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Safety—Please take a moment to remind yourself of at least the very minimal safety equipment you need when turning a piece on the lathe: goggles, face shield, proper attire, respirator, and ALWAYS use your equipment properly! If you need a testimonial, please talk to Bill White. He has a face shield that was broken when a turning violently flew off of his lathe. Be mindful about taking those shortcuts, and just what a split-second can cost. THINK SAFETY!



COWA's Dewayne Colwell (right) — recipient of the club's newest award *COWA Woodturner of the Year*. The award was presented by Jim Clow, President COWA.

CONGRATULATIONS Dewayne!

Beginner's Corner shares the perspective of a novice turner. The **President's Skew** shares thoughts about current events and activities of the club. **Librarian's Gouge** promotes a selection from the club library you can pop into your DVD player. Keep up-to-date by reviewing the **Calendar** below. Take a peek into the **Woodturner's Toolbox** to find some specifics. Introducing: the annual *COWA Woodturner of the Year* award. **Sadness Close To Home** shares the tragic end of a well known woodturning artist.

Calendar

June	18th	COWA Picnic	Lane & Marilea Miller 5600 Sycamore Pond Dr. Mustang OK
	23rd—26th	AAW Symposium	Saint Paul, Minnesota
July	12th	Club Meeting	Metro Technology Center South Bryant Campus Demonstration-by Jerry Brownrigg of Alva OK
August	6th	Class: Basic Tool Handling & Spindle Turning	Moore Norman Technology Center
	9th	Club Meeting	Metro Technology Center South Bryant Campus
	20th	Class: Woodturning, Turning a Bowl	Moore Norman Technology Center
	26th—28th	SWAT Symposium	Waco Convention Center, Waco TX
September	6th	COWA Board of Directors Meeting	

Visit COWA's official website for the latest club information. <http://www.okwoodturners.net>

Beginner's Corner

straight from the perspective of a novice turner

By Karen Robinson

Buying a chuck is one of the experiences a novice has to go through to appreciate knowing the specification of their lathe. One of the specs you need to know is your thread size or spindle size. If you need to find your spindle size, it is easy to re-measure. A typical size is 1" x 8 tpi or 1 1/4" x 8 tpi. The first number is the diameter of the spindle. The second is the threads per inch (tpi). So, take your calipers or ruler and hold it up to the face of your spindle and find the diameter. Then take your ruler and hold it along the edge of your spindle and count how many threads/lines are in that one inch. Knowing your spindle size helps in finding chucks that will work with your lathe. Once you have it narrowed down to the right size, one must figure out if they want to use a T-bar, hex key or two-levers chuck. If you need more information on chucks, we have a book in our library called [A Guide to Work-Holding on the Lathe](#).

Librarian's Gouge

Librarian's recommended DVD

By Karen Robinson

I, like many, would love to turn all day long until I have to start sanding. Sanding is another tool of our trade, however. Molly Winton has found an alternative to sanding. She has DVDs number #388-390 in our club library. Different surface enhancements are her alternative. What better way to get around sanding than wood burning! But if you are not one for wood burning, we have several DVDs about how to finish that art piece. Look in our inventory by type and look up "Finishing".

Editors Note: The library inventory is made available to club members at the regular monthly meetings.

MNTC News

Woodturning Organization Shares Their Craft with Students

The Central Oklahoma Woodturners Association (COWA) recently held a workshop for students in the Carpentry course at MNTC. The workshop was organized by Dewayne Colwell, a four-year member of the association, and was provided as part of an initiative by the group to introduce younger generations to the art of woodturning. The event was designed to first introduce students to the craft by allowing each of them to "turn" their own wooden ink pen.

The students then advanced to the more intricate and difficult skill of segmented bowl turning. The bowl turning project took three days and was extended over a three-week period. The first day of the project consisted of Colwell teaching the students how to cut the angles and glue-up the wooden pieces that would eventually be turned into a wooden bowl. A troop of more than 10 wood turning experts from COWA then ascended on the MNTC Construction Technology Building, and each member teamed with one or two students to guide them through the process of turning a wooden bowl. The second day was spent turning the exterior of the bowls, and the last day was devoted to cutting the interior and finishing the projects. All of the materials for the bowl turning project were provided by COWA, and each student got to keep the bowl that they created. Twenty-three students from MNTC and a dozen members of COWA participated in the project.



Story & photos provided by Moore Norman Technology Center

President's Skew

a few syllables from the president of COWA

By Jim Clow

Hi All!

New Program kicks off—COWA Woodturner of the Year

We have started a new program this year: *COWA Woodturner of the Year*. This award was established as a way to recognize an individual who demonstrates outstanding service to the club by their actions and support of our programs. The program kicked off this past Tuesday at our regular monthly meeting on June 14th.

The recipient of the first *COWA Woodturner of the Year* award is Dewayne Colwell. Dewayne has been instrumental in setting up and continuing the successful teaching program at Moore Norman Technology Center facilities. In addition he has volunteered to help numerous members by helping them to design and complete turnings. Dewayne also represented COWA at the 2010 Masters at Work at Beavers Bend.

Dewayne was also awarded a crisp new \$100 as the first receipt of this award.

COWA Picnic

Lane and Marilea Miller have again agreed to host the annual COWA picnic at their home at 5600 Sycamore Pond Dr. Mustang OK 73064. The picnic is this Saturday, June 18 from 10:30 till 2:30-3:00. The Millers have a pool and have invited all to participate. It's easy to find, you can get a map from MapQuest. (*Editor's note: a map is also provided on page 4 of this newsletter*)

The club will furnish the hamburger, hotdogs and coffee, water, and tea. Members should bring a side dish or desert.

We always have a lot of fun, and maybe solve some of the problems of the world or at least some turning concerns.

AAW 25 Years Symposium June 24-26 in St. Paul Minnesota

The AAW will have their 25th Anniversary symposium in St Paul MN June 24-26. They, as usual, will have an outstanding slate of demonstrators. They also have a 25th anniversary book, *Woodturning Today*.

American Journal—June Issue

Be sure to check out the article on pages 8 and 9 covering our club and its activities over the last four years.

Masters at Work 2011 at Beavers Bend

If our club is selected to participate by the 2011 Masters at Work committee, club member Virgil Barksdale will represent COWA this year in September. We would also again be offered space to display some of our members pieces in their museum. The viewing public will choose one of the displayed pieces to receive the *Viewers Choice* award. Lowell Reed has won this award for the last two years running.

2011 SWAT Symposium August 26-28 Waco Texas

The annual SWAT symposium will be held in Waco, TX the last week end in August. Several of our members always enjoy attending this regional symposium. We have also agreed to chair a Special Interest Group discussion covering our clubs changed practices and membership increases.

State Fair

Please be advised that the date for entering woodturnings into the State Fair is fast approaching. Online registration starts July 1st and must be completed by August 15th.

Actual turnings will not be delivered until September 9th or 10th and can be picked up after the Fair on September 26th.

Check the website <http://www.okstatefair.com> for more info.

Editor's note: On the website, click on Competitive Events and choose Creative Arts, then select the blue link on the left: Fine Arts, Crafts & Hobbies. Wood Turning Division 3516 is on page 12 of the document.

COWA will also be demonstrating at the State Fair on the last Saturday and Sunday in September, the 24th and 25th.

Map to the COWA Picnic

Can't find the picnic? Look Here! From the intersection of Mustang Road (Highway 4) and Highway 152 in Mustang, go 1 mile North, then 1 and 1/3 miles West to Sycamore Pond Road, turn North and watch for the party. It'll be on the right (unless you go too far and have to turn around like I did last year, then it'll be on the left) The only way you'd miss it is if you haven't been there before and you're the first one to arrive. Remember, there'll be lots of food and fun for everyone! (Map courtesy Bing Maps)



Question: What kind of wood does a movie star turn?

Got a good clean woodturning joke to share?
Send it to me at: COWAEditor@cox.net

Answer: Holly wood

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Sadness Close to Home



January 25, 1953—May 17, 2011

On May 4, 2011, Joan Kelly of Memphis, Tennessee, was turning a heavy cedar bowl blank on her lathe. Something happened during that turning that caused her bowl blank to shatter, pieces striking her in the face and forehead. Despite a quick response by her husband to call an ambulance and apply first aid, and receiving two weeks of exemplary medical care, Joan never regained consciousness. On May 17th, Joan passed away with her family at her side.

Woodturners America has created the Joan Kelly Memorial Fund, and is accepting contributions to honor Joan's memory through donations to Joan's home turning club, Mid-South Woodturner's Guild in Memphis. The money will be made available as a grant for other clubs nationwide to design, engineer and build audience shields for turning demonstrations.

Source: <http://www.woodturnersamerica.com/>

Volunteers

Hats off to two of our members for volunteering to help with club functions. Becky Bates has taken charge of the coffee pot, and Carl Brown has taken charge of keeping the wood end sealer for the membership. Be sure to express your appreciation to these members for their volunteering, and dedication to the task!

Woodturners Toolbox

Moore Norman Technology Center (MNT) is located at 4701 12th Avenue NW in Norman Oklahoma 73089. Enrollment and Information Center (405) 364-5763. Woodturning classes are \$49.00 each and enrollment is limited, so register early!

Metro Technology Center South Bryant Campus (MTC-SBC) is located at 4900 S Bryant in Oklahoma City. Going North or South on I-35, exit on SE 44th Street and go East a mere over 1.5 miles to S Bryant. Turn South (right) on S Bryant, and go about 1/3 mile. The campus is located on the West side of S Bryant.

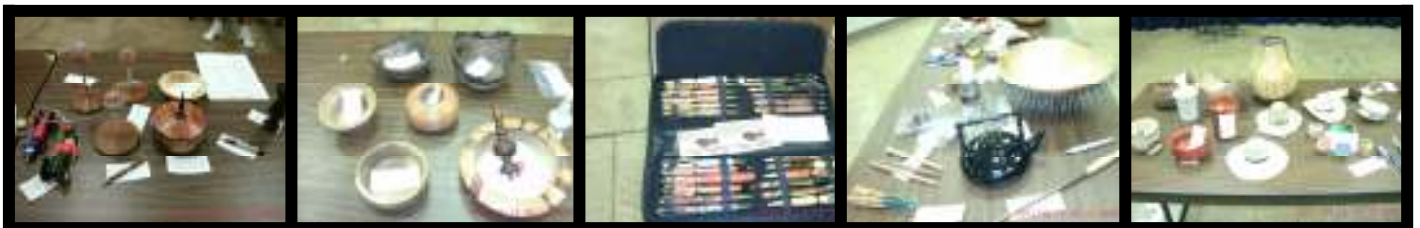
COWA club meetings start at 6:30 on the second Tuesday of every month (weather permitting!) at the Metro Technology Center South Bryant Campus (see above for address and directions.) Annual membership dues are \$30.00.

COWA Board of Directors meet quarterly on the 1st Tuesday of the months of March, June, September and December. Special meetings may be called at any time.

COWA maintains a Video Library which is made available to members of the club at each club meeting. Members may check out up to 5 selections at a time. The selections should be returned at the following meeting. Club Librarian, Karen Robinson, maintains a Check-out/Check-in list at each meeting where members note their selections and returns.

Gallery and Bring Back Session

Our June Gallery and Bring-Back Session was well represented. Turnings and artwork was impressive and very diverse as usual. To view the pieces in a setting that does them justice, go to COWA's official website (www.okwoodturner.net) and view the Gallery for June 2011. Great job everyone!



Submit your ideas, tips, experiences, techniques and anything else that may be of interest to the general membership to: COWAEditor@cox.net. Material that includes pictures should be submitted on CD, DVD or flash drive. Your contributions make the newsletter! Deadline for submitting newsletter contributions is two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December unless special arrangements are made with the editor.

NEXT MEETINGS

TUESDAY JULY 12TH AND AUGUST 9TH

6:30PM

MTC-SBC