

# Woodturners of North Texas

## March 2009 Program:

# Metal Spinning

by Tom Farrell

### Next Meeting:

**Thursday,  
March 26, 2009  
Start Time: 6:30 PM**

**R. D. Evans Recreational  
Center  
3242 Lackland Rd.  
Fort Worth, TX**

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The March 2009 program will be Metal Spinning presented by Tom Farrell of Medlow, Texas.

Other than using a lathe to form the metal and a creative mind, the processes involved in metal spinning do not have a lot of similarities to turning wooden bowls.

This should be a very interesting program as Tom demonstrates the techniques and tools used in producing spun metal vessels. He will talk about making your own tools and where to find the necessary materials.

Tom will also cover a very important

topic: avoiding mistakes and then how to fix them when you fail to avoid them.



While metal spinning doesn't have the warping and cracking problem that plagues wooden bowls while they are air drying, there are still other pitfalls to be avoided.



Be prepared for a very interesting program that will enable you to expand your turning horizons.





President's message  
by Dave Marshall

... making  
Good  
Shavings

Dear WNT members,

I hope that the luck o' the Irish has fallen on all of our members this month. Luck in the sense that you've had lots of quality time at the lathe, lucky that you've haven't had a "shop incident" this month, luck on scoring some primo wood, lucky that you belong to the best Woodturners club in all of the southwest!

With this month's club meeting, we are lucky to have Tom Farrell join us as our demonstrator. Tom is a metal spinner and will be showing us the fine points of his craft. We are looking forward to his very interesting and unique demonstration. I know that most of us have never seen this process, first-hand. In a nutshell, Tom will be showing us metal spinning is that performed on a standard wood lathe utilizing a few additional tools and wooden forms.

Wikipedia states that metal spinning is a "process by which a disc or tube of metal is rotated at high speed and formed into an axially symmetric part."

"Metal spinning ranges from an artisan's specialty to the most advantageous way to form round metal parts for commercial applications. Artisans use the process to produce architect-

tural detail, specialty lighting, decorative household goods and urns."

"Virtually any ductile metal may be formed, from aluminum or stainless steel, to high-strength, high-temperature alloys."

You don't want to miss this one, so get there early!

The next thing I'd like to talk about is some minor process changes that the club is initiating ... let's talk about our "Bring-Back" Raffle. We all enjoy our raffle every month, but something has gone slightly awry over the last number of months and that is the lack of turnings that are being "brought back." One of the primary purposes of our club is to promote the craft/artistry of woodturning and the "Bring-Back" Raffle is to promote woodturning ... yes, it's a scheming way to get all of our members onto the lathe. If you win and then select a turned item, you are requested to turn an item yourself and bring it back for the next meeting's raffle. No excuses. If your partner says, "you gotta go to you brother-in-law's wedding instead." You reply, "No, damn it, the Woodturners of North Texas come first!" During that next

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week while you are sleeping in your shop, you should have plenty of time to turn a high quality item for the raffle. See, it all works out... and it work out for the club, too. Hopefully, we will sell more raffle tickets each month because members, just like you, are really more interested in winning a finely crafted turning rather than a gift certificate and we all become more proficient in our woodturning skill sets because we are going to turn more and we will begin to try to one-up each other every month! But, just in case you do want to select a non-turned item; that’s OK, too (some of you may really have to go to the dumb brother-in-law’s wedding). But you are still requested to “bring back” something for the next raffle, whether it be a unique piece of turning stock, a special tool, or even a turned item.

So, to “prime the pump” as they say, your Executive Board of Directors have been purposed to each turn an item for next meeting’s Bring-Back Raffle. Those of you who were lucky enough to win last month are not relieved of your responsibility though. If you won a turned item, please support the cause and turn and return a turned item to the raffle. Wow, that a lot of “turns” in that sentence ... maybe we ought to rename it the “re-Turn Raffle” (pun intended)? And if you selected a non-turned item, please respect the intent and bring either a replacement prize for the next raffle or, please, get out there and turn something!

One of the higher priorities for our club this year is to improve our processes related to the audio/visual aspect of our meetings. At the next club meeting, I will be handing out little polls on what you like and dislike most about our systems and set-ups. Options might be the fine sound system that we have or the high def TV monitors that we use or the production-quality DVDs that we produce for our library.

We would like to get your input on where to begin in upgrading some of our systems. These upgrades will not happen over night but will need to be phased-in over a period of time. So when you show up on March 26, be prepared to provide you input.

Spaces for Alan Lacer’s classes are filling up fast! If there are any left open by the next club meeting, you are welcome to enroll and pay the nominal tuition. Otherwise, we will offer the opportunity to other woodturning club members in the area (Dallas, Golden Triangle, etc). If you have yet to pay your tuition for your selected class, please do so at the next meeting.

Next-to-final reminder here; a Mentor Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 28. Final sign up sheets will be available at the March meeting so make sure that you get there early and sign up for a session that you are interested in because openings are limited. We hold these Mentor Days for our club members to get some hands-on experience in areas of interest to them. There is no charge to participate; there is no need to be shy about signing up. We do this so that we all can learn from each other.

Well, enough rambling for this month. There are still lots of things that our club is looking at and reviewing to make our club and its experience even better, so stay tuned.

We’ll see you at the next club meeting on March 26.

Good shavings to all,

*Dave*



# Last Month: February 2009 Program Photographs

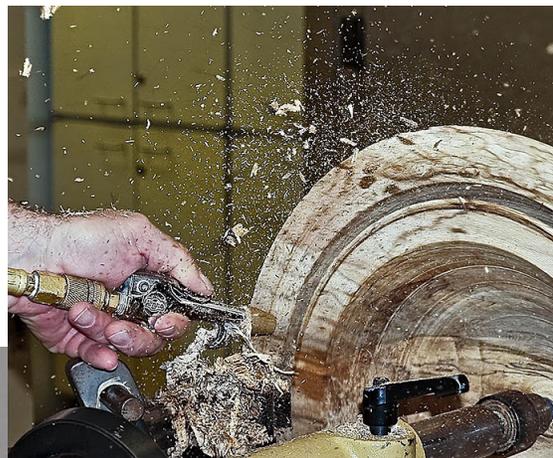


by Larry Walrath



Larry Walrath began his program on using the McNaughton Center Saver by rough turning a large spalted blank and then mounting it on a large faceplate. A scroll chuck does not have enough grip to keep from slipping and breaking loose when using the McNaughton Center Saver. The blank is then mounted on the lathe and the Center Saver is used

to core out bowl blanks beginning from the center. An air nozzle is invaluable in keeping the kerf clear while coring, but be advised that this is a very messy job and adequate breathing and face protection is an absolute necessity. The entire coring process went very quickly and within a few minutes, Larry had roughed out four nested bowls.



After completing the coring, Larry Walrath demonstrated his techniques for final turning of a cored bowl (Nice shavings, Larry).

The program was very interesting and informative for anybody considering getting a McNaughton Center Saver for coring bowls. Larry Walrath lives in Round Rock and is a member of the Central Texas Woodturners.



# “Bring-Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the February 2009 drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the March 2009 “Bring Back” drawing. See the “Making Good Shavings” column in this month's newsletter for updated guidelines on the “Bring Back” drawing. Winners of any turned item should bring back a replacement turned item of their own creation to the next meeting and winners of any other item such as tools or wood are encouraged to also bring a turned item that they have created in lieu of a non-turned item. If you have fallen behind in bringing a turned item for the “Bring Back” drawing, now is the time to make up for any items that you owe and please remember to bring a turning to the March meeting.

NAME	ITEM DESCRIPTION
Linda Gryfon	Cocobolo
John Herbert	Pie crimper
Jim Humphrey	Cocobolo
Herb Mulligan	Oak
Bob Stroud	Purple Heart blocks
Larry Sweeney	Pen Blank
Randy Johnson	Craft Supply \$10 Certificate
Herb Mulligan	Craft Supply \$10 Certificate
Marty Purselley	Craft Supply \$10 Certificate



## ... from the Editor

If you are planning to sign up for a class with Alan Lacer in April, the deadline for signing up and paying is at the March meeting on Thursday, March 26. If there are still any openings remaining after that date, the enrollment will be open to all other woodturners in the North Texas area, but at a higher cost than the subsidized rate for club members.

This year, the twenty-third annual AAW symposium will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on June 26 through 28. If you have not already done so, now is the time to make your plans to attend this event. This year, the resident artist will be Jean-Francois Escoulen. The major demonstrators for the symposium include:

- Nick Cook: Dynamic Plates and Platters
- J. Paul Fennell: Seeing Your Way to Signature Work
- Emmet Kane: Texturing Experimenting with Woodturning Ebonizing and Gilding
- Virginia Dotson: Secrets of Laminated Woodturning, Natural Perspectives, Weather Reports
- Peter Hromek: End-Grain Hollow and Multi-axis Forms
- Mike Mahoney: Turning Family Heirlooms, Coring Using the McNaughton Center Saver, Burial Urns with Threaded Lids
- Rolly Munro: Thin Deep Vase, Carved Hollow-form Surfaces
- David Nittmann: Basket Illusion, The Cutting Technique, Process, and Inspiration
- David Springett: Streptohedrons: Plain turning With a Twist
- John Wessels: Sheet Pewter as Surface Cast and Turning Pewter

The complete symposium schedule will feature more than 140 rotations, a dozen more events targeted for professional/studio turners, and Special Interest Night for pen turning, segmented work, ornamental turning, and more.

*BRB*

## Advertisements

### Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$9.00 per gallon. It can be purchased at club meetings and at other times is being stored at Jimmie Gill's place, 3425 Meadow Oaks Dr. in Haltom City. Contact James Haynes for payment.

### Craftsman Lathe & Turning Tools for Sale

Craftsman Lathe with new motor has 10 inch swing with a 36 inch bed length. The following tools are included: Wolverine tool sharpening guide, 4 inch face plate, 8 inch face



plate, Wood River chuck, Jumbo Jaws, set of eight high speed steel turning tools, work light, live center, and tool rest. For sale as a package, \$350.00. Contact Steve Tolar 817-716-8103.

See the [WNT website ads page](#) for the latest information on what other members have for sale.

Rules for advertisements: Free ads are available only to WNT members. The deadline for submission or cancellation of an ad is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to be placed in that month's newsletter. Ads will only run for one issue unless notified otherwise. If you wish to continue running an ad for more than one month, please advise the editor, Bill Boehme, by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.



## Calendar

**NOTE:** The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at the R. D. Evans Recreational Center, 3242 Lackland Rd., Forth Worth, Texas. Board meetings are held at **Schlotzsky's Deli**, 6422 Camp Bowie, south of I-30. Check the WNT web site for any updates. All WNT members are invited to attend. If you would like to join the group for dinner, it begins at 6 PM and the business meeting starts at 7 PM.

**March 26** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Tom Farrell -- Metal Spinning on the Wood Lathe**

**April 7** - WNT Board Meeting

**April 30** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Alan Lacer -- Oval Turning Bowls or Platters**

**May 5** - WNT Board Meeting

**May 28** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Clay Foster -- Offset Turning Techniques**

**June 2** - WNT Board Meeting

**June 25** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **TBD**

**July 7** - WNT Board Meeting

**July 30** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Delbert Dowdy -- Turning Items from Antlers**

**August 4** - WNT Board Meeting

**August 27** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **Mike Jones -- Turning Negative Space**

**September 1** - WNT Board Meeting

**September 24** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, R. D. Evans Rec. Center, Demonstrator: **John Horn -- How to Hold Just About Anything**

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