

The Bayou Skew

The Bayou Woodturners' Newsletter

May 2005

Volume 07

Issue 5



CONTENTS:

Page 1 From the Headstock

Page 2 Meeting Minutes

Page 4 Map/Directions

Page 5 Chainsaw Jig

Page 6 ... Challenges

Page 7 Gallery

Page 11 .. Upcoming Events



Bayou Woodturners
330 Highway Drive
Old Jefferson, LA 70121

Eddie Castelin – President

eddiecastelin@cox.net

Dale Campo – Vice President

d-campo@cox.net

Ray Hoffmann – Treasurer

Roach1no@aol.com

Dennis Wall – Secretary

martha1dennis@aol.com

Jerry Markowitz – Newsletter

jerrymarko@yahoo.com

Dave Beehler - Library

davidcbeehler@aol.com

Charlie Kragle – Membership director

ckragle@earthlink.net

Joel Blazek – Events Manager

joelblazek@bellsouth.net

Al Reisz – Development Director

furnwks@bellsouth.net

Steve Brunswick – Collaborative Challenge

steven.brunswick@bisys.com

From the Headstock

This has to be the busiest time ever for the Bayou Woodturners. We have more happening, more very active members, more challenges and more shavings than ever before. I actually had to make a checklist for this article, just so I wouldn't forget too many items.

This month we wrapped up our series "From Log to Lathe". Thanks to Dale Campo and Philip Morris for their help in this program. Our next program will be on segments, and them some. I've recruited Joel Blazek and a few others to help put this together. We'll take it from soup to nuts and dispel all those old wives' tales. I'll be at Arrowmont for the June meeting and Dale Campo will be hosting a program on pen turning. This is more than art; it's an excellent skill developing exercise. Dale will announce the first-ever Vice-President's Challenge at that meeting. The meetings are jam packed full of stuff for the next couple of months. The May meeting will be your next chance to have calendar photos taken for the 2006 calendar. We'll also be collecting mug shots for our Rogue's Gallery on the website. We'll be hosting a wood swap instead of a wood raffle. Want to trade off something in your stash, bring it in and make a deal. Be sure to label what you bring in with at least your name and maybe the species.

I'm working on ordering new hats and shirts with our logo. We have a proposal and I'm trying to fine tune it right now. Support your club and order some apparel for wearing to meetings. The July meeting looks like it could be a nightmare in the making. We'll have an open challenge entitled "Jewelry", which is a claiming challenge (see details on page 7) and we'll be judging the Christmas ornament challenge a little early this year. I've created a challenges web page to help clear the confusion about these events.

**Next Meeting
10:00 AM*
May 14, 2005**

**Harahan Senior Center
100 Elodie Dr
Harahan, La**

**Directions & Map
on Page 4**

***MiniSession at 9:00AM**

On the Internet at: www.bayouwoodturners.com

From the Headstock continued from previous page

I've started something new at the meetings, The Bayou Boutique. The club is ordering in bulk and repackaging some staples of our pastime. I've brought in wood sealer, square head #12 faceplate screws, headgear and visors, and this month, Superglue in several thicknesses. The club marks the items up about 5% over our cost and volunteers are manning the boutique and helping with the repackaging. This will help you save a few \$\$\$ when you're making shavings. We'll expand this as the need arises and as members come forth to help with the duties.

We'll be at the Mandeville Trailhead once in April and once in May. If you want to work this program, and sell your work, contact me as soon as practical. Now for the good stuff, I'm very interested in seeing some of your "early efforts". I think we'll set aside a gallery at one of the meetings for you to show some of your very early work. I know we all have one of those pieces laying around, let's see where your work came from; we know where it's going. I'm out in the shop working on several ornaments for the challenge in July. I want the calendar page this year.

*Cap'n Eddie,
President, Bayou Woodturners*



Our meeting was called to order at 9:59 a.m. The club website has been almost completely restored, with some new links added. So far it's averaging about 1,000 hits a month. Speaking of the website, our swap shop is now both on the website and in the newsletter.

We need some new My Lathe articles for the Newsletter. This especially applies to those of you who have recently bought new lathes. We'd really like to hear about them. The new arrangement for our bulk orders (members donate 3% of their order to the club, on a strictly voluntary basis) has netted the club \$54 on the last bulk order we placed.

We badly need ideas (and volunteers for the collaborative challenge, which we hope to enter next year. So far we have only one idea and 3 volunteers.

We have gotten our first grant check from the AAW. The idea behind the grant was to be able to produce DVD's of our demos. So far, we have the software, but are still shopping cameras.

We go to Mandeville again for their open-air market/fair in April. We have room for four demonstrators on the program, which runs from 8 until 1.

We're getting ready to order t-shirts and caps again. If you want to order some of these, let us know what size and how many.

As you may already know, this year we are donating our Christmas ornaments to the WYES auction. This means that we need to get the Christmas ornaments in early -- by the July Meeting. Naturally, then this will be the time of our annual Christmas ornament challenge. This time ALL entries must be donations. You can deduct the cost of the materials for the ornament(s) on your income tax, but not the labor.

We need some volunteers for Meet and Great teams for new members and/or guests. If you want to volunteer, contact Eddie Castelin.

Dale Campo will be in charge of our June meeting, and the demonstration will be pens.

We are putting together an order of superglue from Starbond (see page 7).

There's a new page on our website -- Cap's Notebook.

continued on page 3

Treasurer's Report

By Ray Hoffmann

Beginning Balance:	\$1,506.47
Income:	
Jamieson Workst	\$356.00
Membership	\$25.00
AAW Grant	\$460.00
Bulk Order Tariff	\$54.51
Total	\$895.51
Disbursements:	
Equip&Parts	\$438.41
Newsletter printing	\$23.49
Library Purchase	\$23.74
Total	\$485.64
Balance - April 30, 2005	\$1,916.34

Meeting Minutes continued from previous page

We hope to put the latest techniques, products etc. discussed at meetings here. Send any ideas or info to Cap'n Eddie Castelin.

The Girl Scouts have asked us to do a demo at the Pontchartrain Center on Bastille Day (July 14th), from 10-2. Please step up and volunteer for the program; it's a great outreach to the community.

Tom Dunne will have a booth this year at JazzFest (second weekend). Come out and see what Tom has created.

The John Jordan demo will be either the in October or early November. John won't commit until he gets the hometown football schedule. We'll keep you posted.

Our annual pig roast will be held at Dick Gahn's estate in Covington on October 29th. However, this time we'll be doing a late lunch (around 3:00) with the belt sander races, etc. held prior to that.

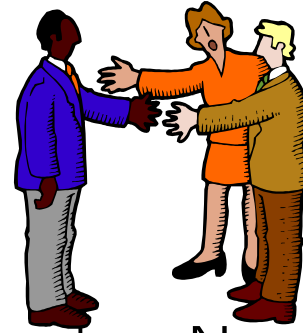
Our May meeting will be held at the Harahan Senior center, and will feature all the lowdown on segmented turning.

The business portion of the meeting concluded at 10:45 a.m.

Dennis Wall
Secretary



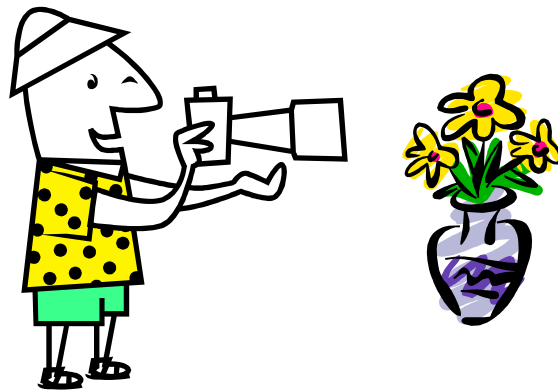
The Bayou Woodturners
Extend a Warm Welcome to
the following new members
who have recently joined the Club:
Patrick Smith, Baton Rouge, LA
Brian Harrell, Robert, LA
Richard Corley, Picayune, MS
Robert Watters, New Orleans, LA



Greeters Needed

Please volunteer to be a Greeter

Greeters needed to meet new members as they arrive at a meeting and introduce them to the Club's Officers and general membership. Greeters will be asked to keep track of attendance at the meetings. You can volunteer to meet and greet at one or several meetings.

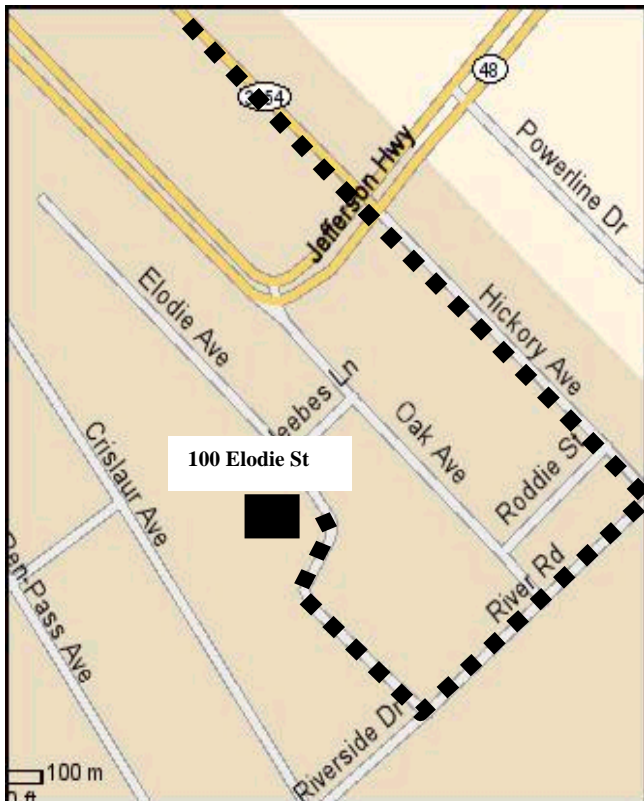
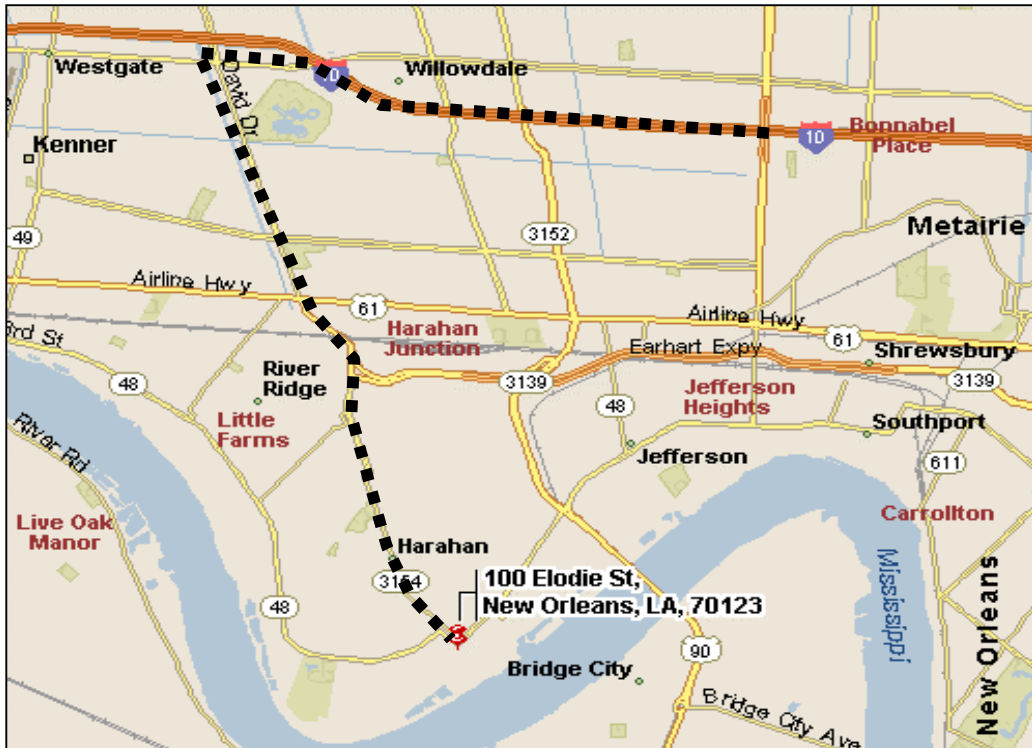


Photos for the 2006 Calendar Competition will be taken at the May Meeting. Members can enter as many as three works of art at each photo session. For a complete rundown of the rules and an entry form – log on to the Club's website – www.bayouwoodturners.com

Third Law of Construction:

When all the screws are Phillips-head, your screwdriver isn't

From Murnhv's Law Calendar



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."

Platform for Cutting Wood with a Chainsaw

The “*On the Web*” article in the April 2001 Bayou Skew highlighted the website of Richard Stapley - Laymar Crafts Woodturning (www.laymar-crafts.uk). Among the many excellent resources contained on the site is an extensive Hints & Tips section.

Since I only have a bench top bandsaw I do all my bowl blank preparation with a 16” electric chainsaw. So I decided to build the *Platform for Cutting Wood with a Chainsaw* (*Hint & Tip #67*) to make it easier and safer to “round” my blanks. The detailed instructions for the jig along with illustrations can be found on the website. The materials needed consist of ¾” MFD/plywood, some ½” threaded rod, nuts and washers, and PVC piping.

When I made mine I added one extra smaller “V” holder – it is about 1/3 the width of the other sections - to one end of the platform. This setup enables me cut the corners off the blank and still have the blank securely fasten to the jig. The photos below detail the process – the flat side is used to cut the log in half while the “V” groove side is used to hold the log to trim to length and cut the corners – *Jerry Markowitz*



During Eddie’s demonstration on turning a large diameter bowl on a small lathe he mention the used of an adapter that can be screwed onto the *Oneway Revolving Center* (on the tailstock) to hold a faceplate or chuck. As pictured above if a scroll chuck is attached to the *Revolving Center Adapter*, the tailstock can then be brought up to the tenon on the bottom of the bowl while it is still attached to the headstock providing a good centering fit. The attachment is then unscrewed from the chuck, the faceplate removed and the bowl with chuck attached screwed onto the Headstock – *Jerry Markowitz*



Ray Hoffman – Norfolk Island Pine Vessel

See more members' art
in the Gallery on pages 8 - 10



Better watch out Ben Sulzer (last years winner). Looks like Eddie Castelin is going to pull out all stops to take back his tittle in the Bayou 500 Belt Sander race this October at the annual Pig Roast at Dick and Julia Gahn's place.

Corporate Sponsors Bayou Woodturners

R.J. Marchand
Contractors Specialties Inc.
3515 Division Street
Metairie, La
(504) 888-2922

Riverside Lumber Co.
5451 Morrison Rd.
New Orleans, LA. 70126
(504) 242-6624



**1 Industrial
Parkway
Ponchatoula,
La
(985) 386-6079**

Craft Supplies USA
www.woodturnerscatalog.com

**KLINGSPOR'S
WOODWORKING SHOP**

"Quality Tools and Supplies for the Woodworker"

(10% Discount on Abrasives)

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
mail - 620 Chambertin Dr.
Kenner, LA 70065
phone (504) 464-6050



SUPER, Super Glue Sale



The Bayou Woodturners are now selling Starbond Superglue (cyanoacrylate) at club meetings. Currently we have three viscosities in stock, Medium, Medium-Thick and Thick. 2oz. bottles with nozzle will sell for \$6.00. For serious turners we will have 16 ounce bottles available for \$40.00. Also available is activator in a 2-ounce bottle for \$3.00, or an 8-ounce bottle for \$10.00. We will add gel solvent and colors on special request.

The club voted to support this activity and these prices are 25% cheaper than the bulk buy and readily available. At this time, Ben Sulzer has volunteered to be the "Super Glue Guru" and handle sales at meetings. Ben already takes care of the raffle and could probably use a little help. Why not step up and take one of these jobs on to support your club.

We will have 5 single gallons of Craft Supplies wood sealer for \$10.00 each at this meeting. These sales and activities are designed to support your club and all profits go to the general fund.



President's Challenge

The next President's Challenge will be held at the *July* meeting. This is a very different challenge from what we have done in the past. I had to modify it slightly since I announced it at the meeting (I do listen to your input). We'll have two divisions for the challenge and you have to enter both divisions to compete.

The subject is "Jewelry" and all types of turned jewelry are permitted in the challenge. Beads, necklaces, earrings, bracelets, broaches, pins, clips, hair accessories and anything else you come up with.

The two divisions are "Art" and "Claiming". You must provide pieces for both divisions to compete. The Art division pieces will be returned to the turner following the competition. The Claiming division will be sold to other members in a sort of silent auction at the meeting. The proceeds will be split 50/50 with the artist and the club. This concept has been tried by several other woodturning clubs with mixed results. It gives members a chance to pick up something nice from other members and the club a chance to pick up a few \$\$\$.



2005 ORNAMENT CHALLENGE

The 2005 Christmas Ornament Challenge will be held a little earlier this year because we will use the donated portion of the ornaments for the WYES Channel 12 Art Auction. The donated ornaments will be assembled in packages to be auctioned during the first two weekends of October. The Bayou Woodturners used to donate 60 or 70 ornaments to good causes in the past. It's time we stepped up and did it again. Here's the call, you are expected to turn one Christmas ornament for the July Ornament Challenge Competition. How's that for a plan?



O.B. Lacoste

Member's Gallery



Al Reisz - Cedar



Kirk Gibson - Maple



Al Reisz - Sweet Gum



Joel Blazek - Magnolia



Don Mercante - Dogwood



Don Mercante



Dennis Wall - Chickarela



Larry Labry - Sycamore - Work-in-progress



Joel Blazek - Ambrosia Maple



David Beehler – Maple and Padauk



OB Lacoste – Quilted maple /Myrtlewood lid



Tom Dunne _ Mulberry



Joel Blazek – Ambrosia Maple



Steve Brunswick – Wormy Pecan



Gorst Duplessis



Brain Harrel's First Piece – Oak



O B Lacoste - Fir



Tom Dunne – Hard Maple root Burl



Don McLaran – White Oak Burl



Steve Kilchrist - Cocobolo



Al Reisz - Pear



Gorst Duplessis



Steve Kilchrist - Mesquite



Dan Patterson – Wormy Pecan
Blockbuster III





















Tom Dunne – Pecan
Blockbuster IIIa



Upcoming Events



May 2005	June 2005	July 2005
<p>Harahan Senior Center – May 14th</p> <p>Main Demo: <i>Segments</i> "From Soup to Nuts"</p>  <p>Wood Swap</p>  <p>Blockbuster II</p> <p>Calendar Challenge Photos</p> 	<p>TBA – June 11th</p> <p>Main Demo: <i>Pens</i></p>  <p><i>Special Vice President's Challenge</i></p>  <p>Blockbuster I & III</p>	<p>TBA – July 9th</p>  <p><i>Jewelry Challenge</i></p>  <p><i>Ornament Challenge</i></p>  <p>Rhinestone</p> <p><i>Demo at the Girl Scout Jamboree</i></p>   <p>AAW Symposium July 22-24 Overland Park, Kansas</p>
August 2005	September 2005	October 2005
<p>Harahan Senior Center – Aug 13th</p>  <p><i>Egg Challenge</i></p>  <p>Blockbuster I & III</p> <p>Calendar Challenge Photos</p> 	<p>TBA – September 10th</p>  <p>Calendar Photo Judging</p>	<p>TBA – October 8th</p> <p>WYES Auction</p>  <p>John Jordon Workshop</p>  <p>Pig Roast Oct 29th</p> 
November 2005	December 2005	TBA
<p>Harahan Senior Center – Nov 12th</p>	<p>TBA – Dec 10th</p>	<p>SKEW II Workshop</p> 



Bayou Woodturners
330 Highway Drive
Old Jefferson, LA
70121

Place
Stamp
Here

The Bayou Skew

The Bayou Woodturners' Newsletter



From Log
to Lathe
with
Eddie Castel in

