

The Chip Pile



The Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association

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A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

July 18, 2013 Meeting Creating Spheres

Craig Timmerman

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)

July First Saturday

July 13 9-12

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President's Shop

If we had any doubts that a Texas summer had arrived, they should have been put to rest with the 100 degree plus days for most of last week. As we approach summer's midpoint, there are several things we need to keep in mind.

First up, don't forget to bring your Beads of Courage lidded bowls to the July 6 meeting. There will be prizes, and we are looking for a big collection to take to SWAT. Johnny Tolly and I will box them up and transport them to Waco.

Next up, of course, is SWAT (the annual SouthWest Association of Turners Woodturning Symposium) in Waco, August 23 through 25. You still have until July 25 to register and get the lower price. I will have sign-up sheets at the meeting to staff the CTWA sponsored demonstration room. In addition, Johnny Tolly will have sign-up

sheets for volunteers to help with set-up and tear down of the rooms on Thursday, August 22 and Sunday, the 25th. This activity is a tradition for our club to support SWAT and keep the admission fees lower.

Coming up soon after that are two things that often seem to sneak up on us. One of the things we do every year to partially repay American YouthWorks for sharing their fine facility with us is to donate really nice turned pieces for their annual fund-raiser, **Help Clifford Help Kids**. These pieces are sold in their silent auction. So, it is time to think about that beautiful piece you are going to donate this year. Also, coming along about the same time will be the nomination and election of Officers for 2014. If you are interested in serving, let one of this year's Officers know. I will appointing a nominating committee in September.

We are in a major anniversary year for CTWA. I think it is our 25th Anniversary, but I am still trying to confirm the date. We are planning a celebration for our October meeting program.

Finally, our Program Chairman, Stacey Hager, has completed arrangements with Cindy Drozda for a demonstration on Saturday,

November 2, with hands-on sessions set for Thursday, Friday, Sunday, and Monday. By the time you read this, you should have received a questionnaire via our group E-mail to help us with the planning for this event.

We are facing a busy summer and fall, so it is time to be thinking about what you are going to contribute.

See you at the meeting,

Charlie Kay

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Demonstration July 2013

Tool Sharpening/ Equipment, Technique & Specs. CTWA Panel

Drew Shelton served as the moderator for four of our best turners. The topics covered various ways to sharpen tools. Remember, if you bring your tools to 1st Saturday, you can improve your sharpening/grinding techniques

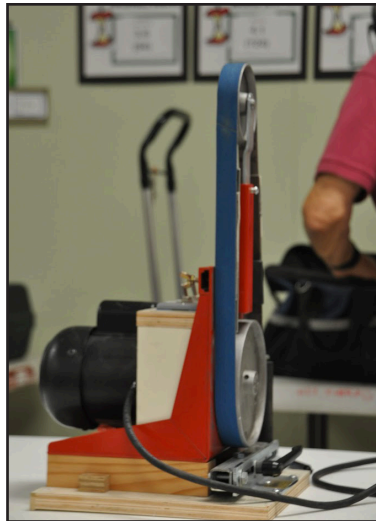


Orlando Banos presented an informative session on selecting grinders and wheels.

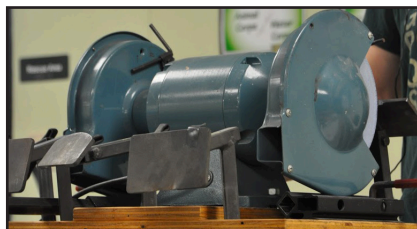


Len Brissette talked about Tool

Keeping Austin Turning Since 1988 shapes and specifications with sharpening considerations for each tool.



Jim Spano presented his thoughts on Sharpening with a sander.



Craig Timmerman finished up the panel by demonstrating sharpening by hand and with jigs.

CTWA is very proud to have these experts describe the various ways to sharpen tools. Thanks to **Stacey Hager** for arranging the demo, and to **Drew Shelton** for moderating the panel.

Upcoming Demo's

July Demonstrator: Craig Timmerman, Turning a Perfect Sphere (the way the old masters did it)

August Demonstrator: Stacey Hager, The Golden Proportion, Fair Curves, and assistants. This will be a similar demonstration that Stacey will present at SWAT. Please be there to cheer him on!

Members In the News

CTWA loses a long-time member

June 16, 2013 we lost our long-time member, Jim Nienkirk. Jim was 80 years old and illness had kept him away from meetings, but many will remember him. We send sympathies to his family for their loss.

Photos

Photographs for this month's **Chip Pile** were provided by **Drew Shelton**. If you have digital photos that you would like to have considered for use in the newsletter. Send them to the Editor at hildac@mac.com.

Editor's "Turn"

Summertime, and the livin' is easy . . . I love that song. I can still hear the bluesy melody in my mind right before I break out and sing it myself. Steve & I just got a new compressor to replace the one that gave up the gas (pun intended). Our 4.5 liter compressor was loud, so loud that we put it out of the shop entirely. Now our new baby . . . a Husky 30 gal, oil-lubricated, 130 psi is not only more efficient, but it is so quiet! I had no idea that an oil-lubricated compressor put out lower decibels to kill our ears! If I had known that, I'd have asked Steve to replace the old one a lot sooner. Plus, I can hear myself sing!

I shouldn't be bad-mouthing our old compressor, it did last over 7 years. It was a Porter & Cable 4.5 gal.

Both compressors are portable; however the Husky takes up less floor space than the Porter & Cable. Vertical space we had, but not a lot of floor space.

And did I mention it was quiet?

Ear protection is so important, but like other safety features I think we tend to ignore our ears and the damage loud noise can inflict on them.

If you are looking for a compressor and are handy, we'd be happy to donate the Porter & Cable to your shop (but remember it died a miserable death . . . and did I mention it

was loud?).

Now if I can just talk Steve into getting another dust collector for my side of the shop.

One more quick note on a different topic. I turned a Beads of Courage Bowl out of mesquite from my family's ranch in West Texas. I'm relatively pleased with it and have to send thanks to the box turning class, in particular **Jim Spano**. I can now use my calipers with positive results, and make a jam chuck that works.

My point is, if I can turn a beads of courage box, you can too.

Keep turnin' it on!

Hilda Carpenter
Editor

Business Meeting

Charlie Kay brought the meeting together and welcomed visitors, Park Smith and Jess Dixon. Park is the CEO of American Youthworks. Park was there to thank the participants in the Senior pen-turning event. He also announced he was looking for 36", dense wood for their martial arts class. Charlie said he would send a note out about types of wood that might work, e.g. mahogany, walnut, birch, hard maple.

Charlie announced a President's challenge to bring a Beads of Courage bowl to the July meeting. He will transport these bowls up to SWAT, then Johnny Tolly will arrange to get them to Dell Children's Hospital.

We will also sponsor a room at SWAT and will have sign ups for those folks who would like to volunteer. Volunteers introduce the speaker and provide any running for parts that the demonstrator may need. Johnny Tolly will also have a signup sheet next month for volunteers to help set up and break down. We encourage people who may be new to the club to volunteer, it's a great way to get to know other turners and contribute to SWAT.

The original date for 1st Saturday in July is moved from the 6th to the 13th due to the 4th of July.

Charlie then introduced all the gallery participants, then turned it over to the demonstration panel.

There were 46 people attending the meeting.

Random Ruminations

Watch for Random Ruminations to return next month.

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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. All regular 3rd Tuesday CTWA Meetings are at American Youthworks. Check Website for latest information.

All 1st Saturdays are from 9 am-noon. All meetings are 7 PM to 9 PM

Events & Dates subject to change, watch for emails or website notifications!

July 18th 1st Saturday

Place: Greg Stowers

July 16 CTWA Meeting

Presenter: Craig Timmerman—Turning a perfect Sphere the way the old masters did it

Aug 3 1st Saturday

Place: TBD

Aug 20 CTWA Meeting

Presenter: TBD

Aug 23-25 SWAT Waco, TX

Sept 7 1st Saturday

Place: TBD

Sept 17 CTWA Meeting

Presenter: TBD

Oct 5 1st Saturday

Place: TBD

Oct 15 CTWA Meeting

Presenter: TBD

Nov 2 1st Saturday

Place: TBD

Nov 19 CTWA Meeting

Presenter: TBD

December Christmas Party

Dec 14

SWAT is Coming!

SWAT REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

For the latest information regarding the Southwest Association of Turners (SWAT) symposium upcoming in August you can visit their website <http://www.swaturners.org> for a current list of demonstrators, local hotels that provide discounts for attendees, and general descriptions of Waco, TX.

Beads of Courage

Johnny Tolly and others have mentioned the Beads of Courage activities and invited all the CTWA woodturners to participate in this worthwhile cause. For more information check out <http://www.beadsofcourage.org>

If you can turn a box, you can turn a bowl. If you can turn a bowl, you can turn a box. The techniques are very similar. We call Beads of Courage Bowls, but if you make a tall box you can donate it to the Bowls of Courage effort! These bowls go to children suffering from Cancer and who are going through chemotherapy treatment. Each time the little child gets a treatment, they get a Bead of Courage. They keep these beads in the bowls/boxes that we donate to their cause.

If you need help turning a bowl or box with a lid (bowls are often called boxes when they have lids), please contact someone on the volunteer list, or one of the officers. Your bowl doesn't have to be perfect—just given with a loving heart to a loving child.

Please give your time, a little bit of wood and your talent to this marvelous effort.

Grinding Tools

This is a reminder that if you want a tool ground, or want to learn how to grind your tools to attend the 1st Saturday.

Each First Saturday will have sharpening instruction as long as there is interest! Let's Keep Sharp!
—Stacey Hager

Be Inspired!

Our monthly CTWA meetings are a wonderful venue for those seeking to improve their wood turning skills, meet with other wood turners and be inspired by the artwork brought into the Instant and Bring-Back Galleries. Inspiration can also be found in other forums not dedicated to turned wood art. In my case, I've joined a couple of art groups such as the Wimberley Valley Art League, and more recently, the Artist Alliance of the Hill Country.

The AAHC was: *established for all who engage in creative activities, or simply wish to support the arts, to inspire and be inspired, who willingly pool their talents to unite, foster, educate, discover, promote and advance themselves and their community through the arts.*

If this sounds interesting to you, visit our web site at <http://www.artistsalliancehc.com> and join us at our next meeting on July 23, 2013 at "The Barn" in Dripping Springs. See our website for further information and directions.

—Steve Green
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June Gallery

John Lovelady



Len Brissette



Jim Brinkman



Jimmy Tolly (SWAT 241)



Bring Back Raffle

Charlie Kay: Larry Robinson



Suzi Parker: Greg Stowers



Johnny Tolly: Jim Spano



Charlie Kay: ???



Congratulations if you won a Bring Back. You need to bring back a turning to share next month.

Your turning should represent the level of your turning skill. If you do not have a lathe, or don't feel you have the experience, go to a first Saturday, contact one of our volunteer instructors to help you prepare a Bring Back piece. So buy a ticket, get involved and have fun.

It's the end of the year. Think back & if you still owe a bring back, it's a good time to turn it out, or ask one of the volunteers or officers to help your catch up. You know who you are!

Volunteer Your Shop for First Saturday!

1. It doesn't need to be fancy, or big.
2. We'll bring the lathes.
3. You make the coffee.
4. We'll bring the donuts.
5. Have enough room for at least 1-2 turners (easy in the summer).
6. Let Len Brissette
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know! Or email the editor.

Membership in CTWA

We welcome NEW MEMBERS to join our band of merry turners anytime. An interest in woodturning is the only requirement. Dues are \$35.00 per year, prorated to \$3.00/month for new members. CTWA members are also encouraged to join the American Association of Woodturners, AAW. Those dues are \$38 online membership only, \$48.00 for individuals and \$50 for families. Your membership includes the AAW magazine, American Woodturner, a first-class quarterly magazine full of woodturning articles, tips and ideas with color illustration of the world's master turners' techniques. With our membership, whether you are experienced or a novice, we will teach you, or learn from you, and build long-lasting friendships based on a common kinship of matching wood, metal, machine and man, or woman as the case may be.

First Saturday

The first day of June is moved to **July 16th**, at **Greg Stower's** shop. Be sure to enjoy this wonderful event sponsored by CTWA.

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Meeting Location

The CTWA meets at American YouthWorks, 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.

