



# 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 20, 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 7, at Jim Brinkman's shop, 10003 Mandeville Circle, Austin

January with more than forty people at Bob Waltz's shop was tremendous. This leads to one of my objectives for the year and that is to continue emphasis on First Saturday participation. I would like to see First Saturday be where new turners and inexperienced turners get a chance to improve their skills. Along with the present activities, I want to add a tutorial subject to each First Saturday,

so that attendees will know what they might be able to learn at that meeting. You can then bring wood, tools, turnings or questions to get special coaching. I would like your feedback on this idea and topics you would like to see addressed at an upcoming First Saturday.

I thought it was great that at this last First Saturday we had a guest who brought turnings that allowed for discussion as to how they were done. I would encourage others to do the same thing in the future. First Saturday is a great way to have hands-on experience with experts to help in a non-threatening environment. I believe we had at least four lathes in use at the last 1st Saturday.

We currently have about 98 members in the club. So to encourage people to meet and learn more about each other we are going to re-initiate name tags at future meetings. Thanks to Jim Spano, for making the name tags. This will be voluntary, but I would encourage you to wear one and then returning it at the end of the meeting. There will be a table set up at the entrance where you can obtain and return your tag.

As we do planning for future meetings, I would encourage you to let Program Chairman Tim White or me know of any topics you would like to see covered in our monthly demonstrations. I am considering making the March meeting a meeting on finishes. If you have a particular finish that you are good at or one that you would like to see demonstrated let me or Tim know.

We will also be revitalizing the mentoring program. I will discuss that further after the board meeting. Please let me know your thoughts on this matter.

I encourage your feedback on any of the above or anything that you would like to see changed, enhanced, deleted, etc., concerning CTWA. Contact me at [clyde2044@yahoo.com](mailto:clyde2044@yahoo.com) or 512-413-6931.

Finally, we should thank all the officers and members for their time and leadership last year. It is amazing when you look back at the breadth of the demonstrations, the 20th Anniversary celebration, President's Challenges, First Saturday's, etc. THANKS for a job well done.

I look forward to another exciting year for CTWA.

Clyde

From the President's Shop

## A New Beginning

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We finished CTWA's 2008 with a great Christmas party, great food and great gifts. Thanks to all 48 folks who participated. It was nice seeing old friends who have not been to a CTWA meeting in a long time, including Bob Littlepage. The turnings that were part of the gift exchange were extraordinary and many left with pieces they will cherish for a long time. I would encourage those who

left with some of the masterpieces to bring them to the next meeting. Even those that attended really did not get to see them all; it seems some folks kept them out of sight!

Ending the year with a great Christmas gathering was one thing but starting the year with a great First Saturday in

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

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## Keeping Austin Turning Since 1988

### November Demo

For our last meeting of 2007, **Stacey Hager** presented us with a seasonally appropriate demonstration of his method for turning a Christmas tree ornament.

Stacey began his presentation with discussion of design considerations. He discussed shapes for the globe, including sphere, onion, ovoid, sea urchin, flying saucer, etc. He begins

his planning by drawing a half-pattern of the ornament.

In turning the globe, Stacey marks the blank and mounts it between centers to turn a cylinder with a dove-



tail on one end. Using that dovetail, he mounts the blank in the chuck and shapes the globe. Using a 5/8" Forstner bit mounted in a chuck in the tailstock, he drills a hole to depth and



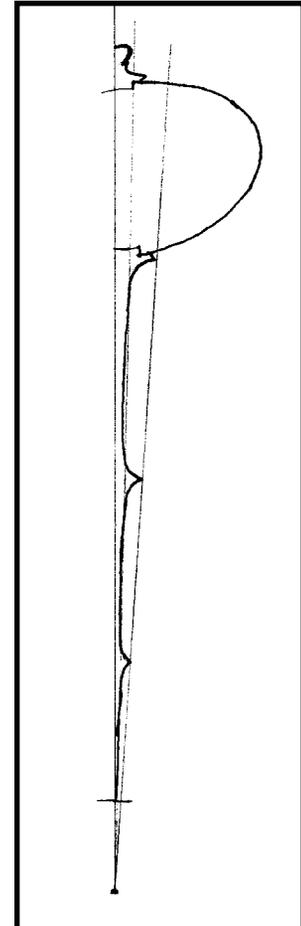
then hollows the globe. He sands, stains and finishes, then reaching through the 5/8" hole, he drills a 3/8" hole through the top of the globe and parts off.

In designing the icicle finial for the bottom of the ornament, Stacey makes the length of the icicle about twice the diameter of the globe. The base of the icicle should be at least 1/8" larger than the final diameter of the hole in the bottom of the globe. In his layout drawing, he draws a line perpendicular to the center line. He then draws another straight line from half the diameter of the base of the icicle to the tip of the icicle. The most slender parts of the spindle should

touch this line. Next, he draws a third line from the tip of the icicle to the outside of the diameter of the base of the icicle. The largest diameter features

of the icicle should touch this line. Finally, on the drawing, he divides the length of the icicle into an odd number of segments (usually one or three, sometimes five). Design features such as beads,

half-beads, flying saucers, at each division point. You should include sharp edges and vee grooves to produce shadows for contrast.



Bring Back

**Dale Pyeatt** was the lucky winner of a mesquite hollow vessel turned by **Peter Hawkins**. **Bob Waltz** took home a segmented vase with wooden rose turned by **Mack Peterson**. **Johnny Tolly** held the lucky ticket for a spalted myrtle bowl turned by **Hal Sanders**. **Gene Stokes** won a lidded box of ash and walnut turned by **Charlie Kay**.



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 yet have a lathe or don't feel that 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

**H. O. Evans** brought along a small open segmented bowl consisting of 337 pieces of holly, redheart, wenge, mahogany, ebony and maple. He also brought a shop-made miniature hollowing tool.



**Peter Hawkins** showed off three pieces, a charred cedar elm natural edge bowl, a thin-walled redbud bowl and a hollow vessel turned from a pecan branch burl. All were finished with salad bowl finish and Beall buffed.



**Mack Peterson** brought five pieces, a segmented bowl of yellowheart and Spanish cedar, a mesquite bowl, a pine vase, a segmented vase of bloodwood and yellow heart and a segmented vase of palm, yellow heart and padauk.

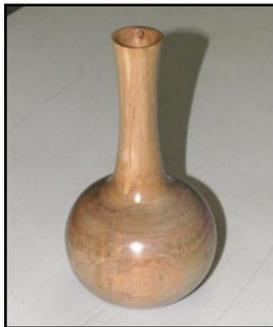


As is the custom, each of the winners will bring back a turned item to the next meeting. The Bring Back items should be representative of each person's best work. It should be noted that the Bring Back Raffle is meant to

**Marcia Tolly** showed off a sycamore bottle stopper turned of sycamore, decorated with pyrography and finished with Deft.



**Craig Timmerman** brought along three pieces, a vase of black ash finished with Deft, a candle holder of mesquite and zircote finished with kunos oil and a natural edged hollow form of Chinaberry finished with Deft.



**Charlie Kay** showed ten bottle stoppers with Ruth Niles stainless steel cone stoppers.



**Dave Dick** brought a natural edge birdhouse finished with lacquer.



**Stacey Hager** showed off a pastry pump turned from high density polyethylene.



**Steve Green** showed a vase turned from cherry and padauk and finished with shellac.



**Johnny Tolly** showed off a number of items including a mesquite bowl finished with Deft, a watch display stand he made for a SWAT vendor and assorted other turnings.



Last, I have one nice piece that I cannot attribute to anyone. Either the display slip didn't make it home or there wasn't one. Sorry.



*Business Meeting*

We had 52 members at our November 18 meeting, including three visitors.

President **Craig Timmerman** reminded us that we have no First Saturday or regular meeting scheduled for December. Instead, all members and guests are invited to the annual Christmas Party to be held December 13 at Clyde and Pat Little's home on Lake Travis.

**Jim Spano** reminded us that our dues for 2009 are due. The rate is \$35 per year.

CTWA Officers for 2009 were elected:

- Clyde Little - President**
- Gene Stokes - President-Elect**
- Tim White - Programs**
- Charlie Kay - Sec'y/N'letter**
- Ed Roberts - Treasurer**
- Jim Spano - Membership**
- Larry Walrath - Webmaster**
- Frank Miller - Audio/Visual**
- David Wolter - Librarian**

**Bob Waltz** volunteered to host the January First Saturday. As there will be no newsletter before that meeting, there will be an E-mail blast with details.

Craig announced the winners of the Guessing Contests held at the October

Twentieth Anniversary Celebration, whereby folks tried to guess who turned what. Although the accuracy rate was quite low, the following are the winners of \$10 Craft Supplies Gift Certificates:

**Bill Hammack Collection**

- 1st - Dave Dick - 6
- 2nd - Marcia Tolly - 5
- 3rd - Len Brissette
- Gene Stokes (tie) -1

**Oldest Turning**

- 1st - Jim Tolly -3
- 2nd - Ed Roberts
- Clyde Little
- Stacey Hager (tie) - 2

Congratulations to the winners.

**Steve Gottlieb** made some announcements about SWAT and advised us that one of the things coming up for a vote at the January SWAT Board meeting has to do with a possible enrollment cap for the future. Let **Craig Timmerman**, our 2009 SWAT Representative, know your thoughts on the matter.

**Johnny Tolly** announced that he is preparing another Anchor Seal order. Contact Johnny for more information.

**Jim Brinkman** announced that he is pulling together another CA glue order. Get in touch with Jim if you want to be included.

*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-mail 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. To be sure that you are on that list and that your E-mail address is current, go to the web site, CTWA.org, and click on Links, then go to the bottom and click on get on the CTWA Mail List.

*Photos*

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](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).

*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.

**Woodcraft  
Craft Supplies USA  
The Cutting Edge**

# 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 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*

**April 4 - 9:00 AM to Noon**  
*First Saturday - TO BE ANNOUNCED*

**April 21 - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**  
*CTWA Meeting - American YouthWorks*

*January Program*

## Going to the Birds

Long-time CTWA member **David Dick** will be demonstrating the making of a miniature birdhouse with a natural edge, his latest woodturning interest. The same methods he will demonstrate can be applied to birdhouses from earring size to owl size. As part of his demo, Dave will show a modified technique for hollowing with a spindle gouge as well as an explanation as to why this method works as well as it does.

So put on your best feathers and come and check it out.

Christmas Party

We had a great CTWA Christmas Party in December, with 48 members, spouses and guests showing up for turning, fellowship and a potluck dinner at **Clyde and Pat Little's** home on the shore of Lake Travis.

It was good to see **Bob Littlefield** and his wife. Bob is a long-time member that hasn't been able to make one of our meetings for a long time.

The gift exchange was even more spirited than usual, with **Marcia Tolly** providing the rules and the refereeing. **H. O. Evans** opened more gifts than anyone, as he was the prime stealee. Lots of nice turned pieces and we all enjoyed the party. Thanks to Pat and Clyde for hosting it.

A few photos follow to recall the day.



January First Saturday

If January 3 was any indication, 2009 is going to be a great year for First Saturday. Fifty or more people showed up at **Bob Waltz's** shop on a warm and beautiful day. There were numerous visitors, including David Elliott from England, here visiting daughter **Sonia Conrad** in Georgetown. Sonia, her husband and two sons accompanied David and the four of them joined CTWA before they left. David brought some nice turned pieces along to share with us. Lots of turning, lots of conversation and almost too crowded to walk. About 18 of us went from there to Fish City Grill for an excellent lunch.



February First Saturday

Our February 7 First Saturday Shop Crawl will be held at **Jim Brinkman's** shop, 10003 Mandeville Circle, Austin (512.258.4732).

To get to Jim's place, turn south off of Anderson Mill Road, just west of US 183 onto Spicewood Parkway. Take the second right onto Spicewood Club Drive, then the first left onto Mandeville Circle and look for the house on the right.

You can always call if you get lost. See you there.

Sick Call

Joe Evans is having radical surgery to have his bladder removed and has asked us to keep him in our thoughts. We wish him well in this difficult time.

In Memoriam

If you haven't heard by now, long-time member Charlie Collins lost his wife late last year. She had been in poor health for many years. Charlie is living in a retirement home in Richardson. We send him our sympathy on his loss. Should you wish to send him a card, address it to:

Charles E. Collins  
Arden Court  
410 Buckingham Road  
Richardson, TX 75081

2008-09 First Saturday Shop Crawl Schedule

February 7	Jim Brinkman
March 7	To be announced
April 4	To be announced
May 2	To be announced
June 6	To be announced
July 4	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. Dues are \$35.00 per year, or \$3.00 per month, prorated for new members joining during the year. AAW dues are \$45.00 per year for individuals and \$50.00 for families. CTWA also strongly encourages all of our members to join the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). For that, you get a first class quarterly magazine, **American Woodturner**, with excellent articles on woodturning and woodturners, amply illustrated with color photographs. For more information, go to [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org).

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

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H. O. Evans	512.282.2830
(segmented turnings)	

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ROUND ROCK

Larry Walrath	512.255.5379
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LOCKHART/SAN MARCOS

David Dick	512.357.6517
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In my November column, I said I was coming to the end of my eighth year of producing **The Chip Pile**. Among other things, I can't count. Make that nine years. As I reflect back on those nine years, I realize how quickly they have passed and how much has changed in that time.

The changes for our club are well worth noting. We now have a fine lathe and the necessary support equipment for demonstrations, thanks to **Stacey Hager**. We have the best audio/visual set-up going in the woodturning world, thanks to **Frank Miller**. We have a great meeting place with plenty of room, thanks to American

YouthWorks and **Johnnie Perales**. We have fine opportunity for fellowship and learning at our regular First Saturday Shop Crawls, thanks first to **Gary Roberts** for starting it, then to **Len Brissette** for organizing the schedule each month. We have now institutionalized an annual spring event with a big name turner that also provides opportunities for learning. We have an excellent and well-organized book and DVD library thanks to the efforts of first **Marcia Tolly** and later **Betty Hager**. None of these were true when I started this job. You can undoubtedly think of many other positive changes during that time frame. Although I have named several people who have played key roles, there are many more who have contributed countless hours and efforts to making our club the big success that it is.

There have been changes in technology that continue to amaze someone of my generation. The revolutions of digital cameras and desktop publishing and electronic communication have made putting together a publication like this much easier and that allow inclusion of information and features that weren't really possible when I started doing this. That includes being able to publish it on our website, thanks to the able efforts of **Larry Walrath**, in color with lots of photos.

Many changes to the broader world haven't been as welcome, however. In 2000, we were riding a vibrant economy, the stock market was flying high, our country was at peace and had a budget surplus. Now, not so much.

There have been lots of changes in my personal life as well; most good, some

not so good, but always life moves on as a great adventure should. You enjoy the good things, try to learn from the bad things and keep moving forward.

As always at the first of a new year, I sit and puzzle over what new changes we face in the future. In another nine years, if I'm still kicking, what changes will I be reflecting back on? Whatever they are, I am sure that we will all find ways of adapting to them.

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. 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."

Contact Stacey Hager at 512.282.1036 or [staceyhager@hotmail.com](mailto:staceyhager@hotmail.com).

**FOR SALE: Jet Model JTAS-10 3HP 10" cabinet saw**, table extension, HTC fold-down run-out table, Excaliber overhead guard and dust duct, Biesemeyer anti-kickback & splitter, Inkra Miter2000 miter gauge, mobile base, 8" Freud dado set and crosscut sled. Current new price for this set-up on Amazon is \$3,400. Will sell the complete set-up for \$2,500.

**Delta Model DC33 13" 2HP heavy cast iron planer**, extra blade set, roller infeed and out-feed tables, mobile base. \$500.

**Atlas Model 6001 6" jointer**, new 1HP Baldor motor, mobile base. \$250.

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## 2008 Demonstration Schedule

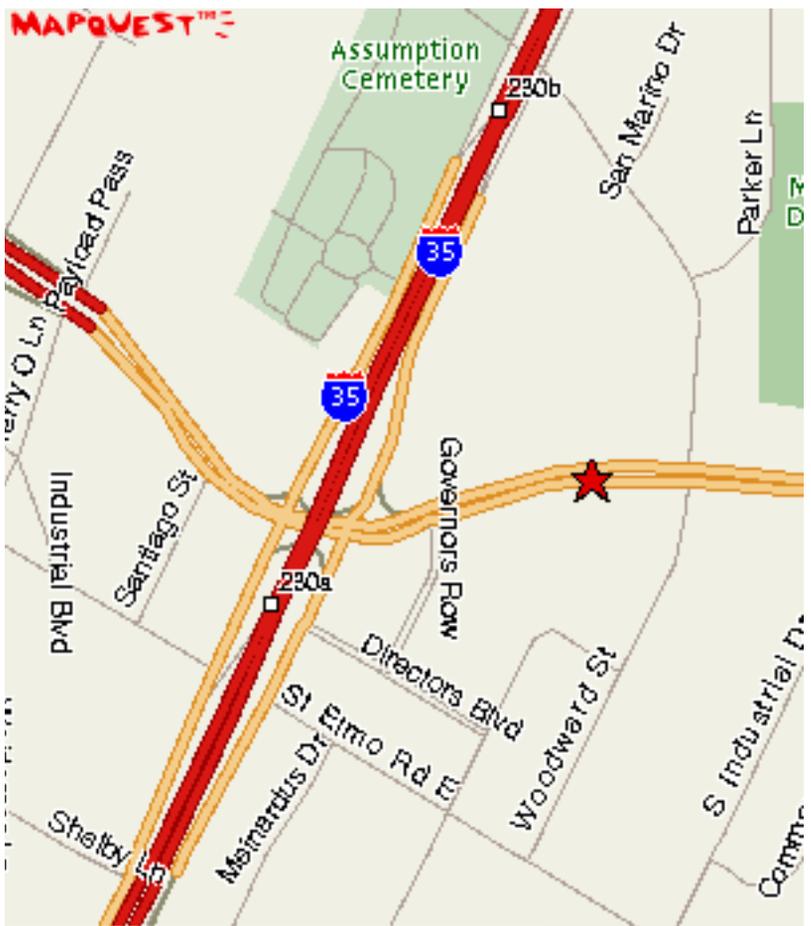
January 20, 2009  
February 17  
March 17  
April 21  
May 19

Dave Dick  
To be announced  
To be announced  
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**.

### 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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