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I have this burl in the trunk of my car (you'll just have to stay in suspense as to how it got there) and let me tell you, it has GOT to be the UGLIEST piece of wood I've ever seen! At this point, I can't even tell what kind of wood it is. Kinda looks like it might be Rose wood I guess. First thing I'm gonna do is hose it down and get some of the crud off of it. Now let's see, how in the world am I going to chuck this thing up in my lathe?  I know! I'll us the ol' WE-BAD technique (weigh, balance and distribute) to find centers at opposite points. Excellent! Now, let's chuck this thing up and turn on the lathe. Welcome to another edition of **As The Burl Turns**. Now, where did I put that 6-inch cauldron gouge? **YEE HAW! let the chips fly.**

The **Beginners Corner** reminds us where we've all been, and *didn't we all begin somewhere?* Check it out on page 2. The **Presidents Skew** gives our club president space to speak up about current events and activities affecting our club. You'll not want to miss a syllable of his column. See page 3 for his most recent remarks! Looking for an interesting video to watch? Check out our **Librarian's Gouge** on page 4 and pop it in your DVD player. Be sure to catch the list of current events and activities in the **Calendar** section. Some **Resources** are included on the last page. **Enjoy!**

Calendar

- October**
- 12th - Club meeting & Demonstration w/Guy Timmons - Lidded Box
 - 23rd - Moore Norman Technology Center - Class: Basic Bowl Turning w/mystery instructor
- November**
- 6th - Moore Norman Technology Center - Class: Box Turning w/Butch Lindsey
 - 9th - Club meeting & Demonstration w/Ron Hackler
 - 12th - 14th - Beavers Bend Folk Festival
 - 20th - Moore Norman Technology Center - Class: Turning Hollow Forms w/Wayne Furr
- December**
- 4th - Moore Norman Technology Center - Class: Turning Christmas Ornaments w/Dewayne Colwell
 - 7th - COWA Board Meeting
 - 10th - COWA Christmas Party at Spencer Senior Center
 - 14th - Club meeting - Quarterly Show & Tell / Bring Back

Beginner's Corner

straight from the perspective of a novice turner

By Karen Robinson

Since I classify myself as a beginner, I feel very qualified to write this column. So, I will start out with my very first experience of attending the SWAT (SouthWest Association of Turners) Symposium.

SWAT was made up of 32 different demonstrations that you could attend, but with space and the time continuum as it was...we really only got to go to nine classes. It was very fun to see the expertise of the demonstrators and see some of the terms I'd been hearing about put into practice.

One of those terms was "the rose engine lathe." This term made me think of some fancy lathe that I didn't know turned in 360 degrees! But it really was a lathe that let you decorate the edge with an engraver.

I must say that after watching several videos from our COWA library, Craig Timmerman is one of my favorite turners. He was presenting my second term that I knew nothing about: Torus Vases. I thought "What could this be?" and low and behold it was a doughnut vase...that was named "pretty" for selling purposes.

I was also fascinated by Eli Avisera, a wood turner from Israel. He made a 3x3x3 lidded box with detailed carvings on the top in 14.7 minutes. (No sanding was done, but he had such fine cutting style, it didn't need sanding.) The lid was put on so well, that the "pop" could be heard without the microphone. What made me laugh was when a wife leaned over to her husband and asked, "Why does it take you so long?"

During the convention, there were some wow moments of "Why didn't I think of that!", but that will be for my next installment. Overall I had a great time getting to know my fellow COWA members and watching them spend money. To my beginners, I hope you will also have a chance to one day go to SWAT. It is a great gathering of minds, ideas, tricks and tips. Something our club meetings also provide but in a slightly smaller scale!



My daddy said, "there is just no excuse"



Will the turning EVER STOP???



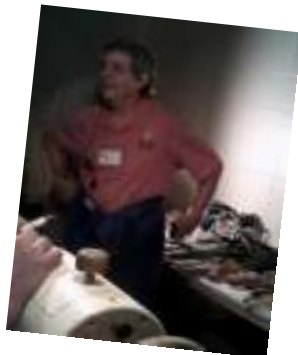
We saw her there, lurking in the shadows, but nobody remembers who she is.



Me and... Mrs. Jones!



Eli's goblet.



Are you skewed or what???



A little something from my trunk...



Quackers anybody?

Photos from SWAT 2010

President's Skew

a few syllables from the president of COWA

By Jim Clow

Hi all! Boy has the last couple of months been busy for COWA members!

Masters at Work, Fall Fest and the State Fair

We were well represented in Beavers Bend at the recent Masters at Work (September 10th -12th) by our own Dewayne Colwell. The contest was exciting even though the temperatures were hot. The difficult piece turning by Dewayne was fantastic.

Several of our pieces are still on display in the Beavers Bend gallery. The current plan is for Butch Lindsey to bring them back with him when the Fall Fest is over (Friday – Sunday, November 12th -14th). We always have a good time while turning there. Don't forget there is a weenie roast Saturday night in the park.

The State Fair turning on Saturday and Sunday September 25th and 26th was well represented by COWA members. We had our six lathes set up and over 15 members turning each day. Good job! The pieces turned in for judging at the Fair were all very good examples of the caliber of turnings by our members.

COWA Annual Christmas Party

The upcoming annual Christmas party will be held on Friday evening at 6:30 PM until about 9 PM at the Spencer Senior Citizens Center. It is easy to find. Just go east on 36th street off of I-35 to 8306 NE 36th street just past Midwest Blvd. near Spencer road (behind/next to the Fire Station.) This is the same place we have had the party for the last several years.

The club will provide the pork ribs and brisket along with coffee and water. Usually we also have tea as well. The members need to bring a covered dish: salad, vegetable, or desert to compliment the BBQ. We will have a sign up sheet at the Club meeting on November 9th.

Bring a turning, one that you are proud of, for a gift exchange. The turnings should be covered when you arrive until it can be placed into a plain brown gift exchange bag to conceal the identity of both the turner and the turning. After dinner, when your ticket number is called, you get to pick a gift exchange bag (no peeking inside!) If you want your spouse to participate in the exchange you need to bring a second turning for them.

We will also have a Christmas ornament contest. A prize of \$25 will be awarded by the club to a winner chosen by the membership using the tickets we used to pick the gift exchange bags.



Moore Norman Technology Center training agreement

We have completed an agreement with Moore Norman Technology Center that will give us a location to hold training classes for our members and the public on Saturdays. It will also allow us to provide turning training for the youth that we will start this fall.

They will let us bring our lathes and also let us use several of their lathes. It will be a great location for the training effort. At this time Dewayne Colwell and the Training committee is lining up instructors and helpers for the scheduled classes.

Future classes are being planned to include special projects that I am sure many of us will want to attend. More news will be coming about these new class offerings later.

Join me as I look forward to another exciting year of COWA activities!

By Karen Robinson

This month I recommend Tim Yoder's Snowwoman, library DVD #294. Tim has a Woodturning Workshop program that airs on PBS that many of us are unable to get, and this DVD is a copy of one of those programs.

I like Tim's DVDs because they are short - only 30 minutes...Nice, short, and to the point...not to mention they are also edited so I get the jest of the project quickly.

Why Snowwoman? Because the Snowman was lonely and Christmas is just around the corner! Enjoy!

Editor's note: *Woodturning Workshop* is produced by RSU Public TV and underwritten by WoodCraft. The series explores one of the nation's fastest growing hobbies - woodturning. During each episode, host Tim Yoder explores the step-by-step process of using a wood lathe to turn a block of wood into a unique piece of artwork or useful household item. You see the entire process unfold and receive Tim's helpful, hands-on advice. Snowwoman is episode #209. Winter is coming, the snow is falling and somewhere a wooden snowman sits alone on the mantle. Tim to the rescue! On this episode of Woodturning Workshop Tim turns his snowman a companion... a snowwoman.

Source: http://www.rsupublictv.org/index.php?age=shop.product_details&flypage=flypage.tpl&product_id=14&category_id=7&option=com_virtuemart&Itemid=160

Woodturner's Toolbox

Moore Norman Technology Center 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!

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. Our Librarian, Karen Robinson, maintains a Check-out/Check-in list at each meeting where members note their selections and returns.

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