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## Thorne Demo's Ornament



Randy Thorne demonstrated the production of three and four hole Christmas ornaments at the June meeting under the watchful eye of his mother (see image at lower right) Wynona Thorne.

Randy's handout was copy of a 2006

demonstration handout *Light Weight No Hollowing Christmas Ornaments* by the late Jim Davis of Midland.

Thorne explained that three hole ornaments are made from round stock while square stock is used to prepare four hole ornaments.

In the handout Davis advised the use of "close-grained hard wood". These include hard maple and walnut.

Thorne explained that turning the ornament is a multi-step process.



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## Vintage Township:

### High Art on the South Plains

We raised our flag on July 14<sup>th</sup> in Vintage Township in conjunction with the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts. Jim Bob Burgoon, who bossed the demonstration, is at right in the picture.



We shared the tent with members of the Clay Guild and the Quilting Club.

Tom Farrell, shown below, spanned both ends of the tent as he is also a member of the Clay Guild. He displayed with the Clay Guild and

demonstrated with us.

We had three lathes running almost constantly. Towards the end of the evening light became an issue.

Below the usual suspects, Willard Ellis, James Harris and Jim Bob Burgoon turn under the tent. Bob Herman is hidden behind James Harris.



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### Notice from the BOD

The South Plains Woodturners Board of Directors reminds every member that the Board meets on the Tuesday following Saturday regular meeting. The meetings are open to all.

Minutes of the meetings along with a monthly Treasurer's report is available from the Club Secretary, Harry Hamilton.

New member dues \$ 25.00 for remaining year.



**Proceeds from the Club Raffle pays for coffee, donuts and other club social events.**

Watch the newsletter for more coming workshops

## President's Notes

Our First-Vice President, Bob Herman, has been very busy this Summer. He will not be at the August meeting, so we may talk about him.

As you know, he did the June demonstration on Christmas Ornaments. He has the demo schedule filled until next year. Bob has also chaired a committee to audit club financial status. With the club's rotational officer slate, Bob should become President next year, sooner if you would just run me off. I can tell you Bob Herman is a hard working guy.

Jim Bob Burgoon is another hard worker. As Treasurer, he deals with the money and the sales tax matters. He also was the director of our demonstration at the Vintage Township. Thanks also to Ron Barnett, Willard Ellis, Tom Farrell, Bob Herman, Pete Piatak and David Turner. Extra special thanks to Toni Farrell and LouAnne Hoehns for helping set up and tear down.

A few months ago Tom Farrell challenged club members to do a first time demonstration, offering to match each new demonstration with one of his own. Well Tom, Bob has three new demonstrators scheduled and one more promised. Better start working on those demo's. Yours are always great.

The club has an intensely busy schedule. We really need to see some new faces on these sorties. Every one has a lot of fun.

Our paid membership stands at forty-five. This means a bunch of folks have not paid their dues. Vee know vere you are! Seriously, let's get our dues paid. Remember the 10% discount on hardwood for members at Acacia Hardwood.

## Next Club Meeting

**August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**At Target Sheet Metal**

In the wood shop

Enter via the West door near rear

South Loop 289 (see map on last page)

**Demonstration:**

**Larry Rogers**

**Open Segmented Vase**

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

**Demo from page 1**

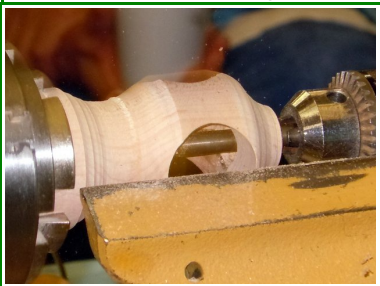
Step One: prepare the body of the ornament to turn. Davis described this as the bulb.

In this step the body or bulb is drilled with three or four holes. Use round or rounded stock for the three-hole ornaments, at 120° while the four-hole pieces are drilled at 90° in square stock. Randy drills a 1¼" (30mm or 31mm diameter hole in both both types just a smidgen past center. A smidgen is approximately equal to the unit of measurement one may not speak of in mixed company. Randy cautions against trying to drill all the way through on blanks for four-hole ornaments. The drill tends to catch.



Step Two begins with turning a tenon between centers for mounting in a four-jaw chuck. Once mounted, Randy shaped the piece around the shadow in the center with a gouge. Remember the more wood one removes the more air one is turning. Thorne suggested one stop now and then to achieve the delicacy one expects, but the shape on the outside should reflect the shadow shape on the inside.

Step Three is drilling a hole through the axis of the piece with a jacob's chuck and a 5/8" forstner's (that's about 15 mm) bit. Drill through the area where the ornament will be parted off the lathe. This clears the inside of the ornament with no hollowing. The image at left depicts this step.



Step Five: Randy shaped the top or end to his satisfaction before parting the body from the lathe.

Step Six is the preparation of two finials with 5/8" tenons, 15 mm. for those metrically minded. Do not forget to drill a 1/16" (1.5mm or 1.6mm which ever floats your boat) hole for the hanger wire in the tip of the top finial.

Step Seven is the manufacture or selection of a center-piece. Thorne and Davis both made Christmas Ornaments, thus the demo and the handout described small Christmas trees, snowmen and tiny candles. Thinking outside box, might make the ornaments marketable year-round. Craft stores sell small objects such as birds of various feather. A dove might sell for Christmas or Easter. Other birds might be a Spring item. Small US flags might sell near some nation holidays. Yes, no one puts up a tree for Easter or the Fourth of July. So? Sell them with a hanger.

Step Eight: Do I have to tell you Randy Thorne finishes his ornaments with spray Deft?

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**Club Calendar**

Date	Event
08/04/12	Regular Club Meeting Demonstrator Larry Rogers <i>Open Segmented Turning</i>
08/04/12	Sharpening Workshop Practice after lunch at Target Sheetmetal
08/07/12	Board of Director's Meeting
08/18/02	Workshop for beginning turners at Glenn's shop on the canyon 9 - 3
08/23/12	Leave items for display at LCU
08/24-26/12	SWAT Symposium Waco
08/30-31/12	Fifth Friday Slaton (setup on 8/30)
09/01/12	Regular Club Meeting Demonstrator Tom Farrell <i>Nut Cracker</i>
09/04/12	360° opens at LCU and Board of Director's Meeting
09/14/12	Set up for Art Festival 10:00 am
09/15/12	Fall Festival Garden and Arts Center 9:00 am to 4:pm
09/25/12	360° President's Reception at LCU 4:30 – 6:30 Please Attend - Wear your green shirt
09/28/12	360° last day at LCU
10/02/12	Pick up your pieces by 5 pm today
10/06/12	Regular Club Meeting Demonstrator Ron Barnett <i>Turning Pepper Mills</i>
11/03/12	Board of Director's Meeting Regular Club Meeting Demonstrator Loy Cornett <i>Closed Segmented Vessel</i>
11/06/12	Board of Director's Meeting
11/30/12	Fifth Friday Slaton
12/1/12	Regular Club Meeting Demonstrator Willard Ellis <i>Turning Acrylic Pens</i>
12/04/12	Board of Director's Meeting
12/14/12	Christmas Party 7 pm Lubbock Women's Club



**Do You Remember When?**

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### Requiem

The South Plains Woodturners wish extend our condolences and sympathy to Ken and Sharon Romines on the loss of their son, Eriq Oliver Neale, after a lengthy illness on June 14.

Eric, who lived in Denton, had visited to the club in the past.

### Craft Supplies USA

Thanks to the folks at Craft Supplies USA for giving the club \$10 gift certificates which we will put in each month's Bring Back Raffle.

They have sent us a number of *The Woodturner Catalog 2012, Summer Issue*. These will be available at the next club meeting.

Craft Supplies USA will give the club a discount on any purchase of \$1000 or more. Discount does not apply to lathes, band saws or drill presses. If you are contemplating a large purchase, talk with the other members. Several might pool your order and save some bucks.

Please note. I have *The Woodturner Catalog* next to my bed for my light summer reading.



### Demo from page 3

At current prices for hard maple the bodies for the ornaments may be made for about \$0.30 each. With club membership that comes to \$0.27 at Acacia. Both finials which could be made from 4/4 stock maple would cost under \$0.20. Walnut finials cost about a quarter.

These clever little pieces may be made for as little as two for a dollar. Make some. They are cheap. Great idea Randy. Great demo.

### Beginner Workshop Set

Glenn Williamson will host a workshop on August 18 in his shop on the Canyon for new turners and intermediates who want to refine some skills. Sign up for this workshop will be at the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Cost is free.

Directions to Glenn's shop will be available at that meeting. Cost is free.

Come share a day in the country with people whose interests in woodturning are like your own.

**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

### Rocky Mountain Symposium

Registration is now open for Rocky Mountain Woodturners annual woodturning symposium to be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Ranch/Larimer County Fairgrounds, Loveland, Colorado. Discount if registration postmarked by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Featured demonstrators include *J. Paul Fennell, John Jordan, Johannes Michelsen, Trent Bosch, Cindy Drozda, Steve Worcester, Rex Burningham, Robert Boettcher, Gordon Dekrey and Doug Schneider*.

To [register go to this site](#).

### Shirts Shirts Shirts

The **absolute last day** to order a new shirt before going the SWAT in Waco is August 8<sup>th</sup>. For those living some distance from Lubbock who may wish to have a shirt mailed to you in time to wear it to SWAT, your day is August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

To order a shirt, go by **J.P.'s Fundwear** at 5120 69<sup>th</sup> Street in Lubbock. They have the club's logo, and embroidery it on the shirt on one front side and your name on the other side.

The cost for the twill shirt in Kelly green is \$41.14. This includes the Texas state sales tax. This price is the same for long or short sleeves in any size up to 6X.

J.P.'s Fundwear also will embroidery a knit shirt in the same color for \$22.50 plus \$1.86 sales tax. These shirts have colars, and they are made by the same company that makes our twill shirts. Some purists may argue these are not the official club shirt, but they won't try to take it off you.

Finding J.P.'s Fundwear is a little tricky. Here are two ways: Go East on the South Loop 289 access road to immediately past the US Post Office. Turn right onto 69<sup>th</sup> Street. J.P.'s Fundwear is just past the Post Office and is set back from the street. The other way is take 69<sup>th</sup> Street from Slide Road. This is the intersection with Chic-Fil-A and Carino's. Go East then North on 69<sup>th</sup> Street. J.P.'s Fundwear will be on the left just before the Post Office.

Their telephone is 806 794 5777. Toll free 800 658 6679.

### Sharpening Workshop

**When: August 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30**

**Where: Target Sheet Metal Wood Shop**

The workshop is intended primarily for those AAW members who will be working a turn or two at the Hands-on Sharpening area at SWAT this year.

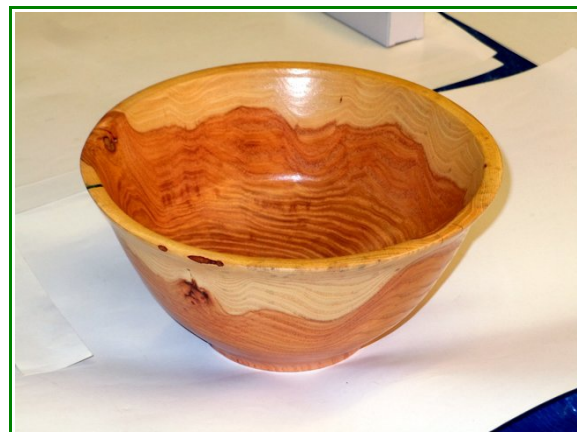
We will role play teaching jig sharpening. Others who wish to be students are welcome to attend. Bring a lathe tool for use during your role play. We will critique each other to improve our skill.

July Gallery



Tom Farrell's Magic Wands or Fancy Sticks

Yellowheart, purpleheart, Zebrawood, lignum vitae, cocobola, bubinga, paduk, katalox, Texas ebony and more with CA glue finish, polished with Shella Wax



Whose bowl is this? David Turner?



Loy Cornett: Two Vases

Honduras rosewood with maple accents  
These were turned June. They are finished with clear Deft and buffed.



Dick Markham

Center piece is church with round window turned on lathe completed 7/6/12.  
The two walnut and magnets flanking  
The magnets were turned in what Dick calls "the olden days"



Larry Rogers: Two open segmented vases and lidded box with finial  
At left, a maple and bloodwood classically styled segmented vase from 2008. Larry intends to pattern his demonstration on this vase during our August meeting. The lidded box with finial has been turned from eucalyptus and finished with semi-gloss lacquer.  
To the right, Rogers exhibited a maple vase with both the lip and a double-row of segments of algerita. This case and the eucalyptus box were turned in May 2012.

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### Gallery from page 5



Vickie and Mike Oglesby:

At left two by Vickie. The lidded box is elm with deer antler enhancement. The second piece, the open vase is made with mesquite. Above mike exhibited two mesquite nut bowls turned in July.

### Ron Barnett and Glenn Williamson

Bob Harbaugh displayed the presentation set given him by the club for his service as club President. Ron Barnett turned and assembled the maple salt and pepper mill set. Glenn Williamson designed prepared the base from maple and mahogany. James Jester put the club logo and lettering on the base with his lasering service. James Harris developed the concept and prodded me to whatever small way I helped put this together. The image used was taken previously.



## Winner! Winner! Chicken Dinner!

Charles Swift is asking members to join him in selling raffle tickets at SWAT this year. Ticket selling is a lot of fun as attendees repeatedly buy tickets because of the big lathe give-away and the many wonderful donated pieces to the Two-for-One raffle. Instant gallery tickets sell themselves, too.

**Join Charles in just collecting the money as they just hand it over.**

Charles will be collecting your names at the August meeting. We promise you will have fun selling the raffle tickets.

Next Issue: **Revolutions** takes a closer look at the jigs for drilling three holes in round stock.

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