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## MEETING FOR MAY CANCELED

**WOODCHIPS:**  
**BY: GEORGE HANCOCK EDITOR**

Tired of this remote X\*%# yet? Sure hope it isn't the "new normal".

Well as I'm sure you all planned, there will be no meeting this month. June? I sure hope so. If we don't, I'm going to need a dump truck and 20 strong men to clean out my shop. Or maybe we can have it out in the yard and maintain our social distancing. Personally it's hard for me not to shake a friends hand, but I know this stuff is serious so I don't mean to make light of it. We do need to get it under control.

I have attached a letter on page 6 regarding SWAT. I am going to make my reservation today in anticipation of this going away by the last week in August. I have my hotel reservation, so I am ready get out of the house!

I haven't spent too much time in the shop, but I've been working on an antique writing chair and have it complete. My daughter and one of her friends salvaged it from beside a dumpster. It either sat in the rain or in a damp basement for a long time. The legs showed indications of having been in about 6" of water and the arms had water rings. Of course it had no back or seat, and one arm was loose and about to come off. It's made from maple and I simply loved the look. The writing arm had a warp (about 1/2") which was a challenge to flatten. I used a router to cut a 3/4" wide groove almost through down the middle of the warp pulled it flat which naturally split through. I then clamped it flat, and put a new piece of maple in the groove, sanded it, removed the rings and prepared it for finish. I then matched the color of the antique finish by mixing alcohol dye stain. I painted on a coat of garnet shellac then sprayed on 3 -5 coats of clear shellac and finished with a beeswax finish. I think it turned out pretty good. I'm not sure what it had originally for a seat and back so I chose to weave a shaker style webbing over 2" of upholstery foam. I didn't try to remove any of the dings so as to retain it's authentic. It was a challenge but I'm happy with the outcome. If you haven't tried a project like this, you should, it will definitely sharpen your woodworking and artistic skills.

### 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.**



## EXOTIC WOOD INFORMATION

## Burl

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### Burl

A Burl or sometimes called Bur or Burr is a tree growth in which the grain has grown in some deformed manner. These can be seen in most cases as forms of round outgrowth on tree trunks or branches. Burl occurs as a result of the tree undergoing some type of stress. The causes can include injury, virus, fungus or insect infestation. Burls yield a very peculiar and highly figured wood, prized for its beauty. It is highly sought after by sculptors and wood turners alike. Furniture makers will take very thin veneers, for high-end furniture, and automakers will use it for interior panels. Burl can be very hard to work with hand tools or even on a lathe because of the grain being twisted and interlocked, but the results when finished are unmatched in turned pieces, due to the wild grain.



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Like it's brother that works with our Kodiak Sharpening system, the Stand Alone Tool Rest is bullet proof and can be mounted to any surface. The platform is U-shaped so that it can wrap around the grinding wheel and be used with CBN wheels that have CBN grit on the side. It also has a slot across the front of the platform which is used to hold the optional accessories. Positive stops for tilting the platform are at 0, 15, 25, 40, 50, and 60 degrees. You can also set it at any angle you like using the locking lever. This hefty tool rest has welded gussets and is rock solid. Check out the Multi Slide Tool Jig that slides in the slot as well as the other accessories for this rest.



## TURNING TIDBITS, TOOLS AND HUMOR

### The Latest Vacuum from Festool

Festool USA's newest jobsite/workshop vacuum is scheduled for release in mid-April. Designated as [item 574831](#), the [CleanTec CT 15 HEPA](#) lists for \$349. It's designed for clean-ups on construction sites, in production shops and also in home workshops. With a 3.96 gallon (15 L) container volume, it extracts dust, dirt, and water. Clever design means that almost the entire container volume can be used for long periods of work without having to change the filter bag. And it is ideal for use on-the-go thanks to its compact dimensions, low weight and robust chassis. It comes with touch operation for intuitive control, an externally accessible main filter for easy replacement, and some included accessories that can be stored onboard. An elastic tie-down strap is also included for securing the vacuum hose on top of the CT for convenient transport.



### Woodchuckles



Unable to afford a panel sander, Ned still saved valuable time with his team of 80 grit cats.



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

**LETTER REGARDING SWAT 2020**

Woodturners,

I would like to encourage you to go to the SWAT website ([swaturners.org](http://swaturners.org)) and register for our 2020 symposium. At this time, our plans to hold the August meeting are still progressing. We are hopeful that we can safely get together by late August and have another successful symposium. If by some chance SWAT is cancelled due to the COVID19 virus, all fees will be refunded.

If you plan to attend SWAT, would you please go ahead and register so that we can get a better handle on numbers. With this being the most "unusual" year, planning has been very difficult.

Remember, should we have to cancel SWAT, all your fees will be refunded.

Thanks for your time,

Pam Thompson

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## WOODWORKING

is one third planning, one third execution and one third figuring out how to change your plan to cover up that mistake that you just made during the execution.

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Stan always felt paranoid when in possession of a joint.



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George Hancock's Shop

1709 Clark Street

Midland, Texas

10:00 A.M. Second Saturday

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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!

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Meeting:

MAY, 2020

10:00 a.m.

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