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WOODCHIPS:
BY: GEORGE HANCOCK EDITOR

Dear Member and Guests:

It's that time again. Our annual "Turn in the Park", or in this case at George's shop is upon us. The board again decided against trying to haul lathes to a park, and risk Heat, Cold, Inadequate electricity, Wind and rain that we have braved in years past, in favor of using our meeting place.

This meeting is designed to allow more experienced members to work with new and novice turners to help them develop their skills. We will have 3-4 lathes available, and if you can bring your own tool roll, and wood if you have something you want to try. Typically we have enough wood (limbs) to work with. If you need to work on finishing a project, we can also help if it isn't too big or involved.

As always, lunch will be served. We are planning on dogs and burgers. We will have water, tea, and coffee.

It is our plan to start promptly at 10:00 am, break for lunch around noon, and then start up again as you finish eating. Generally we will wind up around 3:00 pm. If you have a friend that would like to try woodturning, bring them along.

Some find this is the best meeting of the year, so if you want to teach, learn, or just visit, plan on a nice relaxing day.

We had a great meeting in April. Good attendance, great demo, just what a meeting should be!

See you Saturday.

It appears most of the kinks for SWAT 2021 have been worked out with the Convention Center. Registration should be available soon. I don't know the details at this time, but keep an eye on www.swaturners.org for registration and details. As I last heard the number of attendees may be limited by the Convention Center, so it's a good idea to register as soon as it's available.

**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.**

PROGRAM

NO FORMAL PROGRAM THIS MONTH. IT'S ALL HANDS ON

Registration will be opening soon for SWAT 2021!

Stay tuned.

THE CHALLENGE FOR JUNE WILL BE BIRDHOUSES, REAL OR DECORATIVE. PUT ON YOUR DESIGN CAP AND COMEUP WITH SOMETHING COOL. SOME EXAM-
PLES ARE SHOWN BELOW:



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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.

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

TIPS AND METHODS

20 USES FOR BEESWAX IN THE WORKSHOP

Every shop should have at least one chunk of wax that's not in your ear. I prefer beeswax because paraffin can be a little squeaky in some applications, such as for lubricating drawer runners. But I don't only use beeswax in my drawers. Here are nineteen more uses for beeswax in the workshop:

- Wax makes nails easier to drive without bending them and screws without stripping them.
- You can put wax on the threads of a stubborn nut or bolt to help break it free.
- Rub a little wax on the bottom of a hand plane or jig runners for smoother operation.
- Rub wax on the side of a hand saw to reduce binding or on the teeth to slow dulling.
- Combine equal parts beeswax, turpentine and linseed oil over heat for a useful wood finish.
- Subtract linseed oil from the above recipe and you've got a paste wax to protect metal tools.
- Add a little wax to some mineral oil and microwave for a food-safe cutting board finish.
- Rub beeswax on cloth, canvas or leather. Warm it with a hairdryer for waterproofing.
- Keep rope from fraying by wrapping the end with a piece of wax-coated string.
- Wax your thread before sewing leather or flossing your teeth.
- Rub softened beeswax on copper or bronze hardware to prevent oxidation.
- Rub beeswax on a cut or scrape to reduce pain and inflammation.
- Beeswax is frequently used in blacksmithing and basketry. Ask them how.
- Use beeswax to clean the adhesive buildup off the iron you used to apply edge banding.
- Guess what Mustache Mike conditions with beeswax...
- If you mix beeswax with palm wax, you'll have a natural hair *remover*.
- Wax your wires before pulling a new circuit through a wall.
- Melt wax over dryer lint in the cups of an old egg carton to make fire starters.
- And finally, beeswax makes it easier to pluck the feathers from your shop-chicken.

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Www.comanchetrailwoodturnes.org

BUSINESS NAME

George Hancock's Shop

1709 Clark Street

Midland, Texas

10:00 A.M. Second Saturday



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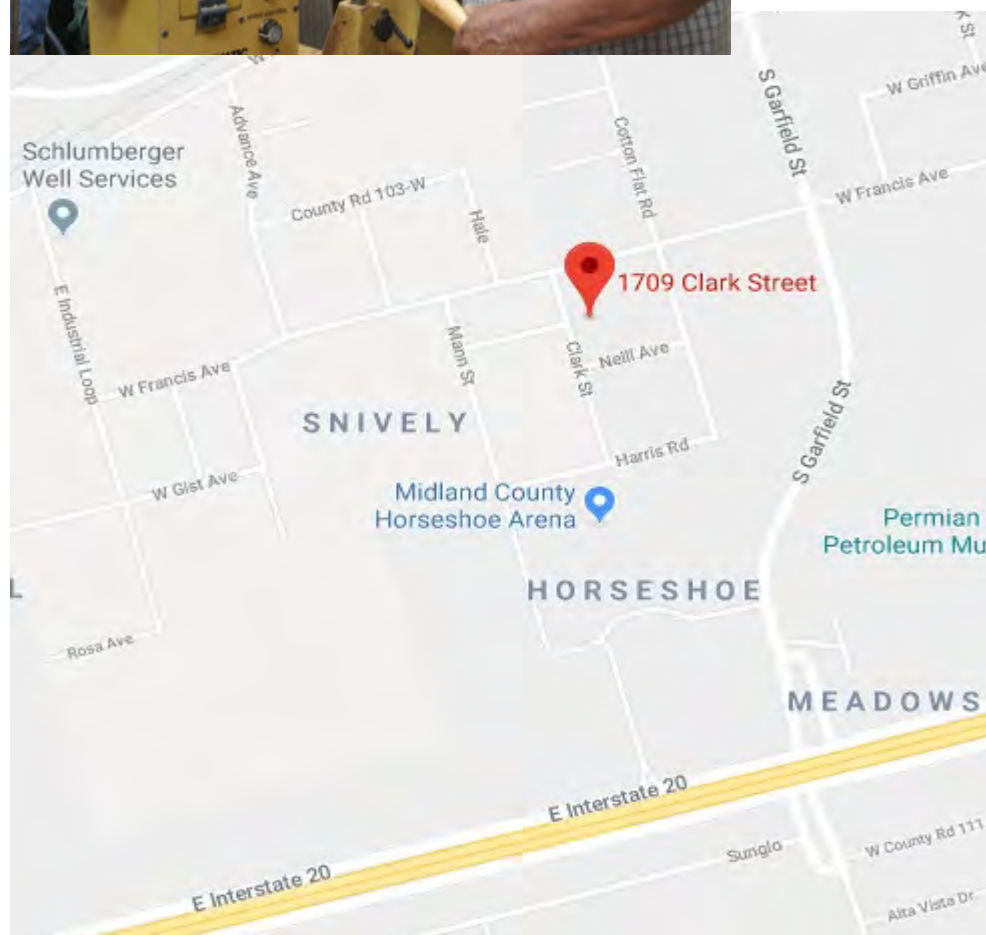
SINCE ITS INCEPTION THE PURPOSE OF THE CLUB HAS BEEN TO PROMOTE WOODTURNING AND PROVIDE A VENUE WHERE THOSE HAVING A PASSION FOR TURNING AND WOODWORKING IN GENERAL CAN HAVE A PLACE TO SHARE IDEAS, HELP ONE ANOTHER, AND DEVELOP NEW SKILLS.

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!

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Meeting:

May 8, 2021

10:00 a.m.

1709 Clark St.

Midland, Texas