



The Chip Pile



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April 18, 2017

**Jimmy Tolly
Mason Jar Lids
7pm-9pm**

American YouthWorks - Austin, Texas
1901 East SH 71
(about 1/4 mile east of I-35 on south side
of SH 71)

**May 6th
1st Saturday**

Site: Brandon Berdoll
455 Berdoll Ln., Cedar
Creek
9 am - Noon

If you need help sharpening
tools, bring them!

of winning go down. There will be a novice and non-novice category and if it happens to make a lovely Mother's Day, or May Day or Cinco de Mayo gift, all the better for you. Yes, I know all those days are before the meeting so you will need to ask to borrow it back for the competition.

The regional turning conference (SWAT <http://www.swaturners.org>) has opened registration for the August 25-27 symposium. If you plan to go I recommend making your hotel reservation soon! If you have never been, go take a look at the website, talk to **Clyde Little** or anyone that has gone, and know its one of the largest symposiums and one of the least expensive to attend.

See you on the 18th!

Vaden Mohrmann
President

President's Challenge

FLOWER TURNINGS!

Due at May Club Meeting

**Make your
Beads of Courage
Boxes NOW!!**

**SWAT Registration Open
August 25-27**

**Make your hotel
reservations now!**

**Needed: Drivers for
Demonstrators, see Clyde
Little for more informa-
tion.**

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President's Shop

Hey Woodturners!

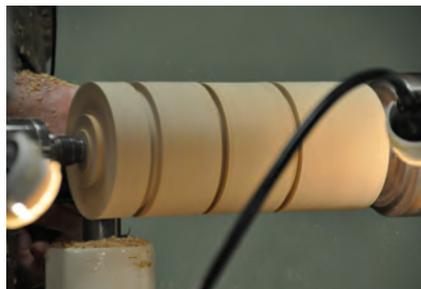
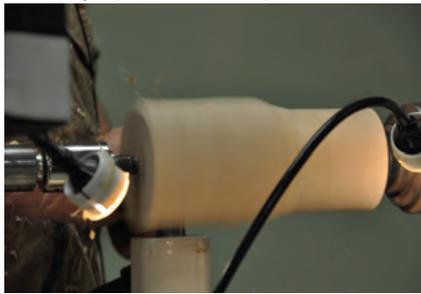
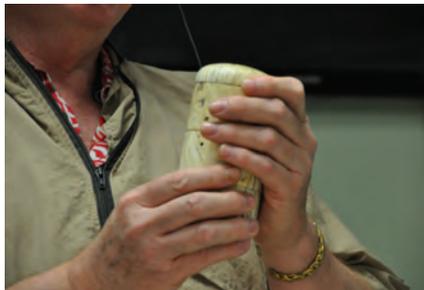
The first quarter of the year is behind us and we are closing in on Graduation season. Every year the club holds an event at the Youth Works for senior students and staff to be able to turn a pen for themselves. We will be announcing the date soon and will need volunteers to help out.

Speaking of the season, I believe it's oak pollen season here in Texas, we will be having our first Presidents challenge at the May meeting. The challenge is to turn something related to flowers. Anything goes, but if I have to ask how its flower related [then put a note with it to explain], your chances

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Demonstration Len Brissette Stacked boxes

Len Brissette was kind enough to come prepared for demonstrating again this month. The good news was we had a key to get into the closet where we keep the lathe. CTWA thanks Len for his talent and gift of time!



Editor's Turn

Another month passed without me getting to the shop. Drat, I am having sawdust withdrawal.

Not to worry though, Steve and I are signed up to attend SWAT and be inspired by the fabulous regional and national demonstrators.

You will be hearing a lot about SWAT over the next few months. If you have never been, then you may be thinking that many of us are a little nuts to be so excited about a symposium. But wait, before you turn off your listening and decide not to go to SWAT consider this:

—SWAT is the 2nd largest Woodturning Symposium in the world and it's only a couple of hours up the road in Waco! OK, yes, it is hot in Waco in August, but be sure to take a sweater or long sleeve shirt, because the convention center does a great job of air conditioning the space.

—A lot of vendors offer great deals on tools, face masks, sanding supplies and even lathes! These are show-only deals, so be sure to check all of them out (and there are a lot of vendors).

—If you are thinking of trying a different wood or even some exotic burls, you'll find them from the wood vendors at SWAT.

—The demonstrators are spectacular. SWAT secures the top craftsmen and women in woodturning as the feature presenters. SWAT also does a great job of securing the regional turners, who are on par with the national demonstrators.

—You will enjoy conversations with the fellow members of SWAT. There is no dumb question, and there are a million answers to a simple question about woodturning, so ask lots of questions or the same question to lots of turners.

—To put icing on top of the cake, the food is really good and locally catered.

—If you have a spouse who doesn't turn, there are tons of activities ranging from crafts and excursions to entertain them while you are buying (ahem) I mean talking to people!

—I promise you will come away from the symposium inspired. SWAT is a major reason that many of us expanded our skillset. The gallery is inspirationally beautiful. We will be showing all the Beads of Courage Boxes!!

—Finally, the drawings (or can they be called raffles—I don't know) are extremely fun. You can win turnings, equipment, tools, and even a lathe (just ask **Stacey Hager**, or better, his wife Betty).

I hope you will begin your planning to attend this year!

Keep turning it on!
Hilda Carpenter
Secretary/Newsletter editor

Hearing Safety

We know to wear safety goggles and a face mask to protect our eyes and lungs. However, David Guillet sent along this reminder to take care of our hearing. Thank you, David for reminding us! CTWA hopes your hearing is eventually restored.

A couple of weeks ago I was turning and sanding a bunch of rough turned blanks into bowels. I had been at this five or six days.

When I finished, I turned off the equipment and noticed I could barely hear anything out of my right ear. It didn't get better. So, a couple of days later I finally secured an appointment with an ear doctor for late in the following week.

A bunch of tests at the doctor's office revealed to me what was obvious: my left ear was fine but my right ear had indeed experienced serious hearing loss. The loss was less with low notes but much more so at the upper end where most of spoken conversation occurs.

The doctor's diagnosis was sensorineural hearing loss caused by damage to the nerves of the inner ear. He had no idea what specifically caused the damage. But generally, he said, it

was traceable to physical causes such as a minor stroke or a tumor. Much more likely, the hearing loss is due to an environmental cause such as loud noises or sounds e.g. gunshot, or loud sounds that last for a long time.

Only one treatment is prescribed for this diagnosis: doses of a steroid for two weeks. There is a short window of about ten days for starting the treatment for it to be effective. But even with a quick start, there is no guarantee that the treatment will be effective. I've been on the steroids for a few days with as yet no noticeable effect. Fortunately, I've been assured that a hearing aid can be fitted to restore much of my lost hearing. I'm also fortunate in that I only had one ear affected.

After talking with the doctor and thinking about my situation, it seemed clear to me that how I was going about wood turning before the hearing loss probably was a major, if not sole, contributing factor.

The equipment I was using produced a lot of loud noise. I was wearing an Air Stream air circulating mask, turning wood, running a vacuum chuck, and during the sanding phase, using a hand power sander and a constantly recycling air compressor to blow dust. The noise was constant as well as intermittent with blasts from the air compressor and the hand sander.

I wore nothing to protect hearing loss while turning. I wasn't completely in the woods on hearing loss. I use ear plugs when I go to hear loud music and I wear ear muffs for woodworking. Ear plugs are necessary to use with the Air Stream. I just never got in the habit of using them.

My point in telling this story is to make others aware of the dangers of hearing loss while wood turning. I think we are much more concerned about dust issues and hearing loss takes a back seat for several reasons. But it can be serious.

David Guillet
March 27, 2017

Members in the News

Craig Timmerman has been invited to be a demonstrator at the 2017 Utah Woodturning Symposium. The Utah Symposium is the longest consecutive woodturning conference in the world. It will be held May 11-13 at the UCCU Events Center on the Utah Valley University campus in Orem, Utah. Other demonstrators this year include **Nick Agar, Stuart Batty, Rex Burningham, Kip Christensen, Kirk DeHeer, Barbara Dill, Karen Freitas, Kurt Hertzog, Greg Jensen, John Jordan, Dale Larsen, Mike Mahoney, Guilio Marcolongo, Wesley Piley, Dick Sing, Curt Theobald, John Wessels, and Tom Wirsing**. For more information on the Utah Woodturning Symposium go to the website: <http://utahwoodturning.com>

March 21st CTWA lost a wonderful friend and member when **Bill Hammack** passed away. Bill and I had a special friendship because we both had ties to Big Spring, TX. His memorial service was March 24th. In lieu of flowers please send donations on behalf of **Bill Hammack** to the Hays Hills Baptist Church Silver Servants ministry. Bill was one of the first members of CTWA and he created the "pregnant goblet." His talent and humor will be missed.—*Hilda Carpenter*

Gallery

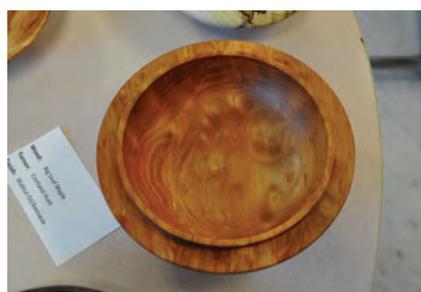
Thanks to all the members who contributed items to the gallery.
Drawing (If you won an item, be sure to bring something back to the next meeting):

Coutland Hunt Big leaf maple; Hackberry (2); Black walnut
Ed Roberts Box elder; Pecan; Red heart; Magnolia
Suzi Parker 5 Secret salt shakers
Jim Spano Pecan bowl; Box elder (2) Brazilian red pepper and Blackwood; Unknown wood
Chris Van Peski Various woods

Keeping Austin Turning Since 1988
Suzi Parker and Saleem Shafi Maple salt shaker from 1st Saturday
Johnny & Marcia Tolly 3 Beads of Courage Boxes

Bring backs:

Jim Spano 4 Mystery salt shakers went to **Richard Soslow, Nathan Spencer, Austin Krause and Jason Tunnell**
Dwight Schaeper Tea Light went to **Suzi Parker**

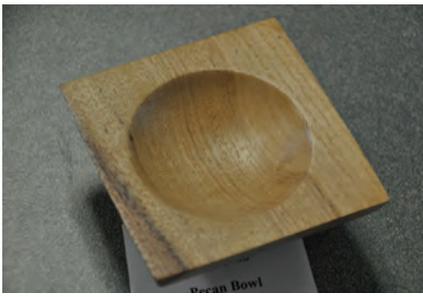


Pat Jenkins Pecan bowl went to



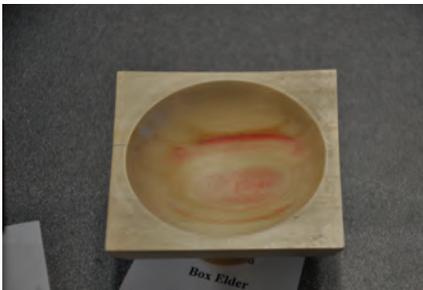
Sydney Spencer





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Some lucky kids are going to love these Beads of Courage Boxes! Remember to make your donation!



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Drew Shelton**



Feb 1st Saturday

Craig Timmerman hosted the first Saturday for March.



Classified Ads

Jim Roby has the following equipment for sale: Powermatic 3520A lathe; stronghold chuck with 4 jaws; 4 topcrete 6", 12", right angle; 3" faceplate; Grinding wheel; over 30 turning tools; safety cage; 1/2" Talon chuck; 1 1/4" to 1" adapter. Contact Jim at 512-255-5317 or 12300 W. Cow Path, Austin 78727

Pat Jenkins has the following equipment for sale: Delta 52-965 14 inch 1 horse power enclosed bandsaw with riser block, fence kit, urethane tires, mobility base, Carter blade tension release system, link belt main belt, cool block guides and six 105" timberwolf blades, \$400.00. Pat Jenkins, email jjjen@austin.rr.com.

Former member Robert Waltz is downsizing his shop. Here is what he has for sale: Stubby Lathe Model 750 with 2 banjos, plus all the attachments shown on the table beside the lathe and Bill Rubenstein's Welded base. Aux bed and two lamps attached.

Rikon 18" bandsaw along with 18 foot 220 volt extension cord. 2hp 220v ac motor, 142" 3/4" blade. 2 speed, 1510 and 3020 ft/min. 512-944-4232 or txwaltz35@mac.com

Women in Turning

Betty Scarpino began a sub-group of the American Association of Woodturners called Women in Turning.

This year there will be a special session dedicated to the Women in Turning (I'm sure men are allowed, too). I'll be there, come have some fun with the ladies!

The Women in Turners also have a publication if you are interested in writing an article, please contact Betty.

Business Meeting

Vaden Mohrmann welcomed guests **Sidney Spencer and son Nathan (soon to be ten)**. Sidney has a Jet Midi and Nathan has a Jet mini.

Vaden called the meeting to order. **Clyde Little** brought us up to date on SWAT, saying registration will be open soon and listing some of the demonstrators.

Drew Shelton talked about the upcoming Beginners Class set for June 10 and 11 in **Orlando Banos's shop**. Fees will be \$10 for lunch (unless you bring your own) and \$20 for wood. Students should not bring their own wood. Students are expected to go to the June First Saturday for tool sharpening so that turning can begin immediately on June 10.

Vaden called for volunteers for the 501C3 Corporation Board and **Pat Jenkins and Joseph Schoenfeld** volunteered for the job.

As we had a lathe and AV equipment this time, **Len Brissette** gave an excellent demonstration on stacking boxes.

40 members and guests attended. (Thanks to **Charlie Kay** and **Marcia Tolly** for their notes of the business meeting).

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2017 Calendar

The calendar listings are an attempt to keep you up to date on upcoming CTWA events, as well as other events of particular interest to woodturners. All regular 3rd Tuesday CTWA Meetings are at American Youthworks. Check Website for latest information.

All 1st Saturdays are from 9 am-noon. All meetings are 7 PM to 9 PM
Events & Dates subject to change, watch for emails or website notifications

Apr 18th CTWA Meeting
Jimmy Tolly, Mason lid jars

May 6th 1st Saturday
Site: Brandon Berdoll

May 16th CTWA Meeting
Dwight Schaeper Iridescent Finish

June 3rd 1st Saturday
Site: Chris Van Peski

June 10-11 Beginner's Class for Members
Site: Orlando Banos
11321 Oak Branch Dr. 78737
512-773-1099

June 20th CTWA Meeting
Craig Timmerman, Turquoise inlay

July 8th 1st Saturday
Site: TBD

July 18th CTWA Meeting
Demonstrator: TBD

August 5th 1st Saturday
Site: TBD

August 15th CTWA Meeting
Demonstrator: TBD

August 25-27 SWAT, Waco, TX

Let Pat Jenkins know if you would like to present to the club in 2016 or you know someone who would be a great demonstrator for our club. We need presenters.

Volunteer Instructors

SOUTH

- Stacey Hager** 512.282.1036
basics, spindles, sharpening,
hollow vessels
- Johnny Tolly** 512.858.4471
basics, open segmented
- Jimmy Tolly** 512.894.0686
basics, platters
- Craig Timmerman** 512.288.3598
basics, square turning,
hollow vessels
- Hilda Carpenter** 512-395-7782
Airbrushing, tool handles, bowls,
Drozda finials, sea urchin orna-
ments, bottlestoppers
- Jack Besperka** 512.261.4682
decoration & finishing

NORTH

- Jim Spano** 512.835.5023
novelty items, tops, shop gadgets
- Len Brissette** 512.258.4004
bowls, platters, sharpening

ROUND ROCK/ GEORGETOWN

- Ed Roberts** 512.255.3294
basics, platters
- Drew Shelton** 512-863-4651

Volunteer Your Shop for First Saturday!

1. It doesn't need to be fancy, or big.
2. We'll bring the lathes.
3. You make the coffee.
4. Drew Shelton brings the donuts and asks for a contribution from all the folks who show up to offset his costs.
5. Have enough room for at least 1-2 turners (easy in the summer).
6. Let Erik Peterson erik-sp@aol.com know! Or email the editor.

Confirmed Sites for 2016:

- May 6th Brandon Berdoll
June 3rd Chris Van Peski

Upcoming Demo's & Classes

April 18 **Jimmy Tolly** mason jar lids.

May 16 **Dwight Schaeper** Iridescent finishes

June 20 **Craig Timmerman** turquoise inlays (tentative topic)

June 10-11 **Beginner's Class for Members** Limited to 8 members, contact Drew Shelton for more information. Class will be at Orlando Banos' house. Attendees are asked to go to the June 1st Saturday so you can sharpen your tools ahead of time.

Membership in CTWA

We welcome NEW MEMBERS to join our band of merry turners anytime. An interest in woodturning is the only requirement. Dues are \$35.00 per year, prorated to \$3.00/month for new members. \$45 Family.

With your membership, whether you are experienced or a novice, we will teach you, or learn from you, and build long-lasting friendships based on a common kinship of matching wood, metal, machine and man, or woman as the case may be.

CTWA members are also encouraged to join the American Association of Woodturners, AAW. AAW dues are: General (\$55); Family (\$60) includes up to three family members living in same household on the membership card.

Youth, under 19 years of age (\$24)

Online (\$45 per year)

Online members do not receive printed versions of the American Woodturner journal and the "Resource Directory," available through online access.

Artist (\$81) business insurance.

For full details and membership form visit the AAW site at woodturner.org

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Meeting Location

The CTWA meets at American YouthWorks, 1901 East Ben White Boulevard (Texas 71) in south Austin. The building is on the south side of Ben White, just east of Interstate 35. The best entry is off Woodward Street, just south of a little strip center. You enter an alleyway into a lighted parking lot. We will enter through the back door. As you drive in, you will see a truck dock in the back of the building with a big roll-up white door. The entryway is just to the right of the truck dock. Folks coming from the north may want to exit I-35 at Woodward and proceed south on Woodward across Ben White.

