

JULY 2019



## WOODCHIPS: BY: GEORGE HANCOCK EDITOR

#### **Dear Member and Guests:**

Don't know about everyone else, but I've been happy and proud of the meetings this year. We have been blessed with good attendance, and outstanding demo's.

At the board meeting this month, we discussed plans for the Christmas Party. Ernie is checking on the room at Manor Park as the venue is good and the Food is great. The board discussed asking for volunteers to make a Christmas Themed turning to use as part of the table decorations. The piece will be given to a lucky recipient at that particular table. This can be a Christmas tree, Snowman, Ornament, Birdhouse. Anything goes as long as it is Christmas themed. If you are interested, Give Roger your name and idea at the meeting.

I hope all who can, will attend SWAT. It's always a shot of adrenalin. Personally, I'm having so much trouble with Carpal Tunnel that doing anything in the shop is painful. I'm trying to get some surgery scheduled that should fix me up. At least it's a plan.

I still have some wood left over from the load Chrissy Mee brought out from Doug's stash. Please take what you can use after the next meeting. It was really great of her to bring it to the club, as I know it brought her painful memories. If you see her, tell her thanks!!

Share your ideas with other members, and if you need help on anything wood related don't hesitate to ask for assistance. The talent is available, and (FREE!).

# THINGS TO REMEMBER:

See you Saturday.

- Renew your AAW Membership.
- Plan to Attend Club Functions.
- Club Dues should be paid at or before the January meeting.
- Make an attempt to participate, and make your needs and ideas kown.

## **PROGRAM**

Loy Cornett will be giving us a demonstration on his open segmented work. Don't miss it!!!!

SWAT Symposium 2019 August 23 - 25 2019

Sign up for SWAT begins March 15th and ends August 1st.

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### PRESIDENT'S TIDBITS

SWAT is fast approaching. The symposium is August 23rd thru the 25th in Waco, Texas. If you enjoy woodworking, this is the place to be. The three day event promotes woodturning the training, demonstrations, and exhibits. Andy Chen, Carl Jacobson, Donna Banfield, Eli Avisera, Kurt Hertzog, and Malcom Tibbetts are the lead demonstrators this year. If you would like additional information go to SWATurners.org.

Thanks to Buddy Compton for the demonstration this month. Buddy, you continue to inspire all of us to want to be turners. You continue to show us different techniques to use in our woodturnings. All of the members continue to inspire me because someone has already been down the road I am about to travel. All you have to do is ask your questions. Buddy will be doing his demonstration on turning the off center platters and the surface enhancement at SWAT this year as one of the regional demonstrators.

There were 23 members present at our club meeting. Thanks to everyone who continue to support our raffle each month. The show and tell was outstanding again. Open segmented bowls and vases, tooth pick holders, off center platters, knife skew, and resin castings were on display. Thanks to Colter for bringing his special guest. Thanks to Jimmy Edwards for telling us about the do's and don'ts of resin casting.

Thanks to everyone who continues to support our club each month. As members, all we see are the club meetings each month. There are a lot of things happening behind the scene in order for these meetings to occur.

Keep your tools sharp and the chips flying.

## Rodney



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## SHOW AND TELL MAY 2019



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Shawn and Danny doing their usual great job on the Raffle. If you get a chance, give them an "Atta Boy". Below, Buddy is demonstrating his usual great techniques.





Buddy Compton describes his techniques for coloring and texturing a bowl rim.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOUR WORK ON THE WEBSITE, PLEASE FURNISH RANDY SMITH WITH A CD WITH PICTURES IN JPEG OR PDF FORMAT OF THE ITEMS YOU WANT TO SHARE. WE WOULD LKE TO MAKE A PAGE FOR EACH MEMBER THAT WISHES TO SHOW THEIR WORK. IF YOU HAVE QUESITONS PLEASE ASK RANDY OR SHAWN.



List your surplus here!

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REMEMBER TO KEEP YOU TOOLS IN GOOD SHAPE AND SHARP. SHARP TOOLS MAKE FOR SAFE AND BETTER TURNING.

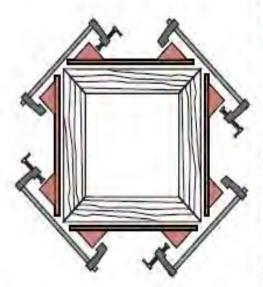
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#### TIPS AND METHODS

# Clamping Mitered Boxes:

# Another Tage Frid Solution

Assembling boxes or cases with mitered corners has long been one of woodworking's standard nightmares. Getting adequate clamp pressure across one wide miter joint is hard enough, but doing it on four corners at once is a prescription for frustration. Since the joint faces aren't parallel to the sides of the box, there's no obvious way to apply pressure directly across the joint. Laying clamps along all four sides and trying to tighten them not only simultaneously, but identically as well is just as challenging as it sounds; you're always racing against your glue's working time, the box never wants to come out square, and even when it does you almost never manage to get all four corners joined clean and tight across their full width. You try clamping battens across each piece near the corner, but when you tighten a clamp across them the battens slip and the joint once again fails to close properly.



Danish woodworker and teacher Tage ("Tay") Frid solved the problem in his typical fashion, with remarkably simple shopmade fixtures that make clamping four (or more) mitered corners at once almost unbelievably easy and effective. Set your tablesaw or bandsaw at 45° and rip a triangular section from the edge of a piece of 4/4 scrap. Cut it into eight short battens whose length matches the width of your case. Now make four panels of the same width but slightly shorter than the case sides; use any scrap that comes to hand (1/4" plywood, solid lumber, whatever). Glue a length of triangular batten, hypotenuse down, across each end of each panel. Clamp a panel (moderate pressure is plenty) on each side of your box, then bring on two or more clamps across each corner. At first, tighten them all just enough to keep the clamps from falling off, but not enough to make the panels

slip. When all clamps are in position, begin tightening two at a time at opposite corners, keeping an even strain on the panels until all clamps are snug and every joint is tight all the way across.

One last note: effective as it is, this system is not especially fast unless you have more than two hands. If you use a fast-setting glue like Titebond II, you'll drive yourself crazy as usual, so use something more forgiving like original Titebond or white glue instead.

We are on the web
Www.comanchetrailwoodturnes.org

## **BUSINESS NAME**

George Hancock's Shop 1709 Clark Street Midland, Texas 10:00 A.M. Second Saturday COMANCHE TRAIL WOODTURNERS IS A PROUD CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS, SINCE AUGUST 17, 1996 (AAW). IN ADDITION IT IS ALSO A SPONSERING CLUB OF THE SOUTHWEST ASSOCTION OF WOODTURNERS, (SWAT).

SINCE ITS INCEPTION THE PURPOSE OF THE CLUB HAS BEEN TO PROMOTE WOODTURNING AND PROVIDE A VENUE WHERE THOSE HAVING A PASSION FOR TURNING AND WOODWORKING IN GENERAL CAN HAVE A PLACE TO SHARE IDEAS, HELP ONE ANOTHER, AND DEVELOP NEW SKILLS.

SERVING THE MIDLAND AND ODESSA COMMUNITIES, THE CLUB HAS GROWN OVER THE YEARS AND IS BLESSED WITH A NUMBER OF WORLD CLASS TURNERS. EACH OF THESE SKILLED INDIVIDUALS ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE WITH LESS EXPERIENCED TURNERS, AND TO PROVIDE HANDS ON INSTRUCTION IF REQUESTED.

OUR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES THOSE SKILLED IN PEN-MAKING, SEGMENTED WORK, BOWL TURNING, FURNI-TURE MAKING, SHARPENING AND JUST ABOUT ANYTHING THAT INVOLVES WOOD.

**NEVER HESITATE TO ASK FOR HELP!** 





July 13,, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Meeting:

1709 Clark St.

Midland, Texas

I'm involved in top secret negotiations. I could give you the full details, but then I'd have to... well, you know...

My source inside the steamy underbelly of the woodworking world turned me on to a secret cache that could have international significance. I reached out to the treasure's keeper through an encrypted channel late last night and the response was immediate. We began tense negotiations that continue today, as I await visual confirmation of the intelligence. It's a touch and go situation inside a dimly lit, smoke filled room and everything is at stake. If negotiations succeed, the Stumpy Nubs workshop will be changed forever.

All I can tell you is this: I found a guy on with a set of 18 rare molding planes. I want them.

Why do I want molding planes? I own several routers and a pile of bits. When I have some profiles to cut, it's vastly more efficient to buy a bit and run the stock through. Do I really see myself giving up decades of woodworking progress and returning to the tedium of the old ways?

Yes, and no... You see, I love my routers. I spend hours just sitting in my chair imagining new ways to put those workshop workhorses to work. But, have you ever tried to find an authentic, vintage profile bit at your local Home Depot? Modern furniture may be all about half rounds and ogees (is that pronounced "O-Ge" or "O-Gee"?), but the styles of the past were much more complex. And many of those stunningly beautiful profiles have been given up for the sake of mass production and standardized designs. Sure, you can have any profile made on a custom router bit. But you'd better mortgage the shop if you plan on getting more than one or two!

And there's something to be said about cutting those profiles by hand instead of machine. For one thing, there is nothing in this world, I kid you not, like the sweet sound of a molding plane on hardwood. If you can listen to that sound, and feel the wood curl out the top and onto your hand as you run the edge without getting goose pimples, you have no soul.

But, I've said too much... It's back to the negotiating table to see if this cache of woodworking history can become mine... I'll keep you updated.





Imagine If Trees Gave Off Wifi Signals, We Would Be Planting So Many Trees And We'd Probably Save The Planet Too.



Too Bad They Only Produce The Oxygen We Breathe.