

# The Bayou Skew

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## From the Headstock

### *Cuchon du Lait*

Three words sum up the Cuchon du Lait, a lot of food, wood, fun, and good company. Thanks to Dick and Julia Gahn for their great hospitality and effort, again. Thanks to Steven Latter, who brought the three cases of beer and to Kirk Gordon for bringing homemade ice cream. Thanks to Mark Demanuelle for bringing a trailer load of wood. Thanks to everyone for pitching in to make this event successful. The ornaments were impressive and we had an excellent set of photographs for our 2003 calendar.

### *2003 Officer Nominations*

We currently have the one nomination for President, Treasurer, and Secretary but none for VP. We will be taking more nominations at the November meeting and will be voting at the December meeting so please nominate someone or volunteer. The Club can't be successful without your participation.

### *December Demonstrator*

I have made arrangements for O.B. Obrian from Florida to do our December demonstration. He will do two demos; one on decorating pieces by fluting surfaces and the second on hollowing using his scaled down hollowing jig. He will also be selling these hollowing sets so if you like to do small hollow vessels, bring your checkbook.

### *New Orleans Woodworking Show*

Remember the New Orleans Woodworking Show will be coming Jan 24-26 2003. If you have never been to the show, the entry fee is usually \$9 per day. You can get some good deals on a variety of tools and accessories. If you Sign up with me; you can get in for free. The only re-

**Next Meeting**  
**10:00 AM \***  
**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

**Ponchatoula Wood Works**  
39351 I55 West  
Service Rd 70454  
504 383-2711

**Directions & Map**  
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**\*Mini-Session**  
**starts at 9:00 AM**

On the Internet at: [www.woodturners.com](http://www.woodturners.com)

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quirements are that you are a paid member of the Bayou Woodturners and American Association of Woodturners ([www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)). The AAW requirement is necessary because our association with AAW and your AAW membership insures you and the club from being sued if any observer is injured. PLEASE, PAY THOSE DUES!

We are to set up specific times for individual demonstrators. We will be able to post an advertisement when a club member will be demonstrating a specific technique such as a natural edge bowl, tops, wine stoppers, etc.

Please see Eddie or me and sign up to be a one of our "Featured Demonstrators"!

The Woodworking Show has asked us to do a Juried Show and will provide the judges and prizes for the winners. I hope to develop some ideas for the next meeting.

*The Crafts Reports*

Check out the November issue of The Crafts Reports ([www.craftsreport.com](http://www.craftsreport.com)) where Phil Coghill was one several featured Kaleidoscope Artist.

If you are interested in marketing your work, you might want to look at [www.snagmetalsmith.org](http://www.snagmetalsmith.org). You will find a set of Professional Guidelines for Artist which includes: a guide to a model Consignment Contract; Discounts; Artist's Checklist for Exhibitions, Juried Exhibitions, Claims for Damaged Work, and useful books for legal and professional advice.

Last but not least I would like to thank Laura and Gordon Ousset for organizing the Poydras Home for Elderly Ladies craft show. Even though the crowds were small, we did get exposure and sold a few pieces.

See you at the November Meeting!

Woodturners can knock chips off your block.

*Keith Welsh*

*President, Bayou Woodturners*



The Votes Are In – see pages 9 &10 for the Calendar Winners



First and foremost, let us say a few words in praise of Dick and Julia Gahn's hospitality and the spread they laid out: roast pig and deep fried turkey, We woodturners are lucky to count such generous souls among our number. The words "thank you" seem inadequate in the presence of such bounty, but we say them just the same. Jerry Markowitz should be gratified, after the ribbing he took in September, to know that he is not alone in maintaining a tidy shop. Dick Gahn also believes in a clean workspace. A lady visiting his shop recently was moved to comment: "Gee, he has a floor!" Perhaps some of us (myself included) should take the time to re-acquaint ourselves with the existence of the floor under our shavings.

Congratulations to all the winners in the ornament competition, especially to our new multiple winner, Laura Ousset, who won in two categories against some very tough competition. The quality and variety of this year's ornaments was truly astounding. Let me here put in a plug for this year's ornament drive. We still need about forty more to make our quota for the sale.

The belt sander race participants were fewer in number than previously. We miss past Bayou Woodturners president Steve Rome and the unique (some would say warped) sense of humor in his entries. However, I have now seen my first belt sander with racing spoilers on it.

The best laid plans of mice and woodturners go oft astray, and some of the events we planned turned out not quite as expected. The wood swap we planned turned out to be Mark Demanuelle, arriving with an entire trailer (and van) full of all kinds of wood. He said it was for the wood swap, but the implied message seemed to be "please take some of this wood so my wife will let me back in the house!" His wife was there to see that we did our best, and so was his son with his own little hardhat and chain saw. You can't start them too early. We had planned a top turning competition for the event, but we got so busy indulging in Louisiana woodturners' second favorite interest (food) and in Mark's load of wood that we never got around to it. The fact that one of our members brought some free beer in which a lot of us indulged had, of course, nothing to do with this oversight.

On a slightly more serious note, the woodworking show which was here this past April will be back in town in late January of next year and Keith started a sign-up sheet for participation. If you can take part in

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the event, please sign up at our next meeting. I know we had a lot of fun at the last one.

That's all for this session. Until our November meeting, happy turning!

*Dennis Wall  
Secretary*

Woodturning  
with  
O.B. Lacoste



~~~~~ Shop Notes ~~~~~

We are surrounded by beautiful woods growing in our own back yards. One of the most readily available and exciting to work with, due to its nature and chemical balance, is oak.

It's a coarse-grained and acidic wood. The tannic acid will cause your tools to corrode, so clean your tools after working oak. It's easy to turn and will finish smooth but, with a course grain.

Because of its chemical makeup and course nature it opens the door to creating new and interesting pieces you have never done before. If you don't like its color you can stain it, lime it, or for an interesting look, try fuming. It also responds well to sandblasting and natural edge.

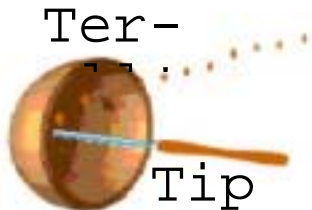
Let's get those creative juices flowing and keep your tools sharp!

**Treasurer's Report  
By Eddie Castelin**

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance:</b> | \$2,864.33      |
| Income:                   | \$0.00          |
| Disbursements:            |                 |
| Newsletter                | \$110.82        |
| Challenge Supplie         | \$30.74         |
| Pig Roast                 | \$129.29        |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$270.85</b> |
| Balance - Oct 12, 2002    | \$2,593.48      |

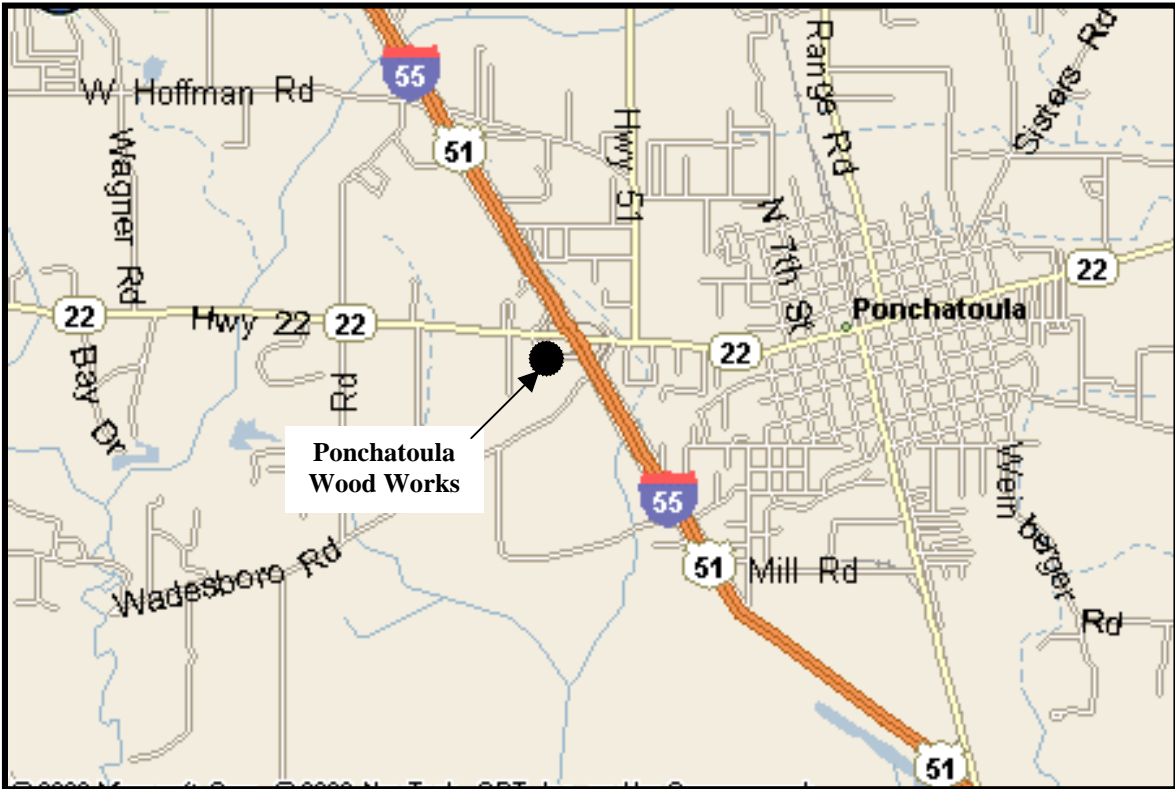
Scroll chuck seem to be a little slow on the scroll. Scroll chucks pick up dust residue from the woods you turn. An occasional cleaning helps things run smoother. To clean your chuck: remove the jaws and then extend the chuck to it's fullest. The scroll dogs will then fall from the chuck body.(see photo) Use a cleaner/lubricant, as WD-40, to clean away the packed dust and residue from the body and gears. Clean the dogs with a wire brush. Spray all with a lubricant/cleaner and reassemble. To make this easier, insert the dogs in the body and then wrap a rubber band around them, (see photo) turn the wrench backwards one full revolution and then check to see if all are about the same distance into the body. If not, turn the handle until they are. Then tighten fully and check center alignment.

Put your jaws back on and start making shavings.



By  
Eddie Castelin





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From New Orleans take I-10 West to I-55 north -get off at Springfield exit and go over the overpass bridge – turn left onto the service road –go about one mile on service road to the shop.

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The annual *Christmas Ornament Challenge* was judged at the annual Pig Roast on October 12, 2002.

In all 14 woodturners entered ornaments in the competitions two major categories. The Open Class, which was not to be donated to Children's Hospital, only attracted 3 entries. The tree for the donated class was full to the brim with 55 entries.

**Laura Ousset** swept top honors in both categories with two very well done birdcages. Laura entered a total of three cages in the competition, all with some fantastic detailing and created from Magnolia (they are from Mississippi). Gordon took second in the open class with a hollowed magnolia ornament.

The donated class second place went to **Phil Coghill** with a Kaleidoscope ornament. Third place was shared by **O.B. Lacoste** with a turned angel for the treetop and **Charlie Kragle** with a mini-birdhouse.

All winners received a gift certificate from Craft Supplies.

The ornaments will be sold by Children's Hospital at two large craft shows in the near future and the proceeds go their building project. Bayou Woodturners will receive full credit for the work and each ornament will bear a tag with the artist's name on it.

If you have ornaments for this project you can still donate at the November meeting. We are still about 40 short of our commitment of 100 for the year. Get busy and Turn one for the kiddies.

If you have any questions, comments, turning tips, articles, photos, etc. you wish to put in the Newsletter please contact

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A Good Time Was Had By All at the Bayou Woodturners' Picnic



# Bayou 500 Belt Sander Races



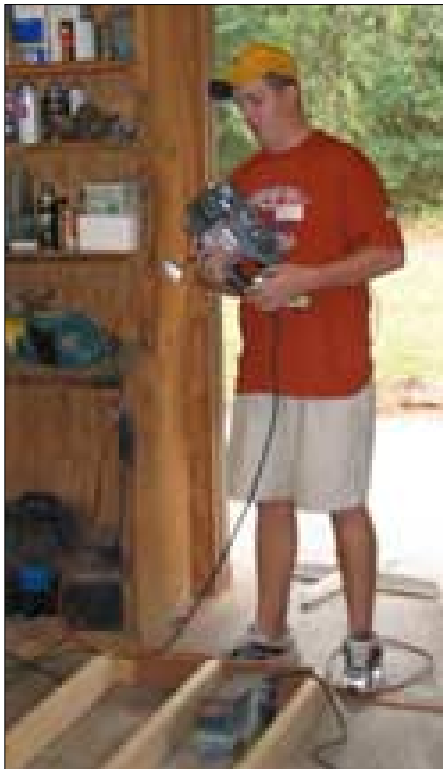
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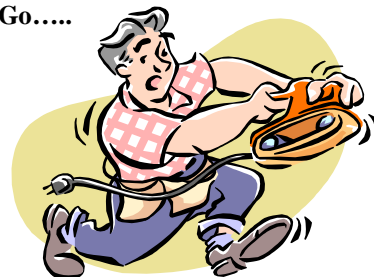
Eddie takes 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 2002 Bayou 500 Belt Sander Races



Crash and Burn



Ready, Set, Go.....

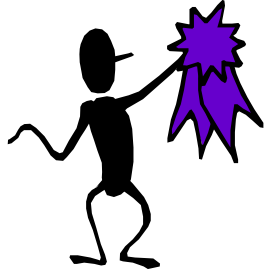


# Christmas Ornament Challenge Winners



Laura Ousset's  
Birdcage Ornament





# 2003 Calendar Photo Winners



**Spalted Pecan Bowl**  
**Ken Lacassin**



**Polychromatic  
Segmented Vase**  
**William Ault**



**Hollow form Vessel**  
**Francis Le Jeune**



**Natural Edge Bowl**  
**Charlie Kragle**



**Spiral Twisted  
Candlestick**  
**Jerry Markowitz**



**Square Sided Bowl**  
**John Coyle**



**“Panda Pot”  
Laura Ousset**



**“Jar of Antiquity”  
Keith Welsh**



**Marganita Vessels  
Mark Demanuelle**



**Lidded box  
Paul Burk**



**Vaulted Bowl  
Marlowe McGraw**



**“Delicate Touch”  
O.B. Lacoste**



# Dues are Due



2003 Club Dues (\$25.00) are due by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Please pay your dues early - Cash or Check.*

Charlie Kragle will be collecting the dues.

Make check payable to The Bayou Woodturners.

(New members who have joined the Club after September 1, 2002 will be considered paid up through the 2003 year)

**Please pay your Bayou Woodturners Dues by Jan 25<sup>th</sup>  
or you will be dropped from the Newsletter mailings**

**Remember to pay your AAW Dues**



## President's Challenge

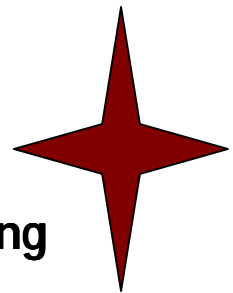
### Bottle Stoppers !!!

The December President's Challenge will be Bottle Stoppers. More details will be provided at the November Meeting. At the November meeting to help you prepare for the Challenge there will be a number of demonstrations illustrating the many aspects/techniques used to make different kinds of Bottle Stoppers.



**November Mini-Session  
Come Early to the Meeting  
9:00AM-10:00AM**

**The mini-demo will be on inlays and sanding**

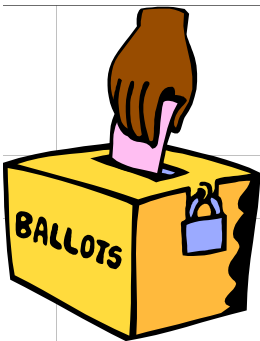




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The votes have been cast and the ballots counted -Congratulations and a big Thank You to *all* who participated in the fun & games at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Pig Roast. Checkout pages 7 to 11 for the results of the Bayou 500 Belt Sander Races, the Christmas in October Ornament Challenge, and the 2003 Calendar Photo Contest winners.

