



THE CHIP PILE

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CTWA Meetings

OCTOBER MEETING

Tuesday, October 19, 2005
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 TURNOUT

First Saturday is now On the Road. The next First Saturday Turnout will be on Saturday, November 5, at 9:00 AM, at the shop of Orlando Banos, 11321 Oak Branch Drive, Austin, TX 78737, 512-773-1099

CHECK WEB SITE FOR ANY UPDATES!

From the President's Shop

Two Moves Equals a Fire

Well I'm moving into town. I had just as well, as Austin has moved out further than I am at present. Setting up shop is always a challenge. This time, since I'm in town, I'll call it a Studio Dedicated to Turning. The neighbors will be less suspicious. The last time I lived in town, I was welding at 4:00 AM and the next morning, the neighbor asked me why we didn't get any rain after that awful lightning storm last night. I didn't have the heart to confess to him my garage was ten feet from his bedroom window. Quietly, I built a plug for the garage side window.

I plan to store all the large

footprint woodworking stuff on rollers in an area in the back of the garage. The first thing I have to do is put in 220 volt wiring. Then, because I am getting older and might want a Oneway in the future, I need to put in a large beam over the lathe for a hoist, lights, air and a vacuum drop. I'm not as strong as I used to be and the tail stock and larger pieces would be more easily handled with a hoist. Then I will be on to lighting, dust collection, etc.

The agony is in the storage as I have more junk than room. How much do I really need. Like I said in an earlier edition, we have too much "cargo." I have resolved to shed the junk and keep only the necessities. My kids are shouting, "yeah, let Home Depot store it for you till you need it."

That's it in a nut shell. Anyone who wants to help design a studio, give me a call. But beware, new moves mean the possibility of lifting and moving things. No, just kidding.

Fred Stidman

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September Demo

Been to Kansas City...*(with apologies to Fats Domino)*

Our September Demonstration wasn't. Instead, **Jim Spano, H. O. Evans, Johnny Tolly, Charlie Kay** and demonstrator **Craig Timmerman**, discussed their experiences and impressions from the 2005

AAW Symposium held this past July in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park, Kansas.

H. O. was impressed with the youth program organized and supervised by Bonnie Klein. When the session was done, all twenty lathes and the necessary tools were awarded to twenty of the kids who participated. Johnny showed a lot of photos of demonstrations and Instant Gallery pieces, as well as a number of shots of the kids enthusiastically turning. Charlie showed photos from the Instant Gallery and talked about the demo sessions that most impressed him. Craig talked about his experiences as a first time demonstrator and also showed photos from the Instant Gallery.

Johnny has shared his photos on the CTWA website, www.ctwa.org, and the August issue of **THE CHIP PILE** contained many photos from the Instant Gallery. You can download that from the website and take a look at them at your convenience. I won't rerun them in this issue.

I think the advice of all the attendees would be, "If you haven't attended a national Symposium, you need to try it." It really is a rewarding experience.

October will find our program returning to a more practical level with the Tips discussion.

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This newsletter is by and for members. The Editor welcomes any written materials and will provide assistance with getting your information into publishable form if you want. **DEADLINE IS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH.** Contact me with your ideas and drafts by phone at 512.295.2144, by E-mail at ckay@austin.rr.com or mail them to:

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Bring Back Raffle

H. O. Evans was the winner of a lidded box turned from catalpa or elm (?) by **Bob Nix. Frank Miller**



took home a zebra wood bowl turned by **H. O. Evans.**



Charlie Kay had the lucky ticket for a mesquite kaleidoscope turned by **James Norton. Ed Roberts**



took home a lidded box turned from Arizona ash by **Roger Gardner.**



All of the winners will bring back a turned item to the next meeting. These items should be representative of each person's best work.

It should be noted that the Bring Back Raffle is meant to be a fun event. No

one is grading you on the quality of your work. Just bring a piece that represents the best that YOU can do. If you don't have a lathe or feel like you have enough experience, contact one of our Volunteer Instructors to help you prepare a Bring Back piece. So buy a ticket and get involved and have fun.

Show and Tell

Marcia and Johnny Tolly brought a piece called "Midnight Madness", a bowl



turned from ash by Johnny and beautifully decorated and gilded by Marcia before finishing with Deft.

Johnny Tolly also showed a 32 inch aromatic cedar platter, turned using his "scary holder" outboard on Jimmy's Oneway 2436.



Dave Dick shared a nice box turned from satinwood and finished with wax.



Jimmy Tolly showed off three pieces, a lidded bowl turned from aboyna





Larry Walrath showed off a pair of items, an umbrella pot turned of holey pecan and finished with oil and a set of five beer vessels turned from mulberry and finished with oil.



burl and finished with Mylands, a mesquite platter and stand finished with teak oil and lacquer, respectively, and a dyed cottonwood bowl finished with lacquer. Jimmy's stand was a unique design; get the details from him.



Stacey Hager brought a beautiful, huge mesquite burl vase finished with tung oil.



Photos for this month were provided by **Drew Shelton**, **Jimmy Tolly** and **Charlie Kay**.

Ed Roberts brought two pieces, a bowl



There were 34 attendees at our September 20, 2005, meeting.

Drew Shelton reminded us that our Dues are due for 2006. There is a registration form on the web site, and one has been E-mailed to you. Fill out the form and either mail it to Drew or bring it to the meeting. Dues are \$65 each or \$70 per family, including your AAW dues. DO NOT send your AAW dues directly to the AAW. Please fill out the registration form, so that we have your correct address, phone number and E-mail address.

Business Meeting

E-mail address.

Joe Evans recommended a show currently at Umlauf Gardens, featuring wood sculptures from a downed tree.

Betty Hager made several SWAT announcements, appealing for volunteers for the Registration Desk and to man our Demonstration Room. She also advised folks to check up on their SWAT room reservations, as several hotels have changed names, resulting

in reservation mix-ups in some cases.

Fred announced that there will be no October First Saturday, due to the conflict with SWAT. The November First Saturday will be in Orlando Banos' shop.

Dave Dick advised us that he is selling out turning tools at barely over cost, and is making good deals on turning squares and spindle blanks.

Fred closed out the meeting by asking for volunteers to run for Officers for 2006. We need a President Elect, a Program Chairman, a Membership Chairman and a Librarian. Our schedule calls for nominations to be announced in October, with elections to be held in November. If you can serve in one of these positions, please let Fred or one of the other officers know.

October Program

Doin' It Easier

This months demo will be pot-luck. This is our tips demo. Everyone can have a few minutes to say or demonstrate something that they have learned or do, or show a jig they have made, or maybe even a couple of different ways of doing the same thing. Come prepared to contribute something. Let's have some fun with this. I'm depending on y'all to make this discussion work.

Dave Dick

E-mail

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. We regularly use E-mail to advise members of important announcements on short notice. If Drew doesn't have your current E-mail address, we can't contact you.

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.



turned from spalted maple and finished with wipe on polyurethane and natural edge mesquite platter finished with thinned lacquer.

The Fourteenth Annual SWAT Symposium, held this year in Wichita Falls, was again a rousing success. Attendance was good, despite the distance and the interference from Hurricane Rita.

Our club was well represented at the event. I didn't count, but there must have been 15 or 20 of our folks there, as well as a number of spouses. Everyone I talked to seemed to be enjoying things.

The success of the Symposium was due in no small part to the efforts of our club members and their spouses.

Betty Hager's Registration Desk Team

handled things swiftly and efficiently. **Fred Stidman's** leadership and **Frank Miller's** training really showed in the demonstration room that CTWA was responsible for. In one of Bonnie



Klein's demonstrations, she said, "This is the best camera coverage I have ever had in a symposium." In a letter from Mark Sfirri, he said:

"As a presenter at numerous turning conferences, I've seen many different levels of organization of events and a variety of treatment of visiting demonstrators. Everyone was very helpful in making sure that I had everything that I needed for my demonstrations. I was asked numerous times before each demonstration if there was anything that I needed or any adjustments of any equipment. The Austin group ran my area and I would like to additionally compliment them on a job well done. All of this attention to detail allows the demonstrator (me) to be that much

more relaxed and focused on doing as good a presentation as possible."

I think it is no coincidence that both these lead demonstrators gave all of their demonstrations in the CTWA



room. Thanks and congratulations to all the folks who took care of things there.

As usual, there were more good demonstrations than there was time to see them. All of the lead demonstrators did an excellent job. The vendors were all busy, and it seems that eventually I saw everyone of our members walking away with at least one bag of goodies. Isn't that why we go?

The Ladies Program seemed to be even better attended this year than last. There was a big crowd at the Friday night dinner and theater event, even if we all did

get wet in a big thunderstorm on the way to the cars. Later that night, that thunderstorm produced some hail that woke us up pounding on the windows and the air conditioner in the hotel.

No harm done, however.

The banquet and Two for One Raffle for turnings was a big success. **Mary Evans** and **David Dick** were winners. David was doubly lucky. Not only did he win for the second year in a row, but he won the piece donated by our own Lead Demonstrator Craig



Timmerman.

At the Sunday luncheon and second half of the Two for One Raffle, none of our folks won one of the lathes. As I recall, Stacey Hager picked up something at that raffle, and I think someone else did also, but I have lost my notes in this disaster area that I call my office.

As always, CTWA was also well represented in the demonstration ranks again this year. **Craig Timmerman** was the Southwestern Lead



Demonstrator, and was joined by both **Jimmy Tolly** and **Johnny Tolly** as demonstrators. Special recognition goes to Johnny for completing his demonstration rotations with a seriously bad back. Of course some of us weren't sure if he wasn't just tired of seeing Jimmy get all of the sympathy. At least he got to use Jimmy for a gofer in his sessions.

In addition, the other Lead Demonstrators, Bonnie Klein, Alan Lacer, Malcolm Tibbets and Mark Sfirri, all gave outstanding presentations. Also demonstrating from outside the Southwest region, was Frank Penta of North Carolina. If you didn't get your money's worth from these folks, you weren't paying attention.

Two of our members were honored at the banquet for their efforts in putting this year's Symposium together,



Steve Gottlieb for serving as SWAT Treasurer and **Charlie Kay** for pro-

ducing the SWAT newsletter and handling publicity for the event.

Congratulations are due to SWAT President Dan Henry and all of



the clubs and all of the folks who made this Symposium a success. See you next year in Temple.

I have included a few photos from Wichita Falls. Johnny Tolly has provided a lot more that can be viewed on the web site.



Photo Credits

Photographs for this month's **CHIP PILE** were provided by **Drew Shelton, Jimmy Tolly** and **Charles Kay**. If you have digital photos that you would like to have considered for use in the newsletter. Send them to the Editor at ckay@austin.rr.com.

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 \$40.00 per year for individuals and \$45.00 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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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 512.858.4471
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

NOTE: Ho would like to confine his assistance to his specialty, segmented turnings.

NORTH

Rusty Myers 512.218.1606
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Judy Williams 512.836.7897

ROUND ROCK

Larry Walrath 512.255.5379

LOCKHART/SAN MARCOS

David Dick 512.357.6517

Tolly's Travels

Johnny and **Marcia Tolly** were out on the road again on October 8. They traveled up to Belton and the Brazos Valley Woodturners Club where Bill Meador hosted the monthly meeting in his nice shop. Johnny demonstrated how he makes his inside-outside Christmas ornaments. His demonstration covered the selection of woods, wood orientation for grain matching and how to turn the inside of the ornament. Marcia then

explained how she does the pyrography on the inside. Then Johnny demonstrated how he glues the wood back together and cleans out the excess glue and how he uses the loved, or hated, skew to turn the outside. He discussed how to make the drives to finish turn the Christmas ornament outside, including how to use sandpaper to get a smooth outside on the open parts of the ornament. Next he demonstrated how to turn a finial for the top and the icicle for the bottom of the ornament. These were both turned using black diamond wood which really makes a nice looking ornament. There were 16 people in attendance, a great start for a new club. Numerous questions were raised and a good time was had by all. Johnny left the newly turned Christmas Ornament for the club to raffle off during their November meeting.

2006 CTWA Officers

It is again time for us to start thinking about electing our officers for next year. While we normally nominate officers in October, and elect them in November, there are some advantages to at least identifying candidates before SWAT. That allows the incoming Program Chairman to see a number of potential demonstrators at SWAT and at least make some preliminary contacts.

We already have a candidate for President in President-Elect Len Brissette. Several of the present officers have agreed to continue in their present capacity if elected, but we need candidates for three offices: President-Elect, Program Chairman and Librarian. The President-Elect will serve a one year term, understudying the President, handling the Show and Tell and the Bring Back Auction and presiding when the President isn't able to attend. Librarian Marcia Tolly has served for several years now, and Program Chairman David Dick is completing his second year. Both have done a yeoman's job and are due for a rest. If you are interested in doing one of these jobs, let one of the present officers know. If you want to nominate someone, you will need to be sure that you have their permission first, but if you want to suggest someone for consideration, let one of the officers know.

CTWA Supporters

We don't recognize often enough those businesses that support our club. If you don't already do so, be sure to support those folks that support us, either through discounts or gift certificates.

Hogan Hardwoods

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Woodline USA

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.

October 18 - 7:00 to 9:00 AM

CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

November 5 - 9:00 AM to Noon

First Saturday - Orlando Banos' Shop

November 15 - 7:00 to 9:00 AM

CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

December - date & time TBA

CTWA Christmas Party

Jan 7, 2006 - 9:00 AM to Noon

First Saturday - Location to be Announced

Jan 17, 2006 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM

CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

It is good to be back from Wichita Falls and another outstanding SWAT Symposium. Our blistering hot September weather finally broke just in time for the trip, and on Thursday, a light jacket wouldn't have been out of place. Come to think of it, that jacket was really needed in the demonstration rooms. Wichita Falls knows air conditioning.

Despite the occasional chill, we were reminded once again of what a fine facility the Multipurpose Event Center in Wichita Falls is. It is an ideal venue for this great event.

I was particularly impressed by the demonstrations that I saw presented by Bonnie Klein, Alan Lacer and Frank Penta. All are great teachers, and I would be happy to take a class from any of them. Mark Sfirri and Malcolm Tibbets were both good demonstrators as well, but in areas that weren't of much interest to me personally.

As always, it was almost as much fun to see old woodturning friends from around the state and visit with them. The socializing is at least as useful as the demonstrations.

I was really pleased to see how well our folks pitched in to help make this year's Symposium a real success. There were always more enthusiastic people around to handle whatever came up than were actually needed. That is a good problem to have. It speaks well for the planning and organizing abilities of Betty Hager and Fred Stidman, as well as the folks who answered the call. Thanks to all of you who helped.

Naturally, what I saw and learned there has had me revved up to spend time in the shop, and I'm afraid that I have spent too much time there and not enough on the newsletter, so it is quite late this month.

As noted elsewhere in this month's issue, it is time for us to elect officers for next year. Please consider volunteering to serve in one of these positions. As evidenced by the performance in Wichita Falls, you will get plenty of help. Fred, Dave, Marcia and Drew have done a fine job, but it is time to give them a break and share the load with someone else.

I'd best quit my musing and get this to the printer so that folks will have it by Monday, at least. Besides, I need to get a flu shot and get out and get

my Bring Back item ready for next week.

See you at the meeting.

Keep on turning,

Charlie

2006 Dues

By now, you have received your ballot and 2006 dues notice from the AAW. You have also received a renewal registration form for your CTWA dues by E-mail from Membership Chairman Drew Shelton.

DO NOT SEND YOUR AAW DUES TO AAW.

We are a 100 per cent AAW affiliate, and your AAW dues will be collected along with your 2006 CTWA dues and the club will send a check and list of members to the AAW.

Please fill out the CTWA renewal registration form and either send it to Drew or bring it to the meeting, along with your check made out to CTWA for either \$65 (single) or \$70 (family). Filling out the registration form will assure that we have up-to-date information on your mailing and E-mail addresses as well as the best phone number to contact you.

Thanks for your help.

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 512.295.2144

or via E-mail at ckay@austin.rr.com. Ads will be run for two months and then dropped.

FOR SALE: Powermatic Model 45. Old, but in good working order. Variable speed, one HP, 12x36, heavy (about 400 lb.). Comes with faceplates, drive center, live center, etc. Will help you deliver. \$700.

Call Len Brissette at 512.423.3625, or E-mail at mesquite@austin.rr.net.

FOR SALE: TURN BIG STUFF! Tripod style outboard stand for Powermatic lathe. Really heavy duty, tool rest adjusts to work with most large lathes. (I have turned a 6-1/2 foot diameter table top with this stand.) Probably weighs 150 pounds. Like new. First \$250.00 at my shop.

Call S. Gary Roberts at 512-345-1521 or by E-mail at Sgicr71@cs.com.

FOR SALE: Now you can turn those big bowls that you've always wanted to. Woodfast shortbed lathe, 20" throw, 16" centers, 1.5 HP variable speed



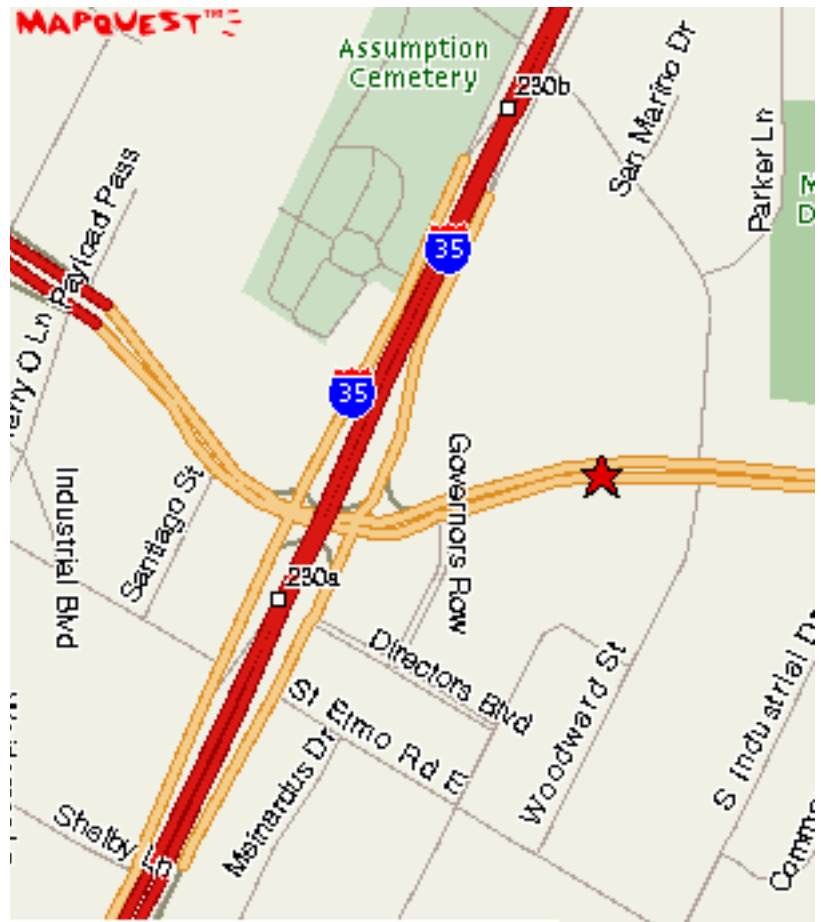
with reverse. Includes face plate, wrenches, tool rest, spur drive, live center. This lathe is in excellent condition and both motor and controller are brand new. Listed at \$3,400 in last year's Craft Supplies catalog. Will sell for \$1,650 and help you deliver.

Call Charlie Kay at 512.295.2144 or E-mail at ckay@austin.rr.com.

FOR SALE: Charlie Collins has moved out of his shop, but has lots of prime turning wood available for pick-up at the old shop site. Those of you who have been to the shop have seen it under the various work tables. The wood, which includes a lot of live oak, is outside on the south end of the building, to the left as you face the front. Feel free to help yourself to whatever you want.

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.



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