



The Chip Pile

The Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association

Austin, Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

CTWA Meetings

APRIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 17, 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 May will be held on May 5, at 9:00 AM at Bob Waltz's shop, 4904 Red River, Austin, 512.451.9400.

Random Thoughts

I mentioned an afzelia burl lidded vessel in last month's article. I'm still working on it. I had bought some ebony from Gilmer's website to use as a ring around the rim of the lid. I guess the ebony was still a little green because it tried to shrink after it was glued around the afzelia lid. It had nowhere to go, so it split. Now I'll have to cut a new ring and let it dry for a while before I use it. The burl is beautiful and I hope the final product will be worth the time it's taking me to get it done.

In my February article I mentioned some pine bowls I was making for a friend from her wood. She was very

happy with them, and now she has given me the trunk of a dogwood tree. She wants a few Christmas ornaments from it, and then I can keep the rest. I've never worked with dogwood, but I've heard good things about it.

April's First Saturday at Charlie Kay's shop will have a visitor from Seattle's club, Steve Sergev. He'll be in town for a wedding, so his time will be limited, but he's hoping to find some native woods he can ship back home. He

says his club will be happy if all he brings back is some mesquite. If you're planning to be at the meeting and you have some wood you can spare, please bring it. We can show off our Texas hospitality! He is offering figured maple in return.

We are still accepting registrations for the Michael Hosaluk demonstrations and the three-day hands-on class. Michael is a great demonstrator and a nice guy as well, so it should be a great time. The flyer that Charlie Kay

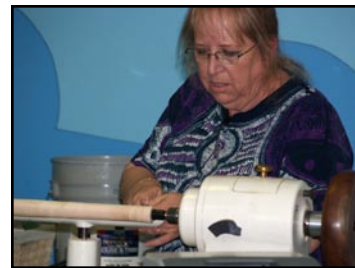
recently E-mailed out has some pictures of Michael's work, which ranges from the utilitarian to the bizarre. The hands-on class will include wood bending using a microwave and some of his interesting surface treatment techniques. The demos will be on Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29 9:00 - 5:00 at our usual meeting place. The cost is \$35 each day (\$40 with lunch). The hands-on class will be at Robert Waltz's shop in central Austin on April 30 - May 2 and the cost is \$400 for all 3 days. H.O. Evans is handling the registrations for both. Call him at 282-2830 or E-mail him at hoandme@aol.com.

Drew

Spindly Things

Our featured demonstrator for March was long-time CTWA member **Judy Williams**, giving us a tutorial on turning spindles, as well as showing us how she lays out and forms the spiral twists on her trademark lace bobbins. She had numerous examples of lace bobbins for us to admire.

Judy began by turning a large spindle, then cutting



some beads and coves into it. She then showed us how to lay out the

see [March Demo, page 2](#)

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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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March Demo



spirals, cut the initial grooves with a back saw, then form them with a round rasp.



Thanks, Judy, for all the pointers.

Bring Back Raffle

Dave Dick was the winner of a zircote and alternative ivory box turned by **Joel Crabbe** and finished with lacquer and wax. **Joe Kirk** took home an ash and blackwood box turned by **Dave Dick** and finished with shellac. **Bob Waltz** picked up a set of sharpening templates for the Wolverine jig made by **Ed Roberts**. **Dave Dick** was a two-time winner, picking up the jewelry turned by **Joel Crabbe** at the February meeting.

As is the custom, each of the winners of the first three items will bring back a turned item to the next meeting. As the jewelry was donated by Joel as a door prize, Dave will not have to bring back a second item. 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.

Jimmy Tolly brought a plate turned of European beech finished with matte lacquer, with pyrography by **Marcia Tolly**.



Curtis Turner showed off three boxes, turned from spalted pecan and finished with wax.



Lynn Kramer brought four pens, of ebony and maple, spalted hackberry, stabilized box elder and plastic, all finished with Hut's.



Joel Crabbe showed off a box turned from bocote and finished with lacquer and wax.



Jack Besperka inspired us again, with three pieces. He had a pair of bottles turned from hackberry with blue stain fungus, finished with lacquer, as well as a nice square bowl, turned of mesquite, ebonized and

textured and finished with Deft. This piece was in response to a particularly difficult piece of wood that didn't look likely to be usable for anything at the outset.



Johnny Tolly showed off a lamp tuned from mesquite and finished with lacquer, in honor of his and Marcia's ninth grandchild.



Joe Kirk shared a pair of reversible candle holders, turned from red-tipped photinia and finished with wax.



Ho Evans brought a dance floor, or at least a segmented Lazy Susan inspired by a dance floor on a cruise ship.



Stacey Hager showed a new line of tools that are being commercialized.



Mack Peterson showed off a pickup load of pieces of pine, mesquite, jasper, redwood and manzanita root.



April Program

Demo Surprise

As of press time, your Editor is unaware of the program for our April meeting. So come along anyway and see what surprise demonstration turns up.

Business Meeting

We had 39 attendees at our March 20 meeting, including three visitors.

President **Drew Shelton** outlined plans for demonstrations and Hands-On sessions with **Michael Hosaluk** in April and made a pitch for folks to sign up.

Gene Stokes made an appeal for volunteers to demonstrate at upcoming meetings.

Treasurer **Ed Roberts** advised us that our Oneway 1640 lathe has been completely paid off.

Len Brissette asked for volunteers for First Saturday get togethers.

2007 CTWA Dues

If you haven't paid your CTWA dues for 2007, you are now officially in arrears. Remember that our dues are our primary source of funds, paying for such things as subsidizing our spring outside demonstrator weekend, the Christmas party and our new audio visual setup. 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:

Clyde Little
14307 Geronimo
Volente, TX 78641

First Saturday

First Saturday for April was postponed until the second Saturday, to avoid the Easter weekend. We hope to have photos and a write-up on the April 14 get together in the May newsletter.

First Saturday for May will be at Bob Waltz's shop, 4904 Red River, Austin. If you have trouble finding it, you can call Bob at 512.451.9400.

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.

April 17, 2007 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM
CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

April 28 & 29, 2007 - All Day
Michael Hosaluk Demos
- American YouthWorks

May 5, 2007 - 9:00 AM to Noon
First Saturday - To be announced

May 15, 2007 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM
CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

June 6, 2007 - 9:00 AM to Noon
First Saturday - To be announced

June 19, 2007 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM
CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

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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It is your responsibility to see that acting Membership Chairman **Clyde Little** has your correct E-mail address. You can contact him at clyde2044@yahoo.com. We regularly use E-mail to advise members of important announcements on short notice. If Clyde doesn't have your current E-mail address, we can't contact you.

2007 First Saturday Shop Crawl Schedule

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

Bob Waltz
Craig Timmerman
Volunteer Needed
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As you can see, we have a serious shortage of sites for this popular event for the rest of the year. You don't have to have a fancy shop to host it, just a place for folks to congregate and drink coffee, eat donuts, and maybe for one or two to turn. To volunteer to host a First Saturday Shop Crawl, get in touch with Len Brissette.

Michael Hosaluk

The Central Texas Woodturners Association will be hosting **Michael**



Hosaluk as our featured demonstrator for this spring. Sign up now to take advantage of this opportunity to learn from this talented turner and teacher.



On Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, Michael will give two different full day demonstrations at our usual American YouthWorks meeting place. Cost is \$35 for each day, with a \$5 additional charge if you choose to join



in the catered lunch. Thus you can attend both days, with lunch, for \$80.

Hands-On sessions will be held Monday, April 30, through Wednesday, May 2, for seven people. Cost for the three day Hands-On sessions will be



\$400 per person. To be prepared for the Hands-On sessions, you should attend the weekend demonstrations. The Hands-On sessions will be held at Bob Waltz's shop, 4904 Red River,

Austin, 512.451.9400. Plan to bring a mini-lathe to turn on.

If you are interested in attending, register with H. O. Evans via E-mail at hoandme@aol.com or by phone at 512.282.2830. Visitors are welcome.

For more information on Michael and to see samples of his work, go to http://www.turnwood.net/michaelhosaluk_1003.html.

SWAT 2007

Plans are well under way for the sixteenth annual SWATurners Symposium and it promises to be the best one yet. It will be held October 5-7, 2007, in Wichita Falls. This will be the fourth time we have chosen Wichita Falls as the host city for our symposium. Those of you who have attended any of our previous symposia in

Wichita Falls are already familiar with the facility, the city and the people. For those of you who have not been so fortunate, you are in for a treat. The Multi-Purpose Event Center (MPEC) is an outstanding facility with plenty of room for all our activities and the host hotel is within walking distance. Wichita Falls has all of the amenities of a large city, but it has a welcome, pleasant small town feel to it.



This year our Lead Demonstrators are:

Cindy Drozda is well known for her elegant hollow vessels and lidded containers. She will share her approach to creating her thin walled vessels and the secrets of her incredibly thin finials.

J. Paul Fennell is recognized as the master of geometric pierced hollow forms. Paul makes most of his own tools from low cost or scrap material, including his unique tool handles which resist the torque created by hollowing forces.

Stuart Mortimer holds the authenticated world record for the largest bowl turned from one piece of wood. His work is hand crafted on and off the lathe using hand held electrical powered tools as well as traditional carving tools.

Al Stirt is one of woodturning's trea-

asures. Although he considers himself a simple "bowl maker" anyone who has seen his work knows that his compositions treat the eye and the imagination by often combining lines, colors and textures in harmonious combinations.

David Marks says his works "evoke a sense of time and mystery." When you view his elegant turning with their complex patina and painted surfaces, you understand immediately that his work is both timeless and unprecedented.

Stacey Hager is an outstanding woodturner. He's also an excellent toolmaker and an outstanding teacher. The Journal of the American Association of Woodturners has published four of his articles on tool making and more are in the works. Stacey's enthusiastic eagerness to share ideas, skill, information, and techniques will captivate you.

For additional information, go to the SWATurners website www.swaturners.org. There you will find information on the Symposium, a registration form and PDF copies of the SWATurners newsletter.

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.

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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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Photos

Photographs for this month's **Chip Pile** were provided by **Charlie 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.

2007 Demonstration Schedule

April 17
May 15
June 19
May 15

To be announced
Johnny Tolly
To be announced
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.

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

Bill Hammack 512.282.0832
Stacey Hager 512.282.1036
Johnny Tolly 512.858.4471
Jimmy Tolly 512.894.0686
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

ROUND ROCK

Larry Walrath 512.255.5379

LOCKHART/SAN MARCOS

David Dick 512.357.6517
Curtis Seebeck 512.738.0775

From the Editor's Desk

My mother, a fourth generation Texan and a farm girl, always cautioned about too much optimism in regards to the coming of spring, warning that there would always be a major Easter cold spell. Uncannily, regardless of how early or late Easter comes, that is quite often the case.

Despite an unseasonably chilly Easter weekend, we are enjoying the most spectacular spring in a number of years. The rains of the last couple of months seem to have broken the two year drought and refilled the aquifer. The wildflowers have responded to the rains as well, putting on one of the best shows I can remember.

Janie and I spent the last week in March on a trip to far west Texas. The drive out to Big Bend took place almost entirely in the rain. The only respite was from just east of Del Rio to just north of Langtry. That was fortunate. We got a chance to tour the cactus garden at the TxDOT Visitors Center there and I got some good photos of the ruins of some historic structures.

The rains in the National Park meant that the cactus and other desert plants were almost all blooming, so a chance for more photographs. After three days in the park, we spent a couple more days in Fort Davis and vicin-

ity. What a delightful small town in the mountains. While we stayed in the Limpia Hotel on this visit, our next visit we will stay in the Indian Lodge at Fort Davis State Park. This wonderful pueblo style facility was constructed by the CCC in the 1930s, and as with many of the structures those folks built, it is a wonderful work of art. We had a chance to tour a couple of the rooms, one from the original construction and one from a much newer addition. While the newer room was well done, and clearly compatible with the original structure, it didn't have the charm of the historical room.

I've managed to do a little turning over the last week or so, but as soon as I finish this issue and take it to the printer, I need to get out to the shop and start cleaning up for First (Second?) Saturday. Like my office, things just seem to unravel. Obviously, my poor organizing skills have nothing to do with the entropy.

Keep on turning,

Charlie

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.

Upcoming Woodturning Symposiums

Southern States Symposium

April 27 - 29, Gainesville, GA
www.gawoodturner.org

Yankee Woodturning Symposium

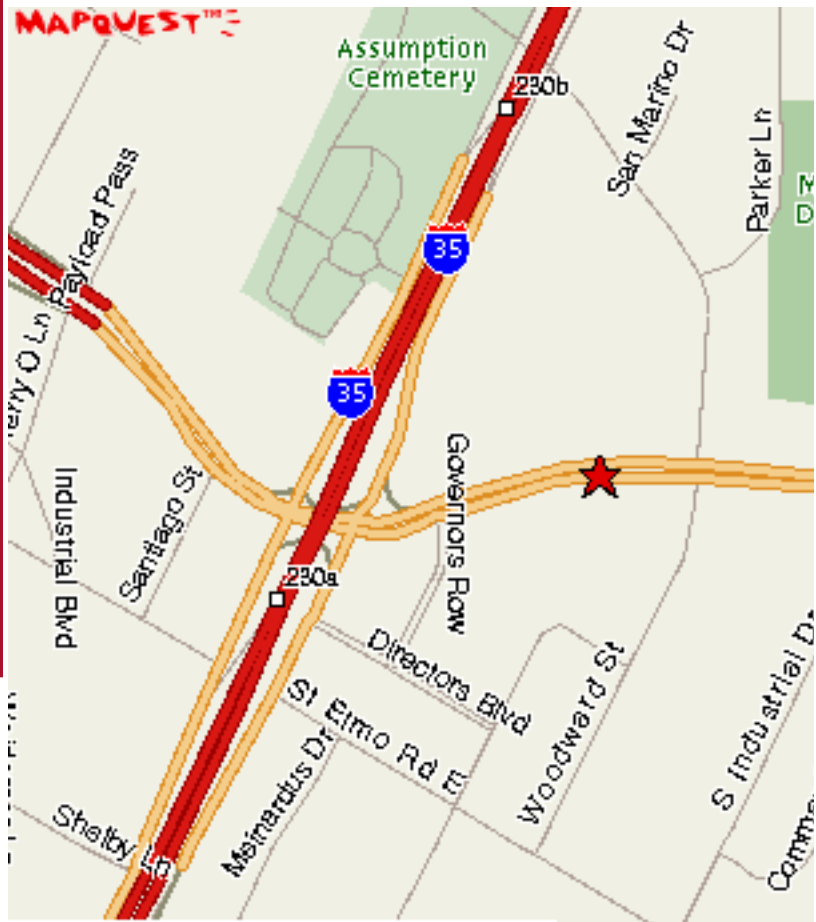
June 1 - 3, Middletown, CT
www.yankeewoodturningsymposium.org

AAW National Symposium

June 29 - July 1, Portland, OR
www.woodturner.org

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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