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COWA Sponsors SWAT Symposium Demo Room

The annual SouthWest Association of Turners Symposium is the premier regional woodturning symposium in the world. Our club is pleased to be a sponsor of one of the Demonstration Rooms. If you are a new woodturner, an experienced woodturner or just interested in woodturning, the SWAT Symposium has something for you October 5th to 7th in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Five National and one Regional Lead Demonstrators as well as 12 experienced local/regional demonstrators will offer a total of 59 demonstrations in 6 demonstration rooms beginning on Friday at 10:30 a.m. and ending on Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

In addition, the Instant Gallery will contain about 600 outstanding pieces of wood art. There will also be a "Hands-on" area where you can turn a masterpiece of your own.

A unique raffle will be offered where each raffle ticket has two chances to win a prize!

On Saturday night at the banquet, there will be a raffle of about 30-35 excellent woodturnings donated by some of the best local artists and the lead demonstrators. Winning tickets are placed back in the drum for the Sunday raffle, which is held during lunch.



The grand prize on Sunday will be a Powermatic 3520B Lathe. It will be signed by all the Lead Demonstrators.

All of the Vendors also provide excellent prizes for the Sunday raffle.



Lead Demonstrator Stuart Mortimer to be in COWA Sponsored Room



Stuart Mortimer

In 1969 Stuart got his first lathe and from that point he was hooked. Like most turners he turned at school, and built on that from the beginning, learning to cut properly along the way. He soon found that he had a flair for turning, and after retiring he entered and won several National competitions.

He started to write for The Practical Woodworking magazine, from that point onwards he was on 'the circuit'. He turned professional in 1992 and has enjoyed teaching and demonstrating throughout the UK, Europe, Scandinavia and the U.S.A. He has recently moved to Hampshire, England where he has a large well-equipped workshop, where he teaches, demonstrates, holds workshops and guests woodturning clubs.

Stuart holds the Authenticated World Record for the largest bowl turned from one piece of wood at the American Woodworker shows in Detroit and Philadelphia in 1997. He was assisted by his buddy Steve Blenk a big turner from Seattle. Stuart is on the Register of the Worshipful Company of Turners and is a member of the Association of Woodturners Great Britain as well as the American Association of Woodturners. He is the author of Techniques of Spiral work.

Upcoming Events

September 18th Club Meeting

Instant Gallery and Bring Back

September 22nd and 23rd Oklahoma State Fair

Woodturning Demonstration

October 5th to 7th SWAT Symposium

Annual SouthWest Association of Turners Symposium. Wichita Falls, Texas

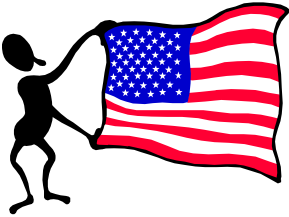
October 16th Club Meeting

Demonstration by Richard Duval from Mead, OK and a member of the Dallas Area Woodturners Club
Richard will demonstrate a two part hollow turned vessel

October 20th and 21st Artistry in Wood

Centennial Building, State Fair Grounds, Oklahoma City

Presidents Message



New Meeting Place and Date

After December we will not be able to meet at our current location on McArthur Blvd. The kind folks at Metro Technology Center have agreed to provide us with a new facility in return for some turnings. On January 8th 2008 (2nd Tuesday) our meeting will be held at Metro Technology Center, 4901 South Bryant Ave, Oklahoma City. We will send out a reminder with further details to all members in December.

COWA Shirts, Aprons, and Caps

At our next meeting we will be taking orders for Aprons and Caps, we have the Shirts (Sorry... nobody asked for Suspenders!).

