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Safety—Check out the **Beginner's Corner** for this editions safety reminder. Use your equipment properly, keep your tools sharp, wear your safety gear and make something beautiful! **THINK SAFETY!**



COWA Once again has the privilege to share with the public, the skills and art of woodturning this year. Demonstration dates are the last two days of the fair, September 24th and 25th in the *Hobbies, Arts and Crafts* building. Any club member that is also a member of **AAW** is allowed to turn at the demonstration. Bring your own wood project, turning tools and safety equipment. Lathes provided by the Club will be available for your turning pleasure. If you haven't been a part of this demonstration, you'll want to come see what it's all about! See page 8 for pictures in this issue of last year's demonstration!

Jim Clow reports that the **AAW** will now have a rotating twelve month membership for new **AAW** members. This means that your annual membership starts the month you join, and will renew the same month each year. This way, you don't pay for time you don't receive. Current memberships renewing in January will continue to renew each January. The **AAW** also has several new programs in the works that will benefit us as they are released in the future. Jim says "I'll have more on these programs later."

Calendar

August	26th—28th	SWAT Symposium	Waco Convention Center, Waco TX
September	6th	COWA Board of Directors Meeting	Postponed to September 13th, 5:45PM at MTC—SBC
	9th—10th	Masters at Work & Club Challenge	Forest Heritage Center, Broken Bow OK
	10th	Woodturning, Turning a Lidded Box	Moore Norman Technology Center, Norman OK
	13th	COWA Board of Directors Meeting Club Meeting	Metro Technology Center South Bryant Campus Instant Gallery and Bring Back Night
	24th—25th	State Fair Woodturning Demonstrations	Arts & Craft Building, State Fair Grounds
October	8th	Woodturning, Basic Hollow Forms	Moore Norman Technology Center, Norman OK
	11th	Club Meeting	Metro Technology Center South Bryant Campus Demonstration by David Steba, Turning Game Calls
	22nd	Woodturning, Turning a Peppermill	Moore Norman Technology Center, Norman OK

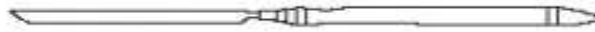
Visit COWA's official website for the latest club information. <http://www.okwoodturners.net>

By Karen Robinson

As beginners, we sometimes get so excited that we are turning, we forget some of our basics. Never overlook safety. This is one of the first habits you should develop as a new turner and one that is often overlooked as you progress. Simple eye protection and a face mask are a great start, however, as you progress, you should upgrade to a filtration system and a full face mask. It is easy to start to forget these items, if nothing ever happens to you. But it only takes one incident to bring harm and make you remember. It is easier to just remember.

Once all of your safety gear is in place, remember your basics of woodturning. Tie back loose objects, take off jewelry and remove all distractions. Wear good footwear and use anti-fatigue mats. Make sure your lathe is at the proper height. To measure this, the center should be at the bend of your elbow while standing beside your lathe.

Woodturning is an enjoyable hobby or profession if the turner takes the proper time to do everything right. Being safe is the first step to everyone enjoying woodturning.



Woodturning Safety and Safety Equipment

Consider these important safety items when you are operating your lathe:

Safety Glasses: Safety glasses are the most important piece of safety equipment. Find a pair that is comfortable to wear. You'll want to be sure they have impact resistant lenses and side screens to protect against debris.

Face Shield: A face shield is another important piece of safety equipment when wood turning. Chips will fly in all directions. Use a clear, impact resistant full-face shield to help keep these flying chips and debris out of your face.

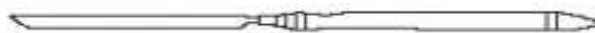
Proper Attire: Proper attire is of the utmost concern. Wear long pants and a long sleeved shirt to keep flying chips and debris at bay. Avoid loose-fitting clothing. The excess cloth from loose-fitting clothing can become entangled in the machine. You should also consider a woodworker's apron to help keep flying wood chips away from your body.

Respirators: Some woods such as mahogany or rosewood can cause irritation to the lungs and mucous membranes. Prolonged exposure to such dust can cause long-term health effects.

Always Use the Tool Rest: Sticking a tool into a turning piece of wood can cause the tool to be ripped out of your hands. Place the tool rest close to the work and tighten it in place. *Always* place the tool firmly on the tool rest before moving it into the stock.

Adjust your Turning Speed for the Stock Size: Generally, the larger the piece of stock, the slower the speed that the stock should spin. Turning a very thin piece of stock such as a pen can be rotated much faster than an eight-inch bowl blank. Remember to check and set the speed of the lathe *before* turning on the lathe motor. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in a rather large and violent projectile.

Read the Safety Precautions: Always read and follow the safety instructions that come with your lathe. You can imagine that failure to follow the safety instructions can lead to severe injury, and even death.



NEXT MEETINGS TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH AND OCTOBER 11TH 6:30PM MTC-SBC

President's Skew

a few syllables from the president of COWA

By Jim Clow

Hi All!

Masters at Work 2011 – Beavers Bend

Several pieces turned by COWA members were delivered to Beavers Bend to be displayed in their museum during this year's Masters at Work in September. Virgil Barksdale, COWA's representative, has had to cancel his entry in the competition due to a medical condition that will not allow him to stand and turn for an extended amount of time. Our pieces will be displayed and viewed by the public.

2011 Symposium August 26th–28th – Waco TX

If you missed this year's SWAT you missed a good one. There were many worthwhile demonstrators and the instant gallery was very good. And as my wife says the vendors must have been calling my name. Ha!

Dewayne Colwell and I led a SIG (Special Interest Group) discussion on Friday night focused on our chapter improvements and the classes we teach to public adults and especially youth. These improvements have been instrumental in doubling our membership over the last four years.

We were especially excited to have *Cindy Bowden*, Executive Director, and *Greta Tacke*, Marketing and Communications from the AAW attend and participate in our discussions.

The Broken Bow club, among others, have expressed that they are using our method of having the instant gallery once a quarter as we discussed in the SIG and described in the June AAW article featuring our club.

Maybe there are other clubs out there benefiting from our experience?!

September Meeting

We have our Instant Gallery and Bring Back meeting coming up at the general meeting September 13th. This is your chance to show the entire club what you have been working on.

I am always impressed with the quality and diversity of turnings presented at these meeting!

Spin Top Progress

How are you progressing on turning spin tops to be used for inventory for the annual Choctaw event? As you will recall, we give approximately 800 — 1000 spin tops to the youth that attend this event. The event is held each year in April, and the club provides the blanks for turning tops.

As incentive for turning many tops, when you turn in the first 20 colored tops, your name is entered into a drawing that will be held in December for an AAW annual electronic membership (a \$38 value). You will receive another entry into the pot for each additional lot of 15 colored tops you turn.

Please bring your spin tops to the club meetings and turn them in to get credit for your entries into the pot!

This is the best odds of winning something in a contest that you will have.

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State Fair Entries

As a compliment to COWA, the State Fair Creative Arts administrators asked us to submit several wood-turning pieces that they have placed on exhibit in the downtown Library promoting the State Fair.

I hope you have already secured your entries for the State Fair. Pieces are to be delivered to the fair on Saturday September 10th or Sunday the 11th.

State Fair Demonstration

COWA will again demonstrate at the Fair the last weekend in September, Saturday the 24th & Sunday the 25th. Sale items are permitted. The fair has our list for parking and entry tickets. It is up to us to have a schedule where we have the six club lathes manned the entire time from opening till closing each day. I should have the tickets soon.

Thanks to those who volunteered to turn. Members should bring their choice of wood to turn and their own tools. As always you need to be a member of the AAW to participate in the demonstration so we can all be protected by AAW's liability insurance coverage.

We will need volunteers to help unload and set up early Saturday and again to pack up on Sunday evening.

Beavers Bend Fall Fest November 11th-13th

It's almost time for the annual Fall Fest at Beavers Bend again. The program will be similar to last year where the Broken Bow club will set up three lathes for all to turn. We should schedule the times we want to turn and they will fill in the vacant time slots from local turners. We will have a schedule where members can reserve time slots to turn items of their choice. They have suggested that we pick smaller turnings that can be given to the public that may be observing the demonstration versus trying to make items for sale.

A table will again be in the hallway where we can display any turnings offered for sale that you may want to bring. If you have sale items, you are expected to share the duties of the sales table.

Educational And Instruction Committee News

The educational committee has been hard at work! I understand good things are in the works as the committee continues to develop good educational and instructional plans. Read on and stay tuned!

Moore Norman Turning Classes Scheduled For The Fall Season

Newer turners will want to sign up for classes they have an interest in, as this type of schedule for beginning skills and techniques offered to our members and to the public, may be the last for a while.

Future classes at the Moore Norman Technology Center are being planned around an individual project base. This new schedule should be of interest to most members as well as to the public. Specifics will be made available in the near future. Classes are planned to start after the first of the year.

Youth And OKC Technology Center Classes Planned

The committee has two classes planned for each. The youth participating at Moore Norman, and to the students at OKC Technology center where we have our meetings. We will ask for needed volunteers to accomplish the goals we have planned.

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Our club is blessed with the participation of many volunteers in our ambitious demonstration and educational efforts. The look on faces of especially the youth and the pride in completing a turned piece is worth the efforts by all of us!

Inventory Items For Sale By Saint Luke Methodist Drawing Near

Don't forget! Sale items by members will be due early November. A 20% commission will be retained by the church. More detailed information to come later.



KNOW YOUR TURNER

Story and Photos by Virgil Young

Butch Lindsey

Thanksgiving was just a few days away when *James Glenn Lindsey* came into this world on November 18, 1947. Life was much simpler in those days while growing up in Marlow, OK. With elementary and high school out of the way, he decided to tackle collage. While still feeling his way down life's road, he enrolled at Central State University and took on their Industrial Arts program graduating with a BA. Since then he has almost completed the first semester toward a Masters.

Butch and his wife, Theresa, were married in 1982 and currently live in Tuttle, OK. Butch has one son from a previous marriage.

His first taste of woodturning was around 1961 with an uncle's lathe that neither knew how to operate. Next was a stint in High School Shop where the instructor handed him a gouge, pointed to the lathe, said "Go to it," and walked off. But, it has all worked out. He has taken classes from such greats as Alan Lacer and Bill Porterfield. Now he has six lathes, five Oliviers and one J. B. Fay. (The Fay is said to be over 100 years old and still working.) He is a full time professional wood turner and doing quite well. He is an



active club member, joining in about 1994. He said that when he joined, the membership was so small they could meet in a one-car garage.

Butch Lindsey is a very likable man and easy to talk to. He is very knowledgeable in woodturning and design, always ready to answer questions and help fellow turners. If you get a chance, visit him at his shop. I think it would be a pleasant experience. I know it was for me.

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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 hare 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.

Librarian's Gouge

Librarian's recommended DVD

By Karen Robinson

When I first learned about the Rose Engine Lathe, I thought it was just another type of lathe like Jet or Delta. However, if you made the August meeting, you found it is a different beast all together. If you are interested in finding more information about Rose Engine Lathes, we have 6 DVD's that you can choose from: #177, 178, 179, 237, 261, and 357. You will find topics including cost, making your own or ordering one, and a host of tips and tricks. Check one out at the next meeting to expand your knowledge on Rose Engine Lathes.

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.

Shop Tip – Building A Handy Shelf

Submitted by Pat Matthias

Here's a handy shelf that is easy to make, does not require any hardware to attach it to the lathe, and when not in use, can be stored easily. The shelf sits quietly on your lathe, and you can put just about anything you want on it while you do your turning thing. I use mine for holding pieces of sand paper, rags, finishing products, and glue. I even put the most frequently used turning tools on it as I use them, no matter what project I am working on (except long pieces of spindle work). You could use just about any size scrap piece of plywood that fits your fancy to build this handy shelf.

Here are the dimensions for the one I built for my Jet Model 14-42 lathe:

- ◆ Shelf: 12"x26" 1/2" plywood
 - ◇ On your table saw, cut a dado on the top of the shelf 1/8" wide, 1/4" deep and 5" from the back edge (the edge where the Hard Maple block will be screwed onto the bottom side.)
- ◆ Tool Guide: 10"x 1-1/2" 1/8" plywood
 - ◇ Drill 4 or 5 equally spaced 1" diameter holes along the length of the 10" long 1/8" plywood about 3/4" from one edge then on a band saw cut through the center line of each hole the entire length of the 1/8" plywood. The ferrules on most full size turning tools are about 1" in diameter and the 1" diameter notches also work for the smaller turning tools. Now glue one of the notched strips into the dado you made in the top of the Plywood Shelf.
- ◆ Hard Maple Block: 1-3/4"x1-7/8"x1" (the center space on my lathe bed is exactly 1-3/4" wide)
 - ◇ The key behind the magic that allows you to put the shelf on the lathe without any hardware or clamps is the hard maple block attached to the bottom of the shelf. This is the only critical piece of wood that you have to cut. It must fit snugly into the space in the center of the lathe bed, and be long enough to not allow the shelf to tip over and fall off the lathe. Cut the hard maple block to fit your lathe bed groove then screw it onto the bottom of the shelf, centered from side-to-side, about 4" from the back edge of the shelf (the edge nearest the notched strip.)



The shelf in use with typical stuff I usually work with.



Here, you see the shelf top without anything on it. You will notice the notches to keep the turning tools from falling off.



The bottom of the shelf with a piece of Hard Maple attached which keeps the shelf with all its contents from falling off the lathe.



This photo shows the bottom of the shelf with the hard maple block in relation to the bed of the lathe.

Central Oklahoma Woodturners Association will once again be demonstrating at the Oklahoma State Fair on September the 24th and 25th. *Kathy Jekel* was kind enough to share some pictures from last years demonstration at the State Fair with us.



Wood chips everywhere! Lots and lots of fun!!!

