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**WOODCHIPS:
BY: GEORGE HANCOCK EDITOR**

Dear Member and Guests:

I've been way to busy this past week. Made a flying trip to Amarillo that started out with a flat tire I got driving through our great well maintained rain soaked streets. I guess I hit something under water I didn't see, causing me to lose air rapidly.

So, with enough air in one of my new \$300 tire, and made it to Discount Tire without it going completely flat. I was in a hurry to get on the highway as I had a fairly high level personal emergency. I parked and entered the store to find a line of 9 people ahead of me. A little over 30 minutes later, I made it to the counter and explained my problem and that I was in a hurry and why. The clerk said the wait time was 3 hours but he would do the best he could. Guess what? He did and in a little under two hours he called my name to tell me that it was ready but the new Michelin was toast, but fortunately I had road hazard insurance and it was only going to cost me \$43 to replace the two week old tire. Sometimes it's hard to keep smiling.

So much for my problems, I was probably getting paid back for boring some of you with my demo last month, but what the heck? I had fun and am looking forward to some of you answering the challenge and bringing finials of your own to the show and tell table this month.

I just hope Randy doesn't issue a challenge this month with his eccentric goblets. That looks like a real challenge.

Keep a look out for registration opening for SWAT 2020. I plan to go, and damn that Chinese Virus. Seriously I hope it's all settled out and things are back to normal by then. If not I may not be able to afford to go if the Stock Market keeps falling.

I won't ramble any more, and I hope to see you all at the meeting! Have a great week.

**THINGS TO
REMEMBER:**

- 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 known.

Keep the chips flying

PROGRAM

Randy Thorne will demonstrate methods and techniques used in turning eccentric goblets.



EXOTIC WOOD INFORMATION

Amboyna Burl Overview

LATIN: *PTEROCARPUS INDICUS* ORIGIN: EAST INDIES, THE PHILIPPINES

One of the most splendid burls, Amboyna Burl is an exotic wood that is one of about 60 in the *Pterocarpus* genus, which is reported to consist of small to large trees distributed throughout the tropics. *Pterocarpus indicus* is reported to be indigenous to Malaysia, but is also found in the Philippines, Borneo, Burma, New Guinea, and the Malay Archipelago. The bending strength of air-dried wood of the species is similar to that of Teak, which is considered to be strong. Strength in compression parallel to grain is in the high range. Other species in this range include Teak, White oak, and Hard maple. It is moderately hard and resistant to wearing and marring. It is a heavy wood. The wood is high in density.



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WOOD TYPE

Tropical Hardwood

TEXTURE

Moderately fine to moderately coarse

GRAIN PATTERN

Crossed and irregular grain

HEALTH RISKS

Dermatitis, asthma, nausea

COLOR

Light yellow to golden-yellow to brick-red

To err is human but to really mess things up you need a lathe and a skew chisel.

SHOW AND TELL FEBRUARY 2020**REMINDER TO PAY YOUR 2020 DUES:****THE BILL COLLECTOR CALLETH!**

THERE ARE A FEW OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T PAID YOUR 2020 DUES. I KNOW IT'S EASY TO OVERLOOK, BUT YOUR CLUB DEPENDS ON THE DUES TO COVER ITS OPERATING COSTS. IF YOU FALL IN THIS CATEGORY, PLEASE PAY AT THE NEXT MEETING OR IF YOU CAN'T YOU CAN MAIL A CHECK (NO CASH) TO ME (GEORGE HANCOCK, #1 METZ CT., MIDLAND, TX 79705) AND I'LL GET IT TO ROGER. COST IS \$25.00 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL OR \$30.00 FOR A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP. DON'T MISS OUT ON FUTURE TURNING INFORMATION AND MEETINGS.

TURNING TIDBITS, TOOLS AND HUMOR



Employment Standards determined a small woodworking shop owner was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to interview him.

"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the agent.

"Well, there's Jake my finisher who's been with me for 3 years, I pay him \$900 a week.

The apprentice Tom has been here for 6 months, and I pay him \$500 a week.

Then there's the half-wit that works here about 18 hours a day. He makes \$10 a week and I buy him a case of beer every Friday," replied the owner.

"That's the guy I want to talk to; the half-wit," says the agent."

The owner says, "That would be me."

Shot my first turkey today.. scared the crap out of everyone in the frozen food section...



Demonstrator George Hancock demonstrates his method of turning Ornament Finials

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 LIKE TO MAKE A PAGE FOR EACH MEMBER THAT WISHES TO SHOW THEIR WORK. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE ASK RANDY OR SHAWN.

LOY CORNETT IS LOOKING TO PURCHASE A WOOD BURNING SYSTEM IF SOMEONE IS LOOKING TO SELL ONE.

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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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BUSINESS NAME

George Hancock's Shop

1709 Clark Street

Midland, Texas

10:00 A.M. Second Saturday

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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, FURNITURE MAKING, SHARPENING AND JUST ABOUT ANYTHING THAT INVOLVES WOOD.

NEVER HESITATE TO ASK FOR HELP!

PROMOTING THE ART OF WOODTURNING AND FELLOWSHIP

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Meeting:

March 14, 2020

10:00 a.m.

1709 Clark St.

Midland, Texas

Bandsaw Puzzle Cubes



How's that scrap pile in the corner of the shop coming along? Getting any smaller? Here's one way to put some of your cherished chunks of thick stock to good use, producing

casual gifts of irresistible appeal to young and old alike. Kids under ten can reassemble these puzzles in 30 seconds, grown-ups in only three or four minutes if they're sharp.

Make sure your bandsaw blade is square to the table, both left & right and fore & aft. The larger the puzzle cube, the less error you can get away with. Kerf width forgives some inaccuracy, but not much.

Start off by milling up a cube — any size will do, but bigger is better: 3" x 3" or 4" x 4" makes a good puzzle blank. Put a 1/8" or

1/16" blade on your bandsaw, and don't think about any claims you might have seen that you can't cut thick stock with a very narrow blade. Cool Blocks™ lateral guides are essential for 1/16" and mighty useful for controlling 1/8" blades, too.

Orient the cube so you'll start cutting across the grain, and cut a randomly invented jigsaw puzzle pattern across the block. Make a fairly simple pattern. Push gently, using just your fingertips. Let the saw take its time working through the stock, so the blade stays vertical and your curves are consistent throughout. You'll notice that sawing with the grain is much slower than across it; be ready for significant changes in speed and back pressure as you turn the block.

After completing the cut, slide the two pieces apart, blow out the dust and reassemble. Wrap the block with masking tape or duct tape to hold it together firmly. Now turn the block so you're sawing into an uncut face, and repeat the process of cutting a jigsaw pattern. Remember not to push too hard, especially if you're using a 1/16" blade! When you finish the cut, remove the tape and disassemble the puzzle. A few odd bits of wood may fall loose if your two patterns intersected to cut them free; no matter. Blow all the dust off and try putting your cube back together. Got it? Optional enhancements include sanding all the corners round, and staining or painting each piece a different color. Come to think of it, you could saw wavy curves

