing equipment. Mike's furnishing

us with a fabulous place to meet and working around us with his business goes without saying. Mike, I don't know what we would have done without your generosity. And what has Bob done?, you ask. Since Bob is the President, he gets to take credit for what everyone else does. That is what the President does. See you at SWAT. Bob

Demo Info

For our October meeting, Don Farris will be doing multi axis turning. He plans to turn a candle stick for us. Don has been a demonstrator at SWAT as well as doing many demos for Comanche Trail in Midland. He is an outstanding turner and we are very fortunate to have him in our club.

Club Records

We are trying to bring our club records up to date and we still need e-mail addresses and information on your AAW affiliation. You do not have to join AAW to be a member of South Plains Woodturners, but if you are a member we need to know. This will help in finding future demonstrators and picking candidates for election of officers next year. We need e-mail addresses for future communications and also we hope to offer a choice of e-mail for our newsletter. You will be able to choose the method you receive yours. As we mentioned in our post card, you can e-mail Richard Hopson with your e-mail address and AAW information. If you do not have a computer, call Charles Swift about your AAW membership.

Charles H. Swift-Secretary
799-7059

Richard Hopson- Data Base mgr.
rhopson3@cox.net

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Show –and-Tell

I don't know about the rest of you, but I have been impressed with the work that has been shown at our first four meetings. We have some great talent in our club and I enjoy seeing the work displayed at our meetings. This is a very good way to share ideas and techniques with other turners. Keep them coming and bring several items. The more-The better.

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Club Social

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Just a Thought

If you are not a member of "South Plains Woodturners" yet, but have been planning to join and just haven't done so yet, we will make it easy for you. We just need three new members to break 50. If you really desire to be a member, give Bob or Charles a call, and they will take care of it over the phone.

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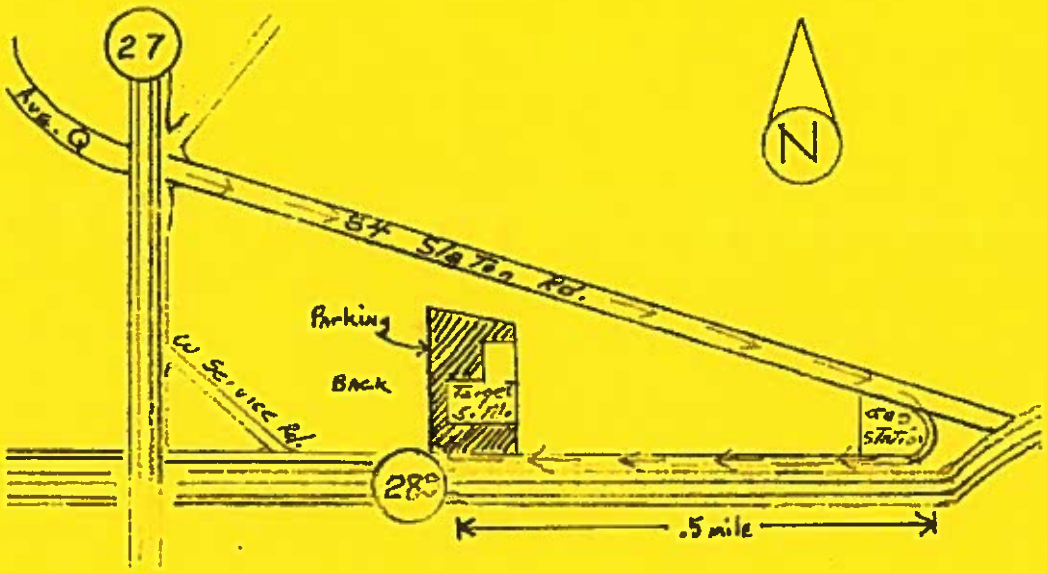

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This has been a great year for our club, up to this point, and I expect even better things yet to come. We have had excellent demos, including an outstanding one last month by Don Farris. Don is one of the founders of the club in Midland but as he says, when he is in Lubbock, he is one of us and we are very proud to have him as a member of "South Plains Woodturners".

Starting in November we will make some minor changes with our name tags and the arrangement of our sign in table. The tags will be changed to a permanent type so we don't have to print them each meeting. Please remember to leave them at the door as you leave the meeting. We think the name tags are important as they help everyone get to know each other better (and us older folks need all the help we can get when it comes to remembering names.) The sign in table will be on your right as you come in and we think this will eliminate some of the congestion.

I hope everyone enjoyed the meal at our social. I apologize to those who had to eat standing up. We will try to do a better job of planning next time. Looking forward to seeing you all in November. Bob

Demo Info

We have another great demo planed for the November meeting. Dick Markham has been doing some fantastic work turning a trembleur. For those who do not know what that is. A trembleur is a tall spindle about 1/8 th inch in diameter with balls and various other shapes located every 6 inches or so, all turned out of one piece of wood. You don't want to miss this demo. The rigging he has made, alone, is very interesting to see.

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We had some beautiful items on our "Show and Tell" table last time and we encourage you all to bring some of your turnings to show. Sometimes it is interesting to see some of the mistakes, as well as the good stuff. It might help someone else to avoid what you did. We all make mistakes and sometimes the best lessons are learned while correcting those mistakes.

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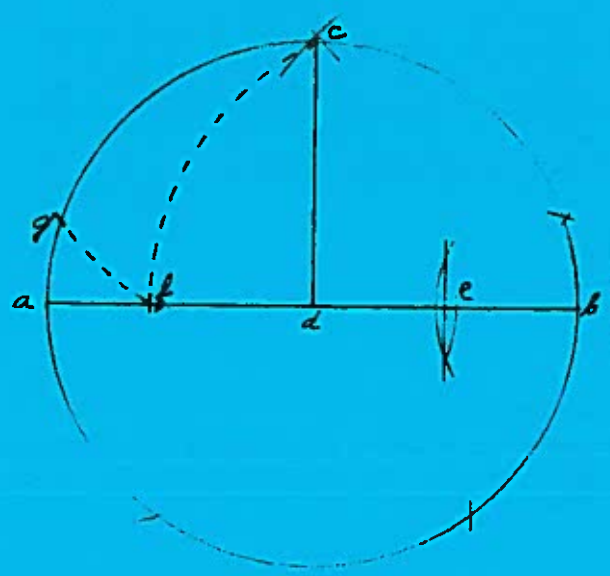
The BOD is in the process of planning "Hands-On" work sessions for those who would like instruction on basic woodturning techniques. We are looking for a place to hold such a meeting. If you have a shop big enough for 4 to 6 people, and would be willing to host such a meeting, let us know.

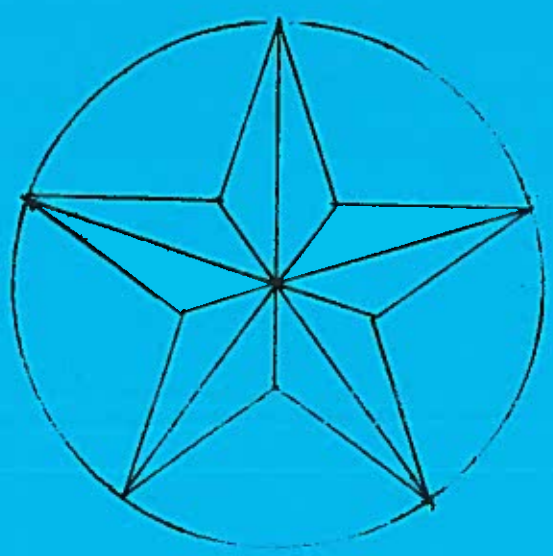
Five Pointed Star

I have been asked how to lay out a perfect star by several of you and the following is an attempt to show the method I use.

1. Draw a circle the size you want the star to be.
2. Draw diameter a-b with radius c-d perpendicular to a-b.
3. Bisect radius d-b and with compass point at e, draw arc c-f.
4. With compass point at c
5. , draw arc f-g.
6. Set compass on c-g which is 1/5th of the circle, and go around the circumference until you have divided circle into five equal parts.
7. Connect the five points to make your star.

Bob





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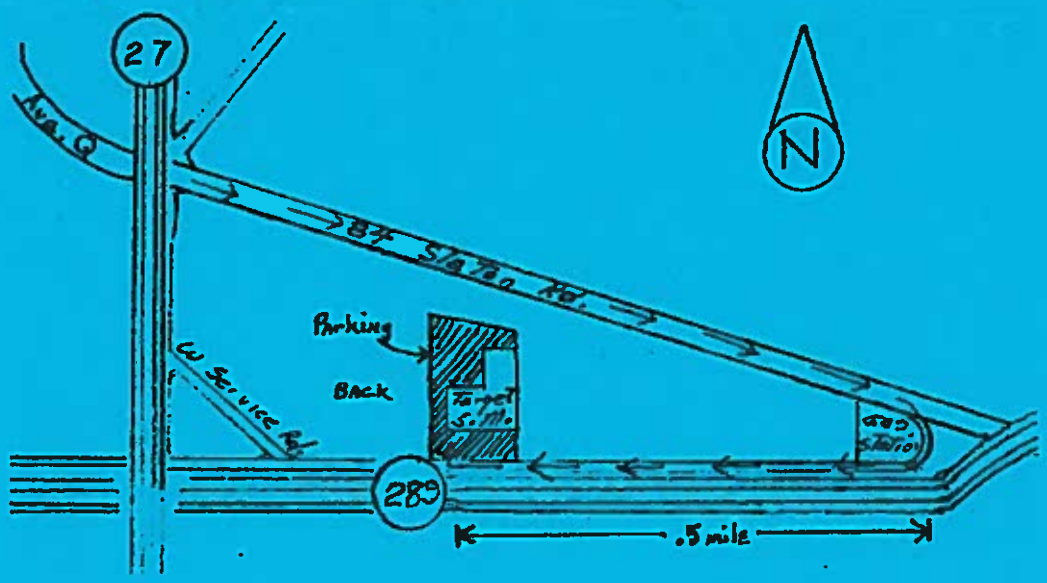

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From the President

First, I want to wish all of you a "*VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS* and a *HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR*"

We got off to a great start in 2006 and I look forward to an even better year in 2007. In case some of you have been wondering, our fiscal year is from June 1, to May 31. Our first meeting was June 3, 2006 so the BOD decided on June to May for our fiscal year. We will elect officers at our May meeting.

I know you all enjoyed the demo by Jim Davis as much as I did and we send a big THANK YOU to Jim and also to Ernie Showalter, George Hancock, and Jim Ketcham for their contribution to our December Meeting. The Midland club has supported us in a fantastic way and we appreciate them very much. Speaking of Comanche Trail, they had their Christmas party December 9th. I was unable to attend, but Charles Swift and Tom Farrell were there and presented the club with a ticket tumbler for their raffle, like the one Dick Markham made for us. Jim Ketcham was so impressed with ours, Dick made one for him to use in Midland. Jim is Glenn Williamson's counter-part in Midland and does their raffle. I understand from Charles , Dick liked the one he made for Midland so much more than ours, he re-built ours. Dick, you are amazing, and on behalf of "South Plains Woodturners", I thank you very much for all the work you have done for so many, building

equipment, repairing tools, making accessories and gadgets , instructing and teaching, and the list goes on and on. While I am at it, I have to say "thank you ", to Charles, Mike, and Glenn for all of their time and efforts on behalf of our club. Richard Hopson for keeping up with our membership list and mailing list. These things take a lot of time and as president, I appreciate the people who do all the work. Thank You !!

Bob

Demo Info

Our demo for the January meeting will be on basic tool usage , safety, and techniques for beginning turners. We will try to have something for the more advanced turners also. We want to address the needs of those who are just getting started and don't know quite how to begin. Hopefully there will be some audience participation as well and that is where the more experienced people will come in. Larry Rogers will do the demo for us so we will be in good hands. Larry is a great turner and I know we will all learn from his instruction.

Club Records

One more reminder to those who have not e-mailed Richard Hopson about your e-mail address and AAW affiliation. If you have not done so, please take a few minutes and do this. We need this information. For those who do not have a computer, call Charles Swift with AAW information. We appreciate it very much if you will do that.

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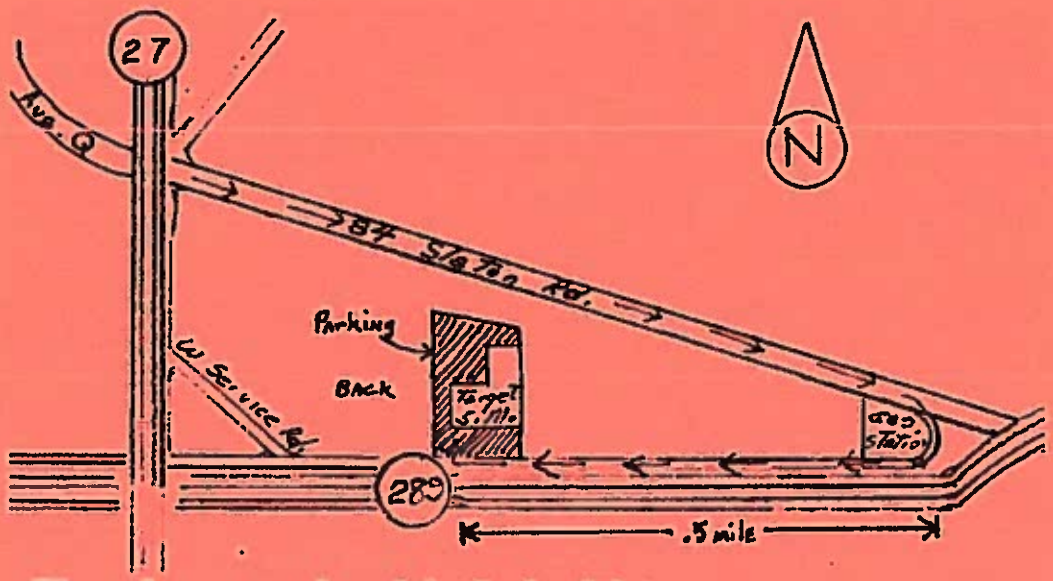

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what I consider to be the Laws of Woodturning.

Law 1 The speed of the lathe must be compatible with the size, weight and length of wood to be turned.

Law 2 The tool must be on the rest *before* the whirling timber is engaged, and must remain so whenever the tool is in contact with the wood.

Law 3 The bevel (grinding angle) of the cutting tools must rub the wood behind the cut.

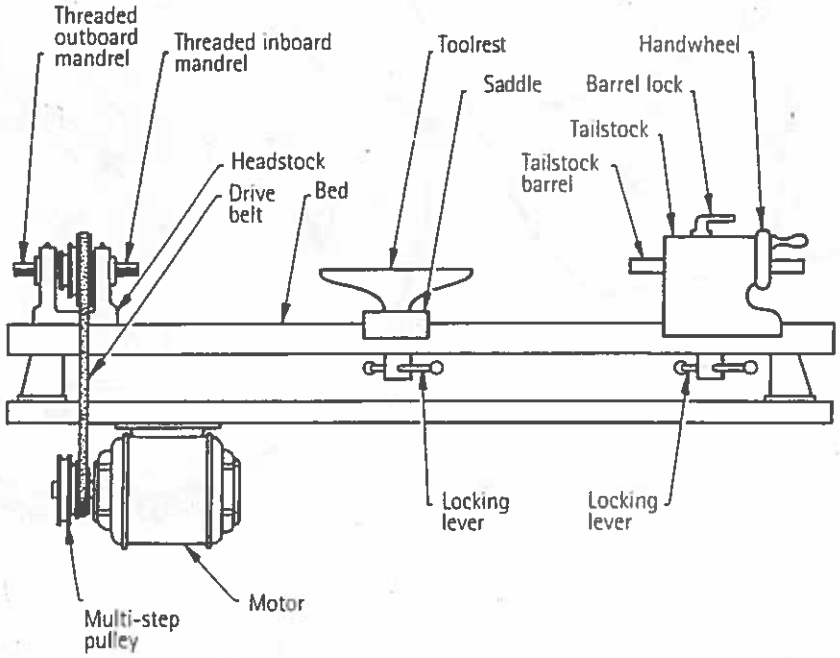
Law 4 The only part of the tool that should be in contact with the wood is that part of the tool that is receiving *direct support* from the toolrest.

Law 5 Always cut 'downhill' or with the grain.

Law 6 Scrapers must be kept perfectly flat (in section) on the toolrest and presented in the 'trailing mode', i.e. with the tool handle higher than the tool edge.

Speaking of Lathes :

Fig 2.8 The components of the lathe



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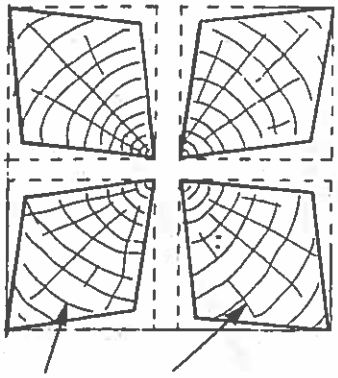


Fig 1.3 Shrinkage leads to converted sections warping

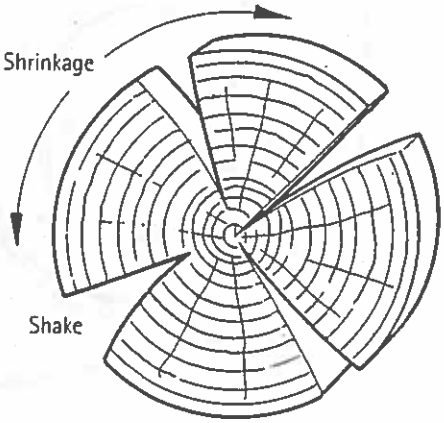
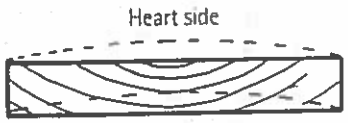


Fig 1.4 Warpage results in the heart side becoming rounded



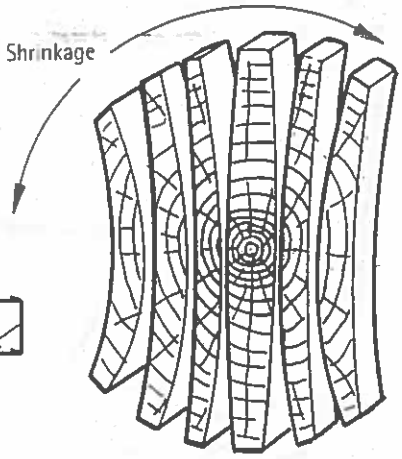


Fig 1.6 Star shake

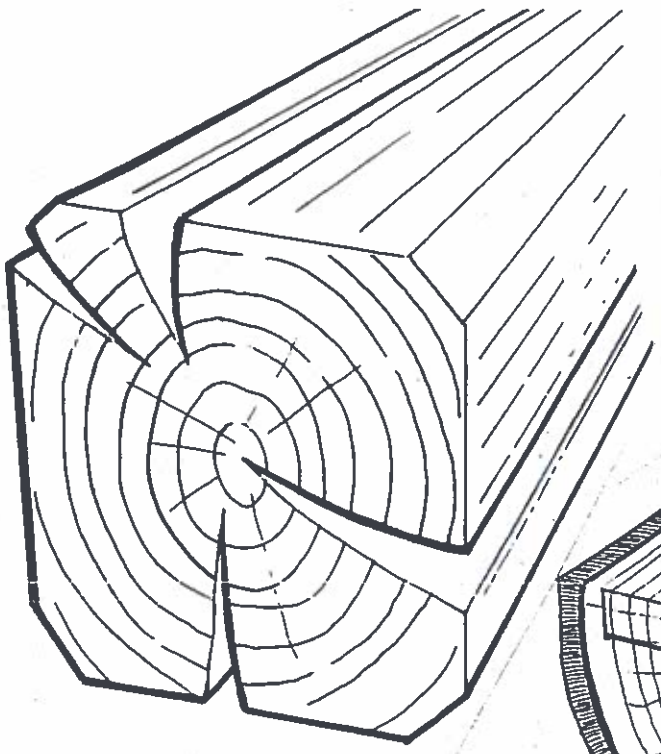


Fig 1.2 Section of an oak tree

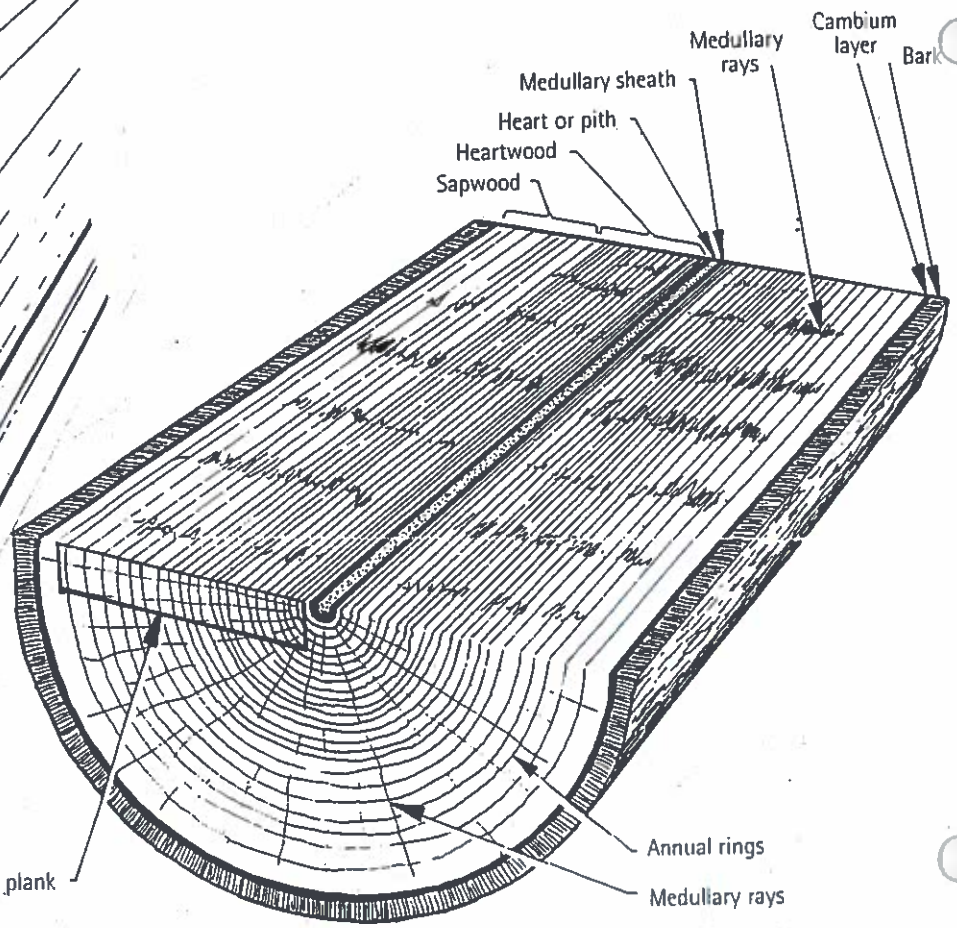
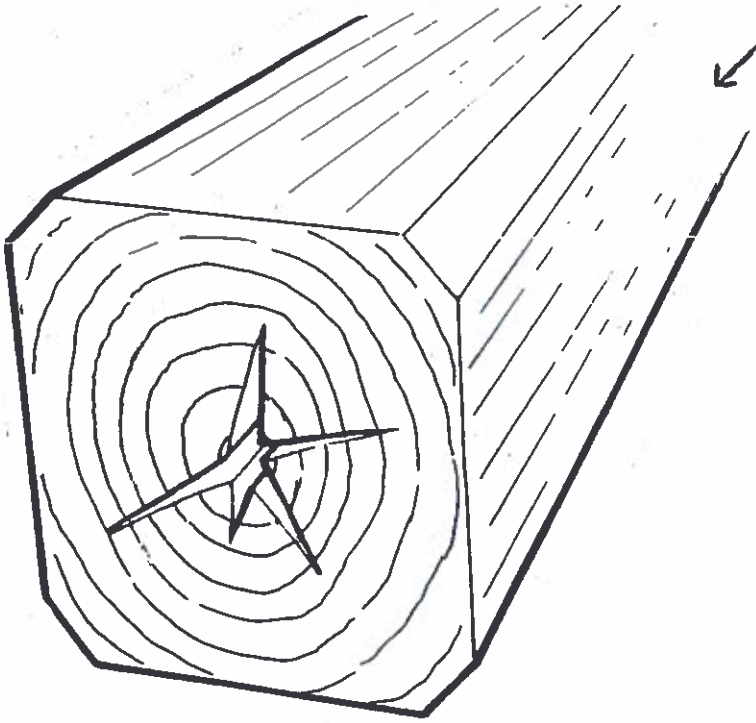


Fig 1.5 Heart shake



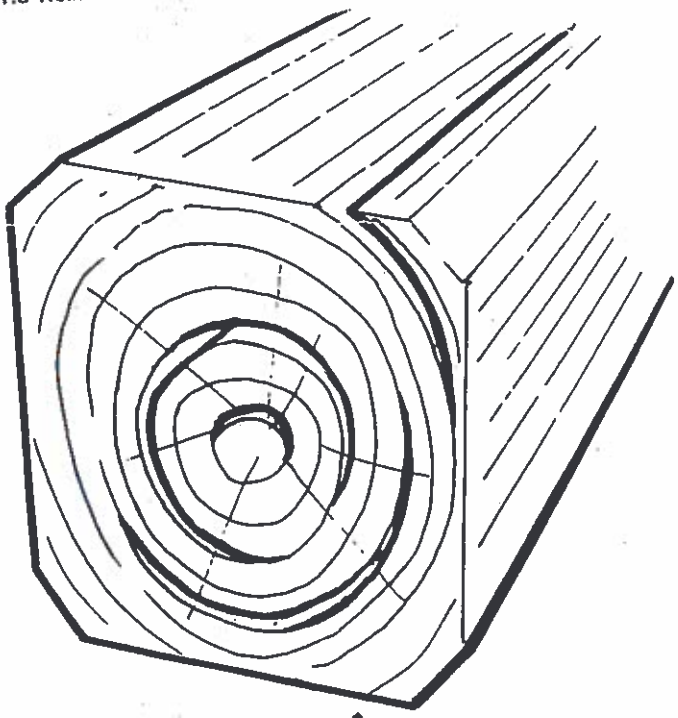


Fig 1.7 Cup or ring shake

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From the President

I had intended to report on the SWAT Board meeting in Waco but the weather caused a postponement of that event, so I will have to give my report at our meeting February 3rd. I do want to thank Larry Rogers for his great presentation in January. He did a lot of work preparing and presenting, as was very evident, and we really appreciate Larry's hard work .

We are looking for someone who understands electronic equipment enough to take care of our monitors, cameras, etc. before, during, and after our meetings. The BOD is looking into the possibility of buying a remote mike for our demonstrators to use so we can hear them explain what they are doing. This would allow them to concentrate more on their demo and not have to worry about talking into a regular mike or hollering. I think it would help a great deal to make our programs more enjoyable for everyone. We really need some electronic expertise. If any of you think you could help, please contact me, or one of the board members. Bob

Demo Info

Ernie Showalter will do our demo for February. It will be on vacuum chucks. Ernie will show us how to build our own vacuum chuck without spending a lot of money. I have seen this demo twice and I am looking forward to seeing it again. He does a great job and I know you will all enjoy his presentation. Ernie is a member of Comanche Trail in Midland and has just joined South Plains as well. We are very proud to have him as a member of our club.

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What a great job Ernie did with his demo last meeting. I have seen his presentations on vacuum chucks before but he has added a lot of interesting displays etc. so it was like seeing it for the first time for me. Thanks Ernie, every one I talked to was impressed and we appreciate you very much.

I don't know how many heard, our membership is now 62. "FANTASTIC" I hope all of you are enjoying our club as much as I am. We are always open to suggestions and new ideas from any of you. The Board of Directors names are listed in this newsletter and all you have to do is contact one of the Board members with your input. We would appreciate hearing how you think we are doing. A person who is knowledgeable in electronics is still needed very much so if you are that person, don't be bashful, just let us know. This is your club and we would like to see more of you take an active part. Let us know also if you need instruction or would be interested in a class of some kind. I was looking at last years calendar and noticed that our Board had the first meeting to start organizing what would become, "South Plains Woodturners", on February 15th 2006. I for one am very proud of what we have accomplished in one year and am looking forward to bigger and better things to come. Bob

Demo Info

George Hancock will do our demo for the March meeting. His topic will be on embellishments. This includes burning, painting, carving, piercing and anything else you can do to enhance a turning. George does an outstanding job with this and it is definitely a demo you don't want to miss.

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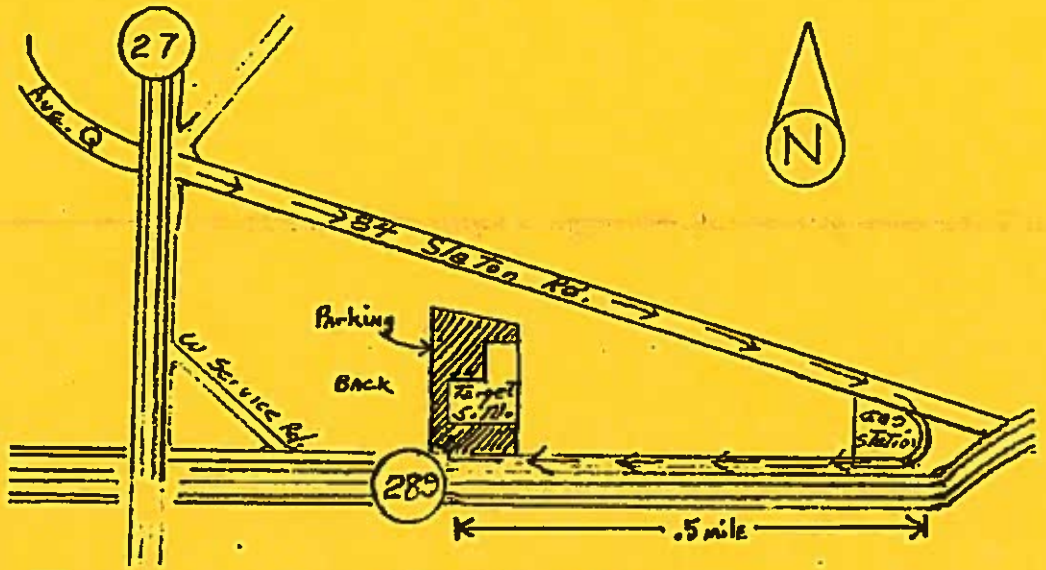

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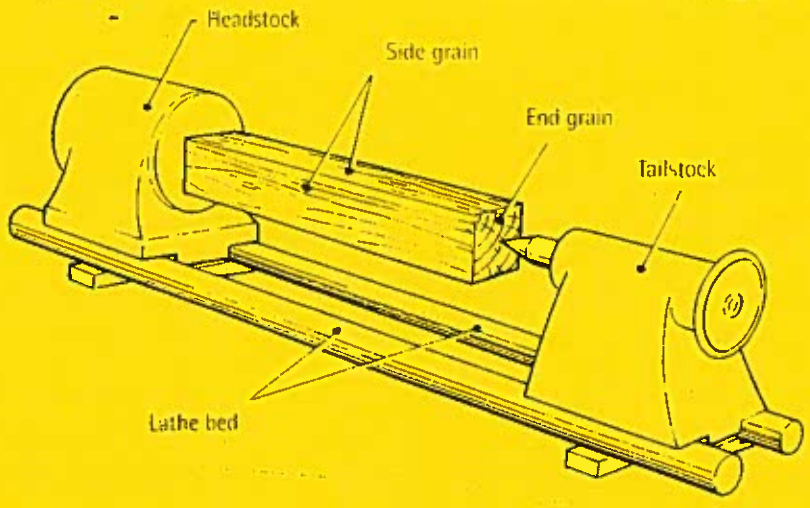


Fig 3.1 Turning between centres – grain parallel to the lathe bed

Faceplate turning

In this category, the wood is fixed to accessories such as a faceplate, screw chuck or spigot chuck, and almost always the wood is not supported by the tailstock.

Such work usually involves the turning of discs or bowl blanks where the grain runs along the *surface* of the wood and at right angles to the lathe bed. Thus, twice on every revolution of the stock, end grain will be encountered (Fig 3.2).

Turning between centres

This is often referred to as **spindle turning**. The workpiece is driven by an attachment fitted into, or screwed on to, the headstock mandrel, and is usually (but not always) supported by the tailstock.

In this category of turning the grain of the wood is usually parallel to the axis of the lathe bed, as shown in Fig 3.1.

The stock may be turned between centres without the support of the tailstock when accessories such as a screw chuck or a combination chuck are used; this applies in the making of hollowware such as goblets, vases or ornamental boxes.

Fig 3.2 Faceplate turning – grain at right angles to the lathe bed

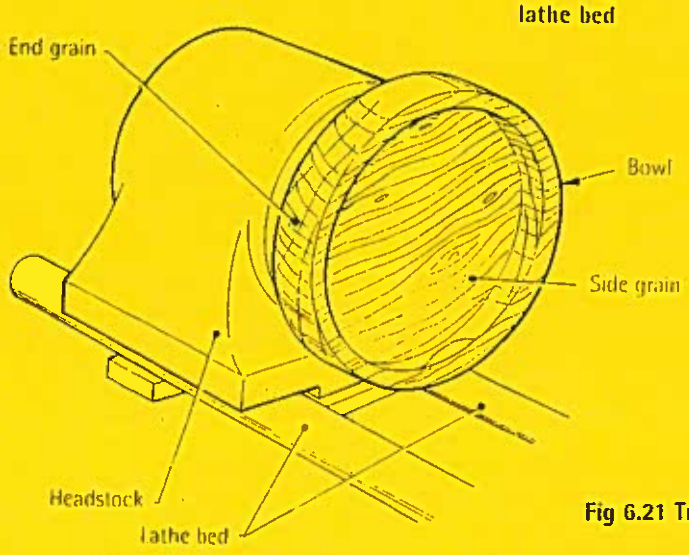
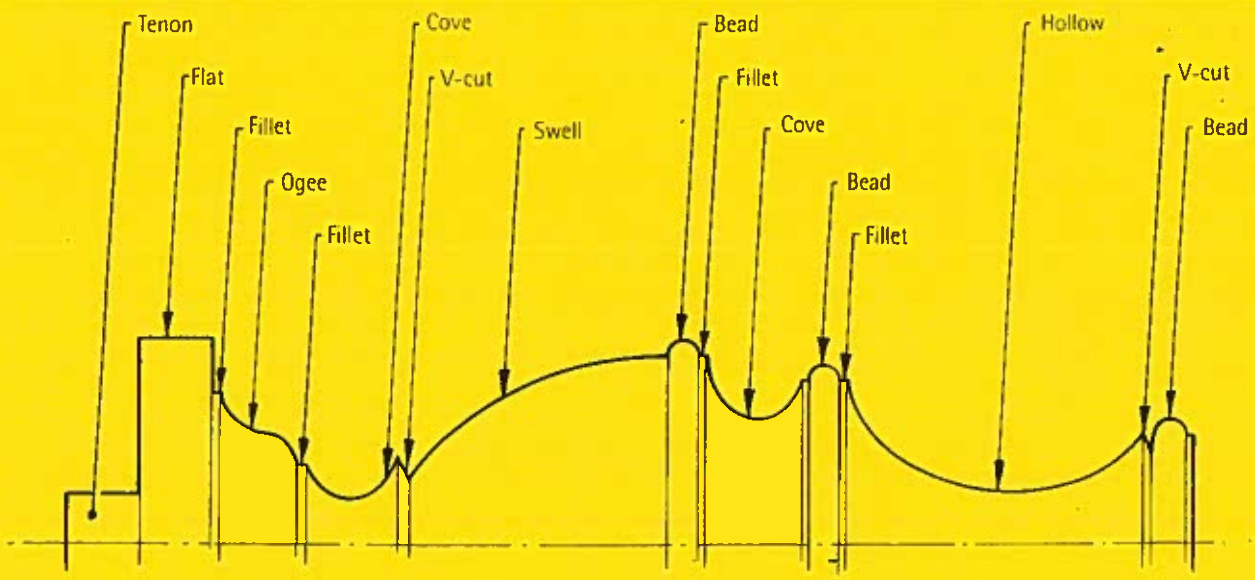


Fig 6.21 Traditional turning profiles



20 Top Shop Tips

Part II, 3/3/07

One-person log loader (2002)

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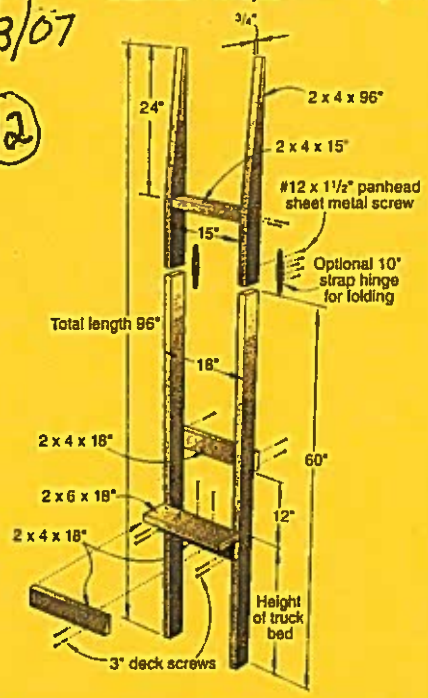
Lifting logs into the back of a pickup truck can be quite a chore. I designed a log loader that enables one person to load heavy logs with much less effort. To position the log loader, stand it upright and tilt it slightly forward so it's leaning against the truck bed. Now lay it flat on the ground. A log can then be rolled on from the tapered end or placed on the loader above the ledge. A cross member on the bottom 12" above the ledge causes the loader to tip forward to help prevent the log from rolling back. Lifting the loader from the tapered end raises the log, which then rolls onto the truck bed. There is a lot of stress on the parts, so use long screws for assembly. I also used heavy-duty strap hinges so my loader would fold to fit in the back of my truck.

—Carl Schneider
Boca Raton, Florida



Divvy tape (1994)

(13)

Dividing a round piece on the lathe into equal parts can be easy if you have a dividing (indexing) head. Some of us don't, so here's a way to do it simply.

Wrap a strip of masking tape around the piece. Mark where the tape ends meet, then gently remove the tape to avoid stretching it. Adhere the tape to a metal surface and divide the space into the number of parts you desire by measuring the distance point to point and calculating the divisions. Or use a pair of dividers. Mark the tape, reapply to the turning, and mark off the points on the turning. I use the tool rest as a straightedge.

—Palmer Sharpless
Newtown, Pennsylvania

Stop tailstock creep (1994)

When mounting large pieces of wood between centers on the General 260 lathe, the tailstock will creep backwards under the pressure needed to secure the wood. That's because the plate that connects the tailstock to the bed was designed for spindle turning and is only 1½" long. Remove this plate and have your machinist make you another that's 4½" long. Works great and costs about $14.

—David Ellsworth
Quakertown, Pennsylvania

(14)

Mark depth with tape flag (2001)

(15)

A bright piece of tape on the shank of a tool can help keep the tool from going too deep into a turning. After you measure the maximum depth of the piece, transfer that measurement onto your turning tool. Mark this depth with bright tape (similar to the technique you may use for drilling holes). When the tape edge gets to the rim, you know you are at maximum depth with the tool.

—Phil Brennion
Chino Valley, Arizona

Boost your vacuum power (2003)

(16)

Green-wood bowls often warp out of round, which causes problems with the vacuum-chuck seal. If the seal on the chuck doesn't have enough give, there is a loss of vacuum. Here's how I solve this problem.

I cut a 1" hole in the center of a square sheet of white closed-cell material used to wrap electronics and computers.

Then I place the material between the bowl and chuck. The material seals nicely and eliminates the low vacuum reading. I don't trim off the corners on the material so that I can adjust the sheet if it slips while centering the bowl.

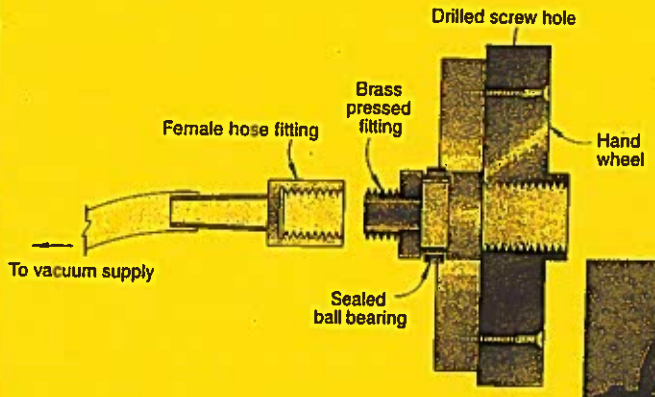
—Richard Preston
Richmond, Virginia

Homemade collet chuck (2003) 17

ause I need to turn several small items without scarring them with the chuck jaws, I make a collet chuck to fit each item. I make these out of hardwood scraps.

I fit a scrap piece in my Vicmarc chuck and mark the #1 spit so I can re-chuck it in the same orientation in the future. Then I turn a hollow about 1¾" deep to snugly fit the item I'm making. I then turn the outside so that it's about ⅜" thick and back at least 2". This leaves a ¾" recess on the outside edge about 1/16" deep for the hose clamp. I then cut equally distant slots perpendicular to the hole using the bandsaw. (Eight slots at 22.5 degrees work fine for me.) Place a hose clamp around the outer edge to hold the item in the chuck, and you are in business.

—Dale Beckman
Klamath Falls, Oregon



Shopmade vacuum chuck (2001)

The diagram *above* shows a variation of the sealed bearing vacuum chuck. This has two advantages: The handwheel stays on the lathe at all times, and you can use the knockout bar with all but the hose intact. The set-up time for this vacuum chuck is very fast. The pressed brass fitting was turned to the diameter of the bearing and pressed into place. The bearing was epoxied into the wooden insert (don't get epoxy in the bearing).

For the wooden insert, use a stable material such as MDF, plywood, or acrylic. Otherwise, the bearing will only fit properly a few times a year.

—Jerry Kroehn
Portage, Michigan 19

Freeing frozen drive spurs (2003) 18

Here are four simple solutions to free a drive center from the headstock:

1. A good way to protect the spindle threads is to put a nut in the spindle before inserting the drive center. If the center gets stuck, you have a nut already in place.
2. Make a split nut by sawing in half a nut with the appropriate thread. Use an open-end wrench on the split nut to hold it together and back out the drive center, as shown *above*. An adjustable wrench has too much play to hold the nut well but may work in a pinch.
3. If the drive center doesn't come loose from the pressure of the nut, try using the knockout bar again with the pressure still on.
4. Be careful when removing a stuck drive center, as the drive center can come out with considerable force. Under pressure, observe proper safety precautions. Simply place a towel over the drive center to keep it from flying across the room.

—Scott Hogsten
West Jefferson, Ohio

Avoid a spinning spur drive (2004) 20

For extra safety, I drill a hole about ¼" deep and the diameter of my spur drive. That locks the spur drive in position. To keep the spur drive from spinning in green wood, I put a few drops of cyanoacrylate glue in the hole, which hardens the wood.

Since following this practice, I haven't had a spur drive spin out of the stock. If I need to shift the bowl to realign the grain, I move the tailstock.

—Ric Erke
Davidson, North Carolina

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TIME 10:00 am –12:00 noon
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From the President

We have had a lot of great comments on the wonderful demo by George Hancock at our last meeting. I want to add my sincere THANK YOU to George, and while I am at it, to the entire Midland Club for their help and support in making "South Plains Woodturners" a success. They have been demonstrators, visitors and several have become dual members with our club. I am a dual member and very proud to be associated with both groups of fantastic people.

At our April meeting a revised set of By-Laws will be offered for approval by the membership, and I hope we have a large member representation at this meeting. We will have our first election at the May meeting and again, I hope all of our members will be present to take part in that event.

As the club representative to SWAT, I received a letter from Charles Kay, letting me know that the first 2007 issue of the SWAT newsletter is posted on the website, www.swaturners.org. Take a look at this when you have a chance, you will enjoy it.

Demo Info

Tom Farrell will do our demo at the April meeting. He is going to do metal spinning. Tom does a great job of this and you won't want to miss it. You will definitely not see this every day. Hand–outs/hands–on opportunities available.

Raffle

The raffle continues to do very good and we are grateful for that because it is our main source of revenue. Some of you may not realize how much it costs to support the activities of our club such as the newsletter, handouts, refreshments etc. The raffle makes this all possible. The quality of the raffle depends on the quality of items we donate, so keep it up and continue to enjoy the raffle. Turned items are especially appreciated.

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Items for Sale

SPW member, Bob Thomas, has a Grizzly – model 1495 wood lathe for sale. It has ¾ hp motor, 14" swing over bed, 17" swing over gap, 40" between centers. Spindle is 1" x 12TPI, #2MT. List on Internet for $875.00+$93.00 shipping. He is asking $500.00. He also has a Grizzly Duplicator for model 1495. List for $325.00. He is asking $150.00. Call Bob at 806-793-7222.

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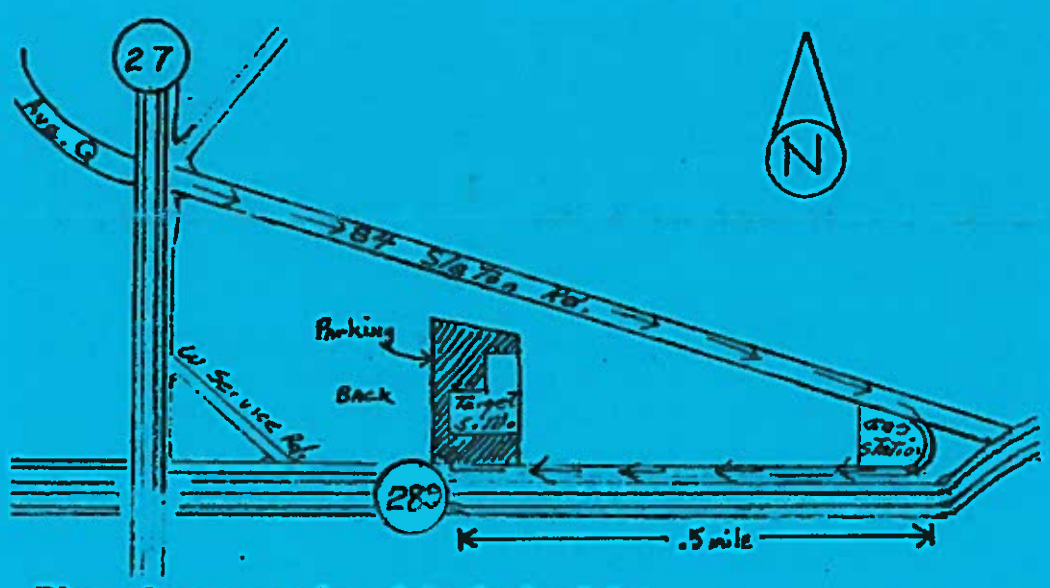

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The AAW and the Southwest Region

I was recently elected to the Board of the AAW, and while the election is national in scope and I represent all Woodturners in the US and abroad, I know that my main base of support is Texas and the Southwest, and I feel that I am that region's unofficial voice at the AAW, which has grown to over 13,000 members and over 260 local chapters.

In late January I made a 5 day trip with the AAW Board. We first went to St. Paul MN, where the AAW headquarters is located. We saw the offices, saw the AAW Gallery and museum, toured the convention center (probable site of the 2011 Symposium), and had an all-day Board training session. We then went on to Portland OR, the site of the 2007 Symposium. We met with the local club liaison people, toured the convention center, toured the several museum locales where AAW exhibitions will be held as part of the 2007 Symposium, and had our first Board meeting. I came away from all this very invigorated with a greatly enhanced view of what the AAW represents, and it is this that I want to share with my fellow Texas and Oklahoma turners. The thoughts and opinions that follow are strictly my own, and do not represent the AAW, its Board or its staff.

The most significant event of the trip was the all-day Board training session. The AAW is just beginning a major overhaul of the way it operates administratively. We have a new Executive Director, Larry Sommer, who has joined with Mary Lacer, assistant Executive Director, to effectively double the administrative leadership of the AAW. Our session was led by Emil Angelica, a consultant with expertise in non-profit organizations, and his sessions were outstanding, both for new Board members like me and for others who had already served one or two years. The committee structure of the AAW will be divided between 1) policy and financial matters, which remain the responsibility of the elected Board and 2) administrative matters, which will now be run by the Executive Director and his staff. In addition, Butch and Pat Titus, who have served as Conference Coordinators for several years, have left and have been replaced by a conference coordinating company which will do many of the tasks previously done by Board members. These changes are important, because up to now the Board members did everything themselves, and the work load on them has become enormous as the AAW has grown in recent years. This represents a major culture shift for the Board, which will now be able to focus on the "big picture", i.e., policy issues and serving the membership which it represents. Look for significant changes in the way things get done, although not overnight – all for the benefit of the membership of the AAW and for woodturning in general

I was impressed by how "pure" the AAW is. There are no politics – everyone is dedicated to the AAW mission of fostering the art and craft of lathe turning. Decisions are reached by consensus, with virtually no dissent.

The financial health of the AAW is sound. Preliminary thinking has already begun about the AAW purchasing its own building to house its offices, merchandise, permanent collection, and museum. I would like the AAW to have its own woodturning school in that building. There are a lot of big things on the horizon – all in the idea stage!!

I was appointed to the Educational Opportunity Grants (EOG) committee, chaired by Malcolm Tibbetts. We are reading 118 applications for EOG's, and we will award money to the most worthy applicants. I encourage more of you to apply next year – I know there are many worthy projects that would receive an EOG in response to a well written application.

We have a new webmaster, Ed Davidson. Look for a bigger and better website. We are retraining the membership to renew memberships and to vote for Board members online. However, we will provide paper Ballots and registration for those luddites (Google that word!) who have resisted the digital age.

Membership growth is important. After my first Board weekend where I really saw the benefits of AAW membership (the American Woodturner magazine together with the insurance coverage is more than worth the annual dues!) I have changed from a so-so member to a very enthusiastic AAW member. Many of the attendees at club meetings are what I call wannabe turners – they sit and watch, but don't really get into it. We want those members to take a class, meet up with an experienced turner, and then get "hooked" onto woodturning like all the more involved members have become. Then you'll want to join the AAW and enjoy all it can do for you. Without the AAW you would all be in little groups with nothing to unite and advance the progress of woodturning. Look at how woodturning as an art form has progressed in the last decade!

One last thing – I bought one of the new design AAW woodturning smocks while I was in the office. This is the best one I have ever tried – it is light as a feather, zips completely up the front, has vented armpits, and a comfortably snug fit at the collar. Buy a biggish size, as they are longer. I got an XXL, and have turned in it – really comfortable. All for 35 bucks!

I hope this article will stimulate more interest in the AAW and will encourage more of you to become AAW members. I plan to travel about our region describing what the AAW does for you, and I welcome any questions you might have. If you'd like me to visit your club and talk about the AAW, please invite me – I'd love to come.

Larry Genender
AAW Board Member

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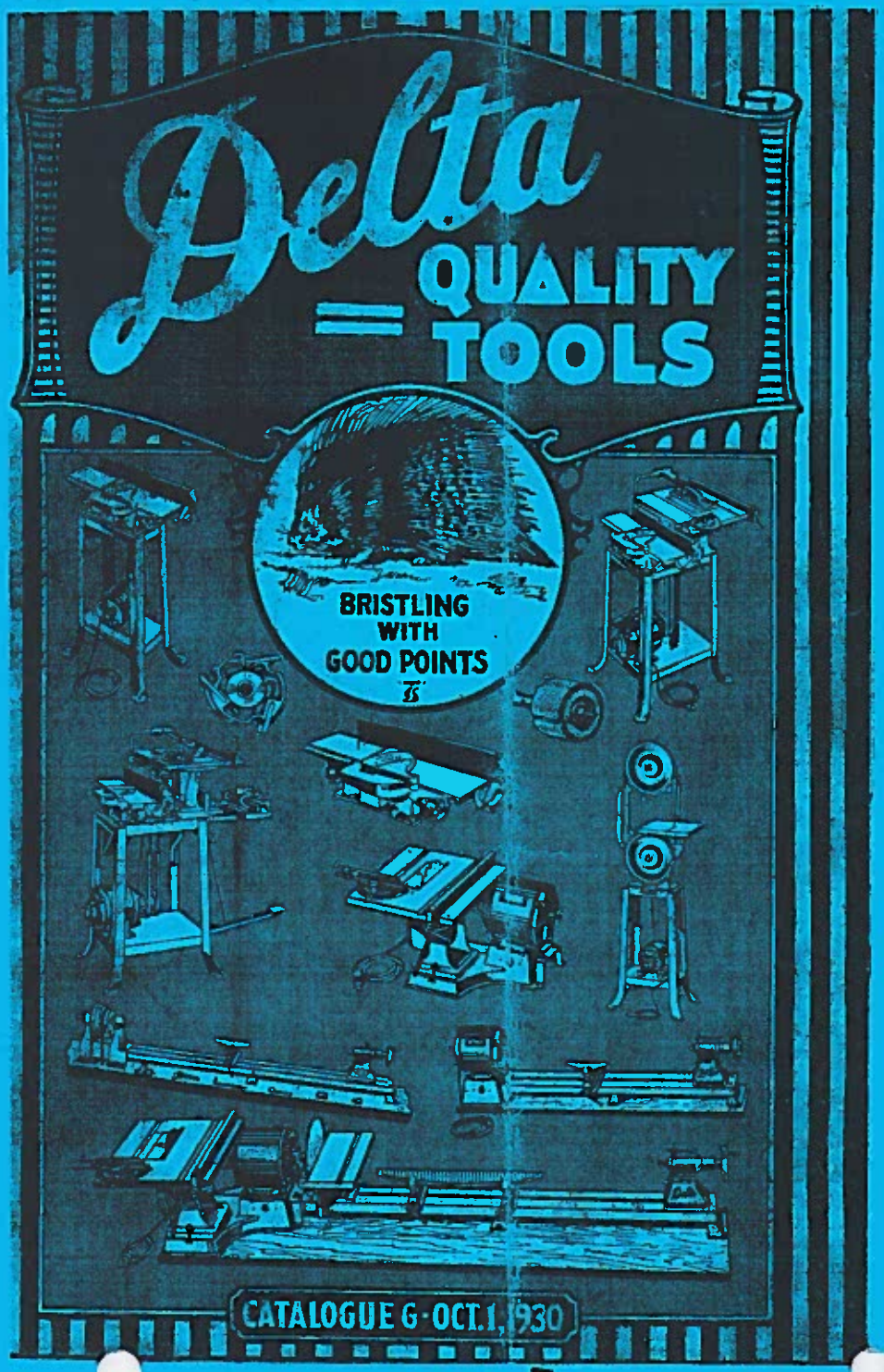
SALE PRICE: $495.00 takes all !!!!! For info., call Jonathan Milton @ 777-7457.

Further Speaking of Lathes:



DELTA Four-Speed Lathe

(36" Capacity Between Centers)

NO END PLAY

Spindle has ball thrust bearing which takes thrust of attachments. Spindle set-collar adjustable to eliminate end play.

MOTOR MOUNTING

Motor can be mounted to rear of lathe or above it. It is best to mount motor below bench, where it is out of the way and protected from shavings.

Note how pieces almost 14" dia. may be turned by attaching face plate as shown. Use slow speed. Tool Support base blocked up to proper height.

STUDY THESE FEATURES

This new 4 speed Lathe was designed for mechanics who prefer having a wide range of speeds. It, of course, makes possible a much greater variety of work. This lathe has exceptionally husky bearings with automatic wick lubrication capable of running 100 hours continually before new oil need be added again. Study the following points and you will understand why this lathe is so popular.

1. Four speeds — 750, 1250, 1750, 2250 R. P. M. Ideal for all classes of lathe work. Use slow speed for large diameter work, high speed for small work, sanding, routing, drilling, polishing, grinding.
2. If necessary, pieces as large as 14" diameter can be turned on the left hand shaft of the head stock.
3. ¼ H. P. Motor can be mounted underneath bench and will furnish ample power. Motor is out of the way and protected from dust, dirt and damage.
4. V-Belt drive is by far the most fool-proof and efficient yet devised. This is the same efficient belt as used on all automobiles, and which gives perfect service, rain or shine, heat or cold, in dirt, dust and mud and oil.
5. Sturdy ⅝" dia. spindle runs in husky automatically oiled bronze bearings. Has ½" shaft extensions on both sides of head stock.
6. Ball bearing Tail Stock has screw feed spindle and holds chuck, face plate, or dead center.
7. Extra strong triple foundation Lathe Bed, about 4 feet long, takes 36" between centers. This is more than sufficient capacity for turning complete table legs, stretchers, etc. Lathe swings 9" dia. work.
8. Any of the many Handi Shop attachments, such as drill, chuck, sanding disc, drum, etc., can be used on this **4 speed Lathe, as all parts are interchangeable.**

No. 277	Lathe includes 3" face plate, drive and cup centers, tail stock, 3" and 6" tool supports, support base and 2 wrenches. (Bench, motor, motor pulley and belt not included)..... Shipping Weight 50 lbs. Code Word FORLA.	$24.45
No. 583	Special V Belt for above. Center to center distance 23¾"..... Shipping Weight 8 oz. Code Word FORBL.	1.25
No. 280	Head Stock only, with large 4 step pulley. (Belt and No. 288 pulley not included)..... Shipping Weight 18½ lbs. Code Word FORHE.	8.75
No. 288	4 step Motor Drive Pulley for above lathe. Fits any ½" dia. motor shaft..... NOTE: Can also be furnished with ⅝" and ¾" dia. bores at same price. Shipping Weight 3 lbs. Code Word FORPU.	1.50

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Compliments of *Glen Williamson*, [illegible]W-BOD

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TIME 10:00 am –12:00 noon
WOOD SHOP AT TARGET SHEETMETAL
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From the President

Our first year is coming to an end and it has been a Great year for our club. We have reached a membership of 70 and we have one more meeting to go to make an even dozen. My thanks go out to <u>all of you</u> for making my year as President a very rewarding year indeed.
Some of our members took advantage of a very generous offer from James Jester and his gracious friend Janice Hubble , and occupied a portion of her booth at the Lubbock Arts Festival April 19th through the 22nd.
The following members worked at different times and made it a real success. Charles Swift, Tom Ferrell, David Turner, Ray Hughes, Bob Herman, Mike Oglesby, Vickie Oglesby, Riley Oglesby, Randy Thorne, James Jester, Dick Markham, Jim Harris, and myself. James made a great banner to identify our club and we are indebted to him for that. On behalf of the entire club, I say "THANK YOU" to Janice and James for the booth and the banner, and to Charles and David for their participation all four days. Our club received a lot of good exposure because of the efforts of these dedicated individuals. Bob

DON'T FORGET, <u>ELECTIONS</u> AT THE MAY MEETING!!!

Demo Info

Our demo for the May meeting will be chasing threads by Ray Hughes. He makes putting threads on turnings look so easy . I know you will enjoy his presentation.

Raffle

We ran out of raffle tickets last time, but Dick assures us we have enough now to last for some time, so bring your items even if you did not win something last time. Your turned items are especially appreciated but you can bring anything having to do with woodturning. Keep it up, the raffle is doing great.

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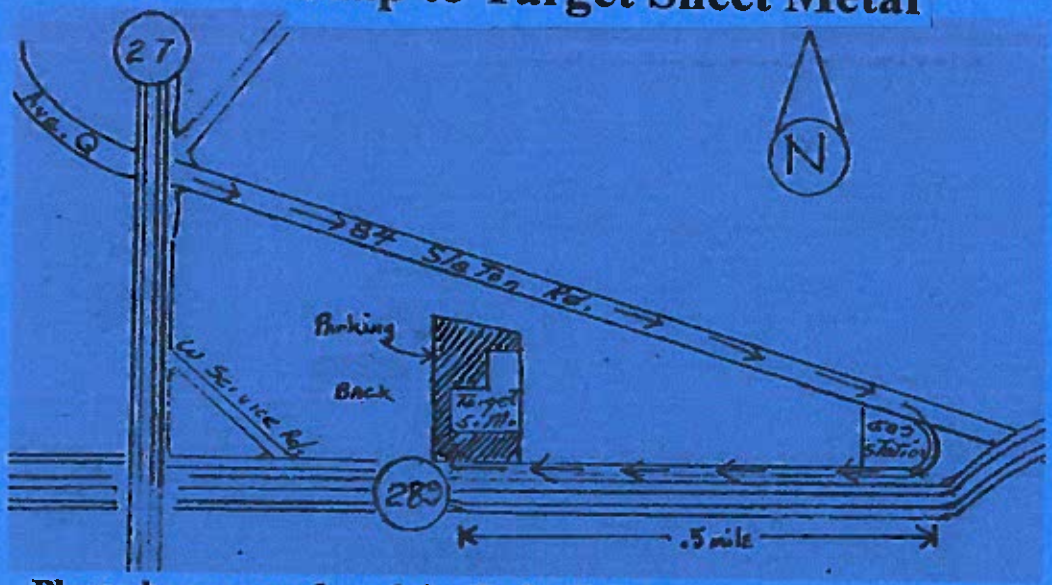

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Charles H. Swift

From: "Thomas Farrell" <tfarrellsrwa@yahoo.com>
To: <grharb@nts-online.net>
Cc: "Charles H. Swift" <chswift@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2007 9:12 AM
Subject: Nominations

Dear Bob, April 13, 2007

The nominations for next year are:

Past President.....Bob Harbaugh
President.....Larry Rodgers
First Vice President.....Mike Chambers
Second Vice President..Mike Oglesby
Secretary.....Charles Swift
Treasurer.....Dick Markham
Raffle Manager.....Glen Williamson

The founding board of directors have done a tremendous job establishing our club and building membership. The nominating commitee feels strongly that all of the founding directors remain at least one more year. The club is very young and needs them to stay on for a while to insure the club remains viable. The candidates for President and First Vice President are well qualified, capable and willing to serve.

Slightly off the subject, I have enjoyed giving demonstrations for the club and look forward to being asked to do more demonstrations. An old saying I have found very true is that to really know your subject, you must be able to teach it. Some of the turning I do, I've been doing for a long while and I have forgotten how I learned to do it. Demonstrating gives me the opportunity to go back and look in detail at some of the things I do and more clearly define them in simple terms. I lifted these words from one of my teachers who said "Only thoes who have the patience to do simple things perfectly will acquire the skill to do difficult things easily". I suspect he was quoting someone else, but that does not make it any less true.

Sincerely,
Tom Farrell, Chairman of the Nominating Committee

SPEAKING of TOOLS FOR SALE:

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Rockwell/ Delta 10" Table Saw w/ Cast iron Open Wings and Factory Stand. With Miter Gauge, Manual and new Electrics (Power Cord, Reset, and On/Off Switch). Light to medium- duty Saw, but runs fine.

$100.00

Craftsman Professional Model Shaper w/ Factory Stand, Factory Hold-down, and **REVERSIBLE** switch. One-half inch spindle and **20 cutter heads (some used, some new!)** Cast iron bed and Manual. Runs GREAT!!!! Heads alone average +/- $30.00 EACH!!!

For the whole Craftsman package: $500.00!!!!!

If interested, see SWIFT or call 799-7059 (home) or 535-6017 (cell)

FOR SALE: WOOD LATHE, Rockwell Model# 46-111, Cast Iron Bed, 11" Swing, 36" Bed, 12" & L-shaped Tool Rests, No Stand, weak motor(needs replacing) All other parts present.

PRICE: **$275.00** Call Ken Romines at 241-0265

SPEAKING of WOOD:

FYI: James Tuttle,(Certified Arborist), owner of TREE LOVING CARE, 7704-66th Street, phone 785-8733 has generously offered SPW members small quantities of pieces of various species of West Texas trees **FOR FREE!!!!!** If you're looking for Quantity, there will be a charge. Please call ahead for inquiries and remember to express the club's appreciation for Mr. Tuttle's support.

ATTENTION: $25.00 DUES ARE DUE- JUNE 2, 2007

PUZZLE #67

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From the President

This will be my last letter as President as I pass the gavel to our new President, Larry Rogers , on June 2, 2007. I am very excited about the coming year with Larry and Mike Chambers taking over the leadership of our club. Larry and Mike are not only capable leaders but also excellent turners. We have had an exciting first year and next year promises to be even better.
I can not thank Mike Oglesby, Charles Swift, Dick Markham, and Glenn Williamson enough for their outstanding job of helping get our club started. Each one has gone above and beyond to make this dream a reality. I say to all of them; THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.
When I was in Amarillo, early this month, I had a chance to visit with the President of the club there and a few of their members. They made me feel very welcome and I felt very much at home with fellow turners. The Amarillo club is "Panhandle Area Turners Society". They meet the second Saturday of each month usually at Bob Corn's shop-7100 Willow Creek Road. If you are in Amarillo on a second Saturday, look them up. I know they will make you feel at home like they did me. Thanks again Jerry, I appreciate you very much. (Jerry Rush is President of Amarillo club).
Looking forward to a GREAT second year, Bob.

Demo Info

Our demo for the June meeting will be by Keith Hughes, immediate PAST PRESIDENT of the Midland club. The title is "Overview of Tool Usage and Sharpening Techniques". This presentation will be especially important to our many NOVICE turner members!!!!

Raffle

Winners of the previous raffle are expected to bring something for the next one, but we encourage anyone, winner or not, to bring a turning to the raffle. This insures it's success and makes for a more interesting raffle. Also, more people have a chance to win something.

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The Amarillo club, PANHANDLE AREA TURNERS SOCIETY Meets The second Saturday of each month in Amarillo, Texas at 9:00am , normally At Bob Corn's shop at 7100 E. Willow Creek Road.

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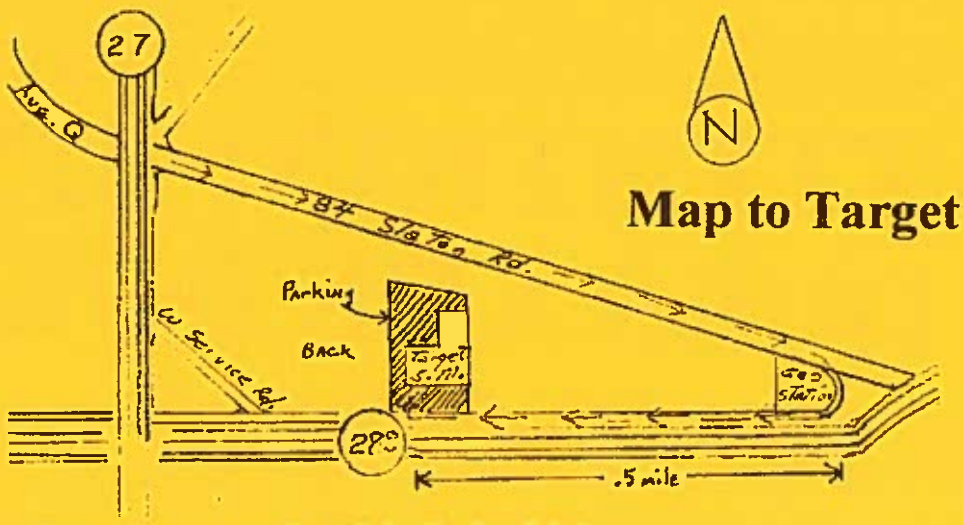

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SPEAKING of WOOD:

FYI: James Tuttle,(Certified Arborist), owner of TREE LOVING CARE, 7704-66th Street, phone 785-8733 has generously offered SPW members small quantities of pieces of various species of West Texas trees **FOR FREE!!!!!** If you're looking for Quantity, there will be a charge. Please call ahead for inquiries and remember to express the club's appreciation for Mr. Tuttle's support.

ATTENTION: $25.00 DUES ARE DUE- JUNE 2, 2007

Woodturning Safety 101

Woodturning is a fun and exciting hobby for people of all ages and skill levels. The number of things you can create on your lathe with a minimal amount of time and money is limited only to your imagination. When woodturning, there are a number of safety considerations that must be kept in mind so that you can have a great time turning while being safe. Woodturning Safety 101 is intended to create safety awareness so as to prevent personal injury. We hope you will find this information helpful and that you will review it from time to time. Feel free to share this information with other woodturners you know.

Personal Safety...

1. Educate yourself on proper turning techniques, chuck operation, tool use and lathe operation.
2. Always wear a full-face shield at all times. Safety glasses are not sufficient protection against flying debris.
3. Always use a dust mask or air filtration system.
4. Wear adequate hearing protection.
5. Don't wear loose clothing, gloves or jewelry as they may become tangled with the lathe.
6. Never start the lathe before checking to make sure the spindle speed is correct for the size of work being turned. Also, make sure the work clears the tool rest by rotating the hand wheel before starting the lathe.
7. Be sure the work piece is securely mounted and is free of imperfections or poor glue joints.
8. Make sure all belt guards and covers are in place before starting the lathe.
9. Make sure the tool is on the tool rest before making a cut.
10. Always know your capabilities and work within your limits.
11. Utilize the tailstock whenever possible.
12. Always remove the tool rest support before sanding and finishing. This will help prevent injuries to your hands and fingers.
13. Do Not Overreach! Although many of today's tools have long blades, this does not mean they are designed to reach long distances over the tool rest. Refer to "Tool Safety" information on this page.
14. Keep your tools sharp and properly ground. Dull tools are dangerous, as they require excessive pressure to make them cut.
15. Do not use tools for purposes they are not intended for.
16. Properly dispose of rags and do not leave finish containers open.
17. Never leave the lathe running unattended.
18. Stay alert, take frequent breaks and never operate the lathe while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
19. Use common sense at all times. If unsure at any time, seek the advice of a woodturning expert or call us at 1-800-551-8876. We are here to help you at all times.

Safety precautions are not limited to the list above. If you have questions regarding proper lathe operation, tool use or safety guidelines, please consult an expert.

Safe lathe speeds...

Choosing a safe speed when turning can be done using a simple formula. Whether you're a beginner or expert, we highly recommend using this formula.

Formula: Diameter x RPM= 6,000 – 9,000

Example- A bowl blank is 8 inches in diameter.
8" x 750 RPM= 6,000
8" x 1125 RPM= 9,000

Therefore slowest recommended spindle speed is 750 rpm, with the highest recommended speed being 1125 rpm. 6,000 – 9,000 is NOT RPM's, it's only a range of numbers used to determine safe operating speeds. Also, if the work piece is out of round, use a slower speed while turning the blank round. Once the work piece is round, increase the lathe speed.

Tool Safety...

Although most gouges have long blades, this does not mean that they are designed to reach long distances over the tool rest. The tables below offer recommended maximum reach distances for each type and size of gouge. **Do Not** exceed these recommended distances as it may result in a broken tool and serious injury.

Bowl Gouges:

Gouge	Shaft Dia.	Max. Reach
1/4"	3/8"	1 1/2"
3/8"	1/2"	2 1/2"
1/2"	5/8"	3 1/2"
5/8"	3/4"	4"

Spindle Gouges:

Gouge	Shaft Dia.	Max. Reach
1/4"	1/4"	3/4"
3/8"	3/8"	1"
1/2"	1/2"	1 3/4"
9/16"	9/16"	1 3/4"

Roughing Gouges:

Gouge	Max. Reach
3/4"	1 3/4"
1 1/4"+	1 3/4"

NEVER use roughing gouges for bowl turning as the tool may break causing serious injury.

Roughing Gouge

Proper handle size...

The length of a tool handle should be at least five times the maximum distance you intend to reach beyond the tool rest. This will make sure you have the needed leverage for proper tool control. Example: For a maximum reach of 3" over the tool rest, your handle should be at least 15" in length.

Woodturning Education...

Safe turning practices are not limited to the recommendations listed above. It is your responsibility to become properly trained and educated prior to attempting woodturning. If you would like to learn woodturning in a world-class facility with the very best instructors, see page 3 for our 2006/2007 schedule of woodturning workshops.

TOOL SELECTION GUIDE

What tools do I need?

Prior to purchasing tools it is important to determine what types of turning you want to be able to do. If turning bowls is your primary interest, you will want to only choose tools necessary for turning bowls and similar projects. Likewise, if you want a set of tools that will cover both spindle and bowl turning it will require more tools and a slightly larger budget. In order to make it easier to choose the correct tools for the job, we have listed the types of available tools below and a description of how they are used. This does not mean you must have each of the tools listed; it is simply a description of the tool and its use.

Choosing a set of tools-

Often times we are asked which tools we recommend woodturners have in their tool set. Listed below are three sets of tools we recommend. These sets are based on the woodturners experience combined with the type of work most common to that skill level. Normally, beginner woodturners need only a few basic tools whereas intermediate or advanced woodturners normally require more tools as their ability and interests progress.

Beginner Set

- 1/2" Bowl Gouge
- 3/4" Radius/Round Point Scraper
- Diamond Parting Tool
- 3/8" Spindle Gouge
- 1/2" Skew

Intermediate

- 1/2" Bowl Gouge
- 3/4" Radius/Round Point Scraper
- Diamond Parting Tool
- 3/8" Spindle Gouge
- 1/2" Spindle Gouge
- 1 1/2" Radius/Round Point Scraper
- 1/2" Skew

Advanced Set

- 1/2" Bowl Gouge
- 1/4" Bowl Gouge
- 3/4" Radius/Round Point Scraper
- Diamond Parting Tool
- 1/4" Spindle Gouge
- 3/8" Spindle Gouge
- 1/2" Spindle Gouge
- 1 1/2" Radius/Round Point Scraper
- 1/2" Skew

What steels are tools made from?

Today's woodturning tools are produced primarily from two types of steel: M2 high-speed steel, available in both heat-treated (standard) and cryogenically treated (Kryo) versions and Powdered Metallurgy (ASP and PM series). Heat-treated M2 high-speed steel is the industry standard and is known for its ability to be honed to a very fine edge due to its fine grain structure. Cryogenically treated M2 high-speed steel (Kryo) tools are made of M2 high-speed steel that is hardened using a complex cryogenic treatment process that results in the tool's ability to hold an edge 3-6 times longer than heat-treated M2 high-speed steel tools. Not only do Kryo tools hold an edge similar to powdered metallurgy tools, they also retain their ability to be honed to a finer edge.

If you're an occasional woodturner or desire to keeps costs to a minimum, we recommend standard M2 high-speed steel tools. For woodturners who want to minimize time spent sharpening and require optimum performance we suggest Kryo and Powdered Metallurgy tools.

How are gouges measured?

Spindle Gouges- are measured by the diameter of the round stock.

Bowl Gouges- are measured by the width of the flute. Add 1/8" diameter to the flute size and you will have the diameter of the round stock.

Exceptions- Oneway Mastercut tools are measured by the diameter of the round stock.

Bowl Gouges

Deep fluted bowl gouges are easier to control and will remove wood faster than shallow, spindle type gouges when turning bowls. We recommend a 1/2" Bowl Gouge as the first choice when getting started turning bowls. Use the same gouge for rough turning the bowl as well as finish turning. We highly recommend a good scraper to "clean up" the interior surface after you're finished with the gouge. You can add other sizes of bowl gouges to your collection as needed.

Spindle Gouges

Although shallow fluted gouges are generally referred to as "spindle" gouges, they are also used for general purpose turning including twig pots, shallow bowls or boxes, detail work, pens, and other small work. We recommend a 1/2" Spindle Gouge as the first choice with the 3/8" the next. You can add other sizes and variations of spindle gouges depending on your needs.

Detail Gouges

A very popular tool today, the detail gouge features a long, fingernail point with a shallow flute and heavy cross section that allows turners to reach well beyond the tool rest without the associated vibration caused by thinner tools. It is used for cutting fine detail on beads, decorative grooves and other detail work on bowls and spindles. A 3/8" or 7/16" size is preferred by most turners.

Roughing Gouges

Designed primarily for taking square spindle stock down to round. The deep, wide flute of the tool allows rapid removal of stock and allows heavy cuts. Recommended primarily for spindle turning. In most cases, a 3/4" roughing gouge is the recommended first choice. **Not for use on bowls.**

Scrapers

At times scrapers are essential, particularly for interior cleanup work after the gouge work has been completed. Most bowls, boxes, goblets and scoops benefit from light scraping cuts to complete the final shaping and improve the surface. Scrapers vary widely in shape and size. Many are ground to unusual shapes to aid in specific types of work such as reaching inside the narrow opening of a hollow form. Shear scraping can provide a smoother than normal surface by tilting the scraper on its edge to create a "shearing" cut. For a first scraper we recommend a thick scraper (preferrably 1" wide by 3/8" thick) with a "french curve" or radius shape on the end.

Parting Tools

A parting tool is a must for most woodturners. It is used to part off the waste, establish diameter or cut small flat areas. We recommend the Diamond Parting Tool, as the side clearance permits deep cuts with a minimal amount of drag on the tool. A thin kerf parting tool is recommended for box turning.

Skew Chisels

The skew is essential for cutting beads and round areas on spindle work. When properly used, the skew will produce smooth surfaces on boxes, goblets, scoops, etc. Skews with a rounded top and bottom edge are recommended. We recommend a 1/2" or 3/4" skew chisel for your first skew.

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From the President

The June meeting was full of excitement. I want to express my appreciation to all of our members. Continue to bring your work for our show and tell table. The quality and volume of the work is growing continually. Keep up the good work.

Keith, we thank you for your great demonstration. It was extremely informative as well as interesting. We can see why you are teaching your wood turning class, you certainly have good communicating skills. Our thanks go to you for the time and effort that went into that presentation.

Our appreciation goes out to the Comanche Trails club. Thanks for all the encouragement and help you all have given us in this inaugural year. The birthday candle was a neat gift which will be displayed right along side our AAW charter membership plaque. We value all of you who travel from Midland to be part of our membership. Thanks for your help and participation.

In closing, it seems very appropriate for our club to express once more our appreciation to the founding officers of SPW. Our thanks go to Bob Harbrough, the immediate past president, for his leadership in setting the solid foundation for our club. Also to the returning officers: Dick Markham, Mike Oglesby, Charles Swift, and Glenn Williamson we express our gratitude. Mike Chambers and myself are excited about working with the membership in a continued effort striving for excellence for the club. Larry.

DEMO INFO

Tom Chandler, Midland & Lubbock club member, is a co-instructor in the "new" Midland College Woodturning Program. His demo will be an "Overview" of that exciting community college addition (HINT: Is Lubbock ready??) including history, curriculum, spindle/faceplate turning examples with Handouts!!! Tom is not only an AAW member but a frequent attendee at both the Provo, Utah Symposium and SWAT. This should be a very informative demonstration. Don't miss it!!!!!!

Note from Past President

I am very sorry I had to miss the last two meetings of our club but I had no choice. Several of the members have told me they were great meetings. I wanted to personally welcome Larry and Mike as new members of the board and to wish them well as they assume their new offices. The club is in great hands under the leadership of Larry and Mike. I, for one, am looking forward to a fantastic second year. I really do appreciate the officers and members for making my year as president a very memorable one. What a TREMENDOUS first year. There are a lot of new events in the planning for the coming year and I know it will be interesting and rewarding for everyone.
Keep up the great turning, Bob

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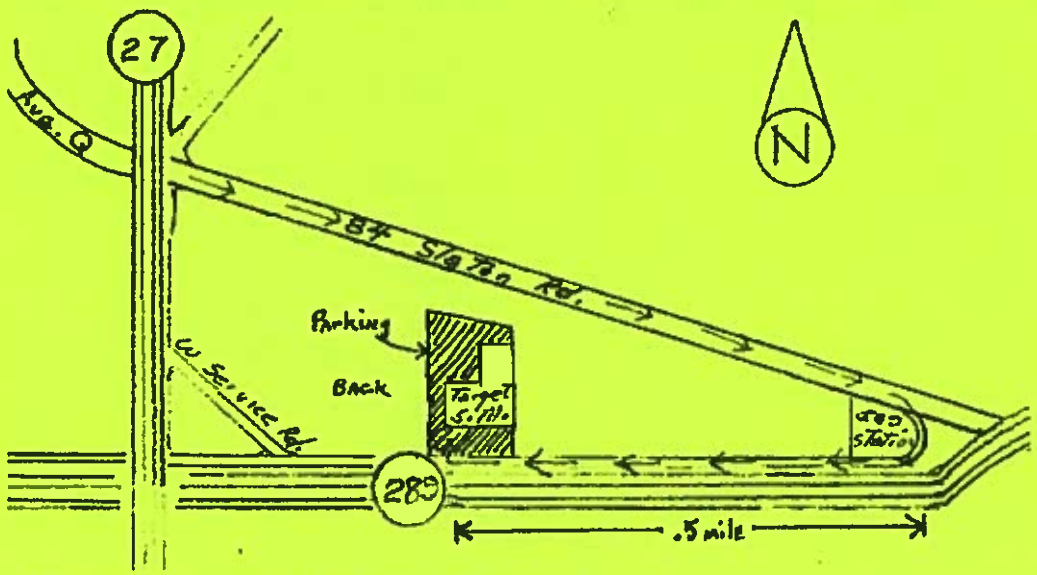

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From the desk of...

Mary Lacer
AAW Assistant Director

Charles,

Thanks for your updated bylaws.

Congratulations on a fantastic job with your local chapter. It just goes to show if you put the word out people will come.

My best,
Mary

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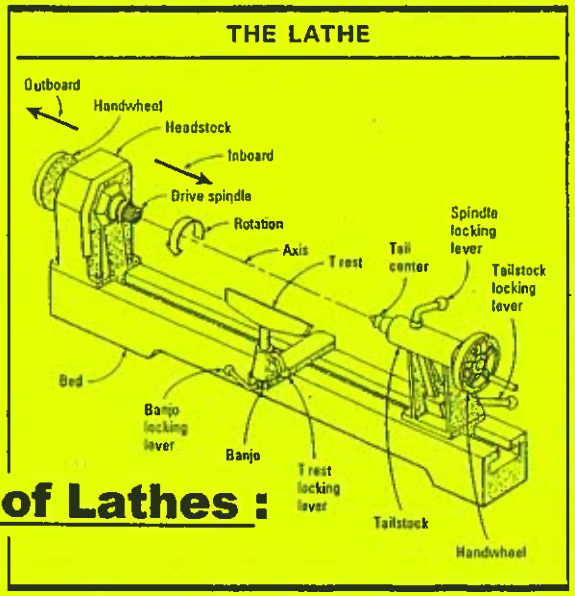

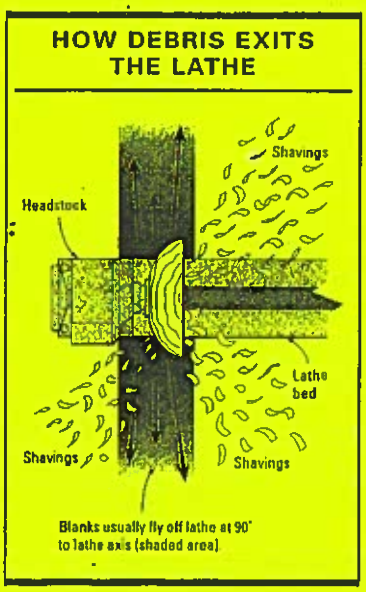

Speaking of Wood :

WOODS

Of the many thousands of woods known to be in existence, only a very small proportion is available commercially; of these no more than about 70 species could be said to be easy to come by. This is a situation which is likely to get more acute because of attitudes toward commercial harvesting in the rainforests.

Nevertheless, there is still a large choice available, and very often there are several species which may be equally suitable for the job at hand; a table for example may look just as good in oak as in elm and serve exactly the same purpose.

Buying wood

There are many ways in which wood can be bought, all of which in some way affects its price. The cheapest method is to buy "in the log," straight from the forest or lumber yard as a tree trunk. If you have the means to convert it, this is fine, but there are disadvantages; the most obvious being the uncertainty of the quality of the heartwood, which might have a disappointing grain or color, or may even be rotten.

Buying sawn boards is safer because the quality can be easily seen as the wood lies "stickered" – that is, stacked one board above the other with small battens in between to allow air flow for drying.

The next step is to get your local mill to convert it to the sizes you want and this is known as buying "rough-sawn." Many lumber yards stock rough-sawn lumber in a range of standard sizes and this is the bulk of the trade.

For the woodworker without a well-equipped workshop, the easiest way is to buy "prepared" wood which is "planed all around" on all four sides, and can very often be bought cut to length. Having passed through so many processes, this method of buying is obviously the most expensive.

What to look for

What to look for depends on what you want. You may want a good figure on oak, for example, or be looking for heavy contrasts in the color of walnut. Sometimes it may be necessary to purchase a whole board in order to get the small section that you want.

Generally speaking, good straight-grained, clean wood free from knots is desirable, but look for signs of warping. Heavy "shakes" (splits) in a large oak beam may be acceptable, but in a piece of pine or mahogany for cabinetwork they are most unwelcome.

Types of wood

There are three ways in which wood is classified: trade name; local name; or botanical name. The last of these is the only really safe one for identification. Generally you can rely on the trade name, but if you have any doubt, find out the botanical name. The main reason to know what you are buying is to make sure that the wood is suitable for its purpose. There are many hardwoods now on the market which were not exploited years ago and were introduced into the trade as substitutes for teak or mahogany and sold off as the real thing. Often they have similar properties, but it's worth checking, especially if you are buying in quantity.

Hardwoods and softwoods

This classification is something of a misnomer. Yew for example is a softwood, but it is extremely hard and can be difficult to work. Balsa is a hardwood and is very soft and can be cut and worked easily.

Hardwood refers to wood which comes from deciduous trees; softwoods come from coniferous trees. This is all that the terms mean; they have nothing to do with the properties of the wood itself.

Storage before use

For the cabinet maker, movement in wood can be a great problem, especially in the modern home environment with central heating. It is often difficult to know the moisture content of wood when it is first purchased, and without care, a beautifully crafted piece of furniture may shrink and open up after a few months in a heated atmosphere. You should try always to store your wood for some weeks in the environment in which the finished piece of furniture is going to be kept before starting work; if possible keep it in the house itself. Obviously this is not always possible, but care in storage does pay dividends. The following woods shown are a small but representative selection of those in fairly common use.

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JURY DUTY SCAM:

This has been verified by the FBI (Their link is also included below). Please pass this on to everyone in your email address book.

It is spreading fast so be prepared should you get this call. Most of us take those summons for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty, that a new and ominous kind of scam has surfaced. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Give out any of this information and bingo, your identity just got stolen.

The scam has been reported so far in 11 states, including Texas, Oklahoma , Illinois , and Colorado . This (scam) is particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving information by pretending they're with the court system. The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud.

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Thank you Mike Chambers for taking charge while my wife and I were on vacation. We went to Virginia and points in between. We had a great time and got to see some marvelous timber country. In fact we visited two different saw mills and watched them convert raw logs into rough sawn lumber. That was a great treat for a west Texan like me. Thanks Mike, the members told me you did a great job.

Our thanks go to the members from Midland, Tom Chandler and Keith Hughes, for the informative demonstration presented last meeting. There were many excellent comments about the meeting so thank you for your time, effort and energy.

FYI:

Members, remember that the Southwest Association of Turners Wood turning Symposium is coming up October 5, 6, and 7. Please start marking your calendars if you would like to attend. The event this year is in Wichita Falls Texas. For additional information including registration forms you can go to the SWAT web site, www.swaturners.org. Hope you can attend.

Start planning now to attend our Christmas Party scheduled for the evening of Dec.13 at the Hillcrest Country Club. Our board members have selected this time and place so make plans now to be in attendance. More information will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

We are excited about the challenge David Turner presented our membership last meeting. It is our hope that members will busy themselves in turning projects. What an excellent way this is to encourage that process. I feel sure we are going to see some remarkable turnings. Everyone is looking forward to these displays. Thanks David, also members, if you are not involved in this project, remember to bring your other special turnings for our display table. Everyone, please don't forget to bring something for our raffle table. Keep making the chips fly---see you at the August meeting. Larry

Demo Info

Our demonstrator this month will be our own beloved Master Turner, Dick Markam, who has shared his skill, techniques, and humor with us on at least two other occasions. His topic will be: "Inside/Outside Turning" – and he promises a neat little Christmas ornament and an indescribable "BIG 'UN"!!!

From Your Ephemeral Secretary

First, I'm SO SORRY I've missed these last few meetings! Long-standing schedule conflicts have just killed me lately, but I'll be back soon!!

Second, I need to remind all members and member want-to-bes that June 07's meeting was our one-year anniversary and thus, dues paying time ($25.00). Most of you have taken care of this in person or by mail, but many of you have not. By directive of the B.O.D., members who have not paid their dues by August 15, 2007, will be dropped from the mailing list. Non-members are being given a three month complimentary newsletter subscription from the date their names are added to the mailing list. After that, with out a response, they will be dropped! With increased mail and photocopy costs, these are necessary actions. Also, we are moving rapidly toward an electronic newsletter delivery option, so we need your email address ASAP!!!

Third, there are two upcoming opportunities you should know about.

1. 9th Annual Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium (Colorado's version of SWAT), September 15-16, 2007, Loveland, Colorado. For details, talk to Swift, 799-7059.

2. Woodturning Cruise-2008, "Stavanger, Norway to the North Cape (Arctic Circle) and Return". This is a fabulous adventure for turners and spouses, or companions. For details, talk to Swift, 799-7059.

Merry Christmas

No, we are not celebrating Christmas yet but December will be here sooner than you think. The BOD has reserved Hillcrest Country Club for December 13, 2007 as the location for our first Christmas party/dinner. All the details are yet to be made, but we want all of you to save Dec/13/07 and plan to attend. One thing we do know , you will need to bring a turned object to put in the gift exchange. You have almost four months to come up with something, so don't say there wasn't enough time. We have some great ideas in mind for our party and it promises to be a fantastic social event.

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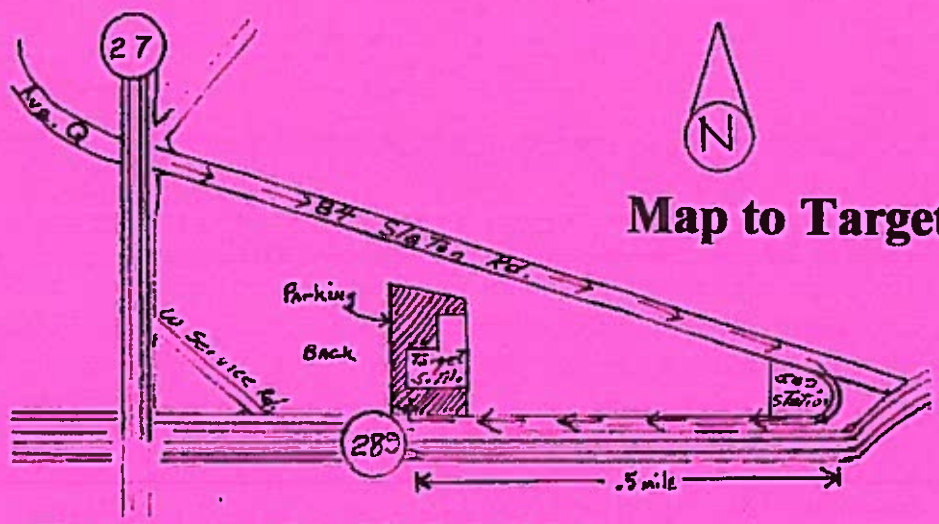

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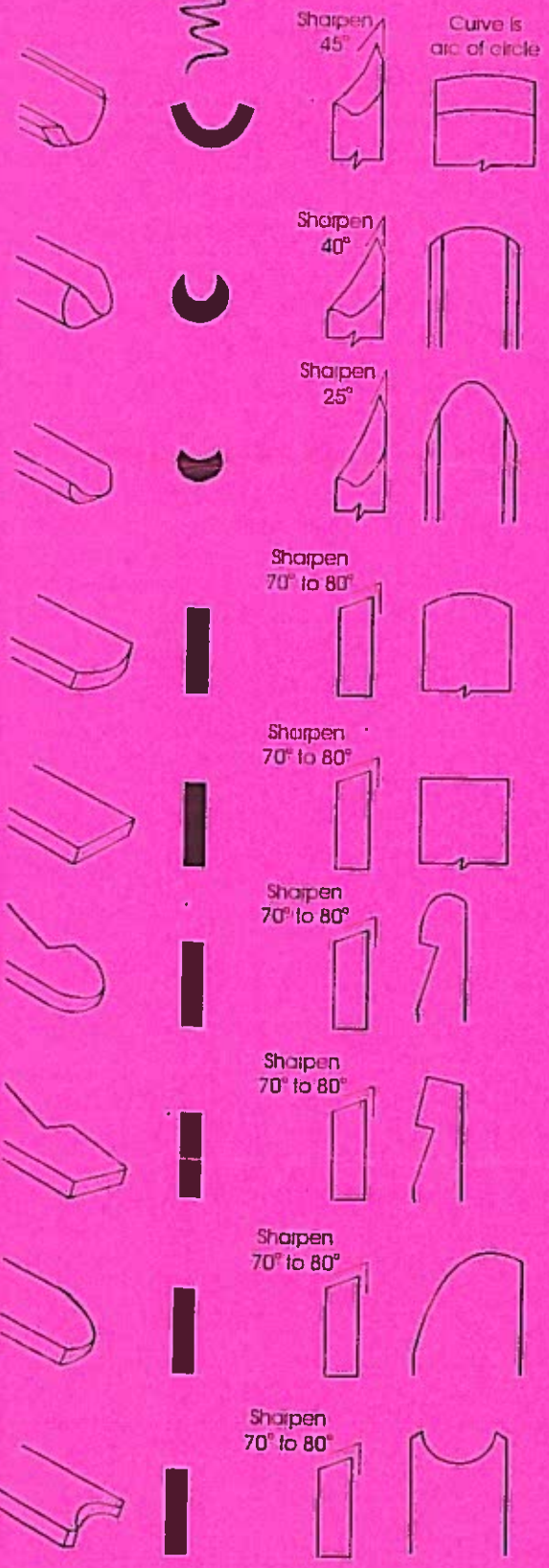
Gouges, Chisels and Scrapers



Roughing out gouge. An essential tool for between centre work (spindle turning). This tool will quickly reduce square timber to the round. It is also ideal for long, shallow curves. Usually 25mm or more wide.

Bowl gouge. Used on its side with the flute facing in the direction of the cut. With the bevel rubbing it is possible to obtain a smooth finish even on end grain. Usually 10 to 15mm wide.

Spindle or Detail gouge. These are the main shaping tools of the spindle turner and are used for most detail work, beads, coves, ogees, etc. to which the modern round shape is particularly suited. Usually 5 to 15mm wide.

Round nose scraper. Useful for finishing concave cuts and end grain hollowing. Also for larger sizes of bowls. Commonly 15 to 25mm wide.

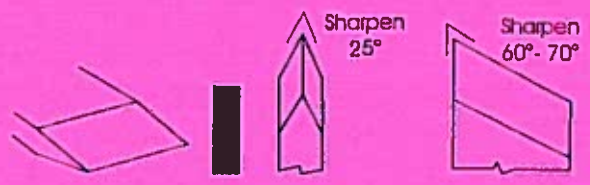
Square end scraper. For finishing outside of bowls, etc. The burr produced during grinding cuts a fine shaving. May vary from 10mm to 50mm wide.

Round side scraper. Excellent for boxes, goblets and undercutting.

Diamond side cut scraper. The nose angle of 85 degrees prevents both edges cutting at the same time.

Bowl finishing inboard. Produces a fine clean finish. Also suitable for deep hollowing and shaping inside, or out if the shape is reversed.

Beading Tool. Will cut perfect circular and semi-circular beads. Nose design permits multiple beads.



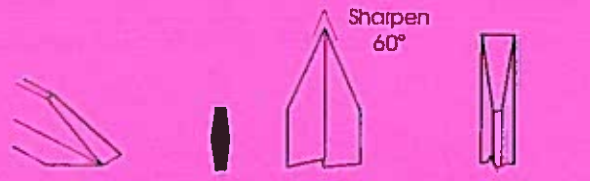
Standard Skew or Smoothing Chisel. The skew will produce the finest possible finish when used correctly. For cleaning end grain, pummels, rolling beads, etc. when both long point and heel can be used. 20 - 50mm wide.

Detail Chisel or Beading and Parting Tool. A versatile tool. When bevel rubbing will give an exceptionally good finish to beads and other spindle turning work. 10 - 15mm wide

Oval skew. The oval section slides smoothly along the tool rest. The lighter weight gives sensitivity for fine finishing. 20 -25mm wide. The cutting edge may be straight or curved.

Bedan. Can be used like a beading and parting tool. Side bevel gives good clearance in faceplate work. 10 to 15mm wide.

Parting tool. Its ease of use makes this a popular tool with the new turner It is designed to form grooves, roll beads and completely part off work.



Diamond parting tool. An excellent all round parting tool. The double taper provides clearance along the sides of the tool to prevent excess binding while cutting.

Fluted parting tool. Use flute downwards, this tool gives an excellent finish to end grain fibres.

Hollowing Tools. Designed for end grain hollowing. Available in various forms with and without devices to control the depth of cut.

Captive Ring Cutter. Left side cutter shown, needs matching right side cutter as well. These will then cut perfect captive rings.

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From the President

Great excitement was generated by the last demonstration. Dick, I heard so many good comments about inside-outside turning technique. Your instructions were clear and concise and your procedures were very informative. Thank you for the time, energy and skill that went into the presentation. We all appreciate your skill and willingness to be of service. As we grow as a club we are looking forward to many more demonstrations of that quality. Thank you from all of us.

I was privileged to be able, along with others from our club, to attend the August meeting of the Comanche Trails chapter. It was a very enjoyable visit. That chapter has a membership who is knowledgeable and excited about the art of woodturning. They treated us with kindness and great cordiality. They invited us back and asked us to extend the same invitation to all our members. On the way to that meeting I learned the Midland group has an exciting tradition for their Christmas party. Each member who so desires turns a piece and brings it to the party. When they hand over the turning at the party, they are given a number. At the appropriate time all the items that have been displayed are raffled to those having a number. This allows each interested person to share with others and also personally take home a gift. What a great idea for sharing. Our board voted to incorporate this tradition into our club, so start working on a piece to bring to our party. Remember our party is scheduled for Dec. 13 at the Hillcrest Country Club. This is a great opportunity to have membership participation. We are looking forward to seeing your gifts.

Since the SWAT symposium is scheduled for Oct. 5, 6, and 7, and in order to encourage our membership to attend the symposium, the board has decided to cancel the regular monthly meeting of the SouthPlains Woodturners. This opens the date for attendance to the symposium and also allows those in attendance not to miss a regular monthly meeting. Remember and mark your calendar that there will be NO South Plains meeting in October. All who are planning to attend the SWAT meeting please seriously consider taking display pieces for the instant gallery. Even if you can not attend the symposium there are many going who would be willing to carry a piece for you. **Let's have a great representation at SWAT.** Keep the chips flying, see you in Sept. (P. S.—**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR OUR BEAUTIFUL SHIRT!!!) Larry**

Demo Info

Our demo this month will be given by one of our club's younger master turners, Jim Bob Burgoon (also our club librarian!). He will be covering "Pen Finishing and Buffing Techniques: The Beall System and Other Sealing/Waxing/Oiling Methods for Turned Objects!" MANY of us need this type of information and handouts will be provided. This will be a "good'un"!

SWAT!

Wichita Falls, TX , Fri., Sat., Sun., October 5-6-7, 2007! Be There!!!

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Set of Freud Carbide Router Bits
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Bench Grinder
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Tap and Die Sets, American Std and Metric (2)
Craftsman Belt Sander
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Finish Sanders (3)
Craftsman 71/4" Circular Saw
Craftsman Auto Scroller Saw
Makita Cordless Drill Set
Craftsman 3/8" Elecrtic Drill w/ Portalign Jig
Cabot Dual Element Respirator

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From: "Jay Parchman" <jparchman@suddenlink.net>
To: <chswift@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2007 6:37 PM
Attach: Woodshop tools07192007.xls
Subject: Woodworking Tools

Charles,

Sorry I have had to miss the last couple of meetings. From the newsletters it appears that the group is continuing to grow and prosper at an unprecedented rate.

I am writing in hopes that you can assist me in finding a good home for the majority of my woodworking tools. The majority of these tools are two years old or less and have had very little use. I bought them with the intent of building a woodshop behind our new home but it doesn't look like that is going to be a reality at any time in the near future.

As you can see by the attached spreadsheet these are all high quality tools.

I have provided two different prices. One is for that person who could step up and purchase the entire lot. I am asking $3,750 if someone would like to take advantage of this "deep" discount.

If no one wants to buy the entire lot I have priced the individual items in the far right hand column.

If you know of anyone who may be interested they can contact me at jparchman@suddenlink.net or on my cell phone @ 786-6278.

For obvious reasons, I prefer not to advertise these items through the Thrifty Nickel or other widespread publications.

Should you have any questions feel free to give me a shout.

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!

Jay Parchman
Lubbock, Texas

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Table Saw	Craftsman	Professional	10"	$ 1,099.99	Sears	Biesemeyer Fence System, **Mobile Base**, Homemade sled	$ 300.00
Dado Blade Set	Forrest	5/8" Arbor	8"	$ 265.50	Forrestblades.com	Excellent Condition - Used VERY little	$ 175.00
Band Saw	Jet	Closed Stand	14"	$ 599.99	Amazon.com	**Mobile Base, Carter roller blade guides, Carter tires, Kreg Fence**	$ 475.00
Jointer	Jet	Closed Stand	6"	$ 872.12	Amazon.com	**Mobile Base**	$ 575.00
Planer	Delta		13"	$ 429.00	Amazon.com	**Stand**	$ 275.00
Sliding Compound Miter Saw	Bosch		10"	$ 549.00	Amazon.com	Excellent Saw, **Stand and Mobile Base**	$ 375.00
Compound Miter Saw	Dewalt		12"	$ 199.00	Amazon.com	Used Very Little	$ 175.00
Router Table & Fence System	Veritas			$ 446.00	Lee Valley - Veritas	Excellent System. **+Stand and base**, + LOTS of extras	$ 275.00
Scroll Saw	Dewalt		20"	$ 419.99	Amazon.com	**Dewalt Mobile Base, Light**	$ 325.00
Dust Collector	Shop Fox	1280 CFM		$ 246.67	Ebay - Buy It Now	On wheeled base	$ 225.00
Woodburning Set	Colwood	Super Pro II		$ 181.00		As New in case	$ 150.00
1/6 HP SR Series Power tool	Foredom			$ 299.00		As New - Never used - Lots of Extras	$ 225.00
1" (Belt) X 8 " (Disk) Sander	Delta	SA180		$ 125.73	Amazon.com	**Stand**	$ 100.00
14" Cut-off saw	Milwaukee		14"	$ 179.00			$ 125.00
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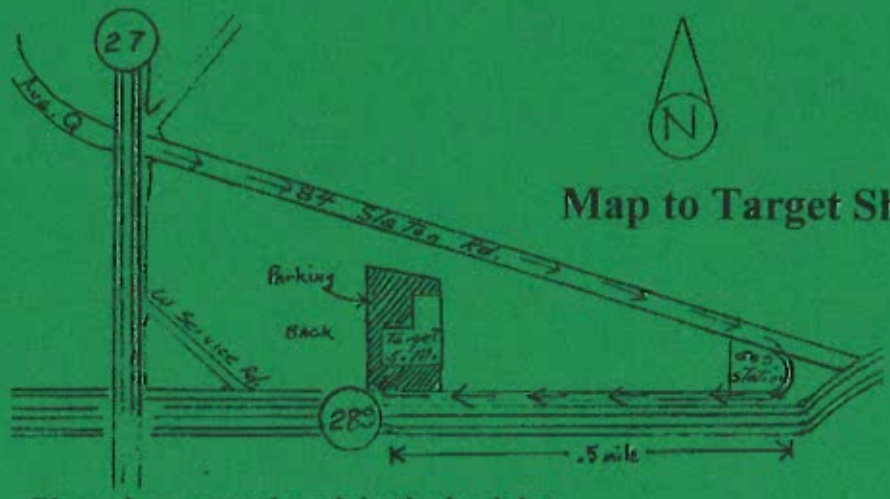

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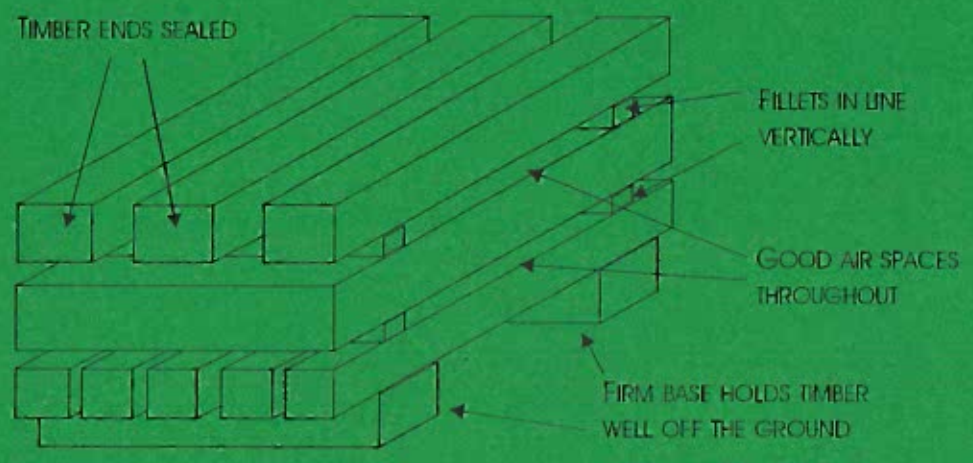
Speaking of Wood :

Drying

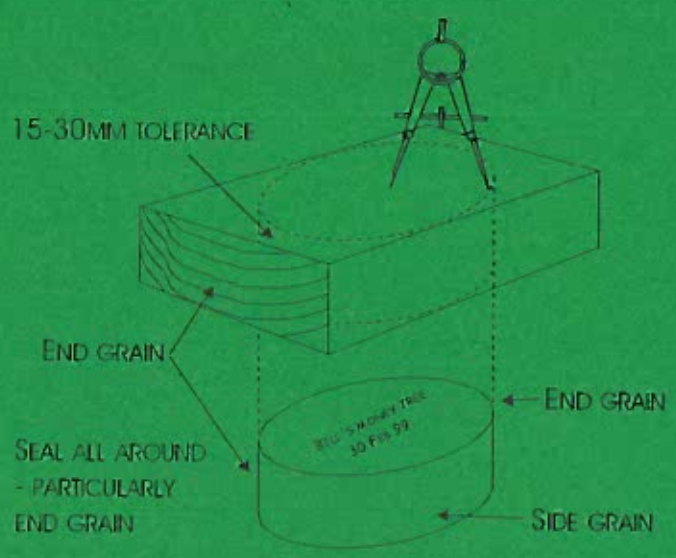
Stack the sawn timber in a shady and well ventilated place. Under a waterproof top make the top layer with scraps as this layer will usually crack. Use pale coloured timber for fillets to reduce staining. Place fillets directly above the base supports and directly above one another. Allow a drying time of one year for each 25mm of timber thickness.

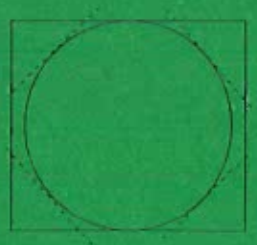


The wood will shrink laterally, but not longitudinally. So wood cut in line with a radius from the centre will remain closest to flat and square while other cuts may twist or change shape from the original square cut.

Converting the Slabs to Round Blanks for Bowl Turning

After finding the centre of the slab, use a pair of callipers to mark the rounded blank. The blank is now cut out with a band saw cutting to the line, and can now be sealed and placed in the darkest and coolest area with ventilation for drying. Each blank should be identified with its place of origin, tree species and date of collection when placed into storage.





If you don't have a bandsaw, the slab can be rounded with a chainsaw by removing the corners and trimming to the line for easier turning later.

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SPW MEETING October 6, 2007

No Meeting !!!!

From the President

Greetings South Plains Woodturners. Remember, we have no chapter meeting in October. We hope everyone can go to the SWAT Symposium. We are looking forward to that weekend and hope many of our members attend. We'll see you in Wichita Falls. Don't forget to wear your club shirt!

As a club we wish to express our appreciation to Jim Bob for an excellent demonstration concerning finishing and finishing products. Jim Bob, you did a great job and we appreciate your time, effort and expertise about this subject. It was very interesting and informative. Your preparation was obvious. Thanks a bunch.

As the president, I am going to take liberty of mentioning some names relating to our show and tell table. Our board in many discussions, has expressed the desire to see more participation by our membership in turning items for display. In fact we appreciate the challenge David Turner extended and the participation of the membership in that event. My observation has been that the number and quality of items on the Show and Tell table has steadily increased and you are to be congratulated. You are doing a great job, keep up the good work. As a family, I would like to mention the Oglesby's. Mom and dad and grandson are all three willing participants and doing an excellent job. Guys, you are to be congratulated. Charles Swift, your walking cane last meeting was outstanding. Congratulations to you. Tom Farrell, what an outstanding Silver Maple bowl you turned. The lines were so simplistic and delicate. The features were elegant. Great job. There were certainly other great turnings, hopefully we can mention others in the future. Keep up the great work with our Show and Tell table, it is outstanding.

We hope you are working on a project for our Christmas party. We are anticipating some outstanding pieces to be shared with the group. Remember it is scheduled for the 13th of Dec. at Hillcrest Country Club. Plan to attend. Have a great month. See you at SWAT. Larry

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From: "Thomas Farrell" <tfarrellsrwa@yahoo.com>
To: "Charles H. Swift" <chswift@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2007 8:48 AM
Subject: Woodturning

Good Morning Charles,

I met a couple of people after our Saturday meeting who are interested in our club.
Tony Poteet said he had requested information at the Arts Fest. and has not received any.

Tony Poteet
8820 Woodrow Rd.
Wolfforth, TX 79382 Tel. 863-2856

The other person I met, Mike Burk, is also known as "The Toy Doctor". He visits the hospitals in the area and gives sick children toys. He is interested in receiving information about our club. He mentioned he has some pictures and other information he would share with us. He is not a woodturner (yet) but looking at the hand carved cane he was carrying, I would consider him an expert wood carver and decorative artist. I mentioned the possibility of some kind of collaboration with our club to the aid of childerns toys. I think if we can persuade him to come to a meeting and make a brief presentation it would be beneficial all around. I have his card, but it does not have a mailing address. It does have an email address and a telephone number:

Mike Burk, toydocmike@sbcglobal.net tel. 806-745-5585

I have invited him to our meetings. Would you please call and evaluate this opportunity?
I am sure he would appreciate receiving a news letter and an additional invitation.

I notice that Commanche Trails has announced the date of their Christmas party as December 13th. I wonder if this is a typo since it is the same date as our party.

Thanks for all you do,

Tom Farrell

Agenda item for Nov.

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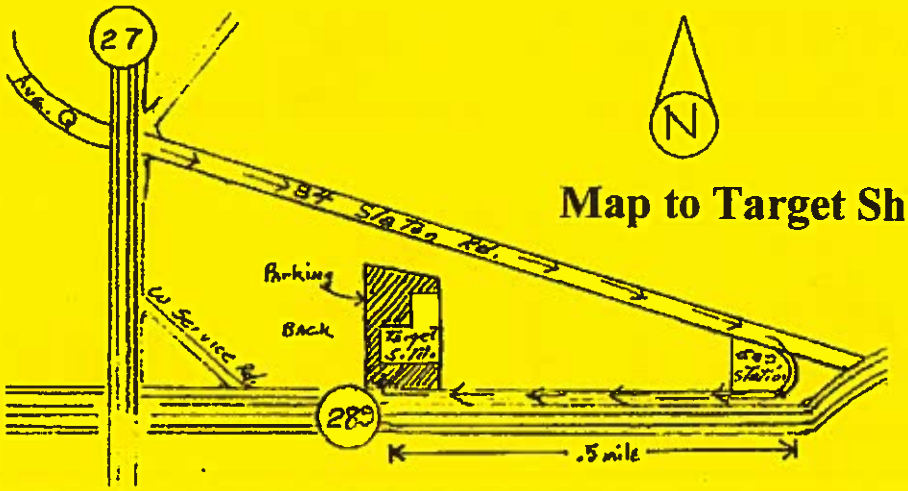

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From the President

The South Plains chapter had an excellent representation at the SWAT Symposium in October. The demonstrations were excellent and everyone appeared to gain much from the meetings. We want to congratulate all who entered pieces in the instant gallery. I heard excellent comments about many. I believe we had about 15 pieces entered from the South Plains chapter. Our chapter congratulates Dick Markham, whose piece was selected to be critiqued by three of the demonstrators. They had very nice things to say about his mechanical piece, one said, "It had to have been made by a mechanical engineer". Each commented they just couldn't stop cranking the handle and watching all the cogs turn. Congratulations Dick, you did us proud. There were many comments "from South Plains chapter members" that many other pieces from our chapter could also have been selected. Maybe there was possibly a little bias there. All in all, the symposium was an outstanding event. We highly recommend that if you can attend in the future, you will be glad you did.

FYI

This is a reminder about the Christmas Party scheduled for the 13 of December at the Hillcrest Country Club. Excellent entertainment (from our own chapter) has been scheduled, the menu has been selected and the price per ticket is (an outstanding value) $20.00 per person. Make your plans now to attend this event. Remember that each person who brings an item for the drawing will be able to take home one created by another member. If you want to bring two items, then you and your mate each can take one home. This is an excellent opportunity for us to share with one another. If you haven't started planning and turning those pieces, now is a good time. By the November meeting we need to get a count of those planning to attend the party so make your preparations now and let's have a great turnout.

We owe a dept of gratitude to Mike Oglesby for allowing us to use his shop for our monthly meetings. He does this at no expense to the membership providing us a great meeting place. The chairs must be placed and stored for each meeting. If only one or two members assist with this task, it takes a great deal of time. When the meetings are over, please help with this task and it can be accomplished quickly with no burden to any one person. Thanks for your assistance with this matter!!!

It has been brought to my attention that we have many library items that have not been returned. If you have such items, please return them so that other members will enjoy their availability. Thanks for your consideration of this matter.

SEE YOU AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING. Larry

Demo Info

The November 3rd demo will be done by one of SPW's several Master Turners, Mike Chambers (Mr. 1st V.P. !!). His topic will be "Segmented Turning: Answers to Questions You Should Probably Ask". If you've seen Mike's work on the show/tell table, your jaw surely dropped as you said WOW!!! Don't miss this one!!

In December, South Plains Woodturners has its first-ever "double header" scheduled. On Dec. 1st, our regular monthly meeting, Master Turner Tom Farrell, one of our most experienced demonstrators, will dazzle us with his "Rings on a Goblet" creation. This has got potential Christmas gift(s) written all over it !!! I can't wait!! Then, on Dec. 13th , don't forget our FIRST ANNUAL SPW CHRISTMAS BANQUET described in "El Presidente's" letter above. Deadline for ticket purchase is the DEC 1st MEETING. Cash, checks, or expensive working wood lathes will be accepted by Dick "Daddy Big Bucks" Markham, our wonderfully efficient club Treasurer. ($20.00 per person)

Note: Several 10"-12" turned vases/weed pots are needed for table decorations. If you could turn 1 or more, see Larry Rogers, Pres.

Speaking of Tools

For Sale: 1 JET Minilathe STAND (new, still in box!) Bought for $120.00. Asking $75.00. Call Pat (Roy) Privitt at 863-3307-home or 777-9588-cell.

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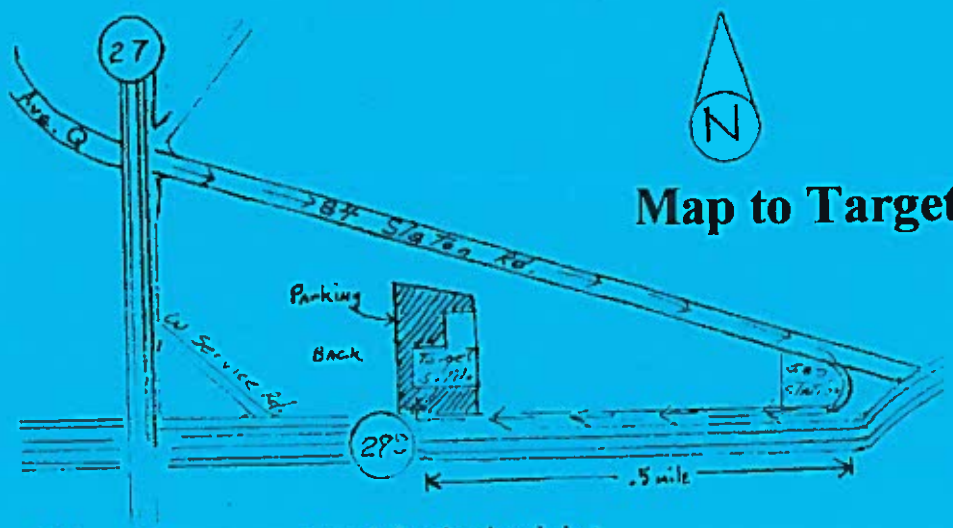

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Speaking of Tools :

JAY PARCHMAN (806)786-6278			Features/Comments	PRICE
Table Saw	Craftsman Professional	10"	Biesemeyer Fence System, Mobile Base, Forrest Blade Stiffener, Homemade sled	$ 525.00
Dado Blade Set	Forrest 5/8 Arbor	8"	As New (Chippers Never Used)	$ 150.00
Band Saw	Jet JWBS-14DX Closed Stand	14"	**Mobile Base, Carter roller blade guides, Carter tires, Kreg Fence**	$ 350.00
Jointer	Jet JJ-6CSX Closed Stand	6"	Mobile Base	$ 450.00
Planer	Delta 13" Two-Speed Model 22-580	13"	**Stand**	$ 225.00
Router Table & Fence System	Veritas		Excellent System, +Stand and base, + LOTS of extras	$ 250.00
Scroll Saw	Dewalt	20"	**Dewalt Mobile Base, Light**	$ 225.00
Dust Collector	Shop Fox 1280 CFM		On wheeled base	$ 125.00
Woodburning Set	Colwood Super Pro II Package		As New in case	$ 125.00
1/6 HP SR Series Power tool	Foredom		As New - Never used - Lots of Extras	$ 175.00
1" (Belt) X 8 " (Disk) Sander	Delta SA180		**Stand**	$ 75.00
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DELTA Wood Lathe-12" heavy duty **$600.00** Call Dick Markham @ 795-6248

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LATHE FOR SALE

Sears Craftsman Mod# 103-23070 (probably made in the 60's or 70's) all cast iron. 9 inch swing with up to 32 inches between centers. Lathe includes a heavy angle iron stand with 110 VAC 1/3 Hp motor and 2 power outlets on the stand. Sears shows all parts still available. Machine is complete and in good working order. Features:

Headstock spindle is #1 MT threaded 3/4" x 16 tpi inboard and outboard, (LH) 5/16" through the spindle with Knock-out bar with indexed head. Lathe can be bench mounted if desired.
Equipped with 4 step pullies in head and on motor.

Self ejecting tailstock ram #1 MT. Lathe includeds:

Drill chuck on #1 MT adjusts 1/16" to 1/2" Keyless.
Live center, super heavy duty on #1 MT
Cup Center #1 MT with removable point
Drive center, 4 prong with removable center #1 MT
Tool rest 8 inches, factory made and tool rest 3 inch shop made
Wrench to adjust tool rest and tail stock
Assorted Craftsman wood turning tools.

Large casters optional ($45.00)
Local delivery included
All for $375.00

Thanks. Tom Farrell 806-548-4621

Top Signs That You're Too Old to Trick or Treat ...

10. You get winded from knocking on the door.

9. You have to have another kid chew the candy for you.

8. You ask for high fiber candy only.

7. When someone drops a candy bar in your bag, you lose your balance and fall over.

6. People say, "What a scary mask!" but you're not wearing a mask!

5. When the door opens you yell, "Trick or..." and can't remember the rest.

4. By the end of the night, you have a bag full of restraining orders.

3. You have to carefully choose a costume that won't dislodge your hairpiece.

2. You're the only Power Ranger in the neighborhood with a walker.

and last but not least...

1. You avoid going to houses where your ex-wives live.

BOO!

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Dec 1, 2007
TIME 10:00 am –12:00 noon
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From the President

Here it is already the holiday season at the end of the year. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Day and I want to remind our members that the Christmas party is coming up the 13th of Dec. If you have not already done so, plan to purchase your tickets($20 each) at the Dec. meeting. We must complete ticket sales at that meeting so we can have a count to give to those preparing the food. Also, if you haven't completed your turned gift, continue to work on that. We are expecting a great sharing opportunity at the party.

We had a great demonstration on segmented bowl turning at the Nov. meeting. Mike, your presentation was just full of good information, very clearly presented. You encouraged all of us to go home and put those techniques into practice. Thank you very much for the time and effort spent on the demonstration.

At the close of this 2007 year, I would like to comment concerning the leadership of the Board of Directors of the South Plains Woodturners. I am confident you all appreciate them as much as I do, however, it is appropriate to express our appreciation in our newsletter. Since the very founding, they have worked tirelessly to perpetuate the success of the club. If you are not aware most of the responsibilities of the Board members are enumerated in the officers list. The Board is continually striving to upgrade our monthly meetings by making things more comfortable for the membership. They are continually discussing ways to accommodate your needs. Well done Board, the membership appreciates you. Keep up the good work.

In closing, keep the chips flying, and we will see you at the Dec. meeting. Larry

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Demo Info

Our demo this month will be:"Goblet with Loose Captured Rings". Our demonstrator is one of our own masterturners, Tom Farrell. He always does a fantastic job and he definitely will have HANDOUTS! This object would make a cool holiday gift, I'm sure.

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Why does Father Christmas go down the chimney ?
Because it soots him !

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What do you have in December that you don't have in any other month ?
The letter "D" !

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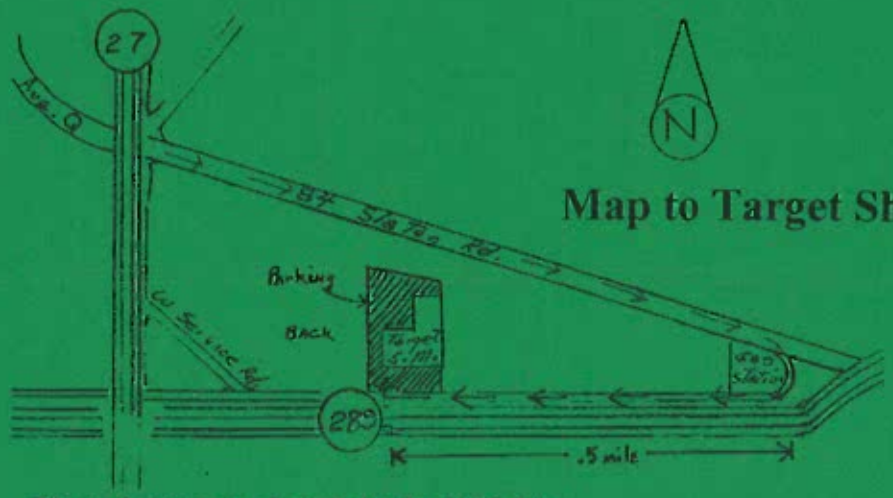

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WOODTURNING SAFETY RULES

- Wear a full-face shield at all times for protection.
- Make sure tool is on the tool rest before starting a cut.
- Always keep tool support as close to the work as possible.
- Make sure lathe is set at a safe speed before starting lathe.
- Always sharpen a new tool prior to use to ensure it performs properly.

WARNING: Failure to follow these basic rules can result in serious injury or death.

GUIDELINES FOR USING GOUGES:

Today's gouges feature long shafts and extended flutes for longer wear. However, this does not mean these gouges are designed to reach a significant distance beyond the tool rest! Reaching too far beyond the tool rest results in vibration, increases the likelihood of a serious "catch" and in some cases may result in the tool shaft or handle breaking causing serious injury. The chart on the reverse side lists gouge sizes and the recommended distance that a gouge can safely reach beyond the tool rest. Not working within these recommended distances can result in serious injury or death. "Max. Reach" indicates the maximum distance that the tool can safely reach beyond the tool rest.

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BOWL GOUGES:

Gouge	Shaft Dia.	Max. Reach
1/4"	3/8"	1 1/2"
3/8"	1/2"	2 1/2"
1/2"	5/8"	3 1/2"
5/8"	3/4" or larger	4"

SPINDLE/DETAIL GOUGES:

Gouge	Shaft Dia.	Max. Reach
1/4"	1/4"	3/4"
3/8"	3/8"	1"
1/2"	1/2"	1 3/4"
9/16"	9/16"	1 3/4"

ROUGHING GOUGES:

Gouge Size	Max. Reach
3/4"	1 3/4"
1 1/4" or larger	1 3/4"

Roughing Gouges are for spindle use only. **NEVER** use for bowl turning as the tool may break resulting in serious injury!

HANDLE SIZE:

Tool handle length should be at least 5 times the maximum distance you intend to reach beyond the tool rest in order to provide the needed leverage for proper tool control. Example: For a maximum reach of 3" over the tool rest, your handle must be a minimum of 15" in length.

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Woodturning is a potentially dangerous activity. Improper use of tools and/or equipment, products or materials as well as not following recommended safety guidelines can result in serious injury or death. It is your responsibility to make sure you are properly educated in all aspects of woodturning and to follow safety guidelines and manufacturers recommendations regarding the proper use of product to ensure your safety. If you have questions regarding proper lathe operation, tool use or safety guidelines, please consult an expert.

Woodturning Safety Guidelines-

1. Safe and effective use of a wood lathe requires study and knowledge of proper machine operation, tool use and correct turning techniques. It is your responsibility to read and follow all warning labels and owners/operators manuals supplied on or with machinery, chucks, tools and other products. It is your responsibility to become properly educated in all aspects of woodturning prior to turning wood.

2. Always wear a full-face shield at all times. Shop/Safety glasses alone are not sufficient protection from flying debris.

3. Exposure to wood dust can be harmful to your respiratory system. Always use a proper dust mask or air filtration helmet in addition to adequate ventilation.

4. Always wear adequate hearing protection. Long-term exposure to noise can damage hearing.

5. Do not wear loose clothing, gloves, jewelry or any objects that dangle as they may become entangled in the lathe. Always tie back long hair. Check your person and your surroundings for any other items that may be accidentally entangled.

6. Check your owner/operators manual for proper speed recommendations. If you cannot find recommended speeds, please seek the advise of a professional prior to operating the lathe. Use slower speeds for larger diameter or out of balance work. **NEVER** start the lathe before checking to make sure the lathe speed setting is correct for the size of work to be turned. If excess vibration or shaking occurs, stop the lathe and determine the cause before proceeding.

7. Prior to starting the lathe, rotate the work piece by hand to make sure that it clears the tool rest support and lathe bed. Also, make certain that all clamping devices are locked and that the tailstock is proper seated against the work.

8. Be sure the work piece is securely mounted and is free of imperfections or substandard glue joints that may result in the work piece separating or flying apart.

9. Make certain that the belt guard and/or control and motor covers are is in place. Check to make sure all tightening handles are properly tightened.

10. Make sure that the tool is resting on the tool rest before beginning the cut. Always run the lathe at slow speeds while making roughing cuts and **NEVER** use a roughing gouge on a bowl.

11. Prior to running the lathe in reverse, make sure that necessary steps are taken to prevent the work piece and/or chuck from unscrewing itself from the lathe.

12. Always know your capabilities work within your limits. Many techniques and procedures used by professional woodturners may be beyond your abilities or skill level and can prove to be dangerous if attempted.

13. Utilize the tailstock whenever possible. This provides an added level of safety as it often times prevents the work from coming off the lathe during a mishap.

14. Always remove the tool rest before sanding and finishing. Failing to do so can result in serious injury to your hand and fingers.

15. Do not overreach! Although many of today's tools have long blades, this does not mean that they are designed to reach long distances over the rest. Overreaching can cause the blade and/or handle to break causing serious injury.

16. Keep your tools sharp and properly ground. Dull tools are dangerous as they require excessive pressure to make them cut. If you have difficulty in sharpening, seek the advice of an expert for proper training. Keep tools out of the reach of children.

17. Do not use tools for purposes for which they are not designed or intended for. Using a tool, chuck or lathe component for purposes other than what they were designed to do will likely result in an accident.

18. Properly dispose of finishing rags and unused finishes.

19. Do not leave finish containers open and keep them away from open flame.

20. Keep your work area clean and free of clutter and debris.

21. Use caution when finishing with cloth rags, they may become entangled and cause injury.

22. Inspect your lathe and equipment frequently. Check power cords, connections and do not use extension cords for providing power to your lathe.

23. Stay alert, take frequent breaks and never operate the lathe or other shop equipment when under the influence of drugs, medication or alcohol.

24. Never leave the lathe running unattended. Be certain to turn off power to the lathe when not in use.

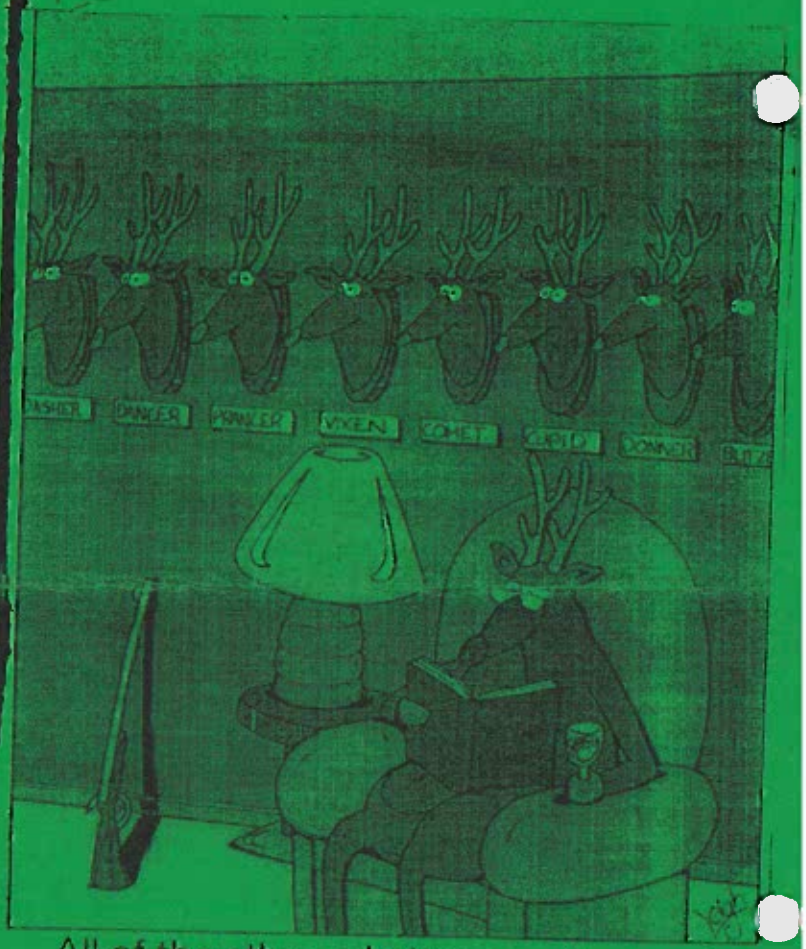
25. Use a well-balanced stance when turning while maintaining a firm, comfortable grip on the tool.

26. Use common sense, if you're unsure, see the advice of an expert. Always take necessary safety precautions to prevent serious injury.

Safe turning practices are not limited to the recommendations listed above. It is your responsibility to become properly trained and educated prior to attempting woodturning.

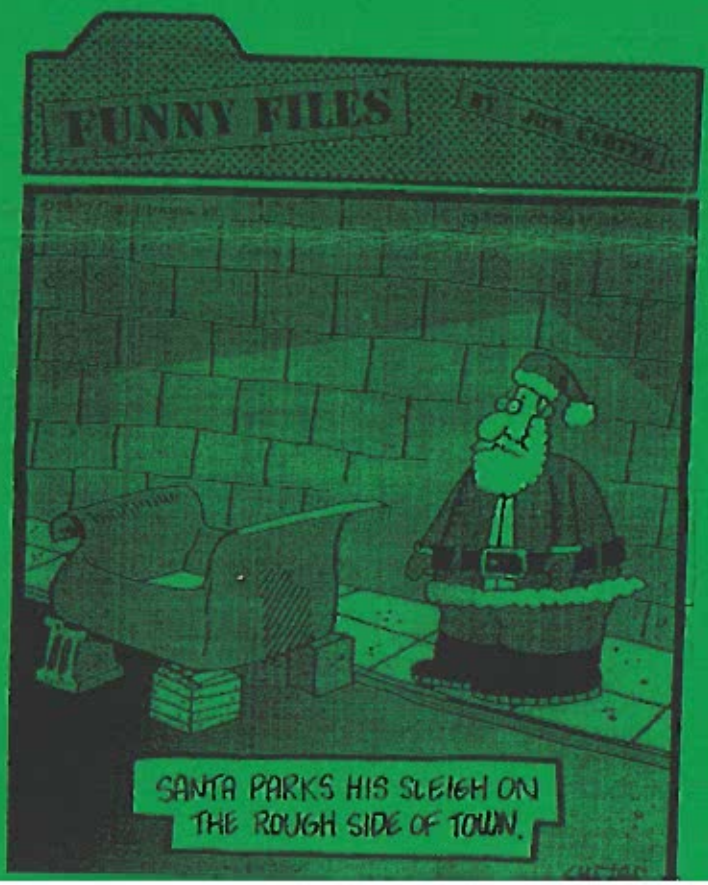
HOLIDAY TIP #37

NEVER CATCH SNOWFLAKES WITH YOUR TONGUE UNTIL ALL THE BIRDS HAVE GONE SOUTH FOR THE WINTER



All of the other reindeer *used* to laugh and call him names.

I Wonder if He's Insured for This...



Give me the Scarf, and Nobody Gets Hurt...

How many chimney does Father Christmas go down ?
Stacks !

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas ?
It's Christmas, Eve !

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SPW MEETING

January 5, 2008
TIME 10:00 am –12:00 noon
WOOD SHOP AT TARGET SHEETMETAL
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From the President

If you missed the Christmas party, you missed an exciting time. 57 people purchased tickets and enjoyed the evening. The food was great and the entertainment was exceptional. We knew that Mike and Randy were talented in so many ways, but who would have guessed they are such outstanding musicians. Thanks guys, you did a fantastic job. Once again our thanks go to Bob Harbaugh and Dick Markham who spent a considerable number of man hours planning, preparing and executing the party. Without their hard work, the evening would not have been such an enormous success. And to our club orator, Charles, thanks for managing the MC duties and keeping things moving. You did an excellent job. And lastly, it would be a serious oversight if I did not mention the participation of our membership by bringing gifts to share with each other. The number and quality of turnings was unbelievable. The membership was so excited about the turnings, there was hardly room to get near the table to look at all of the pieces. The nature of all work was superior. I propose that our club need not take a back seat to any club in the nation. Thanks guys, you did great!!!!

Our next meeting date will be Jan 5, 2008. It is hard to believe a new year is already upon us. We will be looking forward to a great rewarding year. Keep the chips flying, see you then. Larry

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Demo Information

Our demonstrator this month, fortuitously, will once again be our old friend, Tom Farrell, of Meadow, Texas. The title of his demo is (Hang on! Wait for it!!): **SPINDLE DUPLICATION**: Or What to Turn When Everybody You Know Has One of Your **Bowls???** Examples will include a four-legged stool and table leg. Knowing Tom, this will be a great demo and Tom almost always has very helpful and well-developed handouts.

Things to ponder

If space is a vacuum, who changes the bags?

If swimming is good for your shape, then why do the whales look the way they do?

If tin whistles are made out of tin, what do they make fog horns out of?

If white wine goes with fish, do white grapes go with sushi?

If you jog backwards, will you gain weight?

If we aren't supposed to eat animals, why are they made of meat?

Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.

A penny saved is ridiculous.

All that glitters has a high refractive index.

Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.

Anarchy is better than no government at all.

Today's Quip

"I can win an argument on any topic, against any opponent. People know this, and steer clear of me at parties. Often, as a sign of their great respect, they don't even invite me."

Dave Barry

Any small object when dropped will hide under a larger object.

Death is life's way of telling you you've been fired.

The very different children

Two ten-year-old children were exactly opposites: Bill was a die-hard optimist, and Bob a hopeless pessimist.

The mom asked the psychiatrist what to do about Christmas. The doctor told her to buy all the toys she could for Bob and get Bill nothing. In fact, he said just to wrap up some manure for Bill to break down his hopes even more.

Christmas morning, Mom came downstairs and found the twins by the tree. She asked Bob what Santa had brought him.

"A B.B. gun, but I'll probably hit someone in the eye and blind him. And a bicycle, but I'll probably get run over and killed while riding it. And an electric train, but I'll probably electrocute myself," said Bob.

Realizing it wasn't going very well, the mom turned to Bill and asked what he got. "I'm not sure!!" he replied, "I think I got a pony, but I haven't been able to find him yet!!"

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008!

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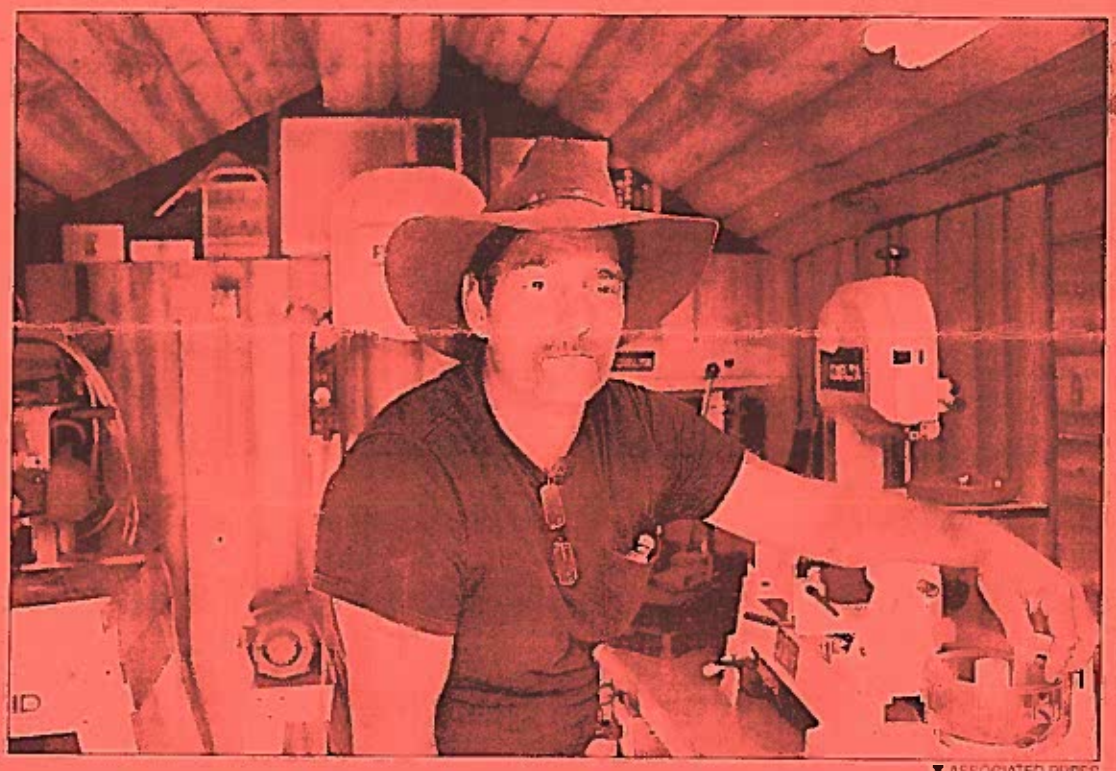

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John Lopez, pictured Nov. 21 in Poteet, has made thousands of pens including those made out of cow patties in the shed he once lived in.

Man uses cow patties in unusual pens

BY SARA INES CALDERON
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS NEWS

POTEET — One cow's excrement is one man's fine writing instrument.

At least it is for John Lopez, 42, who began making his South Texas Cow Patty Pens six years ago with local, natural materials.

He perfected the process through trial and error. The end result: flecks of brown suspended in a clear plastic, looking almost like wood from a distance.

"I take my pen kits and feed 'em to the cows and then go out in the pasture and pick 'em up," Lopez joked, stroking his mustache from behind the desk at JS Shop, his lawnmower repair business in downtown Poteet.

Cow patties may be Lopez's current specialty, but when he began the craft in 2000 he used wood, bone, deer antler and other materials to create mail-ordered ballpoints.

"I was bored, poor," he said. "I had bought some tools" and decided to give handmade pens a try. But after hawking them at craft shows and county fairs, he realized his wares looked like everyone else's.

So he started looking for a way to distinguish his work. Exotic materials were hard to find in Poteet, but he came across the solution in his own backyard.

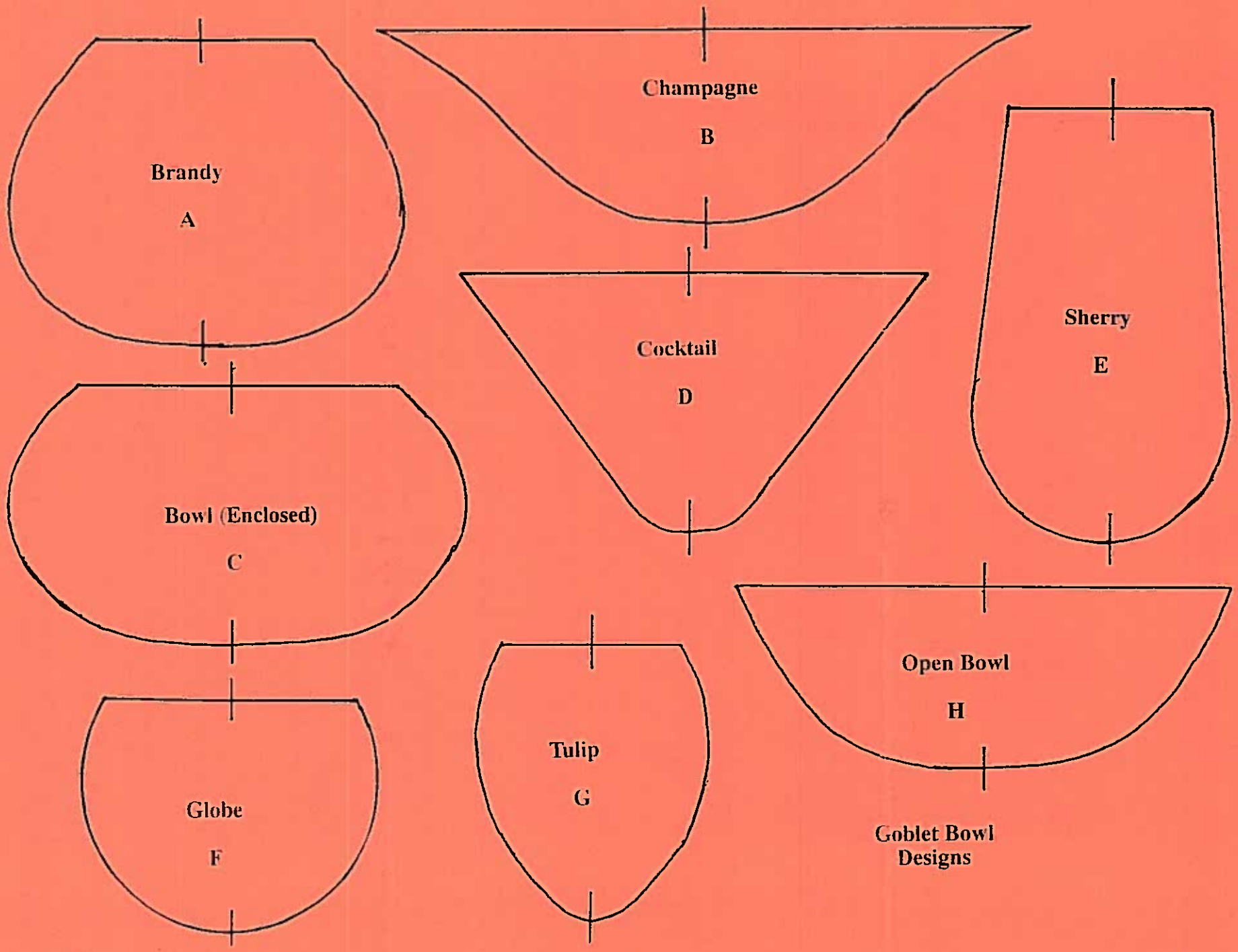
"There's not much money in this area, so I need to make things with the finances (I have) and I need the materials the same way," he said.

His original brand-name for the pens included a vulgar barnyard term, but it offended customers and other vendors at craft shows, so he retreated to the safer "South Texas Cow Patty Pen."

Listening to Lopez describe how he arrived at his production method is like listening to a scientist describe a breakthrough discovery. The cow patties can't be too dry but they can't be too fresh, either. Also important is the type of feed the cattle in question are eating.

Eligible patties must be made from pure coastal grass, never grain, Lopez said adamantly, gesturing with both hands otherwise the patty "won't be natural."

Once selected and harvested, the winners are ground into a powder, placed in a tray and mixed with a plastic resin. After four days, he can cut the hardened plastic into small blocks for further custom milling.



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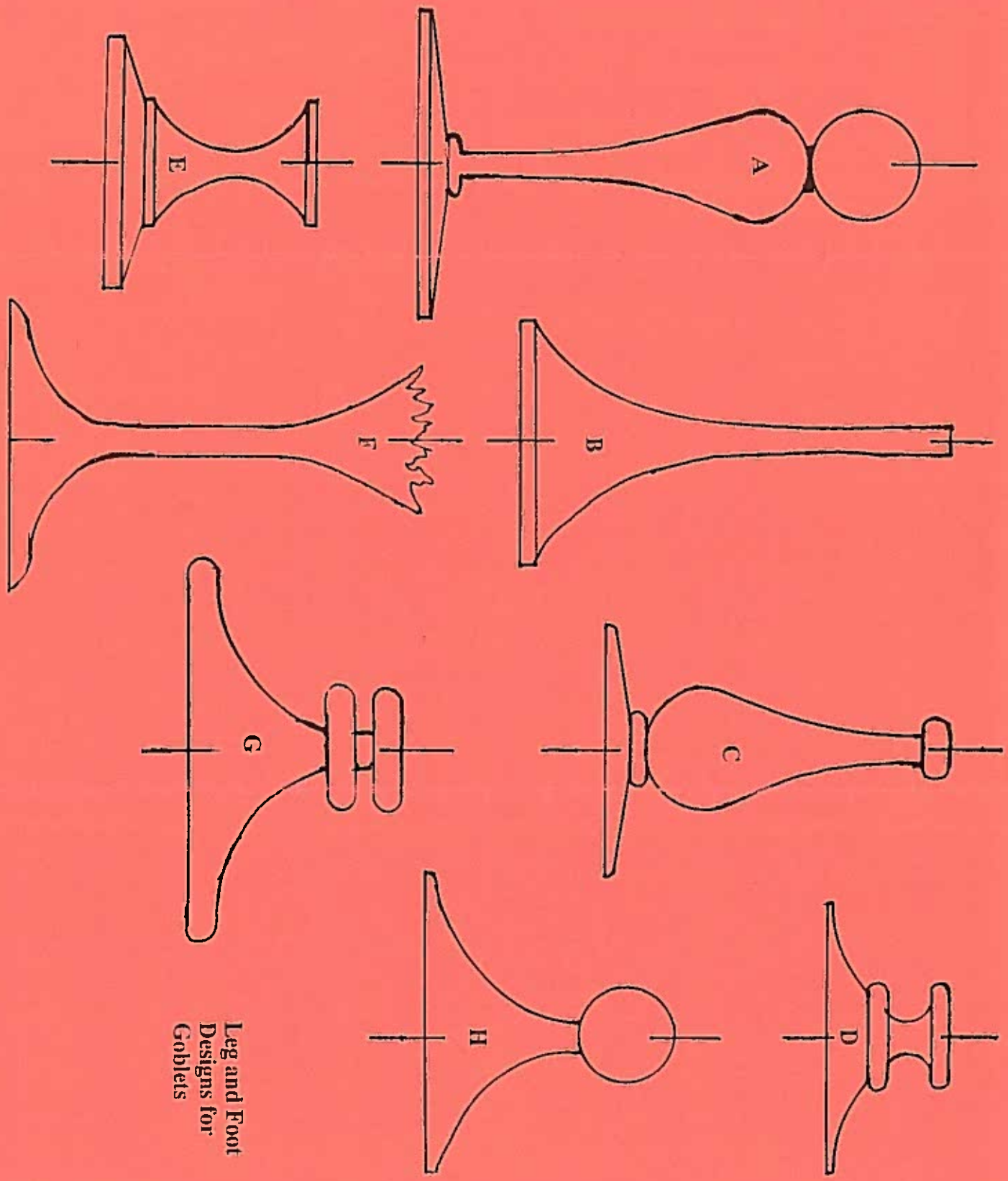

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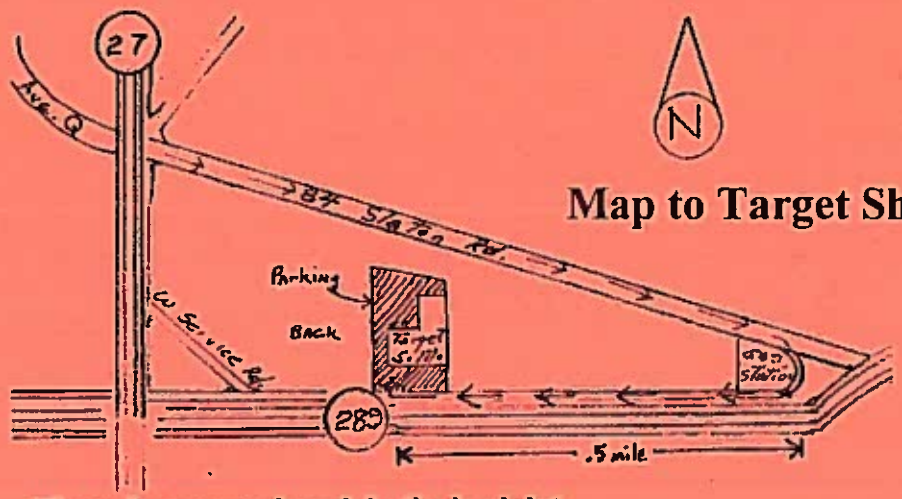

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From the President

The SPW Board of Directors met Jan 8 and discussed several important business matters. One centered on our meeting time. It was decided that we should begin our meetings promptly at 10 o'clock in order to conduct business and adjourn on time. The Board does not want to discourage the friendly chat time we have been enjoying so it is recommended that our members show up around 9:30 AM, bring your display pieces and enjoy the display table and converse until the regular 10:00 o'clock meeting time. We hope this is convenient with you so that you will be able to participate fully. Incidentally, several of the Board Members commented about the excellence of our show and tell table. Members, you are to be commended and please keep the good work coming.

Members please be reminded that Ray Hughes is spearheading the collaborative challenge effort for the 2009 AAW symposium. He has planned an organizational meeting following the Feb. 2 chapter meeting. If you have any interest in this effort, please plan to attend that meeting. All members are invited to come, regardless of your turning experiences.

Charles Swift informs me that the electronic newsletter is scheduled to come on line in approximately 45 days. We are looking forward to that time and understand that we can save a considerable dollar amount by sending the newsletter electronically. It will still be available in hard copy for those who wish. Good job Charles and thanks for your hard work.

On Jan 19, I attended the SWAT Board of Directors meeting in Waco. It was an organizational meeting for the 2008 symposium in Waco. The symposium will be held at the convention center the third weekend in October. It is not too early to start making your plans to attend. From the excitement of the meeting, my guess is that it will be outstanding. We are going to need many of you to attend because I volunteered the South Plains chapter to sell raffle tickets at the event. The SWAT directors requested information about anyone who would be willing to give a demonstration at the SWAT symposium. If you would be willing to demonstrate there, please let me know and I will present your name.

Things are looking great for two thousand eight. Keep the chips flying. See you in Feb. Larry

Demo Info

Our demo this month will be given by our own illustrious "El Présidente", Larry Rogers, who will show us all how to turn an off-center bowl/platter. Handouts will be available AND the object will appear in the raffle in the form of an IOU and the winner of same will receive the demo piece at the end of the meeting! Don't miss this one!!!

E-Mail NEWSLETTER

NOW HEAR THIS!! NOW HEAR THIS!! This is your electronically-challenged Secretary/Editor speaking: Starting with the March 2008 Newsletter, we will be attempting our first e-mailed edition of the newsletter. We (the BOD) have been for a long time begging for your e-mail addresses AND for an indication of preference for how you'd like to receive your newsletter. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE check with Swift at the FEB. meeting for last minute additions, corrections, etc., etc., etc.... Thanks for your attention to this critical detail.

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I'm sending out some cards

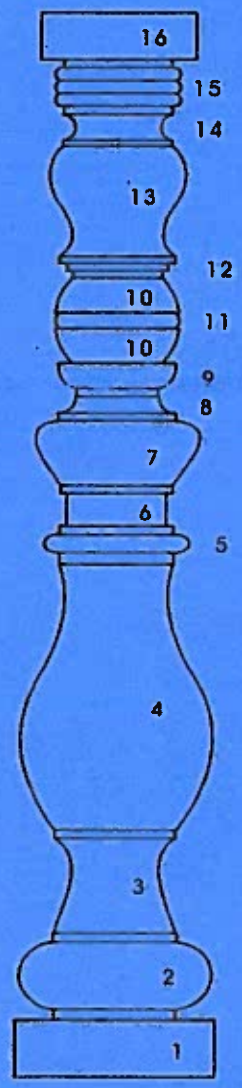
A guy walks into a post office one day to see a middle-aged, balding man standing at the counter methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. He then takes out a perfume bottle and starts spraying scent all over them.

His curiosity getting the better of him, he goes up to the balding man and asks him what he is doing. The man says, "I'm sending out one thousand Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'"

"But why?" asks the man.

"I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replies.

NAMES OF SPINDLE-TURNED SHAPES



Working from bottom to top of the sample shown the first section (1) is called a *plinth* because it is at the base and is straight sided. Next (2) is a *torus* and it is a large, semi-circular shape. Above the torus is a *scotia* (3) from the Greek word for "shade" so called because it is a sunk-in *ovolo* (compare with 7). Next (4), perhaps the most classical of all basic forms, is the *ogee*. It is just an "S" shape, but it can be stretched or compressed and is usually asymmetrical in one direction or the other. An *astragal* (5) is a semi-circular form that extends above the surface of the piece but is much smaller than a torus. A straight section occurring somewhere in an upper area can simply be called a *neck* (6). Above the neck is a protruding segment (7) of an ellipse, an *ovolo*. Above this (8) is a *quarter-hollow* topped by a *quarter-round* (9) and then, abruptly, a *ball* (10) which could be elongated into an *ellipse*. The abrupt transition between *quarter-round* and *ball*, itself called a *quirk*, is the only such transition on the spindle; all other shapes are separated by straight sections called *fillets* which are parallel to the axis. The flat that ends the *quarter round* perpendicular to the axis is just that: a *flat*. Cut into the maximum diameter of the *ball* (or *ellipse*) is a semi-circular *bead* (11). The difference between a *bead* and an *astragal* is now obvious – the *bead* is cut into the surface and an *astragal* (5) protrudes above it. Topping the ball a series of three fillets stair-stepped in reverse (12) effects the transition to (13) the *ogee, cyma reversa*. Note the difference between shapes 4 and 13. With the large bulge below it is *ogee, cyma-recta,* and with the large bulge above it is *ogee, cyma-reversa*. Next comes a semi-circular hollow (14) called a *cavetto*. You might want to call this a *cove* which is a loose name for any hollow. If the hollow is semi-circular it is a *cavetto*; if it is elliptical it is a *scotia*. Next (15) is a uniform series of three *beads* (it could be more than three) called a *reed*. The spindle is topped (16) by another vertical, straight-sided section similar to the *plinth* at the bottom. However, because of its position at the top, it is called an *abacus*. (Source: Jim Galbraith, American Association of Woodturners).

I just had a dream about it

A young woman was taking an afternoon nap. After she woke up, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight." he said.

That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it--only to find a book entitled "The meaning of dreams".

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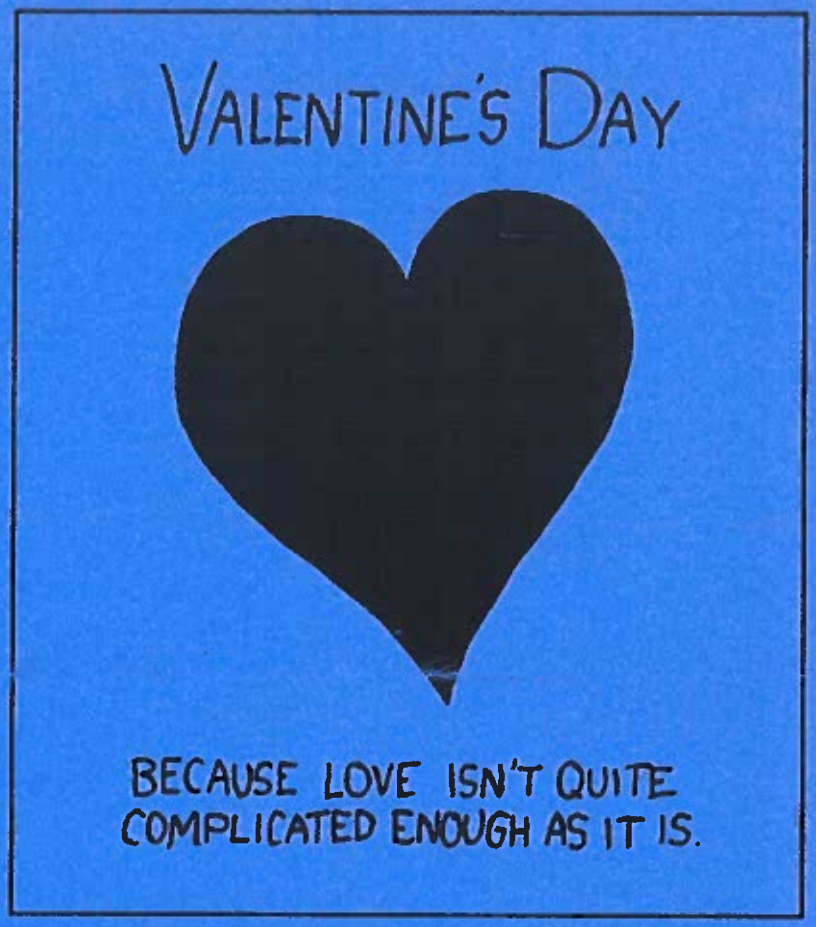

AAW Chapter Collaborative Challenge

Albuquerque 2009

Everyone interested in participating in the 2009 Chapter Collaborative Challenge is invited to an organizational/planning meeting after the February 2 club meeting. We will discuss the rules (see attached) brainstorm and start developing a plan for the project. Everyone that is a SPWT member is welcome to participate no matter what your current level of turning ability this activity is not only meant to show off our chapter's turning expertise but to foster club camaraderie. Anyone with questions, comments, or ideas can call me at 806-745-2600 or 806-544-7479 or email me at raider85@sbcglobal.net

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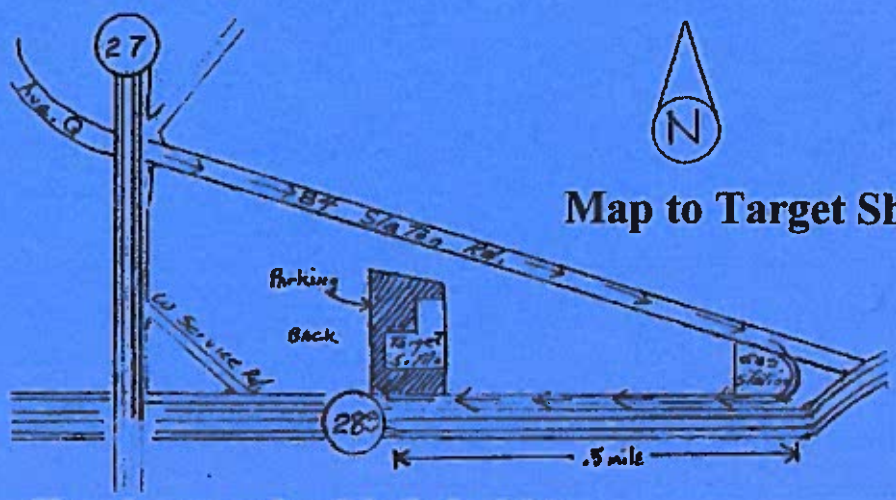

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From the President

The second weekend in February a group of 5 SPW members attended the Comanche Trails meeting in Midland. It was their annual work day event. There were approximately 50 people present and we spent about 6 hours making wood turning tools. Each person present was able to carry home a set of three tools they had chosen at the beginning of the meeting. The event was held at one of the member's machine shop. It was organized so there was a job for each person who wanted to work. Everyone worked until the lunch hour when pizza and drinks were provided by the club. After lunch, work began again and all the tools were completed around 3:30 PM at which point they were passed out to the individual workers and each carried his three tools home with pride. The day was a great success as far as the work experience and fellowship was concerned, but also each person received three valuable tools at no expense because the Midland club paid for all the materials from the money they make from their monthly raffle. What an outstanding experience we had (thanks Midland) Members in attendance strongly felt this is the kind of activity our club should seriously consider. Let's keep this in mind and possibly in the future we can accomplish such an eventful day.

Because of the outstanding nature of our show and tell table, we have consistently mentioned specific individuals for their unusual exhibits. I do realize a problem with this practice because there is always the possibility of outstanding pieces being overlooked which in no way is intentional. However, if you were at the Feb. meeting, you were able to witness the display of Neil Faulkner. It truly

was outstanding and is worthy of mention. The pieces were beautiful and well crafted. They added greatly to the table. Thanks Neil for a job well done. All of you are doing a superior job bringing articles for the table. Continue to do so and let others enjoy the beauty of your work. Our club is about 18 months old and we have new members who have never seen much of the work our membership has completed. If you have pieces that you like, bring them back even if they have been shown before, because many will not have seen them. Even if they have been viewed, we will have an opportunity to examine them more closely and enjoy their quality. Let's keep our table full.

In the near future, David Turner is going to present the club with another turning challenge. Be aware of this and when the challenge is presented it would be great to have 100% participation. David, we are eagerly anticipating the challenge.

Jim Bob Burgoon will be giving the demonstration at the March meeting. Jim's demonstrations are always exciting. We are anxious for another good one. Keep the chips flying, see you at the meeting. Larry

Demo Info

This month's demo should be extremely interesting! Our own Jim Bob Burgoon , master turner and club librarian, will be showing "Stacked Segmented Work" a topic that remains a mystery to many of us. I'm sure he'll have handouts (remember, guys, he's a teacher by profession!). Also, we have exiting advanced news regarding April's demo. Bill Garner, of Commanche Trail Woodturners, our sister Midland club will be demonstrating his amazing Walking Stick making techniques. He did this one a couple of months ago for their club and I heard it was terrific!!! By the way, he's made walking sticks for President George H. W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush's mother!!! He, too, will have handouts.

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March 1, 2008 Fundraiser Auction

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SEGMENTS AND ANGLES

Segmented turning is very much concerned with calculating the angles needed for the ring segments and determining how to make the correct sizes of ring. This chapter will go through the mathematics involved in calculating any angle you need for segmented turning. If you are not really interested in maths, don't worry. You do not need to be able to do any of these calculations, because you can look up any answer that you need in the tables on pages 134–47.

Note that in all calculations metric measurements may be substituted for imperial if you prefer, with no effect on the calculations.

DESCRIPTION OF A SEGMENT

Segmented turning involves cutting and gluing segments into rings that are later assembled to make bowls. A segment is a four-sided wedge shape (a trapezoid in American terminology, a trapezium in British usage). It is described by: width, height (or thickness), length, and the angle ϑ (theta) that is cut at each end (Fig 3.1). The width is determined by the width of the stock you use. The height (thickness) is determined by how thick your stock is. You must determine the length to make the correct size of circle. The angle ϑ (which I will usually call the 'mitre angle') is determined by how many segments you choose to have in your ring (Fig 3.2).

CALCULATING THE SEGMENT ANGLE

All rings are circles and therefore contain 360 degrees. Each segment has an identical mitre angle (ϑ) at each end. A ring may be made from any number of segments, typically from 4 to 40. It is important to know the correct angle ϑ for the number of segments in any given ring. Since each segment has the angle ϑ cut at each end, the amount of taper the segment has is 2ϑ; that is, twice as much as the angle that you cut.

The formula is:

Angle ϑ (mitre angle) = $360° \div 2n$

or, to simplify:

$\vartheta = 180° \div n$

where n stands for the number of segments in the ring.

Fig 3.1 *The features of a segment*

Fig 3.2 *The mitre angle ϑ depends on the number of segments to be used*

In plain English this reads: the mitre angle equals 180° divided by the number of segments. This is a good equation to understand and remember.

Example: What is the mitre angle ϑ to be cut for a 12-segment bowl?

$180° \div 12 = 15°$, so in this case $\vartheta = 15°$.

Table 1 shows the mitre angle for some commonly used rings.

TABLE 1

No. of segments	Mitre angle ϑ (°)	No. of segments	Mitre angle ϑ (°)
4	45	16	11.25
5	36	17	10.588
6	30	18	10
7	25.714	19	9.474
8	22.5	20	9
9	20	21	8.571
10	18	22	8.182
11	16.364	23	7.826
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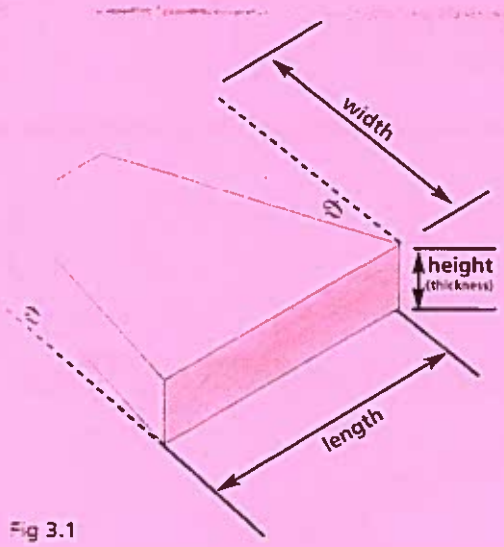

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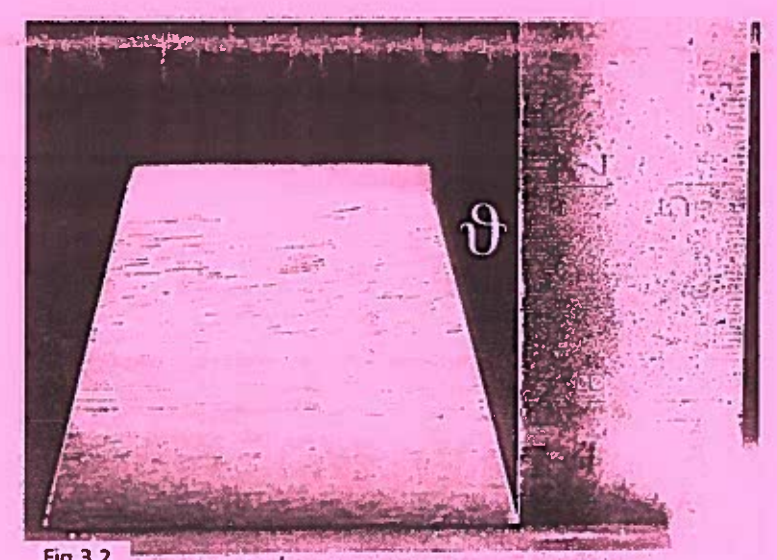

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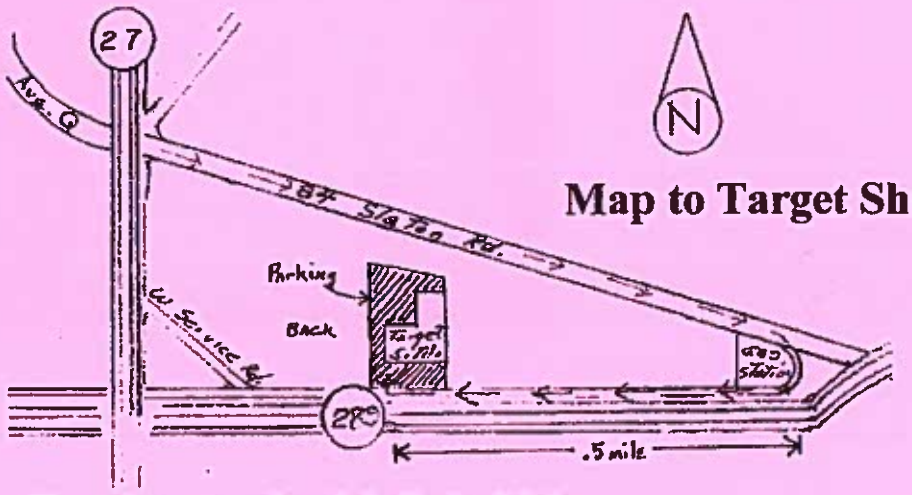

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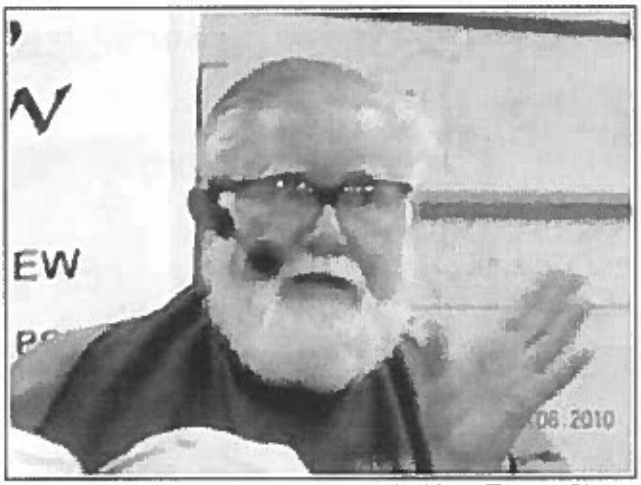

Nearly fifty members and guests crowded into Target Sheet Metal's wood shop to see and hear John Horn's *Taming the Skew*, an excellent foundation course for woodturners.

Horn told us that holding the skew was comparable to holding a bird. Hold too loosely and the bird escapes; hold too tight and the bird is crushed.

John focused on some of the twelve cuts made with the skew, saying that the V cut was the basis for many other cuts. See Skew on page 3

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Tornado Gallery Show

Nearly 900 people visited the Tornado Gallery on March 5 to see and sometimes to buy from the some seventy turned pieces on display in the gallery. Charles Swift and David Hoehns were joined by John Horn, running three lathes almost constantly all evening. Horn, in town to do the club's demonstration on Saturday March 6th and teach a bowl turning class later the same day, brought out his lathe and tools to join in exhibition of woodturning.

The Tornado Gallery folks reported that several pieces sold on the first night. Several pens were bought by visitors from the trolley tours, and Tom Farrell's red oak winged form, Celtic Bowl sold during the evening.

The Tornado Gallery event continues through March 28th. Members can still display work in the show. Contact Charles Swift. The gallery is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday. See Tornado on page 4

Mason Collection Continues

Do Not Forget the Mason Collection at the Museum of Texas Tech. The wonderful collection of turned forms will be leaving the Museum on April 4th.

If you have not yet visited this amazing collection by Jane and Arthur Mason, then you need to go by the Museum quickly.

The collection reflects seminal work in woodturning. Most of the pieces were done in the last century, but they inspire and challenge each of us today.

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Errata In the previous issue of Revolutions the picture of Mike Jackofsky's hollow form on the lower right of page 3 was incorrectly identified as box elder. In fact the image is of a 16" diameter maple burl form. The editor regrets the error.

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Club Year's End Approaching

Two months remain in the year for the South Plains Woodturners, Each month's meeting will have short business meetings: April – Bylaw and May – Elect Officers.

Larry Rogers, Past President, will be selecting a nominating committee to select a slate of candidates to serve as officers for the next year. If you are a club member in good standing and member of AAW, give some serious thought to serving as a club officer. Call or e-mail Larry to volunteer.

If the bylaw changes are approved by the club, a new position will be open: Board Member at large. This office will allow a member to learn the work of the board without performing a specific task, beyond attendance at board meetings or some special project.

President's Letter

I hope everyone enjoyed the demonstration by John Horn and those of you that were fortunate enough to take his class enjoyed the bowl making session. We hope to bring demonstrators to Lubbock more often and would appreciate your feedback on the issue.

The Tornado Gallery Show is winding down and I would like to remind everyone to pick up their respective pieces.

In the next weeks Larry Rogers, Immediate Past President, will be heading up the nominating committee to select officers for the Board of Directors. Please consider serving on the board if your schedule permits and you are an AAW member. It is a rewarding experience that you won't regret.

The Board of Directors is presenting a new set of By-Laws for your consideration and approval at the April meeting.

Also due to the cost of doing business we have decided to increase the annual dues to $30.

The Lubbock Arts Festival is April 16-18 and once again the South Plains Woodturners will be demonstrating. Those of you that would like to volunteer please contact Jim Harris.

Ray Hughes

Next Club Meeting

April 3rd

At Target Sheet Metal

In the wood shop

South Loop 289 (see map on page 6)

Hands-on Training

Meeting starts at 10:00, but come early. Help make the coffee and visit with other turners.

New Members and Guests

The editor apologizes. There were several guests and new members at the March meeting, but the information was unavailable at the time of the preparation of the newsletter. Recognition will come in a future issue.

The bylaw changes, sent to you separately, were developed to meet the "Best Practices" as recommended by AAW for affiliated chapters and to ensure the club's standing with all taxing authorities. Liability insurance, too, depends upon parts of the bylaws.

New in the bylaws are the membership tiers. General members are for anyone interested in woodturning. Affiliated members are those who are also members of AAW. Corporate members are the fine businesses who help support the club. The changes should appear seamless to the membership. The functioning of the Board of Directors will guided by the bylaws, as in the past.

Finally, dues for general and affiliated members will be $ 30 for the next year to compensate for increased expenses.

Your Mileage May Vary

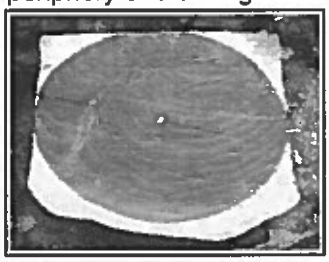
Gary Guenther is a woodturning club junkie, maintaining a membership is several clubs around our nation's capitol. I found the following article in the Chesapeake Woodturners newsletter. Jeffrey Bridges, their editor, was kind enough to put me in touch with Gary.

Having just sawed a bowl blank circle into something other than a circle, I was struck with the simplicity of Gary's technique. From a series Guenther writes in both the Chesapeake and the Montgomery County Woodturners is a great way to mark bowl blanks.

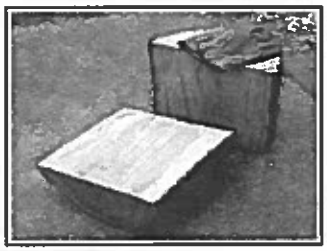
By Gary Guenther

I use an electric chain saw to round up my bowl blanks from a rough billet, and I like to get the maximum possible diameter. I prefer them to be fairly round for good initial balance on the lathe, and I want to know where the center is. I have found a very simple way to accomplish this – a way that also works with a band saw. I have a set of plywood circles cut at various diameters such as 12", 11", 10", 9", etc., that have a small hole in the exact center. These could equally well be cardboard. In use, these are centered on the billet as desired, and a rattle can of old, unused spray paint is used to mark around the periphery and through the center hole.

This makes it very easy to see where to cut, regardless if the wood is holly or walnut, and also where to start the spur center or live center points.



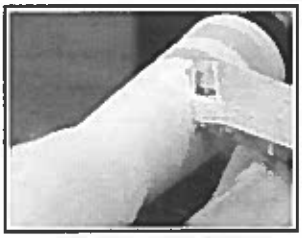
Pencils and pens are not generally visible on walnut or other dark woods (this is an old piece of mulberry), and, regardless of the color of the wood, felt-tip markers become clogged and ruined very quickly if you are trying to mark over a coat of wax-emulsion sealer (don't ask me how I know). The spray paint is quick, easy, cheap, and quite visible when making the rounding cuts and setting the centers.



Additional Gary Guenther tips may be seen at the Montgomery County Woodturners website: http://montgomerycountywoodturners.org/Tips.aspx

Skew (From Page 1)

John also demonstrated the peeling cut, insisting it and the Vee cut are the easiest cuts and most essential for use of the skew. He and his visual aid demonstrated presenting the skew at a 45° to axis of the spindle for the peeling cut.



Other cuts, shoulder, pommel, roughing, parting and bead followed in Horn's demonstration.

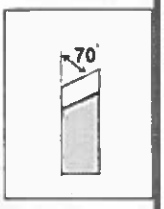
Without naming names, many woodturners fall into two camps regarding the skew. There is the skew at any cost group. These have mastered its use and they can turn almost any object with the skew. Opposite these may be found the never use a skew group. This is a mixed lot that ranges from those scared of the tool to the masters of gouges who maintain the ability to use a gouge for any and all functions from peeling to cutting to shear scraping.

John Horn must belong a middle group which enjoys mastering and using all the tools in the woodturning arsenal. John certainly uses the skew but not exclusively. This was evidenced by his bowl turning classes in the afternoon following our March meeting and his volunteer work at the Tornado Gallery on the Friday before the meeting.

Every skew demonstrator talks about sharpening. Horn was no exception, recommending a 45° to 50° angle at the point for hard wood. For softer wood, John suggested a point as sharp as 25°. He recommended as a must have resource for grinds, **Woodturning Notes by Allan Batty (Available only from www.woodturnerscatalog.com) 800-551-8876.**

Charles Swift offered to bulk order the book. Several ordered the book.

The skew camp reflects several shapes and preferences for the grind angle. Some use a skew whose profile is nearly straight from the long point or toe but then curves in an arc to the short point or heel. Others use a straight profile from heel to toe. John Horn prefers the straight skew with a 70° open angle or short point angle.



Through no fault of John Horn, his visual aids were difficult to see from parts of the room, but his handouts were printed in the previous issue of the newsletter.

Lubbock Arts Festival April 16-18

Any club member can volunteer to help at the Arts Festival. AAW members, we need volunteers to demonstrate. Call Jim Harris to discuss day and times for you to demo.

Lets target five new members from the Arts Festival. Come talk up turning and the South Plains Wood-turners

March Gallery

At left segmented ash bowl. Kay Agnew finished it with tongue oil. She credits Kyle Dalton for helping her with the piece, made in 2009.

At right bowl of unknown wood. Kay Agnew turned this about one month after she started turning: 2009

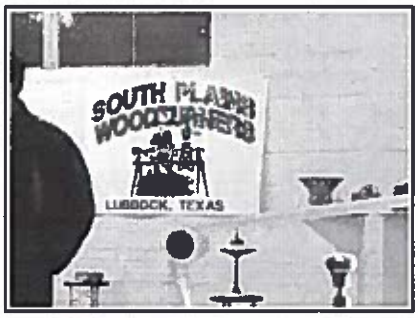
The pencil, Kay Agnew made from an Acacia Hardwoods pen blank in 2010. She credits Bo Bowman with assisting her.

The pen holder was turned two day prior to the meeting from a treated fence post. Kay finished the holder with tongue oil

Below are Dick Markham's offerings. The upper left piece, *Potpourri Filigree* is made from blood wood. The other three boxes are mesquite, honey locust and cherry.

Tornado (from Page 1)

The Tornado Gallery show was a great opportunity for showcasing the club and its members work. The club would like to thank everyone at the gallery for this show. They took care of everything, even cleaning up the shavings after our demos.



Thanks, too, for John Horn who came to town to demonstrate at the club and teach a bowl class that same afternoon. He joined us at the Tornado Gallery, unloading his own mini-lathe and turning tops until 10:00 on First Friday.

The Tornado Gallery folks say we are welcome to come back again. So fire up your lathes and get to turning. Here is the opportunity to display and sell your work.

A steady stream of visitors came by the gallery seen at left.

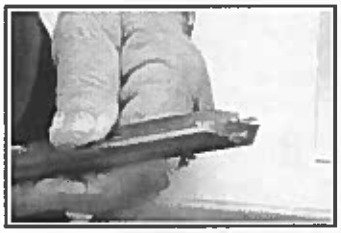
For More Photographs from the Tornado Gallery See Gallery on Page 5

Mike Oglesby's Maple Burl Bowl, 2003. The burl has been dyed, fiberglass resin filled and lacquered.

John Horn Teaches Bowl Class

Finishing off his Lubbock tour, John conducted a bowl class for some members of the club.

Here are two photographs of the so-called Ellsworth grind.



Gallery (from page 4)

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