

# The Bayou Skew

The Bayou Woodturners' Newsletter

November 2003

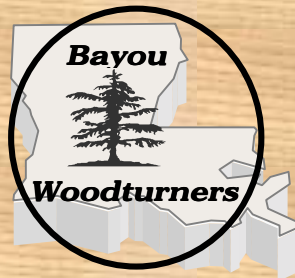
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## From the Headstock

Pontchatoula was once again Great! A good turnout, lots of art, a really fun challenge, a lathe on steroids and more. I think what stands out more than anything about Ponchatoula was the creativity and effort put into the special challenge by Acadian Cypress. Jerry Markowitz turned out another great bi-axel piece, Larry Zarra got small and creative, O.B. got decorative and I got skunked. It was a great challenge; we'll go back to Acadian in the spring for more shavin's in the country.

A few business items were introduced, proposed changes in membership dues, a proposed change in the by laws concerning the address we use and lots of changes in store for the library. During a recent audit of the library it was discovered that about 31% of our inventory is not accountable for at this time. We've closed the library through November to collect those missing items, complete the audit and install new rules for the library.

A brand new member, David Beehler, stepped up to the plate and accepted the position of Librarian. David will formulate the rules, create a tracking program and man the library at the meetings. We are looking for at least one back-up for David in case he can't make it to a meeting and the library needs a part-time librarian. You'll hear more about that program as it progresses. The Club needs to collect all the outstanding items at this time, please take one more look and contact me if you have something from the library. We want to get the inventory complete and get it back in operation as soon as possible.

For the first time in a very long time we didn't have a wood raffle at the meeting. I was a little out of sync with the world and overlooked it. How about gearing up for a really big wood raffle at the senior center

**Next Meeting**  
**9:00 AM \***  
**November 8, 2003**  
**Harahan Senior Center**  
**100 Elodie St**  
**Harahan, La 70123**

**Directions & Map**  
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**\* mini-session, regular**  
**meeting starts at 10:00**  
**AM**

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

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next month? We've always done really well there with lots of great wood changing hands.

Nominations, Round One, were held for the 2004 officers. I was the only nomination for President and Gordon for Treasurer. Nominations will be open in November and December with elections in December. Please consider placing your name in nomination for an office and help build your club. We never seem to really have an election because we only get one nomination for each office. It's perfectly okay to have a runoff for the offices. I welcome additional nominations for each office. We are always looking for some help with special projects and one-of-a-kind events. Step up and take an active role in your club.

In November we will host two challenges, Ornaments and Calendar. The calendar challenge is now closed as Jerry has taken all the photos and Charlie is starting to assemble the display. Be sure to vote in that challenge and help pick the winners for our 2004 calendar. Charlie will also be taking orders for calendars at that meeting and we will have the calendars ready for the December meeting. A great gift idea for those friends and family who like your work.

I'm out of here, heading out to the shop to create a few ornaments for the upcoming challenge and make some shavings. See you in November.

*Eddie Castelin*  
*President, Bayou Woodturners*



**Acadian Hardwoods & Cypress  
Poplar Block Challenge**  
More photos on page 5



## Meeting Minutes

Our meeting was called to order at 10:12. The end of the year is fast approaching and so (alas!) is the time for annual dues payment. We will be collecting dues for 2004 at the November and December meetings. It is also time to nominate next year's club officers. Nominations are now officially open and we will vote in December. So far the only movement on this front has been to nominate Eddie Castelin for president and Gordon Ousset for Treasurer.

Some changes to our by-laws are coming up. These will be discussed elsewhere in this newsletter. Please, take the time to read the proposed changes and be prepared to vote on them.

As you may know by now, we have had the devil's own time getting things back in to the club library in a timely manner. People check things out and fail to return them on time. They exchange library materials without the records being properly cleared, and so on. This makes it very difficult for us to know exactly who's got what, and at the present time, nearly one third of the library is checked out or missing. As a result, the library will remain closed until we can get matters sorted out. Also, a new library procedure has been worked out. When the library reopens, it will be open only at selected times before and after meetings, and a librarian will be on duty during those times (we have a volunteer, thank God). Also there will be fines for materials not returned on time and those fines will be enforced. More on this at our next meeting. If you have library materials checked out, please return them, either by mail or in person. Otherwise you may owe the club some money.

'Tis the season for the WYES auction. We had some small participation this year, and we would like to have more next year. Remember, you can get a tax deduction for what you contribute.

November will be the month of our Christmas ornament challenge. Remember, unless you specify otherwise, all entries in the competition will be donated to Children's Hospital.

The judging for our calendar competition is also coming up. By now, you probably know the rules, but let's review them anyway: Judging will be done from photographs; all participants are limited to three entries (an entry may be one item or a group of items); there are three categories: beginner, intermediate, and advanced -- if you participated last year, you are no longer a beginner; if you feel your stuff isn't good enough to enter, enter it

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anyway, since three spots on the calendar will be chosen by lot; and finally, the December spot on the calendar is reserved for the best-of-show in the Christmas ornament competition.

We have voted to join, as a club, The Woodturning Center. They have a dandy newsletter that we can add to our library.

While the club does not as yet have a website, we do own the domain name bayouwoodturners.com. We are looking for someone to help us design the website. More on this as things develop.

Eddie Castelin kicked off the new series **My Lathe** last month in the newsletter. In the coming months, Charlie Kragle, Gordon Ousset and Keith Welsh will be describing their machines. We invite anyone who would like to, to share with us what they like and don't like about their lathes. Just write it up and send it to Jerry. Larry Zarra suggested collecting these articles and putting them in the Resource Directory. Larry, incidentally will be participating in the Three Rivers Arts festival again this year.

Bill Sullivan -- the Norfolk Island Pine expert will be in our area in December and we are trying to line him up as our featured demonstrator for that month. If he comes, he will also sell wood.

The business portion of the meeting concluded at 11:04.

That's all for this time, folks. Thanks to the good folks at Acadian Hardwoods for hosting us, and thanks to all who participated in the Poplar Block Challenge. November meeting at the Senior Center in Harahan. Be there! Aloha!

*Dennis Wall,  
Secretary*

**2003/04 Bayou Woodturners Meetings**

**November 8, 2003 Harahan Senior Center  
"Christmas Gift Ideas" -Ornament Challenge  
and Calendar voting**

**December 13, 2003 Marchand's Tool Center  
Christmas Gift Challenge**

**January 2004 Riverside Lumber Company**

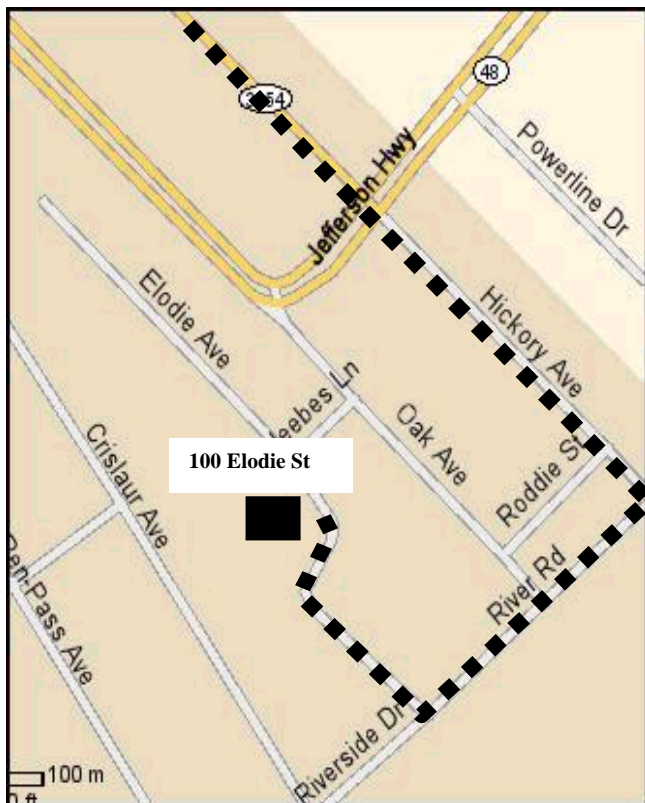
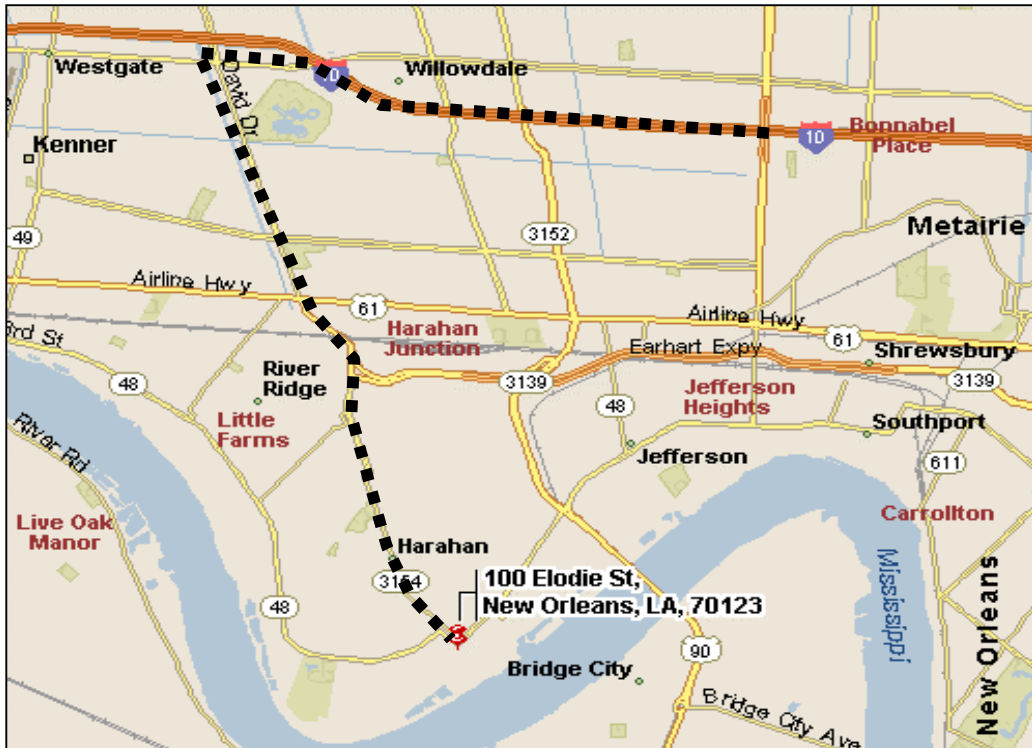
**February 2004 Harahan Senior Center**

**Treasurer's Report  
By Gordon Ousset**

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance:</b>    | \$1,290.14        |
| Income:                      |                   |
| Membership                   | \$50.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                 | \$50.00           |
| Disbursements:               |                   |
| Office Supplies              | \$9.14            |
| Bank fee                     | \$8.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                 | \$17.14           |
| <b>Balance - Oct 25 2003</b> | <b>\$1,323.00</b> |

**Have you Noticed?**

Have you noticed that there are more than officers working for you at the meetings and behind the scene? For instance, have you noticed that Jerry Markowitz not only takes the photos but also edits this newsletter? Have you noticed that Ray Hoffman brings in a chest of drinks to each meeting? Have you noticed that Ben Sulzer sells the tickets and handles the raffle at the meetings? Have you noticed that new members Joel Blazek and David Beehler helped set up and break down at their very first meeting? Have you noticed that Gordon and Laura Ousset stick around to make sure we're all packed up and ready to roll? Have you noticed that Larry Zarra will jump right in and do the right thing at just the right time? If you haven't noticed these folks working for your club then it might be time for you to do so and just say thanks. Even better, join in and become a little more active in a club that is working it's butt off to be the best wood turning club in the world.



### Directions

From New Orleans take I-10 heading west to Veterans Blvd. Turn left onto Veterans and go to David Drive. If you don't see the K-Mart on the corner, you turned the wrong way. Turn left on David Dr. Go South for about 2 1/4 mile. You will cross Airline Hwy and go over a bridge where David Drive turns into Dickory Ave. Be careful not to speed in these areas, police are everywhere! You will pass Dock Av. at the light on your right. Dickory Ave. is only a mile long and at the end, you will first turn right on Gardner then left onto Hickory Ave. Stay on Hickory for two miles. After you cross Jefferson Hwy. at River Road turn right and go two blocks. Turn right on to Elodie Ave. You're just about there! As you go up Elodie about 100 yards, you will see a red brick building. Round the curve and turn left into the Parking lot marked "Enter."

# ACADIAN HARDWOODS & CYPRESS



Poplar Block Challenge



Far right – Acadian Hardwoods & Cypress management and staff judging the Competition.

Above – Jerry Markowitz with his winning piece – A Multi –Axis Candlestick



Jerry Markowitz (winner): Multi-axis candlestick.  
Eddie Castelin: Bottle stopper with its own shot glass inside.

Bill Byl: Weed pot.

Ben Sulzer: Toothpick holder with cherry ring.

Ron Alexander: Baby rattle

Dale Campo: Two bottle stoppers

Paul Burke: Box

Larry Zarra: Two tables, two hollow forms, and two goblets -- all from a single piece of poplar.

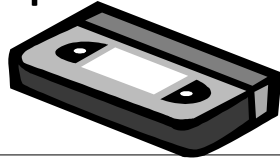
Phil Coghill: birdhouse necklace and kaleidoscope; birdhouse earrings.

O.B.Lacoste: Christmas Ornament

## Library Update

The following Books and Videos have been checked out and not returned. If you have any of these please make every effort to return as soon as possible

Videos



|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| AAW             | 2002 AAW Symposium Techniques              |
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| Caton,AL        | Simplified Fluting                         |
| Conover,Ernie   | Turning Furniture Spindles                 |
| Ellsworth,David | Video #1, Tips For Turners                 |
| Ellsworth,David | Video #3, Hollow Turning                   |
| Jordan,John     | Bowl Turning                               |
| Jordan,John     | Hollow Turning                             |
| Key,Ray         | Turned Boxes, The Basic Box                |
| Klein,Bonnie    | Tools Sharpening, Basic Cutting Techniques |
| Mortimer,Stuart | Wet Turning With A Difference              |
| Stott,Chris     | Decorative Effects And Colouring           |
| Stott,Chris     | Sharpening Turning And Carving Tools       |
| White,Dennis    | Novelties And Projects                     |
| White,Dennis    | Turning Boxes                              |

Books



|                 |                                      |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Boase, Tony     | Bowl Turning Techniques Master Class |
| Boase, Tony     | Woodturning Master Class             |
| Conover, Ernie  | Turn A Bowl                          |
| Darlow, Mike    | Woodturning Techniques               |
| Lindquist, Mark | Sculpting Wood                       |
| Raffan, Richard | Turning Bowls                        |
| Raffan, Richard | Turning Wood with Richard Raffan     |
| Sing, Dick      | Turning Ornaments & Eggs             |
| Title Entry     | Woodturning Bowls And Platters       |

## Corporate Sponsors Bayou Woodturners

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**New Orleans, LA. 70126**  
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[www.woodturnerscatalog.com](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com)



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

Jerry Markowitz at:

email - [jerrymarko@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrymarko@yahoo.com)  
 mail - 620 Chambertin Dr.  
 Kenner, LA 70065  
 phone (504) 464-6050



## Proposed Changes to By-Laws

Two changes to the Bayou Woodturners By-Laws were introduced at the October meeting. It is our practice to advertise all changes twice to the membership, both in the newsletter and orally at the meetings. The address needs to be changed to facilitate speedier response to mail from AAW and others.

### AS IS ARTICLE II – OFFICES

This principal office of this Chapter will be located at: 21 Corral Lane, St. Rose, LA 70078  
The mailing address for all correspondence is: P.O. Box 231293, New Orleans, LA 70123

### AS PROPOSED ARTICLE II – OFFICES

(by suggestion, this was changed following the meeting; the new text is as follows)

*This principal office of this Chapter will be located at: a location decided by the senior officer of the club on an annual basis.*

*The mailing address for all correspondence is: a location decided by the senior officer of the club on an annual basis.*

The second change was recommended, and heartily accepted by others, Membership Czar Charlie Kragle and myself. In an effort to get more family members involved in our club the following is suggested:

### AS IS ARTICLE V- MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership fees for this Chapter (over and above fees paid to the national organization) will be \$25.00, renewable January 1.

### AS PROPOSED ARTICLE V- MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership fees for this Chapter (over and above fees paid to the national organization) will be \$25.00 for an individual membership or \$30.00 for a family membership. Family memberships may include any family members living in the same household. All memberships are for the calendar year and are renewable January 1<sup>st</sup>. New memberships after September 30th are valid though the next calendar year

Both suggested changes will be advertised at the November and December meetings and be in both issues of the *Skew*. They will be brought forth for a vote in December.

## WHO ARE YOU?

Who are you? That is what is running through the minds of new members at each meeting. One of the first steps in starting a conversation knows the other person's name. And that is as easy as reading their nametag. Bayou Woodturners issues nametags to all members as soon as they are requested by the Membership Chairman, Charlie Kragle. If you need a new nametag because yours got lost in a terrible shop accident, or other great story, we will replace it free of charge. Please ask Charlie Kragle to put you in for a new nametag and start being identified as a woodturner.



Jet Mini Lathe, approx. 4 years old, used only on weekends. Recently reworked, painted, belt and bearings changed. All standard accessories included. Good condition. Time to upgrade to variable speed. \$100.00  
Contact Eddie Castelin 504-382-4507

# Member's Gallery

**Larry Zarra:** Cherry bowl with polychrome wood inlay; cherry hollow form with large sapwood inclusion; mesquite hollow form with voids.

**Phil Coghill:** Cherry kaleidoscope; cherry combination kaleidoscope and sconce (for hanging on the wall).

**Dale Campo:** Chinese tallow vase; tallow footed bowl; pear bowl.

**Ken Lacassin:** Three banksia pod twig pots; spalted maple bowl.

**O.B. Lacoste:** tulip poplar natural edge vase; gold sprayed banksia pod presentation vessel with golf ball bottle stopper; mesquite vase; spalted white oak bowl; spalted oak and purpleheart enclosed form; mimosa and purpleheart lidded bowl with "swamp oak" finial; tulipwood and blackwood bottle stoppers.

**Tom Dunne:** Two segmented hollow forms of spalted hackberry and spalted beech -- satinwood tops; Bradford pear free-form vase.

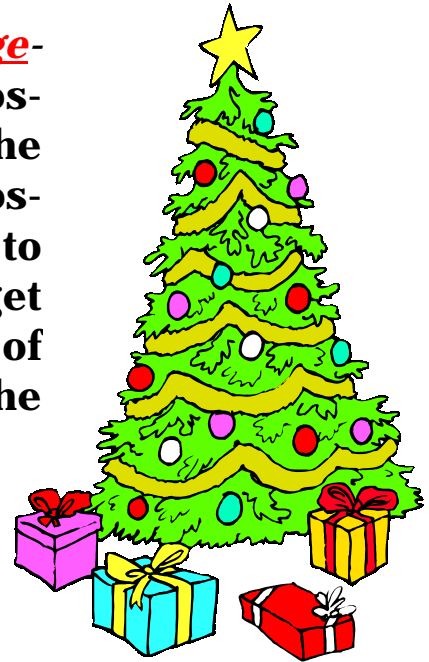
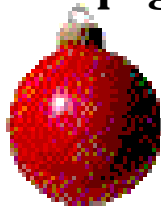
**Dennis April:** Bowl and vase of mystery wood (rescued from a shipping pallet).

**Kirk Gordon:** Nesting bowls of mahogany; nesting bowls of hackberry; mesquite vase with spalted lid.

**Eddie Castelin:** Segmented (white and green) Corian) clock face.



November: **Christmas Ornament Challenge**  
One division is for bragging rights and possibly the December calendar page. The other division is donated to Children's Hospital and some nice prizes will be awarded to the winners. Spin some ornaments and get in the Christmas spirit early. The Best of Show in this double competition will be the December Calendar page.



## LATHEZILLA

Lathezilla, the ornamental lathe being developed for the club was shown again at this meeting. It is now working with a circular cutter in place of its proposed planetary cutter, which was delayed in shipment by FedEx. I have been using it to decorate the tops of boxes and create small decorative disc for projects. Nowhere near the capabilities of this lathe, it was just a way of making shavings while I waited on the other cutter. Now that it's making shavings there is a little more interest in the project. Let's recap what's happening:

- ❑ Lathezilla is being developed as a loaner lathe for club members. There will be some degree of instruction with the lathe and it will be expanded with your help as time goes on. It will be important that all items you decorate with the lathe be photographed for use in the manual.
- ❑ Lathezilla is a work in progress and will be expanded as needs are developed. It is not the final version and definitely not the last one I will build. I would appreciate any and all comments on its development.
- ❑ If you want to build your own version we can help. I am developing a complete list of materials and suppliers you may need. We've found some cost savings in what we originally did in this endeavor. I'm even building a smaller version of the lathe for demonstrations at this time. Charlie Kragle is developing CADD drawings of the disc, which are so crucial for creating the designs this lathe is capable of cutting. With Charlie's help we will also develop a complete working drawing of the lathe to help you with your project.
- ❑ This is a club project. If you want to get involved, in any way at all, please jump right in and do so. I have found this to be very enjoyable and like what I'm seeing in the future of my turning work.

If you want to see more of the ornamental turning world, check out some of these websites:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/jeharr/homepage.htm>

<http://www.jonsauer.com/>

<http://www.turners.org/index.html>

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/jeharr/>

## Board Meeting

There will be an open board meeting following the meeting at **1:00 pm**. All members are invited to attend this planning session on the club's future. All officers and ex-officios are requested to be in attendance.



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### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 1st**

It's that time of year again; time to renew your membership to the Bayou Woodturners. Membership dues of \$25.00 can be turned in at the November or December meetings. Please see Charlie Kragle before the start of the meeting or after the demonstration. Please submit a new completed Membership Application along with payment so the club can be sure all records are up to date. Dues may also be mailed to:

Charlie Kragle  
2165 Augusta Dr.  
LaPlace, LA 70068

Please remember that all members are required to be members of the national organization, The American Association of Woodturners. Your AAW membership number is required for renewal. Thanks for renewing early.

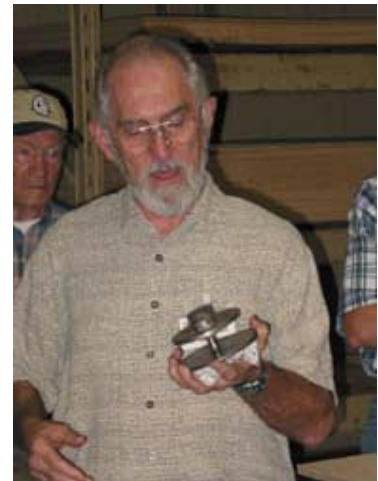
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#### **2004 AAW Chapter Challenge - Update**



Gordon shows off the "spinner" for the Club's Roulette Wheel.



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**Marchand's is having its special pre-Christmas power tool sale on Friday and Saturday November 21 & 22. Factory reps will be on hand with special one-of-a-kind offers on all power tool categories.**

# Bayou Woodturners

## Membership Application

*A local chapter of The American Association of Woodturners (AAW)*

Membership is open to all regardless of skill level or knowledge. All woodturners and prospective woodturners are invited to join by completing this application and submitting it along with your payment for the annual membership fee.

- The \$25.00 annual membership fee is for the calendar year and is renewable January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- All members receive the club newsletter, THE BAYOU SKEW, monthly.
- All members are required to be members of the national organization, The American Association of Woodturners (AAW). (AAW members receive the AMERICAN WOODTURNER magazine quarterly).
- This information will be used for club activities and is made available to the membership for their reference. The membership list is not available for sale or distribution beyond club activities.

Submit this application along with payment (make checks payable to *Bayou Woodturners*) at any regular monthly meeting or mail to:

Bayou Woodturners  
c/o Charlie Kragle  
2165 Augusta Dr.  
LaPlace, LA 70068

*Please print*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**My AAW Membership Number is: \_\_\_\_\_ (Required for Renewal)**

**I prefer to receive The Bayou Skew by:  E-mail  U.S. Postal Mail**

New Membership  Membership Renewal  Update Information

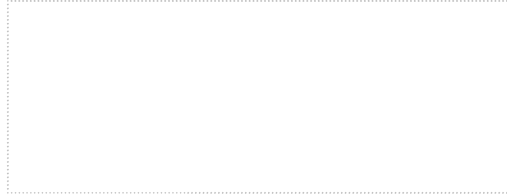


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November Meeting:

Mini-Session:

Embellishing Your  
Work – Eddie Castelin

Demonstration:

Christmas Ideas –  
O.B. Lacoste



Member's Gallery – more photos on page 8