



The Chip Pile



The Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association

Austin, Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

October 15, 2013 Meeting
25th Anniversary Celebration
Recognizing: Long-Time Members &
Early Turnings, AYW Donations
 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)

Your second Challenge for the October meeting is to bring your turned piece to donate to the American YouthWorks Help Clifford Help Kids fund raising auction. It should be an example of your best work. We will also receive the report of the nominating committee and nominate a slate of officers for 2014, to be voted on at the November meeting.

!!! Remember to: !!!
1. Bring your earliest turning
2. Bring your AYW Donation Piece for their upcoming "Help Clifford Help Kids" auction

November 1st Sat.
 Nov. 2 9-12
 Cindy Drozda Presentation
 Lunch Provided
 Open to all CTWA current members, RSVP Drew Shelton
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Finally, we are getting ourselves ready for our **Cindy Drozda** demonstrations and classes at the end of the month. After polling folks, we think we have figured out a way to accommodate all of you that have signed up in one way or another. You should have received an E-mail from **Drew Shelton** by now filling you in on the details. It takes a fair amount of effort on the part of a number of folks to make something like this happen. So thank Stacey for all of the contact work with Cindy, Drew for all of the registration details, and **Pat and Clyde Little** for again hosting our annual class sessions.

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President's Shop
 As we begin to wind down another turning year, things are getting busy for our club. First up is our 25th Anniversary Celebration at our October meeting. We have invited as many of our original or very early members as we can find, and they will be joining us as our honored guests. In addition, as part of that celebration, you are reminded that one of your two President's Challenges for October is to bring the oldest piece that you turned that you can still find. We will have a table set up for those pieces. Also, try to remember what year you joined the club. For some of us old guys that may be a challenge, so write it down and bring the note with you. There will be a test. When we are done with the program there will be refreshments and time for socializing. Thanks to **Stacey Hager** for contacting all of our old timers and to **Betty Hager** for taking care of our refreshments.

I am looking forward to the Celebration and to our sessions with Cindy.

Keep turning it on,

Charlie Kay

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Demonstration October 2013
Simple Turning Projects for the Shop

Tool handles – **Drew Shelton**
Carver's Maul – **David Dick**
Tapers & Hot Melt – **Jim Spano**

It is always interesting when CTWA presents a panel of demonstrators. Thanks to **Stacey Hager** for arranging three excellent turners to inform and amuse us. **David Dick** began the demonstration by turning a mallet between two centers with a skew. For those who are reluctant to use a skew, remember that we have volunteers who will help you learn control. David pointed out that the advantage of using a skew is a reduction in sanding time. If you do



Drew Shelton took the next segment and talked about tool handles. There are multiple choices on the market for tool handles, and it can get very expen-



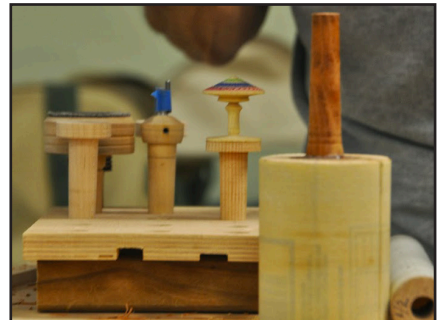
sive. Making your own tool handle is easy, as David showed us, you can customize it to your hand and style. When you drill the hole in the end of the tool handle, be sure to set it to the same size as your tool. Pick a ferrule, then set the tenon to fit that ferrule. Do not skip the step to place the ferrule, because the tool is unsafe without one.



Jim Spano rounded out the demonstration with ideas for holding small projects. He made wooden morse tapers to hold the small projects like napkin rings. Jim rounds over the points of the caliper so it doesn't catch as he measure the spindle, then you can use your thin parting tool in conjunction with the caliper. Jim uses a hand-made jig of blocks that he glued together using a #2 morse taper as the original guide for the blocks. Then, as he builds the taper, he uses this jig to check his angle accuracy. For speed, he uses hot melt to bind the blocks.



not own a mallet, this is one of the best ways to build one that is custom to your hand, and that reflects your individual style.



Jim for a great presentation.

Upcoming Demo's & Classes

Oct 15th:

CTWA 25th Anniversary Celebration

- Recognizing Original Members
- Bring your earliest turning
- Bring your current work
- Bring your AYW turning gift

Oct 31-Nov 4th

Cindy Drozda classes.

\$100 per day per person (all classes are held at Clyde Little's shop)

2-day class

Thu, Oct 31st—Fri, Nov 1st.

1-day demo

Sat, Nov 2 (at CTWA meeting room) FREE to paid club members

1-day (2) classes

November 3rd and 4th.

Nov. 19th:

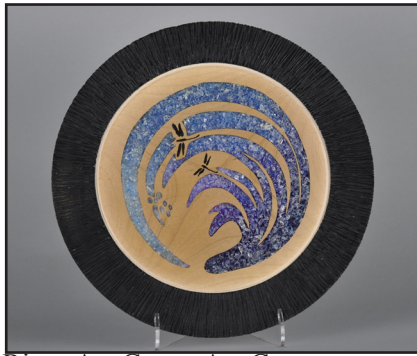
Last Minute Turned Gifts: Topics and presenters to be announced.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY—INFO TO COME

Members In the News

Thursday, September 12th **Johnny and Marcia Tolly, Charlie Kay and Hilda Carpenter** presented our Bowls of Courage to the Dell Children's Hospital. We discovered that this program will now expand to children with blood disorders. What became clear to all of us was, we need more boxes for next year. The kids' delighted faces were truly inspirational.

Steve Green's recent piece, "Waves" won first place in the



River Art Group Art Contest in San Antonio. The proceeds went to **Wounded Warriors**. Congratulations, Steve.

October 31, **Marcia and Johnny Tolly** will be traveling up to the Ft. Worth club to give a duo demonstration on how to make Thin Disk Christmas Ornaments. Johnny will be doing the turning part then he will pass the demonstration off to Marcia to do the decorating part of the demo with her pyrography techniques. Then on November 14 they will travel over to Kerrville, TX where they will again be doing the duo demonstration on the Thin Disk Christmas Ornaments for the Hill Country Turning Club.

Business Meeting

Charles Kay welcomed visitors, **Roberto Cipriano and Preston Smith**. The **Cindy Drozda** sign-up sheet was passed around for anyone interested in attending: a) a two-day class Oct 31 & Nov 1; b) all day demo Nov 2; c) single day classes on Nov 3 and Nov 4. The class cost is \$100 per person and the Saturday demonstration is free to all currently paid members. Charlie recognized **Johnny and Marcia Tolly** for their excellent work in promoting and arranging for the delivery of the Beads of Courage Bowls to the Dell

Children's Hospital. Charlie then talked about SWAT and his experiences there. **Hilda Carpenter** was recognized for publishing two extra copies of Chip Pile that highlighted SWAT and the Beads of Courage delivery. We will have an October Challenge supporting the American Youth Works "Help Clifford Help Kids" annual auction. Turn and bring a piece of work to the October meeting that will be auctioned off for that charity. This is one of two events that CTWA does every year to thank AYW for allowing us to use the meeting room. The 25th Anniversary of CTWA will be held at the October meeting. We will recognize our original and early members, bring your earliest turnings. **Betty Hager** will be taking care of refreshments, please get in touch with her if you would like to help. October first Saturday will be held at **Craig Timmerman's** shop, it will include lunch at Craig's. The nominating committee for next year's officers is chaired by **Pat Little** with participation by **Drew Shelton** and **Hilda Carpenter**. October they will present the volunteers for 2014 officers. We will vote on those officers at the November meeting. Charlie then turned the meeting over to **Pat Little** for the gallery presentation. He then turned the meeting over to the panel of presenters, **Drew Shelton, David Dick and Jim Spano**. There were 50 attendees present.

Photos

Photographs for this month's **Chip Pile** were provided by **Drew Shelton and Hilda Carpenter** 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"

When people ask me how long Steve and I have been married, I always blush and begin rapidly calculating. I just never remember right off the top of my head—except the big ones . . . for those of you who don't know what that means, just count by 5's, 25, 30, 35, etc. Those are the biggies and you better get your wife something really nice and sparkly. For you lady turners out there, the guys don't need sparklers, they just need a good old steak, and some lovin'—oh and probably a new tool, no pun intended.

So, as we approach CTWA's 25th anniversary, I have to really thank **Charles Kay** for remembering our anniversary. Can you imagine beginning a club, watching it struggle to keep members, much less expand to new members over the course of 25 years? Well, that is exactly what our long-time leaders have done. Did you know some of our past Presidents served more than once? When I joined CTWA, we had about 60 members. Now, it isn't uncommon for us to have almost that many at our monthly meetings! CTWA has over 100 members and each month we have more visitors who become members.

This month, we learn about a new slate of leaders for 2014, and in November we vote on the slate. If YOU are looking to participate more fully in the leadership, please let the officers know. We are always looking for new blood.

If leadership isn't your thing, then we always need people to arrive early and set up the meeting room or break it down. Or just enjoy the training provided by the club, we

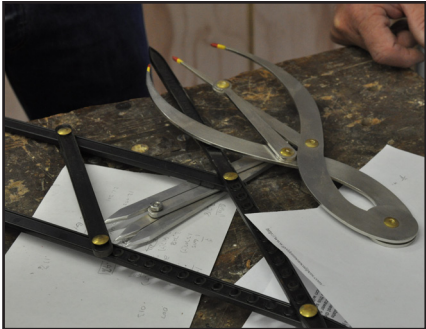
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are just glad you are here!

Keep turnin' it on!

Hilda Carpenter
Editor

First Saturday

First Saturday we had 25 folks attend **Craig Timmerman's** version of CTWA's 25th anniversary celebration. Craig patiently answered all questions about his shop set up, including dust collection, air conditioning and his tool arrangement (lessons learned) and sharpening negative-edge scrapers. **Bob Duncan** and others were practicing spindle turning and using various tools like thin parting tools, skewers, etc. **Jim Spano** showed **Hilda Carpenter** how to use his custom-made jig for making napkin rings. **Stacey Hager** had various guides to easily measure **Fibonacci** proportions and explained the math of how easy it is to calculate. After the turning and gabbing, we delighted on a feast of hamburgers and veggies that Craig provided. The day was absolutely perfect and we all had a good time, thanks to Craig.



Random Ruminations:
"Nobel Prize Material"
BY
Charles Kay

The Nobel Prizes for 2014 are beginning to be announced today, starting with the prizes for physiology or medicine. No, I didn't get a call from Stockholm, although I do have seven physiology courses on my ancient college transcript. If, however, there was a Nobel Prize for procrastination, I feel sure that I would be up for consideration.

I have been in this house almost four years, and my shop is still a mess. So, I decided that I am not turning anything else in my shop until I have the rest of the storage space I need in place and everything that is still stacked on the floor or every horizontal surface is either stowed or thrown away. My friend Jim Spano tells me that ideal can never be achieved, but I am giving it my best shot. At least I am doing better than my last attempt of organizing my shop. I finished my big shop in 1999 and had to abandon it in 2009, and it was still a mess. I had to sell, give away, throw away, or burn a lot of stuff when I left it, so at least there isn't quite so much stuff this time.

I have spent seven or eight days now building shelving, throwing stuff away, and cutting blanks that I will probably never turn out of wood that I should never have saved. The end is in sight, however. I have a couple of more shelves to put in place, a couple more pieces of pegboard to hang, and a bunch of stuff to be relocated. I figured I could get it done tomorrow. Then, Hilda reminded me that I was past deadline on the items I owed her for the newsletter. What is a procrastinator to do? All in all, I spent eleven years editing this newsletter, and I fumed every month about the folks who never got their copy in on time. I have more sympathy for them now.

Building the additional shelving ended up being part of the "get rid of it" program. I am using up the leftover chunks of plywood and 3/4" scraps that my Scotch blood wouldn't let me throw away when I should have. They're scrapped together and they ain't purty, but they are functional, and I think they're going to work. Unfortunately, as always, I needed to make a trip to Home Depot to get just a little more material to finish up, which will generate more scraps that I won't want to throw away ... Well, you get the picture.

So, this column is short, but at least it is done. So there, Ms. Editor! Thought you had caught me this time, didn't you?

Then, tomorrow, it is back to work on my shop organization project that I have vowed to complete before I turn again. Except, ... I need to turn some pieces for the AYW fund raiser. Despite what Spano says, I plan to have my shop organized ... at some point ... at least for a day. Then, I need to start on my office. That may even be a bigger challenge.

September Gallery

Steve Green (2)



Joe Kirk



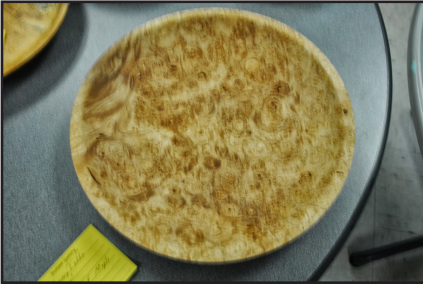
Cortland Hunt (2)



Jim Philpott



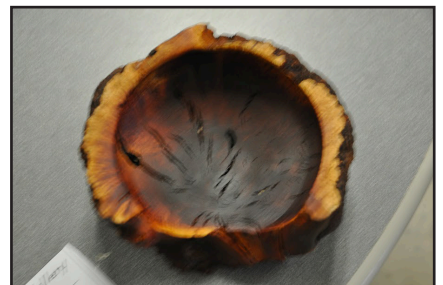
Jimmy Tolly (6)



Fred Zumwalt (2)



Randy Brewer (4, 1 no picture)



September Gallery

Charles Kay



John Lovelady



Bring Back Raffle

Jim Brinkman: Bob Duncan



Bob Duncan: Rick Compton

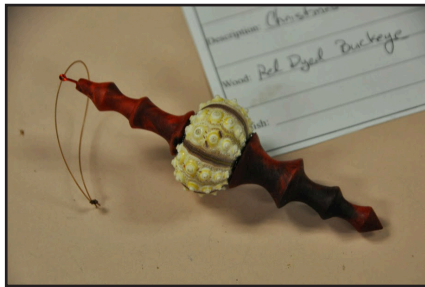


Charles Kay: Sandy Peck



Jim Spano (morse tapers from demonstration (no pictures) winners: **Jimmy Tolly & ?? Valdez**

Cortland Hunt: John Parker



Jack Graham: John Parker (No pictures of the sea urchins)

Greg Vest: Greg Vest



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REMEMBER TO RETURN THE FAVOR!!

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

UNMARKED PICTURES:



John Parker donated elm wood

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 lbrissette@austin.rr.com 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 \$43 online membership only, \$53.00 for individuals and \$58 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.

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- Stacey Hager** 512.282.1036
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- Jack Besperka** 512.261.4682
decoration & finishing

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bowls, platters, sharpening

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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 512.395-7782, by E-mail at hildac@

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Nomination Committee News

Pat Little, as part of her duties as President-Elect, chaired a committee with **Drew Shelton** and **Hilda Carpenter**. The purpose of this committee was to nominate the officers for 2014. Although the committee has identified some volunteers, please do not feel like you cannot volunteer someone else, or yourself for one of these posts. This slate will be presented at the October meeting and the members will vote on each officer in November.

Please ask the current officers if you want to know what the individual duties of each office include.

2014 Proposed Officer Slate

President: **Pat Little**
Past President: **Charles Kay**
President Elect: **Jay Littlefield**
Program Chair: **Stacey Hager**
Secretary/Newsletter: **Hilda Carpenter**
Treasurer: **Ed Roberts**
Librarian: **Chris Van Peski**
Membership Chair: **Blair Feller**

Volunteer positions
Webmaster: **Aleta Wallace**
A/V Coordinator: **Greg Vest**
1st Saturday Coordinator: **Len Brissette**

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!

Oct 15 CTWA Meeting
CTWA 25th Anniversary
Celebration
Program to be announced.

Nov 2 1st Saturday
Place: Cindy Drozda
demonstration CTWA

Nov 19 CTWA Meeting
Presenter: TBD
Last Minute Turned
Gifts

December Christmas Party
Dec 14
No 1st Saturday

Christmas Party Thoughts

Each year, CTWA members and their spouses/significant others get together at **Pat and Clyde Little's** house to celebrate the year.

If you are new or old to CTWA, you will not want to miss this.

The day begins around 9 am with two major activities going on.

First, there is a bustle of activities inside where Pat heads up the collection of donated food, prepared food (Pat and Clyde provide the drinks and meat), and table arranging. This is where folks who do not want to spend the morning turning gather and laugh.

In Clyde's phenomenal shop, lathes run all the time. There are coffee and sweets, sawdust and lots of talking and gnashing out the world's problems. Oh, there is lots of laughter, too.

Around 11:30, the shop clean-up begins and we all head inside to enjoy the delicious meal. Breaking bread with each other warms us up for the infamous elephant exchange. Each person brings a turning of their best quality work to swap. There are great finds and mysterious things that entertain and delight even the non-turners.

It's fascinating to watch the spouses nudge their partner to steal a piece they really want.
Marcia Tolly and Betty Hager

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let us know what the official rules are, so that no one cheats and steals something too many times.

The festivities and clean up end around 3-4 pm. It is a day well-spent with friends you typically see only once a month or so.

The first time Steve and I attended, I was intimidated to be around all the people I didn't know. I was determined to stick to Steve like glue (especially since I really don't like to be in the kitchen).

That lasted about 3 minutes—even though I was a less-than-novice turner, I was welcomed and encouraged to use the lathe.

This club is an important part of my life. The members are people I feel I could call in an emergency. The members supported me while I was ill and rejoiced with me when I recovered.

I look forward to the Christmas party every year. There is just something about being with good friends at that time of year and trading gifts that didn't cost anything but a little wood and time. I also enjoy seeing all the kids' eyes as they enjoy the adults making idiots of themselves!

More information about the date will be forthcoming. Sign-up sheets for pot luck dishes will be passed around in November. I like that part, because we have some really good cooks! I usually bring potato chips, so if you don't cook, don't worry, come

anyway.

I hope I'll see you there.

—Hilda Carpenter

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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.

