



Pikes Peak Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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Mystery Demonstrator

A Must See Demo

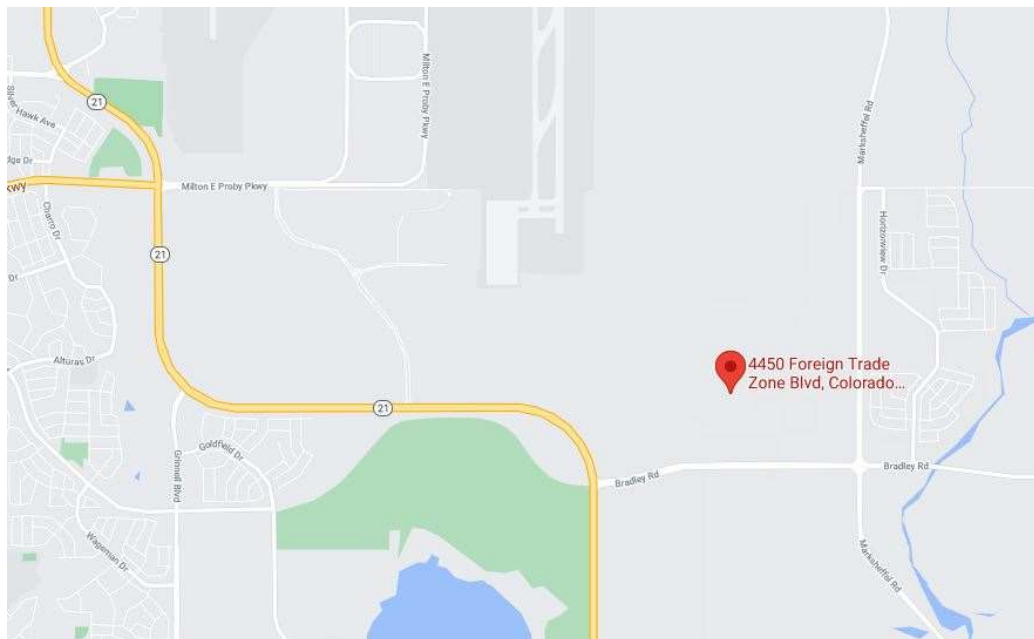


Join us at the The MiLL - National Training Center

The Bemis School of Art is still not open for meetings. We will meet temporarily at The

MiLL - [HOME - The Mill \(themillco.org\)](http://themillco.org)

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From the Prez

Hello everyone.



Robert Brewer

President

The last meeting was a disappointment to me and other people I'm sure, because of the lack of members that attended. I guess I thought there would be more interest after the long period of No meetings. We are still looking for a new place to meet in case Bemis doesn't open up shortly but so far no luck.

Dennis did a nice job of the Up-Side Down Salt Shaker at the last meeting. The **Presidents Challenge** is to turn one.

This month's demo will be something that I doubt if anyone has seen, so you will have to come to learn about it. We will also talk about some things new members and some old members need to know but maybe don't if there is time and it will be a hands on if there is enough interest.

Bring the latest items you have turned & also any wood that you are tired of looking at. See you at the meeting, and be as close to 5:30 as you can because of the way we have to enter the building.

Please feel free to share the newsletter and meeting info! Hope to see you at the meeting!

Robert

SWAT 2021

By Kay Liggett

At its best, a symposium is a kind of feast for the exchange of skills, goods, and inspirations. There can be controversy, but in general, it is a cause for celebration. After an entire year of cancellations, 600 turners and vendors met in Waco, Texas, for the normally annual Southwest Area Turners' Symposium.

The organizers were able to pull together two and a half days with almost 60 sessions of an hour and a half. There were some last-minute cancellations among demonstrators and vendors, but there was plenty to see and do at the Convention Center. Most symposiums also provide an 'Instant Gallery' of work by demonstrators and participants. And, at SWAT, a Texas club sets up the media and provides volunteers for each of the demonstration rooms.

As a kind of demonstrator emeritus, Dennis wanted to go there to see his friends from Georgia - Nick and Cathy Cook, and Nick Agar, who moved across the pond from England to settle in southeast Georgia. I also wanted to meet some of the women from the Women in Turning Facebook group. We were both happy to find some old friends and make some new ones.

I was also hoping to buy some mesquite. In spite of the bugs, I like this wood for the color and resistance to movement. To my surprise, both of the usual mesquite vendors were no-shows. One of the vendors from the Hill Country was able to scrounge up to big chunks and a 5-6" diameter branch for me. Then at lunch one afternoon, I met the Santa Claus of San Angelo, Texas, who just happened to have some big pieces in his van. Just like all of the other symposiums, this one had a fair amount of commerce taking place in the parking lot.

SWAT has not been a popular destination for Colorado Woodturners, primarily because most years we have a choice of the Utah Symposium, Rocky Mountain in Loveland, and AAW in Kansas City or other Midwestern locations. Even without us, SWAT is easily the largest regional meeting. It is reasonably priced, the hosts show big Texas hospitality, lunch is included, and the hotels are convenient. If you can tolerate the heat and humidity in Waco, it is a good value.

My favorite piece from the gallery! Mesquite model of a Vicmarc chuck by Dave Mueller



The flower was turned and carved by Demonstrator Cory White



Pics from our September Meeting



Dennis at the lathe.



Examples of shakers you can make.



Pepper grinders by Al Testa

Shaker before assembly.



Kitless pens by Rich Aldrech.

Demonstrators Wanted

Do you have skills or a type of turning you do often? Would you be willing to share your skills? The chapter is always looking for demonstrators.

Fundraising & Raffle

We're always looking for ways to support our Chapter. Have an idea for a fundraiser? Grab one of the Chapter Officers and bend their ear. If you have some "*nice turnable*" wood laying around, that you know you won't use, donate it to the raffle and get a free ticket.

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