

Gulf Coast Woodturners Association

GCWA Newsletter

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April 2000 Issue

President's Corner

This Newsletter is full of useful information. election of new Board members, TTT demonstrator information, Retreat data, and news on the Woodworking Tool Show are all included as well as the usual wisdom.

Steve Russell and Boyce Gahagan have been after me to get in gear and schedule demonstrators and instructors for the Retreat. I have been lax in these duties and I must apologize. I can say that Andy Chen, Bill Hubbard, By Reed, Don Philpot, Kip Powers, and I will be performing in some capacity at the retreat. If anyone else has volunteered that I did not mention here, I am sorry you did not get mentioned and please call me. All members will be notified as soon as a schedule is completed. Be assured that this year's Retreat will have something for everyone from the beginner to the professional.

As for the election of new officers, the ballots are included in this newsletter and the candidate list is impressive. Remember we are adding two new Board positions and all newly elected positions will be for a one-year term. I look forward to working with the new Board to take the G.C.W.A. to a new level. As always the goal of our organization is to provide education and information to our club members.

Because this club has one of the largest memberships in the country, coupled with the fact that we are located in a major metropolitan area, our woodturning club should be in a position to attract and afford the best woodturning demonstrators/teachers available today. To do this we need the support of the membership in the way of attendance and a willingness to pay a nominal fee to see these internationally known turners. I believe it should be a goal of our club to bring in a few of these "name" turners.

Coming Events

By Mack DeBose

The April General Meeting will host a demonstration on Lace Bobbin Turning by Lyman Frugia, Jr.

For those of you, like me, who know very little about this facet of turning, these bobbins are turned from a wide variety of woods, bone, antler, plastics, ivory, etc. They are detailed and intricate and can vary greatly in design and decoration. Their similarity lies in their ability to hold an amount of lace thread and provide a means to manipulate the thread into a lace pattern. There seems to be a substantial market for these bobbins if they are well made and functional.

Obviously, the turning requires a certain amount of skill and dexterity of which Mr. Frugia is well endowed. I am sure that most of us will learn a lot from his demonstration.

As usual we will have experienced turners helping anyone interested with hands-on operation.

The Show and Tell event is really bringing in some fantastic turnings. I am sure that this meeting will maintain this trend.

**April Meeting
April 15, 2000
Deer Park High School, North
Campus, 402 Ivy Ave., Deer
Park—281-930-4816**

We have done this in the past and I see no reason we cannot do so in the near future.

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GCWA is affiliated with the American Association of Woodturners. GCWA meetings are usually held at 9:00 AM on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Check the Calendar of Events page. Annual dues are \$18. Dues may be mailed to Helen Young, 2502 Esther Ave., Pasadena, TX 77502-3239. Make your check payable to GCWA or Gulf Coast Woodturners Assn.

Show & Tell

Winners at the March meeting at The Cutting Edge:

Beginning Category:

1st Place — **Mason LeGrue** for a Mesquite Bowl.



2nd Place — **Robert Frost** for a Walnut Platter.



3rd Place — **Andy Stewart** for a Segmented Oak Vase.

Advanced Category:

One Piece Turning:

1st Place — **By Reed** for a Cottonwood Bowl.



2nd Place — **Carl Blair** for a Spalted Maple Bowl.



3rd Place — **Dale Barrack** for Closed Oak Vessel from a hollow log.

Multiple Piece Turning:

1st Place — **Bill Hubbard** for an Elm & Padauk Hollow Vessel.



2nd Place — **John Gay** for a Maple & Walnut Candy Dish.



Intermediate Category:

1st Place — **Ric Taylor** for a Magnolia Bowl.



2nd Place — **Jim McEwen** for a Square Oak Bowl.



2nd Place — **Don Fluker** for a Natural Edge Bowl.

Special Award

Jim Keller for a Natural Edge Hackberry Bowl.



Best of Show Award

None awarded this month.

Special thanks to our Judges, **Mickey Johnson** and **Andy Chen**.

Snapshots of Members



Be sure and check out the photos of many of the other woodturnings entered in the monthly contests on the GCWA Web Sites. See the front or back pages for the URL addresses.

Bring Back

Bring Back Items Raffle Winners:

Bill Hubbard, Kip Powers, Don Fluker, and Doug Hollingsworth.

Membership

Please welcome our new members;

Andy Reeves, Dan Matula, Grady Whiddon, Dick & Marti Larson, and Darrell Corcorran.

This will be your last newsletter if your membership dues expired March 31, 2000.

GCWA Spring Retreat IV

By Boyce Gahagan

The Spring Retreat IV is a hands-on weekend of woodturning, by and for members of the Gulf Coast Woodturners Association. It will be held on **May 20 and 21** at the **Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Conroe** in a large AIR CONDITIONED building. The Retreat will be conducted for club members to enjoy and learn from the hands on experience. Lunch will be provided by **Kountry Katfish**. Coffee and other refreshments throughout the day will be part of our own volunteer service.

You will need to bring your own turning tools, wood to turn and face shields. Face shields and/or eye protection are required. Dust masks are strongly recommended.

A schedule of classes will be available at the April General Meeting.

There will be a raffle and door prizes after clean-up on Sunday. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 each. You must be present to win. We are contacting several manufacturers and suppliers for donations. Members may also donate suitable items for the drawings.

The cost for club members is **\$35.00 and \$20.00 for family members**. This includes breakfast, lunch and refreshments throughout both days. If you are not a member and wish to participate, you may join GCWA by submitting the registration form in this Newsletter along with \$18 for the annual dues.

We are still asking for the loan of lathes, and accessories including chucks, knock-out bars, spur drives, live centers, extension cords, etc. Mini lathes will do just fine.

Don't miss this great learning experience.

Retreat Registration

<u>Sign Up For:</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
Retreat Weekend: \$35 per person	_____	_____
Family Member: \$20	_____	_____
GCWA Membership: \$18	_____	_____
Enclosed is a check for: TOTAL		_____

THE FINE PRINT:

GCWA Members and each additional family member must register for \$35 per member and \$20 per family member, for Saturday and/or Sunday. The Retreat is restricted to current GCWA Members – others should enclose an additional \$18 to join.

Woodturning is a potentially dangerous activity. Your safety starts with you. You must bring eye/face protection devices.

Name

(Additional Name)

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Phone(s)

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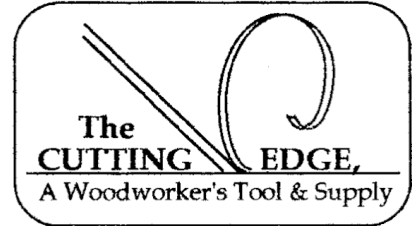
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Announcements

☞ The April GCWA meeting will host a Wood Swap for members and guests.

☞ "The Woodworking Show" will be held on April 14-16 at the Astro Arena. This is an opportunity to see the latest in woodworking tools, accessories, supplies and education. GCWA will have an exhibit with some of the members performing live demonstrations in woodturning. There will be plenty of irresistible items to spend your money on, many at bargain and sale prices. Our supporters and advertisers will also be represented. Be sure and visit their exhibits. There will also be seminars conducted by expert craftsmen. Factory representatives will be present to answer your questions about their products and services. It is definitely an event not to be missed if you are into any area of woodworking. More information is available at their website <http://thewoodshows.com>.

Classified

For Sale

Vega Model 170 wood turning and metal spinning lathe. This is a heavy lathe with a number of attachments. 48" between centers; 15" swing in-board and 28" swing outboard. asking \$1500.00 or best offer. Call Tom Irven @ 713-666-6881

Club News

- ◆ The Wood Swap will be conducted at the April meeting, so round up your surplus turning wood and bring it in. Maybe you can swap it for that special piece that you have needing for some unique project. You will be able to sell, swap or donate for the raffle any type of wood suitable for turning or for any other type of woodworking project.
- ◆ The election of Club Officers for the next term will be held in May. The positions to be filled are Treasurer and five Board Members. The Nominating Committee has nominated Helen Young (Incumbent) for Treasurer and the following members for the Board: Boyce Gahagan, Greg Gonsalves, Bill Hubbard, Vic Vucinovich and Mack DeBose.
- ◆ The election ballot is enclosed in your copy of this edition of the Newsletter if your dues are current. The names of the members chosen by the Nominating Committee are printed on the ballot. If you wish to vote for members not on the list, please write in their names, but only vote for 5 Board Members and 1 Treasurer. Please vote your choices and return the ballot via Postal Service or delivery to any Club Officer at the April General Meeting. Ballots post-marked after April 30, 2000 will not be counted.
- ◆ We are still looking for worthwhile woodturning tips to publish in the Newsletter. The tips chosen for publication would win 6 free raffle tickets for the next General Meeting raffle. The winner for April is **Woody Woodard** for his tip on getting rid of woodborers.

Woodturning Tips

Woodborer Remedy

By Woody Woodard

In response to last month's article on Woodborers, this tip is contributed by Woody Woodard.

There is a simple, somewhat unorthodox method that will get rid of woodborers. It consists of submerging the infested block of wood, bark and all, in a container of mineral spirits. The container can be anything with a tight fitting lid, such as a plastic garbage can, large enough to contain the block of wood. The tight fitting lid is just to prevent the mineral spirits from evaporating.

Mineral spirits can be purchased in 5 gal. containers from the home improvement stores for approx. \$10. Five gallons is sufficient to cover a 12" dia. by 12" long log in an 18 gal. rectangular plastic tub, also available at the same source for around \$8.

The wood should be left in the mineral spirits at least 24 hours but longer is better. An added benefit for green wood is that the mineral spirits tend to remove latent moisture from the wood, so a longer soak time provides greater moisture reduction.

Upon removal of the wood from the mineral spirits, allow it to thoroughly dry before attempting to work it. In addition to machineability concerns, allowing the odor to dissipate is very desirable.

The mineral spirits can be reused effectively for as long as it remains, hence the closed container. The extracted water will settle at the bottom of the container and can be siphoned out as it accumulates.

Of course, care should be taken to avoid skin contact with the mineral spirits and to avoid breathing the fumes.

Be a Demonstrator at TTT

The TTT is coming up this October 7 & 8, 2000. If you are interested in being a demonstrator there, this is all you have to do. Write down the following:

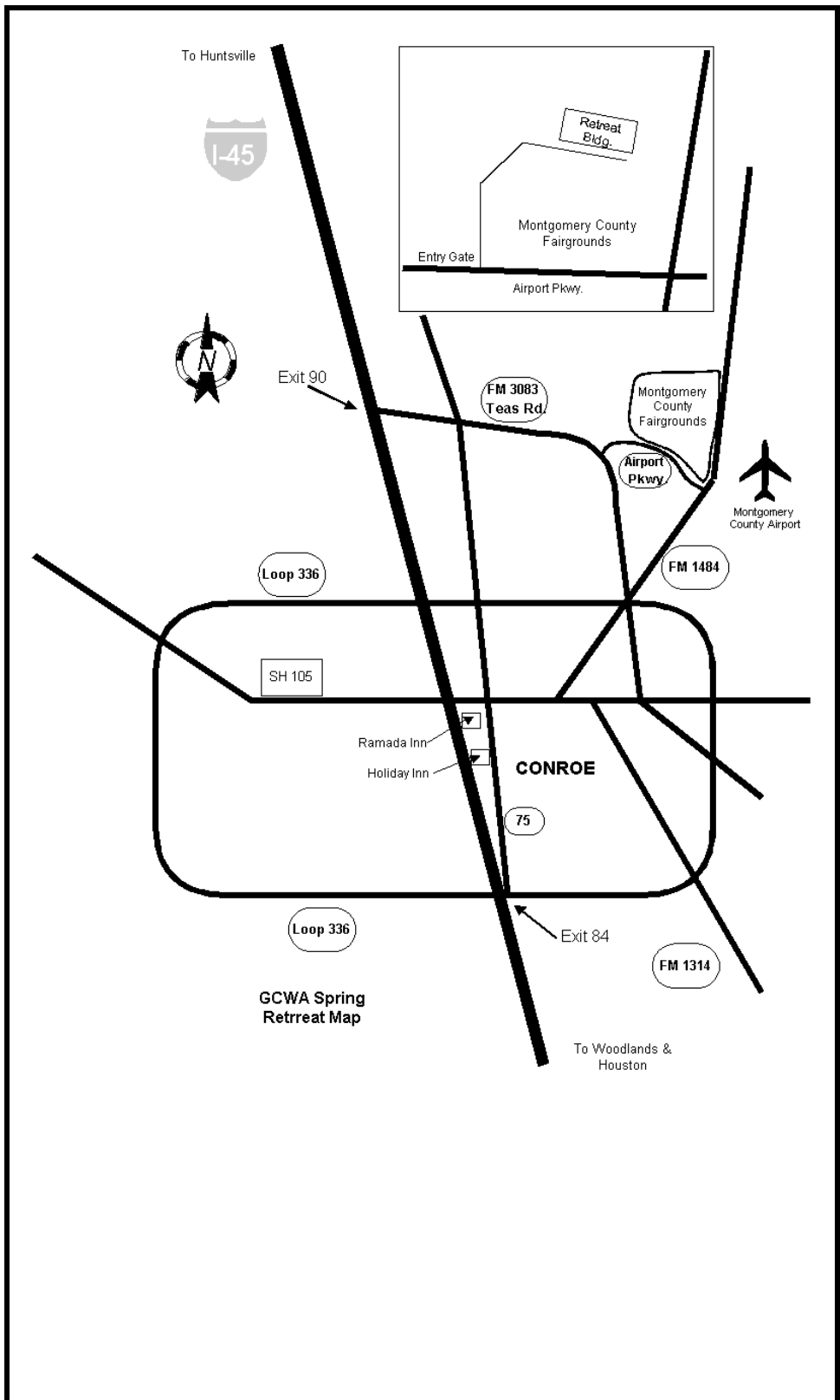
- Your Name
- Address
- Phone
- E-mail Address (if you have it)
- Subject rated as: novice, beginner, intermediate, advanced
- Type of turning featured: spindle, face plate/chuck, combination
- Type of demonstration: technique, project
- Description of the Demonstration:
- Brief description of your experience:

You then can give this information to Thomas Irven at the GCWA General meeting **OR** you can e-mail it to lacemake@ix.netcom.com **OR** you can mail it to:

A Texas Turn or Two
Judy Williams - Demonstrator
Coordinator
9900 Oak Hollow Dr.
Austin, TX 78758
(512) 836-7897

p.s. A picture or a slide of the project(s) and any special equipment needed might also be helpful.

Thomas Irven



Request for Articles

Do you have some special interests related to woodturning or some unique knowledge of woodturning practices, tooling, machines, woods, finishes, or other subjects that others would be interested in? Can you impartially critique a shop machine, tooling, finishes, etc.? We need articles on these subjects written by you or with your assistance to fill our monthly newsletter. Let us hear from you. See the back page of the Newsletter for contact information.

Calendar of Events

Scheduled Meetings & Events

April 10, 2000 ~ Board Meeting ~ 7:00 PM ~ Thomas Irven home, 5202 Willow St., Bellaire, 713-666-6881

April 14-16, 2000 ~ National Woodworking Tool Show ~ Astro Arena

April 15, 2000 ~ GCWA Meeting ~ 9:00 AM ~ Deer Park High School, North Campus, 402 Ivy Ave., Deer Park, 281-930-481

May 1, 2000 ~ First Monday ~ 7:00 PM ~ The Cutting Edge Woodworker's and Tool Supply, 7123 Southwest Fwy., 713-981-9228

May 8, 2000 ~ Board Meeting ~ 7:00 PM ~ Thomas Irven home, 5202 Willow St., Bellaire, 713-666-6881

May 20 & 21, 2000 ~ GCWA Turning Retreat ~ 9:00 AM ~ Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Conroe, TX

June 1, 2000 ~ First Monday ~ 7:00 PM ~ The Cutting Edge Woodworker's and Tool Supply, 7123 Southwest Fwy., 713-981-9228

June 12, 2000 ~ Board Meeting ~ 7:00 PM ~ Thomas Irven home, 5202 Willow St., Bellaire, 713-666-6881

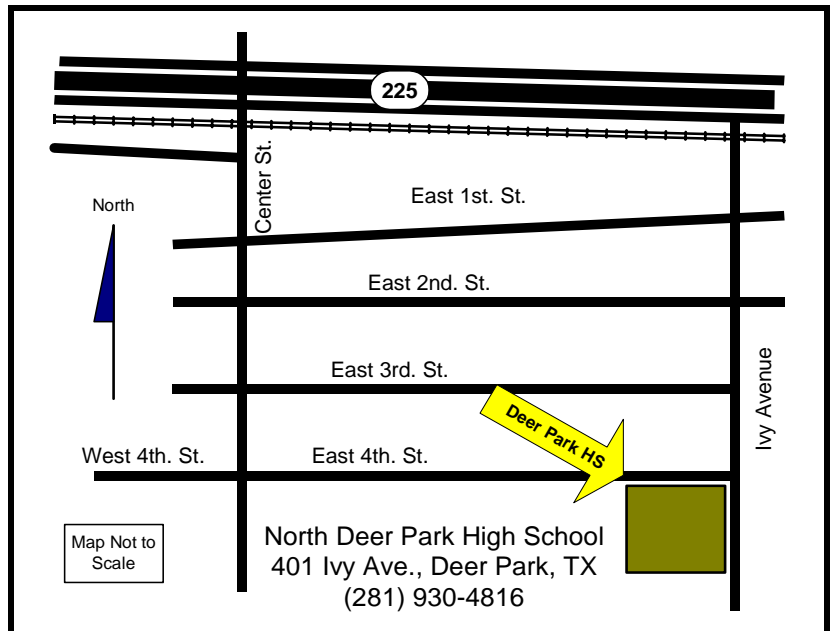
June 16, 2000 ~ GCWA Meeting ~ 9:00 AM ~ Hardwood Lumber Company, 700 E. 5th St., Houston, 713-862-6628

July 3, 2000 ~ First Monday ~ 7:00 PM ~ The Cutting Edge Woodworker's and Tool Supply, 7123 Southwest Fwy., 713-981-9228

July 10, 2000 ~ Board Meeting ~ 7:00 PM ~ Thomas Irven home, 5202 Willow St., Bellaire, 713-666-6881

July 15, 2000 ~ GCWA Meeting ~ 9:00 AM ~ Pro-Tool and Supply, 222 W. 225 Frwy., Pasadena, 713-472-5588

August 7, 2000 ~ First Monday ~ 7:00 PM ~ The Cutting Edge Woodworker's and Tool Supply, 7123 Southwest Fwy., 713-981-9228



This Month

April 15 - 9:00 AM ~ GCWA Meeting at North Deer Park High School, 402 Ivy Avenue, Deer Park, TX (281)930-4816

Program

Pre Meeting ~ Ralph Hecht — Operating a lathe for hands on help for anybody interested.

Main Program ~ Lyman Frugia Ja. — Lace Bobbin Turning

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American Association of Woodturners: <http://rtpnet.org/~aaw>
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