



AUGUST
2021



WOODCHIPS:
BY: GEORGE HANCOCK EDITOR

Dear Member and Guests:

As it turned our July was a challenge for yours truly. I had Cataract surgery on both eyes, and I know some of you can relate to the endless drops, not lifting more than 10# etc etc. That kept me out of the shop (mostly) as blurred vision and lathes don't mix.

In addition to that my wife got T-boned by a driver that ran a red light on Wadley, fortunately no injuries, but the car was out of commission for a time. Finally got a roller skate rental that was a challenge to get in and out of!

Of course in addition to the eyes, I think I had an appointment with every Doctor I see for anything, plus the Dentist. I'm glad I have a good secretary (wife)!

Since I've been attempting to do some segmented work, I was able to make a few rings and glue them up. Not much more.

SWAT is moving ahead full steam. You should have received the rotation schedule and demonstrators I emailed last week. The last I heard, registration total was 599, so not bad after the pandemic mess of 2020. So far it's supposed to be a normal symposium. I understand the vendors etc are on board. I know a number of our members are signed up to attend.

The Permian Basin Fair is on in normal fashion according to my information. It is Sept 3 -12 and Jimmy, Randy and some others are planning on doing our pen give-a-way (free raffle). If you have something to enter, I'm sure we will get you the information soon.

Bring a bowl you've turned for the challenge table.. Anything you love, or hate is fine. I may bring someone else's. (just kidding)

Don't forget the Christmas party is scheduled for December so everyone, me especially, needs to get busy on the gift exchange items.

I'm sure the (As Wood Turns) ornament challenge will be on again this year. Think about submitting something. It's pretty easy. I'll keep watch and send out an email as soon as I know.

See you Saturday.

PROGRAM

Roger Pearson (and possibly some others) will review the basics of turning including, tool choice, sharpening tips

And some quick and easy turning projects.

THIS SHOULD BE AN INFORMATIVE DEMO.

**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.**



THE CHALLENGE FOR AUGUST IS A BOWL. BRING SOMETHING YOU HAVE COMPLETED YESTERDAY, LAST YEAR OR 10 YEARS AGO. BRING AN EXAMPLE.

THE CHALLENGE FOR AUGUST IS TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE, OR LEAST FAVORITE BOWL YOU HAVE TURNED DURING YOUR TURNING CAREER! SIMPLE OR COMPLICATED, IT DOESN'T MATTER. HAVING SOMETHING FOR YOUR CLUB PEERS TO EXAMINE AND DRAW INSPIRATION FROM IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS AND ALL CHALLENGES. Something to think about for future challenges,, September is a final, and October is to incorporate your finial into a Christmas Ornament. Yes it's time to start thinking about Christmas projects.







Symposium: **August 27-29, 2021** Waco Convention Center, Waco, TX

Website: www.swaturners.org

All registration information is on the website.

Segmenting Symposium **September 22-25, 2022** - Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Northbrook, Illinois

Website: www.segmentedwoodturners.org



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 YOUR TOOLS IN GOOD SHAPE AND SHARP. SHARP
TOOLS MAKE FOR SAFE AND BETTER TURNING.

TIPS AND METHODS

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.comanchetrailwoodturners.org

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George Hancock's Shop

1709 Clark Street

Midland, Texas

10:00 A.M. Second Saturday



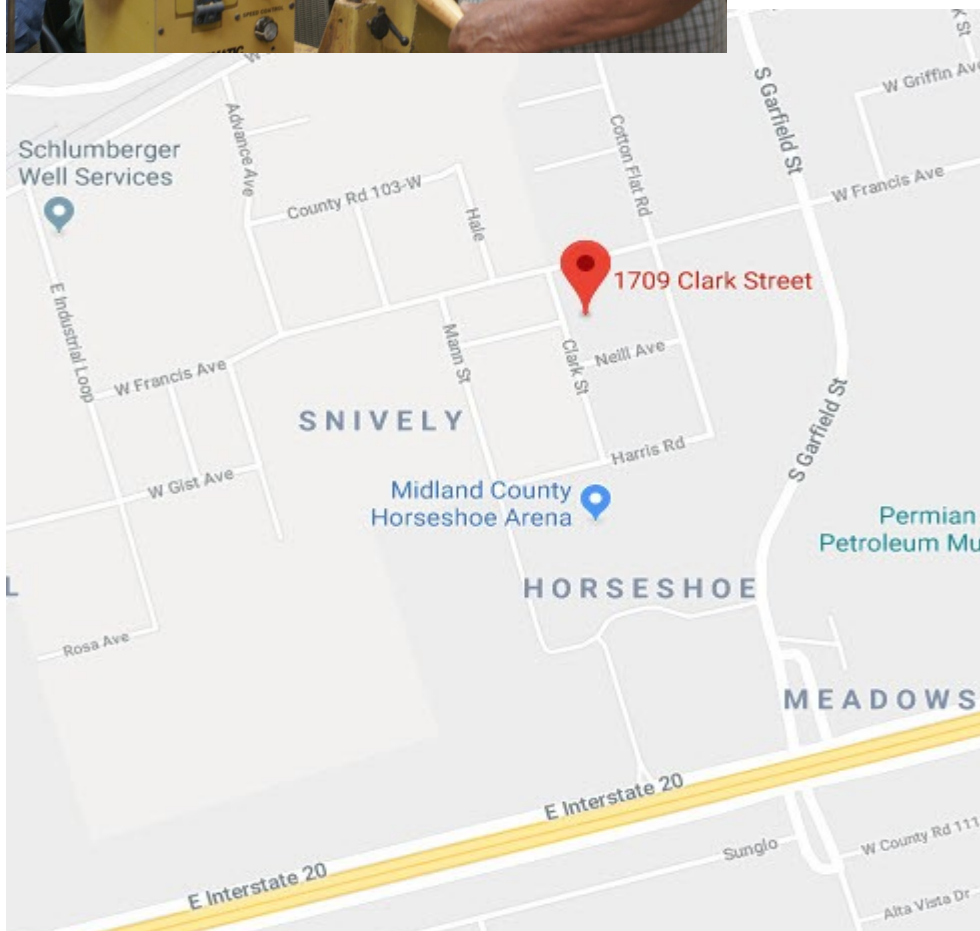
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SINCE ITS INCEPTION THE PURPOSE OF THE CLUB HAS BEEN TO PROMOTE WOODTURNING AND PROVIDE A VENUE WHERE THOSE HAVING A PASSION FOR TURNING AND WOODWORKING IN GENERAL CAN HAVE A PLACE TO SHARE IDEAS, HELP ONE ANOTHER, AND DEVELOP NEW SKILLS.

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!



Meeting:

AUGUST 14, 2021

10:00 a.m.

1709 Clark St.

Midland, Texas