



The Chip Pile

The Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association

Austin, Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

CTWA Meetings

JANUARY MEETING

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

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 at 9:00 AM on February 2, at a location to be announced.

New Year's Resolutions

Happy New Year everyone! I hope all of you had a safe holiday season. Quite often we journey up to northeast Iowa to visit my family for the holidays, but this year my wife Tina and I stayed in the Austin area. After talking with my folks I was glad we did, as there was lots of snow and ice up through the Midwest over the holidays.

The year 2008 is a special one for the Central Texas Woodturners Association. I have just been notified by the AAW home office that the CTWA is one of fourteen AAW chapters that will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary in 2008. I'm going to see what we can do this year to make special recogni-

tion of this milestone. For starters, I've contacted S. Gary Roberts to inquire who the "founding members" were. If you have been a member for all 20 years, please let me know. If you have any other ideas how we can celebrate, let me know that as well.

At this point in the year I don't have a lot of special plans for the club, but I do have a few ideas churning. We will have the club meetings as usual, but I am open to any and all ideas on

how you would like to see the meetings structured. The meetings are part of what you are paying dues for, so if you aren't getting what you want out of them, let any one of the board members know. If you have ideas for demonstrations or, even better, if you would like to do a demo, please let Gene Stokes or Curtis Turner know. There will again be some president's challenges this year. I hope to have the first one ready to announce next month.

I would like to continue our First

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Saturday events, but we need more participation. The first way you can help is to volunteer to host a First Saturday. We don't require much, just a little space (and power) for 2-4 mini lathes and a place for a few cars to park. You don't have to have a dedicated shop. Several of us (including me) have hosted First Saturday in our garage. You don't have to clean up ahead of time and you don't even have to provide any food as Drew Shelton always makes sure that we are well supplied with Round Rock donuts! Len Brissette has agreed to coordinate the First Saturday locations again this year, so please contact Len if you are willing to host. The second way you can help is just show up with your ideas and questions. If you have a turning question, there is always someone there to show you a technique or to help you with a problem. The main reason we started these sessions was to provide some free, hands-on time for anyone that wanted it, so please come and take advantage of this opportunity.

We are certainly blessed with the fine meeting facilities that American YouthWorks provides for us. To help pay for these facilities we need to contribute some of our time and turnings. Coming up this spring there will be the annual pen turning event at the school. We should have a date soon. If you are willing to help teach some of the students how to turn a pen, let me know. It also is not too soon to start planning what you make to make and donate to the annual YouthWorks auction. The auction is late in the year, but we could use more participation so start thinking.

In closing, if you have any input about the Chapter, just let me or one of the other board members know. We'd be glad to have your comments. Let's have a great 2008!

Craig

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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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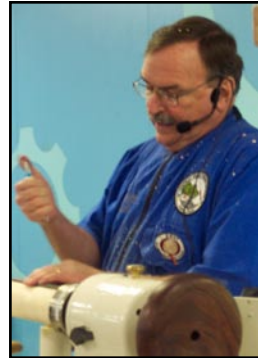
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November Demo

For our final demonstration of the year, **Charlie Kay** took us through the making of a pepper mill. He began by chucking a 3" X 3" X 10" blank between centers, rounding it and turning a tenon on the end that would end up being the top of the mill.

After chucking the piece by that tenon, he laid out where the top was to be parted off, allowing for the 1/4" tenon that would be needed on the bottom of

the top. A steady rest was installed to control the alignment of the blank. Using a 1 5/8" Forstner bit, he drilled a 3/8" hole in the base. He then switched to an 1-1/16" Forstner bit



and drilled into the bottom of the blank to the parting line, using a masking tape "flag" to mark the depth on the drill stem.

The top was then parted off with a thin parting tool, after roughing the tenon. The steady rest was removed and the tenon carefully fitted to the hole drilled in the bottom. Once a satisfactory fit was achieved,



the tailstock was brought up with a cone center and the blank re-rounded, then shaped to final form. The bottom was removed, then the top was parted off the waste and rechucked in a jam chuck using the tenon and finished and a hole drilled for the grinding mechanism shaft.

Bring Back Raffle

Jake Ivy was the lucky winner of a lidded box of ash and mesquite with a gilded top, turned by **Richard Anderson** and finished with lacquer. **Dave Dick** took home a redheart sea urchin ornament turned by **Joe Kirk**. **Joel Crabbe** was the winner of an IOU from **Rich Fleming**.

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

Richard Anderson brought along two bowls, one of walnut finished with Danish oil and buffed and the other of cocobolo that had been buffed.

Stacey Hager showed off four pieces, a bowl and a Hopi pot of sandblasted catalpa, a piece he called "Eye of Auren" of sandblasted Douglas fir and a pecan piece that wife **Betty** collaborated on.

Stan Spell brought a bowl of red alder finished with lacquer.

James Norton showed off a pair of platters, one of ash and one of bubinga, both finished with Waterlox.

Charlie Kay brought several pens turned from the mesquite blanks that Kirt Reed contributed to the October Raffle.

Mack Peterson brought along five pieces, a palm vessel, a walnut piece, a pecan bowl, a blue vase and a pecan and walnut vessel.

Larry Walrath showed a scraper.

Gene Swensen showed a bowl of marblewood finished with lacquer and buffed.

Bill Seiter brought along three items, a magnolia vase, a jaffah candle holder and a magnolia bowl, all finished with tung oil.

H. O. Evans showed off a "Christmas Thing" of holly, ebony and mystery wood.

Bob Waltz brought a salt and pepper mill set of laminated oak, maple and bloodwood finished with wipe-on polyurethane.

Jimmy Tolly showed a live oak burl bowl finished with Mahoney's oil.



Check the Bottom

We have all admired the fancy designs on the bottoms of the platters that **James Norton** has brought to the last several meetings. At our January meeting, James will share some ideas related to platter turning. He will emphasize turning of the multi-axis platter base in order to add some "wow factor" to the bottom of the platter. He will also demonstrate some surface enhancement tech-



niques to add some pizzazz to the top of the platter. If you have the skills to turn the top of a platter, you are ready to move on the techniques that James will be demonstrating.

We had 46 attendees at our November 20 meeting, including five visitors.

President Drew Shelton made the following announcements:

1 - membership renewals are due for 2008 and we are still willing to handle AAW memberships for people who would rather go through us than AAW

2 - there will be no regular meeting or First Saturday in December

3 - the Christmas party will be at Frank and Jane Miller's house and there is a sign up list

4 - Jake Ivey has agreed to serve as Betty Hager's understudy as Librarian

for 2008

5 - Gene Stokes made a plea for that he needs demonstrators for 2008

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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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.

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.

January 15 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM
CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

February 2 - 9:00 AM to Noon
First Saturday - to be announced

February 19 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM
CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

March 1 - 9:00 AM to Noon
First Saturday - to be announced

March 18 - 9:00 AM to Noon
CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

April 5 - 9:00 AM to Noon
First Saturday - to be announced

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

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

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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Some three dozen turners and spouses gathered at **Frank and Jane Miller's** home on December 8 for our annual Christmas party. After a morning turning, highlighted by Jim Spano demonstrating his skill on the watchmaker's lathe, we feasted on a nice covered dish luncheon. That was followed by the annual turned gift exchange, which was just a little more raucous than usual this year. Thanks to Jane and Frank for hosting the event and to all who participated.



RECIPE TIME ...

One of the nice things about the annual Christmas Party is the chance to try out the recipes of others. Here are two that were requested to be included in the newsletter.

GREEN BEAN BUNDLES - Tonya Peterson

2 (14.5 oz.) cans whole green beans, drained
 8 slices of bacon, cut in half
 4 Tbsp. butter
 4 Tbsp. brown sugar
 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Spaghetti or toothpicks to secure

Wrap bacon half around 8-10 beans to form a bundle. Secure with spaghetti or a toothpick, OR lay seamside down in a glass baking dish. Melt butter in small dish in microwave, then stir in brown sugar, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Pour over green bean bundles. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes.

WASABI DEVILED EGGS - Janie Kay

12 eggs, boiled
 4 Tbsp mayonnaise
 1 Tbsp mustard
 1 tsp wasabi paste
 1 tsp pickle juice
 salt to taste

Peel eggs and slice lengthwise with a sharp knife. Pop the yolks out in a bowl and gently mash with a fork. Place egg white halves on a plate. To mashed yolks, add mayonnaise, mustard, wasabi paste, then pickle juice and salt and mix. With a spoon gently fill each scooped-out white. Garnish the top of each filled egg half with a tiny roll of pickled ginger and a pea-sized bit of wasabi paste. Both wasabi paste and pickled ginger are available at HEB sushi stalls.

January First Saturday

The Christmas Party invasion wasn't enough, so **Frank Miller** invited us over again for the first First Saturday of 2008 on January 5. The turnout was light, with only eight or nine folks turning up, but it was a good session. Five of us, including **Jane Miller**, went to a seafood place for lunch afterwards.



2007 First Saturday Shop Crawl Schedule

January 5
February 2
March 1
April 5

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.

President's Challenge

Okay, so it took him until his last meeting, but **Drew Shelton** finally managed to pull off a President's Challenge. There were bangles of every description on hand, with **Stan Spell, Johnny Tolly, Len Brissette, Larry Walrath, Stacey Hager, Jim Spano, Jimmy Tolly, Charlie Kay** and **Drew Shelton** all participating. There were no prizes, but had there been, clearly Larry would not have one for the Tiniest bangle.



From the Editor's Desk

Yet another year is underway, with all of the challenges and opportunities that life has to offer.

It was great to hear that our club will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2008. I didn't get the word soon enough to do anything special for this issue, but I plan to try to have a "Looking Back" column of some sort in issues for the rest of the year. To do that, I need help from those of you who have been in the club for a long time. It would be nice to cover things like the folks who got the club going, past presidents and officers as well as others

that have contributed significantly to the club over the years. Any personal anecdotes you have about club activities, the people, meeting places, Texas Turn or Two and whatever else you remember would be helpful. You can drop me an E-mail note or just give me some input at a meeting or First Saturday get together.

If you have photos from years past, those would be useful as well. I know that we have all grown accustomed to digital photos, but the old fashioned analog prints will do nicely. I can scan them and get the prints right back to you, so start looking through your stuff.

Keep on turning,

Charlie Kay

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- Jimmy Tolly** 512.894.0686
- Craig Timmerman** 512.288.3598
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NOTE: Ho would like to confine his assistance to his specialty, segmented turnings.

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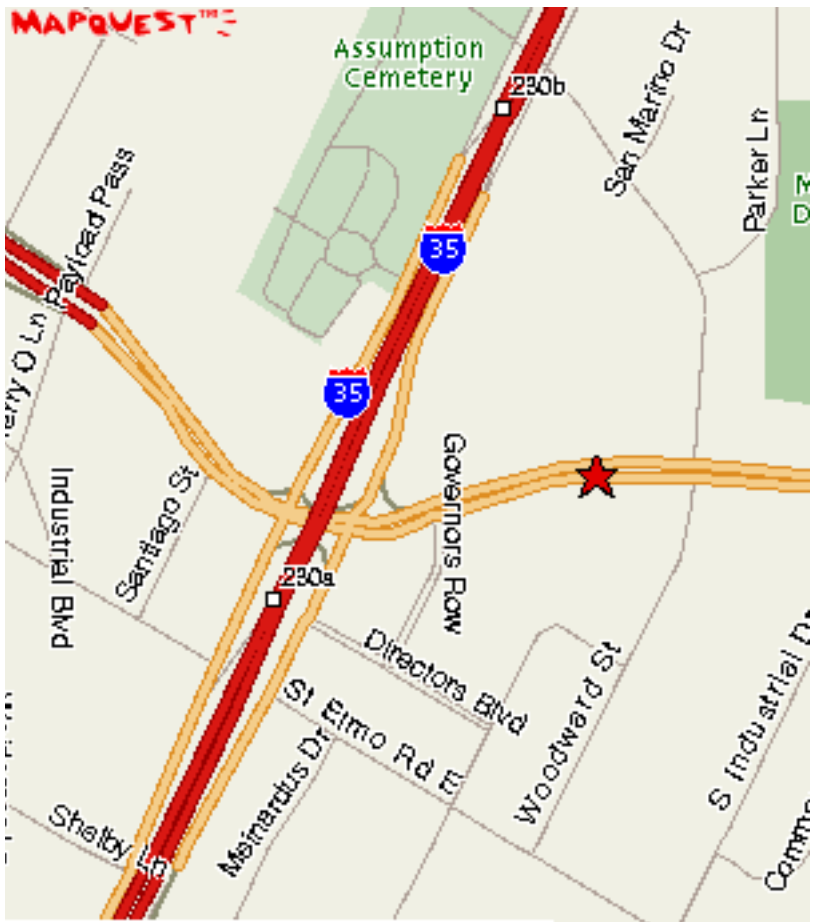
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| January 15, 2008 | James Norton |
| February 19 | To be announced |
| March 18 | To be announced |
| November 20 | To be announced |

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**.

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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