

The Bayou Skew

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From the Headstock

The new meeting format is a winner! Attendance was up and they stayed for the whole show as Dick Gahn expertly demonstrated “inside-out” turnings. Thanks Dick for making it look so easy, even the catches at the worst possible time were easy to overcome. This demonstration will soon be available on DVD for loan in our library. David Beehler reports that most library items are coming back and urges those who still have items overdue to return them while the amnesty program is still in effect.

The club received a donation of over 20 books from the Woodturning Center, which were picked up at the AAW symposium. I made a donation to the Woodturning Center and they made a donation to us. Not a bad deal.

The Acadian Woodturners have invited us to Lafayette in September and we’re going to challenge them to turn fan or light fobs. Two lathes, two turners, two designs, could be some fun. I need 20 chain pulls for the fans at the senior center for next month. We don’t have any of our art on display at the senior center and they have 20 ceiling fans that need adornment. Turn a pull or two, I’ll supply the chains.

August at the center will be a busy time.

We’ll be judging the annual Christmas ornament competition, taking the final round of photos for the calendar competition and share in at least two great demos. Turn your ornaments and bring them in for “Operation Pay-back” and get a chance at one of the 2007 calendar pages.

If you were at the meeting, you got to see the new video and lighting overhead package that Brian Harrel constructed for the club. It’s a work in progress and we’re working on changes at this time. But we need some help, Cameras. We need two used video cameras for the setup. Home video cameras have a

Next Meeting
9:00 AM
August 12, 2006

Harahan Senior Center
100 Elodie St

Directions & Map
on Page 11
Main Demo

at
10:00AM

On the Internet at: www.bayouwoodturners.com

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better focus range, better light chips and iris controls than the CCTV cameras we're using now. If you have a camera you can donate to this cause, it would be greatly appreciated. We need cameras, with power sources, which output video, simple enough. Next on our wish list is a 2-3 gallon shop vac for cleaning up after demos. No bigger, we're running out of room.

I showed off "Jetzilla", my version of a mini jet lathe on steroids, at the meeting. I adapted a treadmill motor to a mini and now have a lathe that will turn from about 200 to 4000+ rpm and is reversible. All this at 1.5 Hp makes this one great machine. It takes a little getting used to because the controller has about a 2 second lapse. But the versatility is well worth it. Get the parts; we'll build one for you.

Well, the air is running, wood is waiting and "inside-out" looks easier than ever. I'm off to the shop for some shavings, see you at the center.

*President, Bayou woodturners
Cap'n Eddie*



Our meeting began at around 9:30 a.m. (the new schedule got me a little bamboozled over start time). First off, president Eddie Castelin asks that we as a group come up with at least 20 light pulls by next meeting. These are to be donated to the Harahan Senior Center, where we often hold our meetings. Ideas for future demos and demonstrators are needed.

Our August meeting will be the last chance to put up entries for the calendar competition. Remember three slots on the calendar are chosen by lottery, you, everyone, regardless of skill level has a chance to get in. Judging for calendar entries will be done at our October meeting.

The Christmas ornament competition will also be held in August.

Remember that the ornaments are going to be auctioned off as part of Operation Payback, so please put your best efforts forward.

Our joint meeting with the Acadian club will be in September.

Details and directions to the meeting spot will be forthcoming. SKEW II will be held in November ; there will be four demos plus a sharpening station (where YOU will sharpen your own tools under expert guidance.) We still need volunteers for setup and takedown.

Renowned British turner Stuart Batty will be our guest demonstrator next year, the weekend before JazzFest.

We'll get the details out to you well in advance of the event.

Joel Blazek has obtained a 55 gallon drum of Anchorseal green wood sealer, which the club is selling off for \$10.00 a gallon. If you're interested, contact Joel, and please remember to bring your own gallon container.

Our camerawork and recording capabilities at club demos have grown and continue to grow in capability and sophistication. To keep our abilities in this area strong, we're asking anyone who has an old camcorder they want to get rid of, to donate it to club. This will help us make things more visible at demos and help make recordings of those demos available to club members.

We are still looking for an embroiderer for the hats and shirts we sell. Our last one vanished without a trace. If

**Treasurer's Report
By Ray Hoffmann**

Beginning Balance:	\$3,037.70
Income:	
Glue Sales	\$30.00
Caps/Shirts	\$10.00
Anchorseal	\$10.00
Bulk Order	\$11.51
Total	\$61.51
Disbursements:	
Hall Rental	\$25.00
Anchorseal	\$228.25
Equipment/Parts	\$22.23
Newsletter printing	\$31.98
Postage	\$23.40
Mailing Labels	\$18.48
Refreshments	\$17.08
Pig Roast	\$174.17
Total	\$540.59
Balance - July 30, 2006	\$2,558.62

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anyone knows the name of a good embroiderer, please pass it along.

The business portion of the meeting concluded at 10:00.

Dennis Wall,
Secretary



Don't Forget !!!
Last Chance to enter your
Work for the 2007 Calendar
Contest
Pictures for the Calendar
Contest will be taken at the
August meeting.

Upcoming Events

August 12, 2006



Final Chance for
Calendar Photos

Operation Payback -
Bring your Christmas Ornaments



September 9, 2006 Joint Meeting with Acadian
Woodturners in Lafayette

Sept 29 - Oct 1

S.W.A.T.

Southwest Association of Turners Symposium

October 14, 2006 Calendar Judging



"Same Old Grind"
Pepper/Salt Mill Challenge

November 2006

SKEW II Workshop



Guest Demonstrator
STUART BATTY
April 2007

TBA



*Jewelry
Challenge*



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Ornament Competition Operation Payback

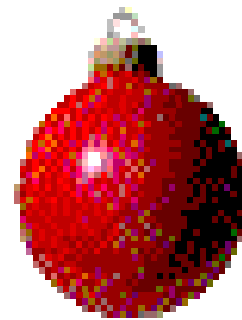
It's only August, but it will be Christmas time at the Senior Center for the Bayou Woodturners. Bring your ornaments for judging for the December page of the 2007 Calendar. Ornaments will also be collected to be auction off to raise money for Operation Payback



As all of you know, Hurricane Katrina dealt a severe blow to our area and impacted the lives of many of our turners. The AAW stepped up with financial support for several of our members and others across the gulf coast. For several of these woodturners, this was the first support they received. The AAW came in first, ahead of the insurance carrier or FEMA.

The AAW Disaster Relief Fund collected over \$55,000 in funds from an online auction and contributions from clubs, members and supporting sponsors. From this \$55,000, they paid between \$3,400 and \$8,000 to member woodturners who requested aid. The Disaster Relief Fund was created because of Katrina, but it will continue on, ready for the next disaster to impact our fellow member turners.

Operation Payback is The Bayou Woodturners' method of repaying and supporting the fund. The support will continue this fall with an on-line auction of selected Christmas ornaments from The Bayou Woodturners.



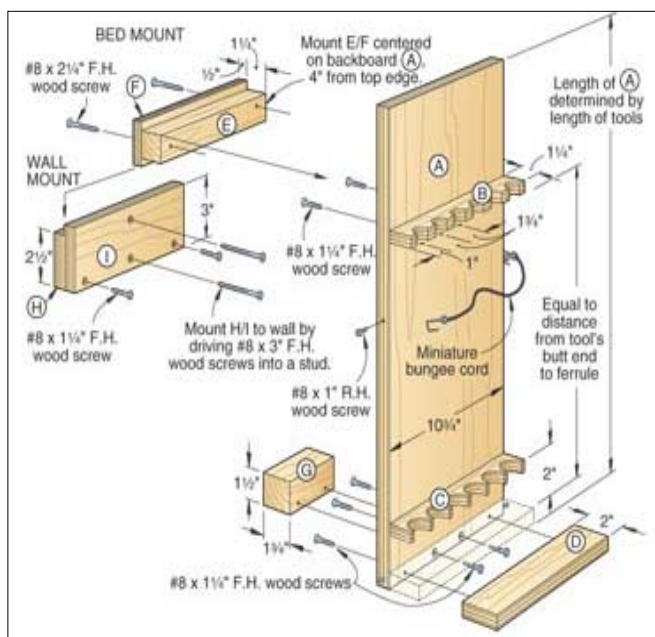


While certainly not a website dedicated to the turner, Wood Magazine's website and their monthly web based newsletter (you can sign up and have the newsletter emailed directly to you) often contain much useful information for the woodturner.

There are several discussion groups covering everything relating to woodworking including a very active forum just for woodturning.

The June edition of *Wood online news* as the monthly newsletter is called, contained a free downloadable plan for a lathe tool holder that can be attached to the lathe bed for easy access and when not in use can be hung on a nearby wall. All plans contain an exploded diagram and cutting and material list.

The July edition of the newsletter contained an article on *-How to decipher the code on a glue bottle to find out how old it is before you buy it.* Here's what it said:



For "white, yellow, and polyurethane glue produced by Franklin International, maker of Titebond, the first number represents the final digit of the year in which the glue was produced; it's followed by a letter designating the month, with "A" standing for January, "B" for February, and so forth. (They skip "I" because it looks like the number 1.) You can ignore the rest of the code,

materials list

Part	FINISHED SIZE			Matl.	Qty.
	T	W	L		
A backboard	¾"	10¾"	21"	BP	1
B* upper rest	¾"	1¼"	10¾"	BP	1
C* lower rest	¾"	1¼"	10¾"	BP	1
D base	¾"	2"	10¾"	BP	1
E cleat	1½/16"	1¼"	9¾"	P	1
F retainer	½"	2"	9¾"	BP	1
G base block	1½"	1¾"	4"	P	1
H hanger strip	¾"	2½"	9¾"	BP	1
I hanger cap	¾"	3"	9¾"	BP	1

*Parts initially cut oversize. See the instructions.

Materials key: BP–birch plywood, P–pine.

Supplies: #8x1¼" flathead wood screws (10), #8x2¼" flathead wood screws (2), #8x3" flathead wood screws (2), #8x1" roundhead wood screws (4), 10" miniature bungee cord.

which relates to the particular batch of glue. Elmer's glue carries a similar code. In this case, however, the series starts with a letter corresponding to the year of manufacture, with "H" standing for 2005 and "I" signifying 2006. The two numbers following tell you the day of manufacture, and the next letter reveals the month, with "A" designating January, etc".

Also in the July newsletter was an article about the woodturning club of Kingsport Tennessee. That club has implemented a woodturning program for the *Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport*. "The program is designed to expose youths age 10 and up to the art of woodturning. It reaches boys and girls from disadvantaged life circumstances. Kids from "at-risk" backgrounds get the opportunity to experience woodturning as a means of outlet and creative expression". For more information on this program, visit the [Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport's Web site](#)

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Volunteers needed to help with the setup and take down of equipment for SKEW II in November. If you can assist please contact Joel Blazek.

Fan Pulls

The Senior Center has many fans in the room where we hold our meetings – but no fan pulls. President Eddie Castelin has asked that everyone try to make at least one pull and bring it to the next meeting to donate to the Center.



Ron D'Aunoy – Assorted Fan Pulls



Two great Demos – Dick Gahn: Inside-Out turning – Eddie Castelin: Tool Handles

Member's Gallery



Ron D'Aunoy – Persimmon Captive Ring



Keith Welsh



Joel Blazek - Magnolia



Ray Hoffman - Pecan



J. Awbrey – Tool Handle /Walnut Bowl/ Bald Cypress Bowl



O B Lacoste – Sweet Gum Goblet



O B Lacoste
Mulberry
Box



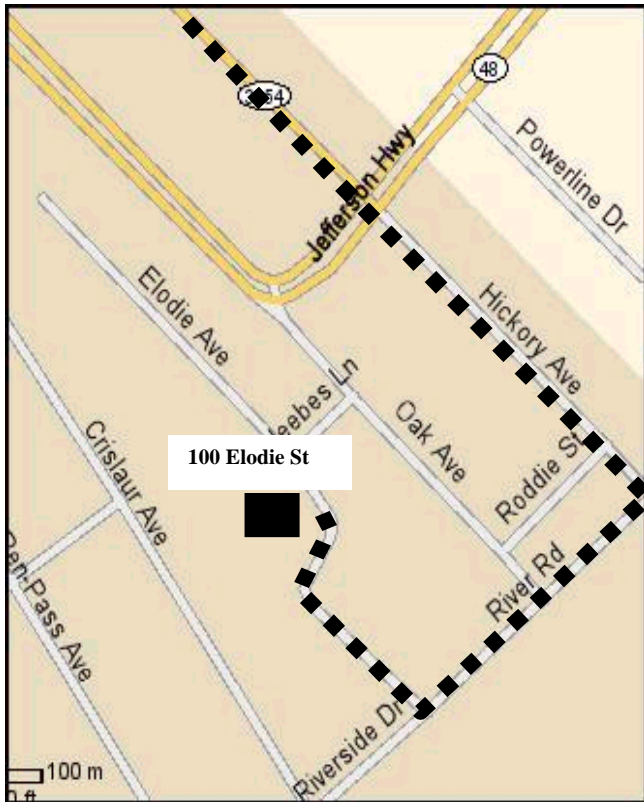
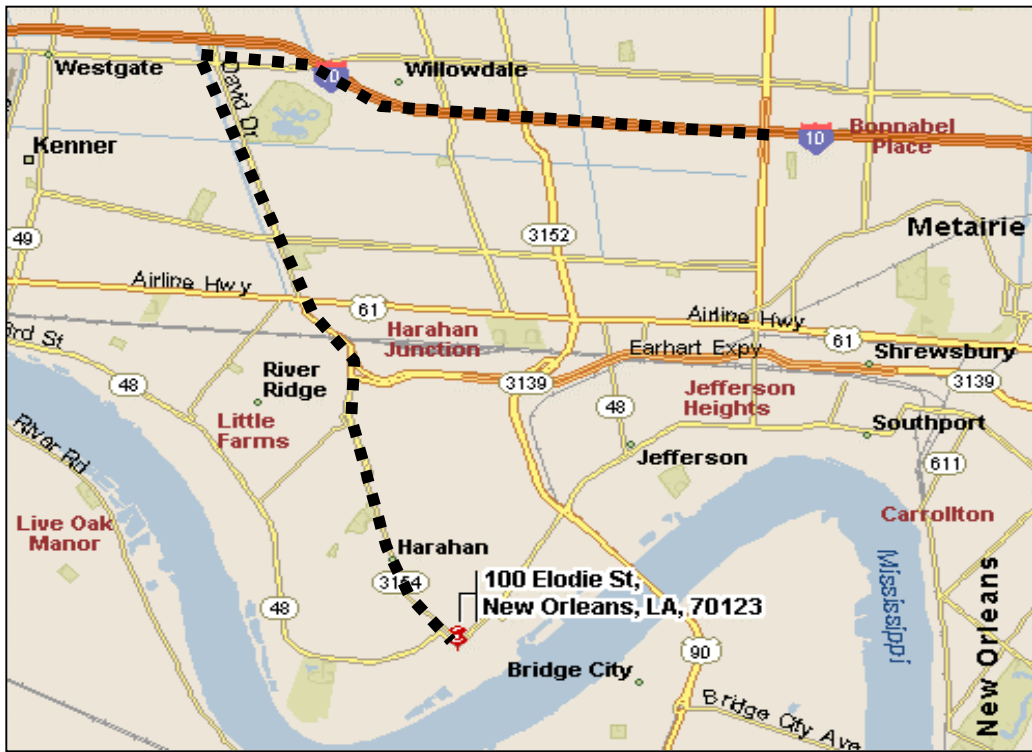
O B Lacoste - Cypress w/twisted finial



James Ola - Mahogany & Maple

**Dick Gahn - Inside-Out
Ornament/Candlestick/Table**





Directions to April 8th Meeting

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."



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Joel Blazek – Magnolia Bowls
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