

# THE CHIP PILE

the newsletter of the central texas woodturners association

"to give every turner the opportunity to become a better turner"

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, September 21, 2004  
7:00 - 9:00 PM

American YouthWorks - Austin, Texas  
1901 East SH 71

(about 1/4 mile east of I-35 on south side of SH 71)

## FIRST SATURDAY TURN OUT

Don't forget the First Saturday Turn Out at Charlie Collin's shop, 1603 Hydro Drive, Austin, the first Saturday of every month, from 9 - 12 AM. Turn east on Howard Lane off I-35, take the third right on Thermal Drive and the first left on Hydro Drive.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHOP...

### Some Random Thoughts ...

By now I hope all our members have their tickets to SWAT. It looks like this will be a banner year for Texas Turn or Two. If last year was your first taste of this type of event, then you are in for a real surprise.

There are some things we need to be thinking about. Do we want to participate in a club sponsored project for the 2005 AAW Symposium? All AAW members will have a chance to win a big Rockwell lathe, and if they win, the club will get one as well. We need someone to volunteer to lead the project if we are going to participate. Also, it isn't too soon to be thinking about the year end and what we want to do to send off the year with a BANG. Also some exciting things are coming up in the new year. **THE CHIP PILE** will keep you posted. Our news letter gets better with each issue. I hope you are all getting it off the web site, which saves the club a bunch of money.

I hope you are trying to make the Saturday Turn Outs at Charlie Collins' shop. That's a very good place to go to get advice. If you need help or advice about something or other, ask a club member. We all want to share and you new members have something to share also.

In keeping with the club's spirit, let's welcome all new members and some of us old ones as well. One of the things you could share in is helping to clean up after the club meetings. I see the same people doing most of the work. In addition, Marcia needs

help with getting the library to and from her van. Thanks in advance to all who help to make this club so neat to belong to. I hope you all feel as I do. See you on the 21st.

See you all at the meeting.

Lynn

PS: Wear your name tag!

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## From (a rotten) Log to a Bowl

**Jimmy Tolly** promised us a bowl from a log in thirty minutes. We're still not sure if he delivered, but we will acknowledge that he got one bowl and parts of two others in an hour!

Jimmy starts by cutting the log to length, removing the bark and then splitting the log with his electric chain saw in a log holder of his own devising (see sidebar). He skipped the bark removal step this time,



**Splitting the log**

(Drew Shelton photo)

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### *Jimmy Tolly, cont'd*

as the mesquite log he brought was, shall we say, past it's prime and the bark fell off.

Once the log is split, he marks the bowl center using a center finder through the center of his chuck



### **Blank in place**

*(Drew Shelton photo)*

and draws a pencil line around the chuck. He then mounts the piece between the chuck jaws and point of the tailstock live center. The piece is then turned from the tailstock end in to round it and a tenon is cut on the bottom that is properly sized for the chuck.

The piece is then reversed and chucked using the tenon, bringing the tailstock up to support it while the top face is trued. Once that step is finished, the tailstock is backed off. The interior is turned to the desired shape, sanded through the grits, friction polish applied and buffed. Jimmy then reverses the piece again while it is still in the chuck, using the Johnny Tolly tailstock adaptor to center it on his vacuum chuck. When the piece is securely mounted on the vacuum chuck, he removes the scroll chuck and adaptor and brings the tailstock back up to support the piece while he finishes shaping the outside and the base, except for a small nub for support. When the piece has been sanded, finished and buffed, he removes the tailstock support and turns off the nub.

We're probably ready to concede the thirty minutes



### **Turning the inside**

*(Drew Shelton photo)*

*see Jimmy Tolly, page 3*

Joe Kirk, cont'd

argument, in light of the entertainment value of the first two attempts from his high quality mesquite log. First there were the wood worm splatters, then the bowl blew apart. Then on the second attempt, there were so many worm holes that he couldn't chuck it on his vacuum chuck. Then somebody remembered seeing a mesquite log in the parking lot, and he cut a section out of that to come up with a fine bowl.



*Thirty minute bowl* (Drew Shelton photo)

Good job, Jimmy, even if we did give you a hard time. Jimmy will be doing this demonstration at SWAT in Temple. We're betting he'll choose better starting material

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## Bring Back Raffle

**Jim Brinkman** took home a candle holder turned by **Frank Miller**. **Robin Matthews** was the winner of an IOU from **Elmer Hoffman**. **David Dick** was the lucky winner of a beautiful closed form pecan bowl turned by **Larry Walrath**. **Robin Matthews** and **Lynn Kramer** were winners of \$15 Craft Supplies gift certificates.

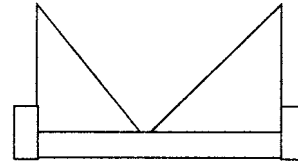


*Larry's bowl* (Drew Shelton photo)

Each of the three winners of the turned pieces will bring a turning to the next meeting. This item should

## Tolly Log Holder

Go to a new home construction site and ask if you can take home some scrap pieces of 2X8, 2X10 or 2X12 waste lumber. Cut five pieces of 2X4 18 inches long and four pieces of the wider lumber (2X8, 10 or 12) at 45 degree angles. Assemble the pieces like the end view drawing below, using 2 1/2 or 3 inch dry wall screws.



be representative of that person's best work. The winners of the gift certificates do not have to bring anything back.

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## Show and Tell

- **Bill Stowe** brought an asymmetric bowl turned from oak, filled with turquoise and finished with the Beall system.



*Bill's bowl* (Drew Shelton photo)

- **Drew Shelton** showed off a vase turned from redwood burl and cocobolo and finished with the Beall system.
- **H. O. Evans** shared a vessel turned from an elm root and buffed with wax.
- **Marcia Tolly** wowed us with her large big leaf maple bowl, decorated with wood burnings and finished with Deft.
- **Norm Hein** brought a vase turned from plum and finished with Deft.

see Show and Tell, page 4



**Drew's vase**

(Drew Shelton photo)



**H. O.'s vessel**

(Drew Shelton photo)



**Norm's vase**

(Drew Shelton photo)

- **Jim Spano** showed off a lighthouse, turned from Kentucky coffee bean and finished with wax.
- **Stacey Hager** shared two pieces, a mesquite bowl and a mimosa vase.
- **Len Brissette** brought two nice pieces to celebrate his new Oneway 2436, a red mallee



**Marcia's bowl**

(Drew Shelton photo)

burl bowl finished with oil and a large cherry platter finished with velvet oil.



**Red mallee bowl**

(Drew Shelton photo)



**Cherry platter**

(Drew Shelton photo)

see Show and Tell, page 4



Jim's lighthouse and Stacey's mimosa vase  
(Drew Shelton photos)

- **David Phillips** brought a mesquite piece.
- **Ron Phillips** showed a large collection of wooden fruit he had picked up in South America.



## Business Meeting

There were 47 attendees at our August meeting, including six visitors.

### SWAT update

Steve Gottlieb reported that the Hilton has sold out of rooms, and encouraged those that haven't done so to get their reservations right away. There is a spouse's gallery this year, and entries are encouraged. The volunteer sign-up list was circulated again

### Club lathe

Our Oneway 1640 has been replaced by Oneway and the new lathe was available for Jimmy Tolly to use for his demonstration.

### Lyle Jamieson available in January

Lynn reported that Lyle Jamieson will be in Texas in January and will be available for club demonstrations and/or hands-on sessions. Enough interest was expressed that Stacey Hager volunteered to explore things with Lyle and coordinate any resulting events for our club.

## AAW National Symposium - Orlando

Charlie Kay and Drew Shelton gave a brief rundown of their experiences in Orlando. There will be a more complete discussion of the Symposium at the September meeting, complete with photographs.

### Wood Artisans Show

Ronn Phillips of the Woodworkers Club was there to tell us about the Second Annual Wood Artisans Show, scheduled for Penn Field, April 1 through April 23, 2005. Visit [www.ctwas.org](http://www.ctwas.org) for more details.



### September Program

## A Taste of Orlando

This month's program will feature the Orlando AAW Symposium in July. **Rusty Myers** will share his experiences as a first time Demonstrator at the national symposium. **Drew Shelton** will give the highlights of some of the demonstrations he attended and **Charlie Kay** will share some photos from the instant gallery, as well as discuss some demos. Neither Craig Timmerman nor Steve Gottlieb is expected to be at the meeting, but Craig plans to send a CD of his photos. Should be fun.

David Dick



## Calendar

September 21, 2004 -- 7:00 to 9:00 PM

CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

October 1 - 3, 2004 - SWAT Symposium, Temple, Texas

October 19, 2004 -- 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

November 6, 2004 -- 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

First Saturday - Charlie Collins' Shop

November 16, 2004 -- 7:00 to 9:00 PM

CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

December ?, 2004 -- CTWA Christmas Party

Date, time and place to be determined



## First Saturday - September 4

The Labor Day weekend didn't dampen the enthusiasm of CTWA turners who turned out for First Saturday at **Charlie Collins'** shop in north Austin. Despite Charlie's best efforts to get everyone to sign up, a good many didn't. We're guessing that there were 18 to 20 people there for the event on a fine day



### A teaching moment

(Drew Shelton photo)

that felt more like October than the first weekend in September.

In addition to Charlie's Powermatic, we had two Carbatec's (or is that now one, **Jim Brinkman?**) and two Jet minis. Everyone that wanted to get a chance to turn and share ideas and approaches.

**Frank Miller** demonstrated his abilities with the skew by turning a nice pen. **Stacey Hager** put on a good teaching demonstration, turning out a weed pot and a box while lots of folks stood around and took it all in with lots of questions.



### Concentration

(Drew Shelton photo)

These Saturday get togethers are going well and are a lot of fun, even if you do nothing but visit and kibitz. If you haven't made one yet, you need to put it on your "to do" list. You'll find it easier than you thought to turn while someone is watching, and you'll be surprised at how many different approaches there are to the basics of turning.

We'll need to decide at the September meeting about what to do regarding the Saturday of SWAT. In addi-



### Under supervision

(Drew Shelton photo)



### Two masters

(Drew Shelton photo)



### Frank with the skew

(Drew Shelton photo)

tion, there probably won't be an event in December, as we will likely be having a Saturday Christmas party again this year.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Southwest Association of Turners  
Symposium, October 1 through 3, Temple,  
Texas**

[www.swaturners.com](http://www.swaturners.com)

**Adirondack Woodturners Association  
Symposium, October 30 and 31, Albany,  
New York**

[www.totallyturning.com](http://www.totallyturning.com)

## Lyle Jamieson to Demonstrate at CTWA in March, 2005

Stacey Hager has contacted Lyle Jamieson and arranged for him to conduct demonstrations and hands-on sessions here in Austin in March, 2005. Lyle is a world renowned turner of hollow form sculpted pieces. Stacey says he is one of the best teachers of turning he has ever studied with, on the same level as Stuart Batty. Details of both the two days of demonstrations and the two-day hands-on session can be seen in detail at [www.lylejameson.com/instruction-classes/index.asp](http://www.lylejameson.com/instruction-classes/index.asp).

There will two days of demonstrations, March 12 and 13, at American YouthWorks, our regular meeting site. These will run from 8:30 to 4:30 and will cost \$30 per day. We need at least twenty people each day to break even for the event. This will be followed on Monday, March 14, by one (or two, depending on the preference of the people participating) day(s) of hands-on instruction for five or six people. These sessions will be held in Charlie Kay's shop (bring your own lathe) and will cost \$100 per day per participant. The topic(s) for the hands-on sessions are yet to be determined, but probably the first day will be on basic skills (see website, above) and the second day, if there is enough interest, would probably be on hollow form turning. In addition, Lyle is available on March 15 and 16 for detailed individual instruction for one or two turners at a special rate of \$250 per day.

H. O. Evans has again graciously consented to handle registration and arrangements for the sessions. The prices above are set to cover the basic costs of the events. If we get more participants, we are suggesting that any funds received over costs should go to the lathe fund.

Mark your calendars (I know, you don't have your 2005 calendar yet) and get in touch with H. O. and get your name on the list. We will be publicizing this to other clubs in the area and inviting their turners to join us for these events. This should be a real chance to learn from another master turner.



## Election of Officers for 2005

It's that time of the year again. We need to nominate our prospective officers for 2005 at our October meeting and vote on them at our November meeting. The President-Elect, Fred Stidman, will automatically move up to President, and the Secretary/Editor has agreed to run again for next year. If you have a desire to serve as one of the officers for next year, let one of the present officers know. If you plan to nominate someone at the October meeting, it is your responsibility to talk with them first and make sure that they are agreeable to being nominated.



## Update your E-mail address!

It is your responsibility to see that Membership Chairman **Drew Shelton** has your correct E-mail address. You can contact him at **drew.shelton@sematech.org**.



## Dues for 2005

You should soon be hearing from Drew Shelton about paying your dues for 2005. As usual, he will be collecting both your CTWA dues and your AAW dues, as we are a 100 per cent AAW affiliate. You should have received your AAW election ballot and dues statement with your last copy of **American Woodturner**. By all means, send in your ballot, but DO NOT PAY YOUR AAW DUES TO AAW! You will be asked for your AAW dues with your CTWA dues and can pay both with one check.



## 2004 Christmas Party

It is time for us to start planning for our 2004 Christmas party. Traditionally, we have not had a regular meeting in December (or a newsletter), but instead have had a Saturday morning get together early in the month. Folks bring lathes and turn and talk. Spouses are encouraged and we bring covered dishes to share for a luncheon feast. The last couple of years, the club has provided the meat dish. In addition, there is a tradition of bringing packaged turned items to exchange by some arcane procedure that only Betty Hager understands. These events are always a lot of fun, and a chance to get to know spouses as well as our fellow turners.

We need to set a date and location for this get together this year and start planning for it. If you would like to coordinate the event or participate on a committee to get it going, let Lynn Kramer know.



## Maple Burl Auction

Thanks to all who bid on the maple burl bowl blank at the last meeting and special thanks to **Ed Roberts**, who had the winning bid at \$90 to go to our lathe fund.



## Check Out Our Web Site

You may want to check out the CTWA Web Site at **www.CTWA.org**. If you have comments, suggestions or something for the gallery, get in touch with **Webmaster Larry Walrath** at **larry@larrywalrath.com**.



## SWAT - October 1 - 3, Temple, Texas

There is still time for you to plan to attend the Southwest Association of Turners Symposium in Temple, Texas. If you haven't registered, you can still do so. Just go to the website, [www.swaturners.com](http://www.swaturners.com) for details. You can also register at the door. There is also information on the website about accommodations for those that have procrastinated. If you are going and haven't volunteered to help out as a member of the host club, contact **Betty Hager** or **Steve Gottlieb** to sign up.

Lead demonstrators for this year include Michael Hosaluk (Canada), Nick Cook (Georgia), Linda Salter (California), Phil Brennon (Arizona) and Steve Worcester (Texas). In addition, our own Jimmy Tolly, Craig Timmerman and Rusty Myers will be demonstrating as well.

Hope to see you all there.



### Bases for Mini-lathes

Like many others in the club, I recently acquired a mini-lathe to take to get together with others. Once I did that, the first (well, alright, after the chuck and sufficient procrastination) order of business was to put together a base for it. You can buy commercial bases, but I wanted something that looked a little better than that and that had some storage space in it for the stuff you need when you are turning.

Having decided to build a base for myself, I set out to find out what others had done and maybe get enough ideas to make one that would be "perfect" and that I wouldn't end up wanting to replace in six months after I found all of the things I should have done differently. To my surprise, I found almost no information available on what others have done. So, I went ahead and built what I thought would work and what would fit the scraps of wood I had around.

I've decided to write an article on building a mini-lathe base that might be helpful to others. If you have built a portable base for your mini-lathe (or portable toolbox, etc.) I'd like to hear from you. I'd like to find out what you think works and what doesn't work so well and how you might do it differently if you did it again. I'd also be interested in photographing your lathe and base.

So if you can help me out with any of this information, get in touch with me at 512.312.2042 or [ckay@austin.rr.com](mailto:ckay@austin.rr.com).

Thanks,

Charlie Kay



## Volunteer Instructors

The following turners have generously offered to open their shops and give their time to any member who wants to learn how to sharpen their tools, sharpen their skills, learn how to make a bowl or "test" the newest tool. Check out the people who bring items to Show and Tell. One trait common to all woodturners is that we all like to share, so just ask!

### SOUTH

Odie Bull	512.442.2687
Bill Hammack	512.282.0832
Stacey Hager	512.282.1036
Johnny Tolly	512.858.4472
Jimmy Tolly	512.894.0686

**NOTE: The Tolly brothers work strange shifts, so they may be available on times other than weekends.**

H. O. Evans	512.282.2830
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**NOTE: Ho would like to confine his assistance to his specialty, segmented turnings.**

### NORTH

Rusty Myers	512.218.1606
Frank Miller	512.335.4768
Judy Williams	512.836.7897

### SOUTHWEST

Donne Griffiths	512.264.2526 (home) 512.264.0991 (shop)
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### ROUND ROCK

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### LOCKHART/SAN MARCOS

David Dick	512.357.6517
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## From the Editor's Desk

Those of you who haven't lived in Texas for a long time may not realize just how unusual this summer that wasn't really is. The extra rainfall and the fact we never had 100+ days is remarkable enough, but when you consider the late summer cool fronts that we have seen are just unheard of. This first week in September could easily have been the last week in October with the cool north wind, the dry air and the blue skies. Enjoy it, because you may never see these conditions again.

I've been experimenting with some of the techniques that I saw demonstrated in Orlando. If I can get some nice things done with some of them I'll try to bring some along to the next meeting. As I said last month, I was particularly interested in the decorative work involving colors and metallic coatings used by



Irene Gaefert and the decorative epoxy work demonstrated by Marilyn Campbell. I'm also trying some of the tips I got from Jacques Vesery on carving and burning. So far, I'm working on scraps to see how the techniques work for me, but hope to try some of them on turnings before the meeting.

I've been spending more of my time lately working on my carved wall mirrors and trying to get my website up and running. Thanks to my youngest son, Adam, I hope to have it looking pretty good soon. It is sort of up now, but I need to photograph some more stuff and get some write-ups done.

Charlie



## SWAT Spouses Program

You should have all been contacted by now about the Spouses program planned for SWAT. This includes dinner and entertainment for couples on Friday evening, a Saturday day trip and a Spouses Instant Gallery. There may still be openings for the dinner and the day trip. Contact Joanie Genender at 214.363.1425 or [jgenender@aol.com](mailto:jgenender@aol.com) to find out more. Arts and crafts of all kind are welcome at the Instant Gallery. Set-up will begin at 11:30 AM on Friday. Bring some items and come along.



## Membership in CTWA

New members are welcome to join CTWA at any time. All you need is an interest in woodturning. CTWA membership also requires membership in the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Local dues are \$25.00 per year, or \$2.10 per month prorated for new members joining during the year. AAW dues are \$35.00 per year for individuals and \$40.00 for families. For that you get a first class quarterly magazine, **American Woodturner**, with excellent articles on woodturning and woodturners, amply illustrated with photographs.

If you are interested in learning more about membership or want to join CTWA, contact our Membership Chairman:

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## News from Ernie Newman

I recently received an E-mail from Ernie Newman. Part of it follows:

I have been teaching a class of five from home - one day a week - for over a year now. It is such a pleasure to be able to go beyond the basics with a keen group. I really enjoy it. It's not for profit though our local club gets a couple of thousand a year.

The club expects to move into our own clubhouse in a couple of months. Clubhouses are not uncommon here and in New Zealand because local government is often willing to provide free or near free premises (ex scout halls and the like). There are six clubhouses in the greater Sydney area already.

I have included a copy of the promo for our next club event. It should be a ripper. This is an outline of the program:

### BEYOND TURNING - SURFACE DECORATION WORKSHOP

What this is is a hands-on workshop where you can experiment with a wide variety of decorative techniques and apply them to turnings. Experienced people will help you learn new skills - wood burning, texturing, relief carving, chip carving, marquetry, chatterwork, inlaying stone and shell, blacksmithing, sandblasting, painting, staining, air brushing, calligraphy, resin work and more. We will also run woodturning demonstrations. You are welcome to bring your own bowls, candlesticks, toys, etc to decorate.

Ernie goes on to say that this a Saturday 10 to 4 event for \$20. There are eight instructors, including turners, carvers, sculptors, painters and a marquetry expert. Sounds like fun.

Ernie has tentative plans to be back in the States in 2005.



## Classified Ads

*Free personal classified ads are available to all members of CTWA to sell, buy or trade woodworking related items. To place an ad, contact Charlie Kay at 512.312.2042 or via E-mail at [ckay@austin.rr.com](mailto:ckay@austin.rr.com). Ads will be run for two months and then dropped.*

**FOR SALE:** Craftsman 14.4V battery p/n 977406-000, Craftsman charger p/n 977405-000, output 16 vdc, 2.5 A, class 2 for battery above. plus carry case, all brand new. \$35.00. Someone stole my drill. Call Bob Hrehor at 512.258.7692 (home) or 512,587.1282 (cell) or E-mail [Bob@hrehor.net](mailto:Bob@hrehor.net).

**FOR SALE:** Makita horizontal wet stone sharpener, with both coarse and fine stones, planer blade jig and plane/chisel jig. Excellent condition. \$150. Call Charlie Kay at 512.312.2042 or E-mail [ckay@austin.rr.com](mailto:ckay@austin.rr.com).



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### Meeting Location

The CTWA meets at American Youth-Works, 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. Because of the construction at Ben White and I-35, folks from the north may want to exit I-35 at Woodward and proceed south on Woodward across Ben White. Folks from the south might do better to go east on St. Elmo, then north on Woodward. Those coming from the west on Ben White will just have to fight their way through until the construction is finished. See you at the meeting.

