



The Chip Pile

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Tuesday, January 16, 2007

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

The First Saturday Turnout for February will be held on February 3, at Stacey Hager's Shop, 9215 Chisholm Lane, Austin.

As We Begin a New Year

The 2006 Christmas season was an especially busy one for me. Despite my best laid plans, I spent very little of that time turning. I did manage to turn a variation on a Gary Roberts disk vase, with flowers, as a Christmas present for my mother (needless to say, she was thrilled), but most of my time was spent at my real job.

I am a computer systems administrator at a 24/7 wafer fabrication facility (I don't do Windows). When I need to take the systems down for upgrades or maintenance, my customers look at the calendar and point to Christmas, the only time of year they close down their opera-

tions. Sigh. Such is the life of most anyone in my position. At least they were staying down a whole week this year, giving me plenty of time, or so I thought.

My family and I drove to Houston on Christmas Eve. My wife and I both grew up there, and our parents and some siblings still live there. We took two cars so I could come back early and start my work. I drove directly to my office right after Christmas dinner in Houston to get started.

Unfortunately I had received a present in Houston that I was unaware of - a stomach virus. It had started with a nephew and went on to ravage about a dozen people on both sides of the family. I had intended to be at work for most of my waking hours for at least two days so I could hand the systems over to the applications guys so they could do their part and I could go home and catch up on some turning. Instead, I was ... well, you get the idea.

Because of the unexpected development, I finished my work two days late, but the new equipment was so fast that the other guys still finished with two days to spare.

At that point, everything was looking great until New Year's morning, the day my systems were supposed to be back up and running. A power supply in one of the two systems blew and I didn't have a spare. A co-worker and I spent 12 hours forcing a piece of software that wanted to run on two systems to run on just one and be happy about it. We were up and running one hour and four minutes before the fabrication facility started up again. A new power supply arrived two days later, delivered by the only guy to order pens from me for nearly two years. I had his pens ready, so his trip benefited both of us.

Needless to say, my lathe felt very neglected during that week, so with my systems finally up and running well, I took a four-day weekend so my lathe and I could get re-acquainted.

We're still working on who we want to have as a guest demonstrator and instructor for the spring. A number of names have been batted around, each with particular specialties. We want someone who can appeal to a large percentage of the club. Time is running short, so we hope to have someone selected soon.

I would like to thank Len for the job he did as President in 2006. I would also like to thank him for agreeing to continue as the coordinator for the First Saturday get togethers again this year. From the standpoint of record keeping for our membership, things didn't go so well last year. John Cole's health problems were making it difficult for him to keep up with the records, so I volunteered to take over and didn't devote as much time to the process as I should have. I still

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President's Shop

have some loose ends to tie up before I transfer that duty to Clyde Little. If you joined the club in 2006 but never received the AAW magazine, any club E-mails or a badge, please let either me or Clyde know. Some people could easily have slipped through the cracks, especially anyone who paid in cash.

Drew



November Demo

On the Edge

Our November meeting found outgoing President **Len Brissette** and CTWA guru **Stacey Hager** holding forth at great length on sharpening, with large models and actual tools and jigs. That was followed by several other club members giving a quick discussion and demonstration of their own favorite sharpening techniques. Now you have no excuse for a dull tool.



Bring Back Raffle

Fred Glosser was the winner of a winged bowl turned from elm and finished with Mahoney oil finish by **Craig Timmerman**. **Marcia Tolly** took home a ring box turned of Chinaberry and finished with Behlen's Master Gel by **Charlie Kay**. **Dave Dick** picked up a piece turned from ash and finished with lacquer by **Ed Roberts**. **Joel Crabbe** grabbed a \$25 gift certificate from Fine Lumber brought back by **Kay Hammack**.

As is the custom, each of the winners will bring back a



turned item to the next meeting. The Bring Back 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, get involved and have fun.

Show and Tell

A disclaimer before you start reading this section. Since we forgot our display forms, folks wrote bits of information on scraps of paper, and in some cases I don't know exactly what the turned item was, although I usually know what wood was used. In some cases, I am including photos that I have no note for at all. Thanks to all who participated,

whether credited or not.

Johnny Tolly brought two plates, one turned from bird's-eye maple and the other of sweet gum decorated by **Marcia**.

Joe Kirk showed off a piece turned from tesota.

Jimmy Tolly displayed a square plate turned from a butcher block scrap.

Gene Stokes showed off three pieces, a natural edge ash crotch bowl and two mesquite tops.

Joel Crabbe brought along a pecan and glass goblet, his daughter's first attempt at turning. He also brought a nice pair of finial boxes.

Doug Green showed off three pieces, a multi-wood hostess platter, an inside out wine stopper and an inside out Christmas ornament.

David Pugh shared three bracelets and four napkin rings.

Craig Timmerman brought a number of small "booth rental" pieces for his upcoming show.



ished with Behlen's Master Gel and Beall buffed.

Ho Evans showed a segmented lazy Susan platter of walnut and maple.

Frank Miller brought a replica drawer pull turned from brass and wood.

Mack Peterson showed off four pieces turned of spalted pecan, cherry, and mesquite.

Charlie Kay shared a pair of boxes, one turned of spalted hackberry and recovered from the dust collector and the other turned from walnut with a figured pecan inlay. Both were fin-

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Show & Tell



ing assistance from all of the rest of you as they put together this year's efforts.

2007 CTWA Dues

We are now actively collecting dues for 2007. Since the AAW is having a drawing for a Powermatic lathe as an incentive to renew online, we're focusing on collecting just the \$25 local dues for 2007. Anyone who doesn't want to renew their AAW membership online can still pay us the additional \$40 AAW dues (\$45 for family) and we will pass it along as we always have in the past.

You can either pay at the meeting or mail a check to:

Drew Shelton
112 Oakland Drive
Georgetown, TX 78628

January Program

Simply Spindles

*Our demonstrator for January is **Judy Williams**, CTWA's own Mistress of Lace Bobbins. Judy describes her demonstration plans this way:*

I am a spindle turner and although I specialize in lace bobbins I do, at times, turn larger pieces as well. This will be a demonstration of techniques of spindle turning with emphasis on tool control and the use of various kinds of tools.

Although this demonstration could be classified as a basic "how to", I hope that members will be able to take away a tip or two to enhance their own turning.

For far too long, spindle turners have not been given their due recognition in the turning world. Usually a new turner will mangle a pen or two and go on the bowls and vessels and being very "creative." Spindle turners often get classified as only production turners (think furniture legs, chair rugs, etc) yet there is far more to this type of turning than merely duplicating beads on a stick. This demonstration will show how different tools cut wood as well as the many ways a single tool can cut.

Gene Stokes

Business Meeting

We had 57 attendees at our November 21, 2006 meeting, with seven visitors.

Len opened the Business Meeting by reminding everyone that they need to pay their 2007 Dues.

Plans for the Christmas party at the Kay's home were discussed and a sign-up sheet was circulated.

Betty Hager reminded us of new videos in our library.

Finally, Len had polycarbonate vase tubes that he was sharing at his cost of a quarter apiece.

2007 Officers

Prior to the gift exchange at our annual Christmas Party, a quorum being present, it was VOTED to elect the following as Officers of CTWA for 2007:

President - Drew Shelton, President Elect - Craig Timmerman, Membership Chairman - Clyde Little, Program Chairman - Gene Stokes, Librarian - Betty Hager, Secretary and Newsletter Editor - Charlie Kay, Treasurer - Ed Roberts

and Audio Visual Coordinator - Frank Miller.

Thanks to all of these folks who have volunteered to lead our dynamic organization in 2007. They will be seek-

Cindy Drozda Box Raffle

Someone who shall remain nameless forgot to bring the Cindy Drozda boxes to the November meeting. As you will recall, during her workshops in the spring, Cindy kindly donated three of her demo pieces to the club to be used as a fund raiser. At our August meeting, we began selling special raffle tickets for these items. Therefore the drawing to see who the lucky winners are has been postponed until the January meeting.

These boxes are superbly executed, and signed by Cindy. Although they are well sanded, they are not finished to Cindy's usual gallery standards.



Calling young turners! In May of 2007, the American Association of Woodturners Gallery in St. Paul, Minnesota, will be hosting a juried show of work by turners up to twenty-two years of age. Winners will have their work exhibited in the AAW Gallery from May 4 to August 3, 2007. Photographs of the top pieces in each age category will be featured in **American Woodturner** and on the AAW Gallery web page. Work will be judged in four divisions: 10 and under; 11-14; 15-18 and 19-22. There is a limit of three pieces per turner and three

digital images per piece. Images should show object clearly, detail images will not be accepted. Images sent on CD will not be returned. Applicants need not be AAW members to apply.

DEADLINE: February 15, 2007.

ENTRY FEE: \$10

Mail entry fee and images to:

AAW/Youth Exhibit
75 West 5th Street
St. Paul, MN 55102.

Images may also be submitted by e-mail to gallery@woodturner.org.

FEBRUARY SESSION

Our February 3 First Saturday Shop Crawl will be held at **Stacey Hager's** shop, 9215 Chisholm Lane in South Austin (512.282.1036).

For the few of you that don't already know how to get to Stacey's, Get to Slaughter Lane by your preferred route. Chisholm Lane turns north off Slaughter between South First and

Manchaca Road. To help you identify the turn, there is a La Petite nursery school on the northeast corner of Slaughter and Chisholm Lane.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Now, for a couple of thoughts on the future direction of our First Saturday events. First, let us hear from 2006 President and First Saturday Coordinator, **Len Brissette**:

About a dozen of us journeyed out to Doug Green's shop for our usual

monthly get together on January 6. We had a great time visiting and checking out Doug's setup and even doing a little turning. Eventually, a few of us got to talking about the observation that as much fun as this is, we have kind of lost some of the "hands-on" focus which was the original intent of First Saturday. So to encourage more participation of less-experienced turners I thought we could try focusing on one or two projects or techniques each month, and give everyone a chance to try something new, or get more practice doing something they would like to work on.

In February, we are going to meet at Stacy Hager's shop. Along with the usual good food, good company, great shop tour and individual projects, several of us will be there to work on our skew skills. As all of you know, Stacy is one of our skew experts. I am sure all of us can use some hands-on experience with sharpening, cutting, and even scraping with their skew. So I hope to see a lot of you there next month.

On a slightly different note, I signed up to continue to coordinate the First Saturday events even though my official term has expired. But I do need a little help in the hosting department. Right now, the 2007 schedule looks pretty spare. So if you would like to open your shop for a visit by a dozen or more of your fellow club members and show us how you have it set up, please sign up. Although many of us have taken the opportunity to clean up our shops when we have hosted the group, it is not required by any means. We supply the food and entertainment. All you have to do is be there.

Len

*Now some further thoughts from President Elect **Craig Timmerman**:*

Our First Saturday sessions have been a great way to see different shop configurations, exchange ideas and there's even been some woodturning going on!

These First Saturday sessions were started as a way to get "hands-on" time with some of some of our more experienced members. However, some of these sessions have become more of a social meeting rather than turning instruction, not that there is anything wrong with that. However, some of our members who are new to turning may not be getting the help they would like.

Therefore, we are suggesting a minor

change as to how the First Saturday sessions are structured. While several members bring lathes to these sessions, you never really know what is going to be turned. So at each first Saturday, we would like us to have one or two scheduled informal demos. These demos will be "simple" projects that most new turners can accomplish. After the project has been demonstrated, anyone who wants to try the project will get hands-on time and some coaching. There are many simple projects we can do: lidded boxes, weed pots, pens, goblets, spheres, tops, eggs, small platters/bowls, etc. Perhaps by knowing ahead of time of at least one or two projects that will undertaken, we can get more participation in these sessions.

Since the next First Saturday is at Stacy's shop it is only fitting that the first project will be a "fun with the skew" project. I will also be there doing simple boxes for anyone who is interested. I will help Len coordinate others who are willing to demo something at each First Saturday session. If you would be willing to be a featured demonstrator/instructor, just Len or me know. It doesn't have to be fancy. It just needs to be a simple project that you can turn and one that is not intimidating to beginners. This is open to everyone. You just have to have a desire to show someone else how turn something. We can all learn something from one another. You don't have to be at every First Saturday. Just let me know which ones you will commit to.

You newer turners can also help out. First let me know what kinds of simple projects you are interested in. Second, if you haven't been to a First Saturday session, give it a try.

One final thought. We don't want to change the casual atmosphere of the First Saturday sessions. We just want to add a little structure to get more involvement from our newer members. As always, feel free to bring a lathe and turn whatever you want, come to see the different shop layouts or just come to socialize. It's all about having fun turning.

First Saturday - January

On January 6, a dozen or so of us made the journey out to the wilds south of Marble Falls to visit **Doug Green's** fine new shop. Some of us were thinking we should have booked a motel and spent the night. **Frank Miller** was turning something and **Charlie Kay** was trying to turn a walnut salt box, but with the kibitzing and his own yakking managed to knock the lid off several times. It looks to be recoverable, however.

Folks admired Doug's clean new shop and particularly the fluorescent ceiling fixture he had cantilevered over one of his roll-up garage doors. That was fine before he rolled up the door on the opposite wall. Until now, most would have

agreed that **Orlando Banos** had the coolest toys. Not any more. When Doug raised that door and broke out his plasma cutter and started cutting quarter inch steel plate like a warm knife in butter, the contest was over. That is an impressive piece of equipment.

Sorry no photos this time. Your editor wasn't quick enough picking them from the old gallery.

E-mail

It is your responsibility to see that acting Membership Chairman **Drew Shelton** has your correct E-mail address. You can contact him at dcshelton@gmail.com. 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.

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.

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2007 First Saturday Shop Crawl Schedule

- February 3
- March 3
- April 7
- May 5
- June 2
- July 7
- August 4
- September 1
- October 6
- November 3
- December 8 (Christmas Party)

Stacey Hager
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To volunteer to host a First Saturday Shop Crawl, get in touch with Len Brissette.

Catastrophe

For those of you that haven't heard, **Pat and Clyde Little** have lost their home to a catastrophic fire. *Len Brissette has the most information, and passes what he knows on to us in the following write-up.*

As I understand it, on New Year's Eve, just past midnight, Pat and Clyde turned off the lights to go to bed and saw an orange glow in their bedroom mirror. He went to investigate and found their motor home fully involved in flame. As the motor home was parked within about ten feet of the house, they called 911, and ran to get garden hoses to work on the fire. Almost immediately thereafter, the fire had spread to the eaves of the house, at which point they realized that it was a lost cause.

They managed to get his Chevy Tahoe out of the garage only because the keys happened to be in the pants he threw on. Her Cadillac, parked just behind the motor home, had the keys in it and was saved as well.

The fire department took about 15 minutes to arrive (Volente VFD) and quickly ran out of water. Ironically, although Clyde lives on the lake, it was too far to the water and the household pump was not working as the fire department had pulled the meter to the house for safety reasons. The house was a total loss, as was the motor home. The shop was located far enough away that it was not affected.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined. However, the insurance agent for the motor home told them the refrigerator in the motor home is at least suspect as the manufacturer has had a number of recalls and insur-

ance claims, although not on this particular model.

Fortunately, they have pretty good insurance and are okay as far as their immediate needs are concerned. Many friends and neighbors have pitched in to help. Pat and Clyde have moved into a townhouse on RR 620 and plan on living there while they rebuild their house on the lake.

Several of us have been discussing organizing a "pounding" for them some time very soon. This is an old tradition in which people bring basic household supplies for folks who have had this type of terrible catastrophe. We do not have specifics yet, but are working on it. If you want, for now, consider bringing something to the meeting - a magazine, comfort food, or other useful item - to help them get through the next couple of weeks.

Len

Web Site

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.

Photos

Photographs for this month's **Chip Pile** were provided by **Drew Shelton** and **Frank Miller**. 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.

2006 Christmas Party

Some 33 CTWA members and spouses gathered at the home of **Janie and Charlie Kay** on December 9 for the annual club Christmas Party. As usual, a great deal of fun was had by all.

Folks started arriving about 9:00, and we had five or so lathes going at one time or another. **Drew Shelton** brought his new Elbow Tool hollowing rig and Jerry Whiteaker tried it out on a piece he had already started, using Charlie's 2436.



Stacey Hager was making the biggest mess showing off his skew skills making identical sets of spindles. As usual, **Bill Hammack** was turning small stuff. **Brent Hollingsworth** brought his daughter along, although I don't know if he ever got her to try her hand at the lathe.



Despite the turning fun, it wasn't hard to convince anyone to come in for dinner. We had smoked turkey, ham and lots of wonderful side dishes and desserts. I don't think anyone went home hungry.

Dinner was followed by the gift exchange under **Betty Hager's** guidance and usual complicated rules. There was the expected good natured stealing of gifts, and Betty's orchestrated oohs and aahs. The quality of turned pieces exchanged this year was the best we have ever had.



Thanks to all who participated in the party. Hope to see more of you in attendance next year. Following are photographs of the fun, thanks to **Frank Miller**.



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Christmas Party



2007 Demonstration Schedule

January 16	Judy Williams - Spindle Turning
February 20	Joel Crabbe - Jewelry Design
March 20	To be announced
April 17	To be announced
May 15	Johnny Tolly
June 19	To be announced

If you are interested in being a Demonstrator at one of our meetings, or want to suggest a demonstrator, get in touch with Program Chairman Gene Stokes.

Property Opportunity

You would be amazed at the variety of phone calls you can get when you have your name and phone number on newsletters on a couple of woodturners web sites. I have had more than one interesting conversation from folks that I have never met.

Just after Christmas, I got a call from an unknown number and the man said, "Charlie?" Suspicious, I asked to whom he wished to speak. He said, "I'm a woodturner in Florida and I'm trying to get in touch with one of our former members that is in your club." I said, "That would be Jerry Whiteaker." "Right," he said, so I provided him with Jerry's phone number.

Which leads to this next bit of information. Janie and I were sitting in a restaurant, finishing up our lunch when my cell phone rang. As I was expecting an important call, I had forwarded the home phone.

Right. This was another call prompted by our web site. It was from a realtor in Seguin, and her proposal sounded interesting enough that I decided to share it with you. She was describing a rural piece of property that sounds like something a woodturner would want to dream about, even if you couldn't own it. If any of you have any interest and are willing to relocate to Seguin, you can follow up on it.

This unique set-up is for the true woodworker. Timber King saw mill, kiln, lumber dehumidifier, forklift and trailer. It also includes loads of mesquite, cherry, walnut, oak, cypress and sycamore as well as all tools for a woodworking operation, including saws, planers, lathes, clamps, sanders and hand tools. There are hundreds of inventory items including wooden bowls, chairs, tables mantles and crosses. It includes a three bedroom, two bath rock house on

five acres, as well as two shops, one 40' X 50' and another 20' X 50' with showroom and spray booth. If you have any interest, contact Robin Baker at 830-305-2959.

Charlie Kay

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 color photographs.

To learn more about membership or want to join CTWA, contact our Membership Chairman:

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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.

Jan 16, 2007 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM
CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

Feb 3, 2007 - 9:00 AM to Noon
First Saturday - Stacey Hager's Shop

Feb 20, 2007 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM
CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

March 3, 2007 - 9:00 AM to Noon
First Saturday - To be announced

March 20 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM
CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

There is now a place on the AAW web site www.woodturner.org for Professional Outreach Program (POP) demonstrators to display their demonstrating schedules. Go to the site, click on the POP link, then click on the Join POP link. You can lay out your demonstrating schedule and update it at any time. Enter your schedule along with the description of your demo interests in the section of the database for Demonstrators. If you choose to do this, be sure and keep your schedule up to date to avoid confusion. You are a professional,

so look professional and keep current. Leave all other information unchanged unless there is a need for a change.

Demo Schedules

This will mark the 67th issue of the **Chip Pile**. I have cobbled together for the Central Texas Woodturners Association. When I did the first primitive version in January of 2000, I never figured I would still be doing this seven years later.

The funny thing is, I volunteered at first because I figured that was something I could do for the club that didn't require any woodturning skills and didn't involve too much responsibility. Plus, I knew I kind of enjoyed writing and thought it might be fun. It continues to be.

I trust that all of you had a nice holiday season and are now recovering from your overindulgence. We had a great Christmas with all of our family. It is good to have them all close by and everyone healthy.

I have been spending a fair amount of time in the shop since Christmas, but not very much time turning. Our youngest son, the musician, got a Martin guitar kit for Christmas. Just because it is a kit doesn't mean that you just glue it together. There is a lot of fitting and adjustment to do and lots of gluing and clamping. The instruction manual also leaves a lot to be desired. This is not an undertaking for someone with no woodworking experience or tools.

This son has always been the most interested in woodworking as an adult, with lots of projects, but none requiring fine hand tool work before this one. He has my old radial arm saw and an old bandsaw and some power hand tools, but usually comes out here when more sophisticated tools are required. Needless to say he has been out a lot in the last couple of weeks.

Mostly I show him techniques and coach him as he works on it. Plus it usually takes the both of us to devise jigs and methods of clamping. There have been a lot of problems to solve. The back and top are glued up and the braces glued in place and the sides have been glued together. The next step will be the most challenging so far. The Engleman spruce braces under the top must be carefully pared down to thin and lighten them without weakening the tops ability to withstand the stress of tightened steel strings. This is done by paring a bit and thumping the top, and continuing

to pare and thump until it "sounds right." The process sounds a little nerve wracking to me, and apparently has a major effect on whether you wind up with a good guitar or a great guitar. Obviously it helps to have some musical skills to go with your woodworking skills.

Adam is a meticulous worker, and I expect this will be a fine piece when he is done. He is taking copious notes and photographs and already planning his first guitar built from scratch. The Grizzly catalog has him drooling for instrument wood.

For quite a long time, I have thought it would be interesting to try and build a guitar, and even bought a book on it several years ago. A book, I might add, that has been very helpful in this project. However, the task looked more than a little daunting, and I began to doubt that I would be able to handle the "tuning" of the soundboard top. So I am enjoying helping on this project. Plus, I don't have to worry over making a big mistake and blowing the whole thing. He gets to do that.

I expect that the project may be done by next month, and if so, I will include some photos.

Now, I need to get back to turning. I had my most successful craft shows ever in October and December. I have some great ideas that now need to implementing. Plus, thanks to Hogan Hardwoods big closeout sale, I have some interesting new pieces of wood to turn.

Speaking of Hogan and the closing of their counter sales, all of us to need to thank **Dave Dick** for all the support (and wood) he has provided to the club and to us individually over the years he has run the counter sales. We trust he will wind up with a good job that he enjoys out of all this. Meanwhile, the rest of us must find a new place to go for our hardwood supplies.

Our thoughts go out to **Clyde and Pat Little** as they try to put their lives back together again. We can only be happy that they escaped safely. The rest can be replaced.

This really is a family that we belong to. The connections go beyond our common interest in wood and the things we can do with it. That is just the spark that brought us together.

Keep on turning,

Charlie

Upcoming Woodturning Symposiums

Desert Woodworking Roundup

Mesa, Arizona

February 10 & 11

www.desertwoodturningroundup.com

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!

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Craig Timmerman 512.288.3598

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
Frank Miller 512.335.4768
Judy Williams 512.836.7897

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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.

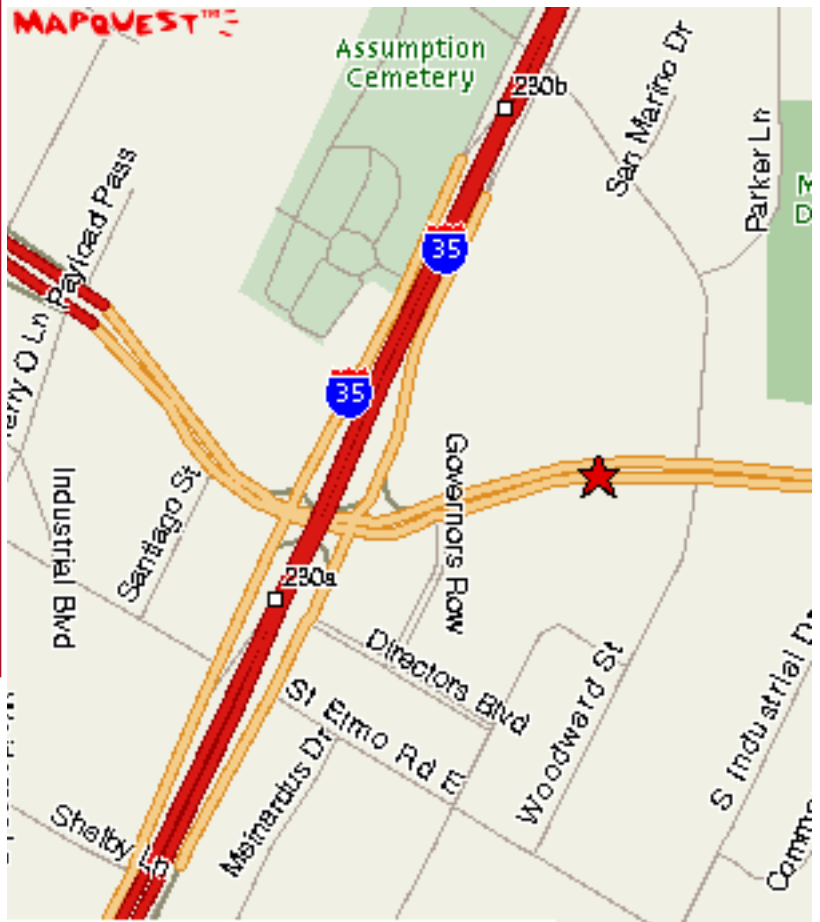
FOR SALE: Partially assembled workbench made from 3/4" plywood and 2x4's. Top is assembled as well as two cabinets for drawers. Drawers are cut but not assembled. Could be used with a bench lathe or as a center for other woodworking. Almost FREE. You have to pick it up in North Austin. Contact Judy Williams at 512.836.7897 or by E-mail at Judy@lace-bobbins.com.

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.

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

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. Folks coming from the north may want to exit I-35 at Woodward and proceed south on Woodward across Ben White.



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