



# The Chip Pile

The Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association

Austin, Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

CTWA Meetings

## NOVEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, November 18, 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)

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The CTWA Christmas Party will begin at 9:00 AM on December 13, at Clyde and Pat Little's home, 14307 Geronimo, Volente

## FIRST SATURDAY TURNOUT

The First Saturday Turnout for January will be at 9:00 AM on January 3, at a location to be announced

also talked with Art Liestman, Matthew Hill and Betty Scarpino. The common thread among all of them is how extremely friendly they all are and how willing they all were to help me. Come to think about it, that common thread seems to be true of everyone in our woodturners community.

I'm on the final push producing product for the Armadillo Christmas Bazaar. I have a few more production runs to do of boxes, torus (donut) vases, salt and pepper shakers and, thanks to Charlie, maybe even a few bottle stoppers. I have been a bit stressed

about the booth layout and setup and finally decided on buying some professional panels for my booth walls. These panels will come in handy with some of the other shows I've applied for. My gallery in Fredericksburg is going to help me by letting me take a few of my pieces out of the gallery so I can have a few extra art pieces. The trade off is I have to bring back a set of new pieces after the show. It might be a busy January, but that wouldn't be a bad thing. I hope everyone gets a chance to stop by the Bazaar. It will be held December 12-24, 11 AM - 11 PM, at the Austin Convention Center (don't get it confused with a knock-off event at the Parmer Events center). I'm in booth A-6 which is in the first row past the door. See [www.armadillobazaar.com](http://www.armadillobazaar.com) for more details.

November will be our last formal

meeting of the year. I can't believe an entire year has gone by already. I have enjoyed being your President for the past year. I hope you have enjoyed it too. I would like to thank the entire Board for helping to make it a successful year.

Craig

October Celebration

Rather than our usual monthly demonstration, the October meeting was devoted to celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of the founding of the Central Texas Woodturners Association. Highlights of the celebration included covered dish desserts, first or oldest turnings and samples from **Bill Hammack's** and **Dave Dick's** Bring Back collections.

The desserts were terrific and everyone left with a sugar high. The oldest turnings were interesting. Although I didn't take notes, the oldest turning was a

ship's wheel lamp turned by **Jack Besperka** in 1942, with other 1940's turnings by **Ed Roberts**, **Jim Spano**, **Bill Hammack** and **Lynn Kramer**. There were guessing contests as to who brought what. Winners at the November meeting. Enjoy the photos on the next page!

From the President's Shop

## A year passed - a new career

October's SWAT Symposium was one of the best yet. I hope everyone was able to stock up on their tool needs as well as get some new turning tips. I think our collaboration display was a big hit in the gallery. It was nice to see some of our members win some of the "goodies" in the raffles. I enjoyed talking with old friends and making some new ones. I talked extensively with Don Derry about being a professional woodturner. He gave me lots of great information. I

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### Editorial Information

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](mailto:ckay@austin.rr.com) or mail them to:

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## Twentieth Anniversary Celebration





*Bring Back*

There was no Bring Back Raffle at the October meeting. However, this is a reminder that the following Raffle winners from September need to bring back turned items to the November meeting: **Mack Peterson, Clyde Little, Charlie Kay, Hal Sanders, Doug Green and John Knox.**



As is the custom, each of the winners of the turned items will bring back a turned item to the next meeting. The Bring Back items should be representative of each person's best work. The winners of the book and sandpaper file are off the hook.

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 don't 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.



*Twentieth Anniversary Celebration*



*Show and Tell*

Although there was no formal Show and Tell program at the October meeting, some folks brought pieces anyway. There were no tags and no individual photos or ID tags, so I cannot credit anyone. We hope folks will bring the items again in November.



**Thanks to all who participated!**



President's Challenge

All in all, our President's Challenge Collaborative Project was a success. The display of those projects got a lot of attention at the SWATurners Symposium in Waco. Thought you might like to take a look at the before and after of the collaborative pieces.



Curtis Turner and Ed Roberts



Mack Peterson and Craig Timmerman



John Tolly and Donna Walrath



Gary Beers and Richard Porter



David Dick and Marcia Tolly

Clyde Little and Craig Timmerman

Lynn Brissette and Clyde Little



Jim Tolly and Curtis Turner



Craig Timmerman and Jack Besperka



Marcia Tolly and Charlie Kay

Jack Besperka and Len Brissette



Larry Walrath and John Tolly



Thanks to all who participated in this President's Collaborative Challenge. We think it was a great success, but let us know if you think we should make this an annual event. The pieces have been turned over to American YouthWorks for their November fund-raising auction. We hope they have added a few more dollars to their operating budget.

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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Craft Supplies USA  
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November Program

CTWA stalwart **Stacey Hager** will be demonstrating the making of Christmas Ornaments at the November meeting. He will "quickly" shape, hollow, dye and finish a small globe. He will then spend the majority of the session discussing and demonstrating final design and production. With a little luck and as much time as we can arrange for he hopes to end up with a finished ornament.

As most of you know, Stacey is a proud son of Dumas Texas, a small panhandle town fifty miles north of Amarillo. He began turning wood in his father's cabinet shop and planing mill when he was ten. His turning ceased when he went to college and began again when he discovered CTWA in the late eighties.

Business Meeting

We had 45 members and spouses as well as five visitors at our October 21 Twentieth Anniversary meeting. This included three charter members of CTWA.

We had a very abbreviated business meeting, consisting primarily of a brief discussion of the previous weekend's SWATurners Symposium and announcements about the need to pay CTWA and AAW dues for 2009.

2009 Officers

Under our By-Laws, we are to elect Officers for 2009 at our November meeting. As this issue goes to press, we still do not have a complete slate. If you would be willing to serve as an Officer for next year, or want to suggest a candidate, please see **Craig Timmerman** or **Clyde Little**. Under the By-Laws, Clyde will automatically succeed to the Presidency. However, the other positions are all fair game. A complete listing of all the offices is shown in the 2008 Officers box on page 2 of this newsletter.

Christmas Party

It isn't too early to start planning for this year's CTWA Christmas Party. We will be going to **Clyde** and **Pat Little's** home on the shore of Lake Travis on Saturday, December 13. Spouses and families are encouraged to attend.

Folks will start to gather at 9:00. There will be turning in Clyde's shop until we break for lunch around noon. As usual, the club will provide the meat and the drinks. Members are expected to bring a covered dish to cover the rest of the courses. We will have a sign-up sheet at the November meeting, so that we don't wind up with all desserts or all broccoli.

When the meal is done, we will gather for our annual gift exchange, using whatever devious rules Betty Hager has devised for this year. Please note that the gifts are expected to be turnings. So bring a really nice piece and enter in the fun.

Mark your calendars now and plan to be there on December 13.

Photos

Photographs for this month's **Chip Pile** were provided by **Drew Shelton**, **Frank Miller** 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](mailto:ckay@austin.rr.com).

Web Site

Check out the CTWA Web Site at [www.CTWA.org](http://www.CTWA.org). If you have comments, suggestions or something for the Gallery, get in touch with **Webmaster Larry Walrath** at [larry@larrywalrath.com](mailto:larry@larrywalrath.com).

December Meeting

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IN KEEPING WITH OUR TRADITION, THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER.** Instead, all members and spouses are invited to the annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 13, as described above. We plan to see you there and not at American YouthWorks!

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.

**Nov 18 - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**  
CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

**Dec 13 - 9:00 AM to Noon**  
Christmas Party - Clyde & Pat Little

**January 3 - 9:00 AM to Noon**  
First Saturday - TO BE ANNOUNCED

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

**February 7 - 9:00 AM to Noon**  
First Saturday - Jim Brinkman's Shop

**February 17 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM**  
CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

**March 7 - 9:00 AM to Noon**  
First Saturday - TO BE ANNOUNCED

**March 17 - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**  
CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks

E-mail

Our way of contacting you to let you know of something on short notice is by E-mail, thus keeping us advised of your current E-mail address is important so that we can get in touch with you. We need that address in two places. It is kept in the roster that gives you the names, addresses and phone numbers of your fellow members. To keep that list up to date, you need to let **Membership Chairman Jim Spano** know of any changes in your E-mail address. You can contact him at [jimjoy@austin.rr.com](mailto:jimjoy@austin.rr.com). The second place we need that number is in the CTWA mass E-mailing list maintained by **Webmaster Larry Walrath**. This list lets anyone in the club who has subscribed to the list send an E-mail to all of the members. So if your address changes, you will need to re-subscribe to the mailing list. Either Larry or Jim can enlighten you on how to do that.

November First Saturday

Some 15 or 16 folks showed up at **Orlando Banos's** big shop on Saturday, November 1. As we were the last time, we were all awestruck by the array of huge machines. In addition to the usual bull sessions, there was a fair amount of turning going on. **Stacey Hager** was holding forth on the Powermatic, making a hollow vessel, eventually luring **Clyde Little** into trying his hand at it. **Jim Spano** was at his creative best, making a top with a felt tip pen filler spinner that drew designs. **Frank Miller** and **Bill Hammack** both tried their hand at turning something. **Charlie Kay** made a couple of bottle stoppers, then walked three or four others through the process. **Drew Shelton** couldn't be talked into turning anything, but came through as usual with the Round Rock donuts. The session was topped of with an *alfresco* lunch at Nutty Brown Cafe on a beautiful fall day. There will be no First Saturday in December.



SWATurners  
Symposium

The 17th Annual SWATurners Symposium in Waco was a great success. Attendance was good, the weather was perfect, lots of good demonstrations and lots of vendors. The Instant Gallery was an inspiration as always.

The Raffles were a lot of fun again this year and CTWA members were quite successful in them. In the first Two-for-One drawing at the banquet on Saturday night, **Charlie Kay, Len Brissette, James Norton and Johnny Tolly** all picked up turned pieces. In addition, **Clyde Little** was



one of the winners of the five select pieces in the inaugural Gallery Raffle. On Sunday, **Len Brissette, Clyde Little, James Norton, Bob Hrehor, Charlie Kay and Drew Shelton** all won tools or pieces of wood in the second half of the Two-for-One Raffle. Finally, **Carolyn Gottlieb** was the winner of the big Powermatic lathe signed by all of the lead demonstrators. All in all, a pretty good haul.

The SWATurners Board will meet in January to elect officers for 2009 and to make decisions about the future of the Symposium. Up for consideration is whether or not to abandon a site like Waco, limit registration in the future and revert to either alternating between Temple and Wichita Falls or settling in Temple. All of this has to do with keeping registration fees low. Outgoing CTWA President **Craig Timmerman** will be our 2009 SWATurners Board member, so let him know your thoughts on any of this.

The other way that we keep fees low is with lots of volunteer help. Our club has been one of the most active in providing volunteers to make things work. The overall effort this year was lead by SWATurners President **Steve Gottlieb**, ably assisted by **Betty Hager**. Many of you helped in a lot of ways, including setting up and staffing the demonstration room that our club sponsored. I don't know all of the names of those who assisted, so I won't try to name you, but you know who you are and we thank you. Thanks do go to **Larry Walrath** for taking care of the SWATurners web site.

Special thanks, however, goes out to a number of folks who did the heavy lifting to get everything set up on Thursday, kept things running throughout the Symposium, whatever the crisis, then stuck around to tear down and clean up on Sunday after everyone else had gone home. Hats off to **Frank Miller, John and Marcia Tolly, Jimmy Tolly, Ed Roberts, Drew Shelton and Charlie Kay**.

January First Saturday

At this point, we have no volunteer to host First Saturday in January 2009. If you would like to volunteer, get in touch with First Saturday Coordinator **Len Brissette**, or let one of the Officers know at the November meeting.

Len advises that we really need host for 2009. You don't have to have a big fancy shop to host the event. Responsibilities are minor; you don't even have to clean up your shop! Let Len know if you can help with this important function for our club.

2008-09 First Saturday Shop Crawl Schedule

December 13 (Christmas Party)  
January 3, 2009  
February 7  
March 7  
April 4  
May 2

Clyde Little  
To be announced  
Jim Brinkman  
To be announced  
To be announced  
To be announced

We can always use volunteer hosts. 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**.

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 \$45.00 per year for individuals and \$50.00 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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LOCKHART/SAN  
MARCOS

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Ride Needed

Long time CTWA member **Judy Williams** has vision problems that prevent her driving at night. She would still like to participate in our meetings, however, and is looking for a ride to the meetings. She lives in North Austin, north of 183 between MoPac and I-35. If you can help with a ride, you can call Judy at 512.293.7479.

More 20th Anniversary

There are a couple of more items to add to artifacts in celebration of our twenty years as a woodturning club in Austin.

Charter member **Gary Roberts** provided me with some photos from an early meeting at Paxton showing a much younger Gary



demonstrating on a ShopSmith, with a couple of big **James Johnson** vessels standing guard in the front. Gary provided a couple of other photos, but I could no longer get my scanner to participate. (Later analysis shows me to be the victim of that curse of the modern age, obsolete electronic devices. Although it is an excellent photo scanner, it is not compatible with Leopard, the latest version of the Macintosh OS-X.) Thanks to Gary for the photos.

In addition, I purchased a couple of big notebooks and bound a complete set of newsletter for the years 2000 through 2008. They have been turned over to **Betty Hager** for inclusion in our club library. Unfortunately, I did not receive a collection of earlier newsletters when I took over as newsletter editor. I did add scattered copies of the newsletter that I had saved from the years 1997 through 1999. If any of you have a collection of newsletter from before 2000, I am sure that Betty would be glad to have them to provide a more complete history of our club and it's various activities over the years.

From the Editor's Desk

Another year of **The Chip Pile** comes to an end. As is our custom, there will not be an issue in December, as the Editor gets a brief respite.

As I compiled, punched and bound the eight years worth of newsletter I have produced and finally wound up with about six inches of paper printed on both sides, I began to ponder the effort. I am guessing that represents 1,200 to 1,500 hours of effort. The quality has improved over the years, as anything should if you keep practicing the craft.

The amount of material covered has greatly increased as well. That is

largely a result of the increased activity of our club and its members. Over that time we have increased our membership substantially, purchased a fine club lathe and found ourselves a nice facility in which to meet. In addition to our regular monthly meetings and demonstrations, we have established a strong and viable hands-on First Saturday program to allow further socializing and provide encouragement and instruction for our newer members. In recent years, our annual spring session has grown much more robust, with an internationally known demonstrator giving two days of demonstrations followed by several days of classes for interested turners.

All of that would not have happened without strong leadership, and we have had that. One of the neat things about this job is that you get to work closely with the President and other members of the Board, and they have all been devoted to making the club better and more useful to the members. The Presidents have all been faithful in getting information to me for the newsletter. We also have an active core of members who take leadership roles, whether or not they ever serve as officers.

That leads me to credits due for the last year, although as with most thank you messages, you cannot thank everyone by name. Thanks to **Craig Timmerman** for a great job as President. In addition, our meetings would not have been nearly so useful without the untiring effort of **Gene Stokes** to come up with a demonstrator every month for the last two years. **Betty Hager** has done a great job of getting our library well organized and stocked with first rate books

and DVDs. Membership Chairman **Jim Spano** has brought a number of innovations to the job. Thanks especially to those who just keep doing their job, year after year, **Ed Roberts** as Treasurer, **Larry Walrath** as our Webmaster and the irreplaceable **Frank Miller**, our Audio/Visual magician. Thanks again to **Drew Shelton** for providing me with lots of photographs to liven up the newsletter. Finally, thanks to all of you who opened up your shops for First Saturday turn outs.

Keep on turning,

Charlie Kay

## 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](mailto:ckay@austin.rr.com). Ads will be run for two months and then dropped.*

**FOR SALE:** Model RF-30, 2 HP heavy-duty, combination, milling/drilling machine with cabinet stand, R8 spindle taper, 28 3/4" x 8 1/4" table with T-slots, with X,Y, and Z travel calibrated to .001", 12-speed (100-2500 RPM), weight 660 lbs, width 39 3/4", length 42 1/2", height 73 1/2". This machine is like new. I bought it 11/21/1990 for \$1159.98. A similar model is on sale today for \$1400 plus S&H. I am asking \$600. I just got a full size Bridgeport-style mill and do not have room for both.

Model 750X Drill Doctor, top-of-the-line professional model drill-bit sharpener. Best current on-line price is \$139.95. I am asking \$100. I bought this machine to sharpen carbide bits because it had diamond grinding wheels. I used it three times and then got diamond wheels for my bench grinder. The Drill Doctor worked well but is now redundant. There is a good review with photographs at [www.onlinereviews.com/reviews/drilldoctor750x.htm](http://www.onlinereviews.com/reviews/drilldoctor750x.htm).

I am also selling some antique fans (dating back to the 1890's), antique typewriters, antique kerosene heaters and hotplates, several modern "squirrel-cage" type blowers (for shop fans), hand tools, and other "good stuff". Betty and I have started practicing Feng Shui which I just learned translates to: "We're getting rid of your junk."

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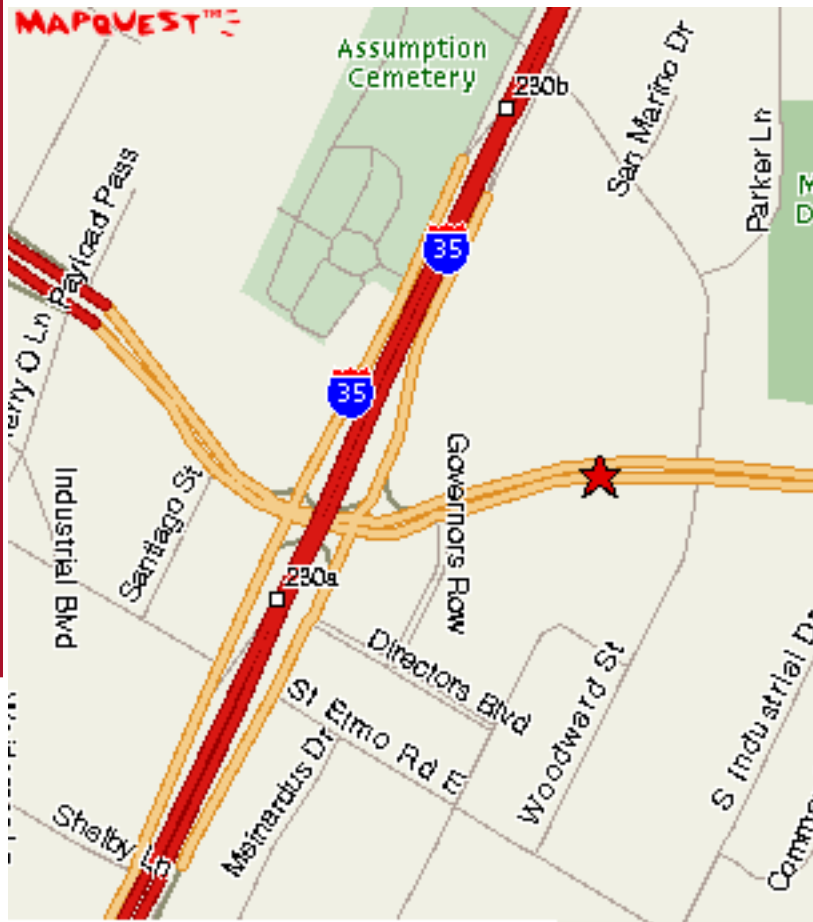
## 2008 Demonstration Schedule

<b>September 16</b>	<b>James Johnson</b>
<b>October 21</b>	<b>20th Anniversary Celebration</b>
<b>November 18</b>	<b>To be announced</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>No regular meeting</b>
<b>January 20, 2009</b>	<b>To be announced</b>
<b>February 17</b>	<b>To be announced</b>

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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