



# The Chip Pile



The Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association

Austin, Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

## APRIL 15, 2014 Meeting

### EZ Woodturning Tools

### Jim Brinkman

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)

## May 1st Saturday

May. 3, 2014 9 am - 12 pm

Location: Doug Green  
green58@att.net

If you need help sharpening tools,  
bring them!

Woodturning conference - you won't want to miss.

Also don't forget the Beads of Courage project. You can contact **Johnny Tolly** and I am sure he will SHARE his knowledge of how to make or design one of your own. Beads of Courage is a major project that CTWA shares

with children with life threatening diseases. I would like to see our club continue to be the leader with the largest amount of boxes to SHARE.

Keep on turning and sharing

Pat

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EXTRA:

SWAT Register now!

President's Shop

SHARING is our watch word this year and I want to thank **Jim Spano** for his unselfish sharing in all aspects with this club. Again I want to congratulate Jim Spano as a deserving new life member of CTWA.

In line with that I want to thank Jim for inspiring another beginners class. The instructors,

**Drew, Craig, Len, Jim and Charlie Kay** all met at **Clyde Little's** shop and have developed another comprehensive class. Again SHARING, knowledge continues to be the watch word for the club.

It is time to start thinking about summer plans and to make sure you put our pen turning for the American Youthworks seniors and SWAT on your calendar. SWAT, August 22- 24 is the second largest and maybe the best



Pres. Pat Little with Jim Spano,  
CTWA's newest Lifetime Member

## 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.

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## February Demonstration Beads, Beads, Beads Johnny Tolly

**Johnny Tolly**, supported by his brother, **Jimmy Tolly**, provided an informational demonstration on his process for making beads out of various materials, i.e., antlers, wood, plastic. Cutting the



lengths related to the diameter. Johnny used a 9/64" drill index short bit to reduce the oscillation while hollow-



ing the bead. He used a pen-turners' chuck also to reduce wobbling. and two chucks. Using Niles Bottle stopper drive and the Niles bead special



mandrel to mount the material on the lathe. Drill a 5/16" hole 1.5" deep to push/ pop the stack bead off in case it gets stuck.

Johnny used various finishing techniques for sanding and finishing. He used sandpaper from Vincent Welch [vince@woodnWonders.com](mailto:vince@woodnWonders.com) and alumalite to wet sand. He used a 1/4" HS

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stell skew from Robert Sorby to turn the bead. If the bead became stuck he used a 8/31 concrete nail to push the bead off.

Johnny noted that the uses for beads go beyond jewelry, and can spice up various projects from bowls to bird feeders.



CTWA would like to thank Johnny for an entertaining and different way to look at turning beads. We also appreciated his mentioning the importance of safety techniques.

## Creative Beads of Courage Box/Bowl

Johnny reminded us to make boxes for the Beads of Courage. Look at what Suzi and John Parker did:



## Photos

Photographs for this month's **Chip Pile** were provided by **Charles Kay** and **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](mailto:hildac@mac.com).

**Pat Little** started the March meeting by welcoming visitors, **Lynn Schmidt**

## Business Meeting

of Lamesa, TX, **Mike Rawls** of Kyle, TX, **Tommy Addison**, and **Dave Johnson** and his wife as new members.

**Jay Littlefield** reported the results of the audit committee for the CTWA books as of January 1, 2014. The committee consisted of Jay, **Len Brissette**, **Pat Little** and **Ed Roberts**. There were no problems with the audit and Jay thanked **Ed Roberts** for his great job as the CTWA Treasurer.

**Blair Feller** said we had 90 paid members and 60 unpaid. By the end of March if you have not submitted your dues, your name will be removed from the email group listing. Please email Blair at [blair.feller@gmail.com](mailto:blair.feller@gmail.com) and let him know how you expect to fulfill your dues. Blair will provide you with his address if you would like to mail your check.

Pat announced that CTWA would be giving a AAW ticket to one of our novice members. If you would like to apply for the drawing for this ticket, Blair will take your request for this scholarship. It does not include travel, per diem, or hotel. AAW is June 13-15. See Blair if you would like a brochure of the symposium, or go to [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) to read about the various demonstrators and venue.

The CTWA bylaws state that each CTWA member would be an AAW member. Pat recommends that since we are not adhering to this bylaw it needs to be changed and taken out of the bylaws. The original intent of this was to ensure each CTWA member had access to all resources that AAW provides (e.g., magazine, online research, gallery) and to elevate the status of CTWA to be recognized as a 100% club.

Pat also said we would clean up the volunteers on the Chip Pile to ensure all the volunteers were paid members.

**Johnny Tolly** reminded us to keep working on the beads of courage

## Business Meeting con't

bowls that we will take to SWAT this August, then deliver to the children at Strictly Pediatrics, part of Dell Children's Hospital, where kids get chemo and other treatments for cancer and blood disorders. Last year we delivered 33 bowls that were at least 6" in diameter. The children's faces were all he needed to continue to encourage us to make as many bowls (hopefully more than last year) as possible, so more kids can have a special treat from CTWA to place their beads.

Pat then recognized Jim Spano for his many contributions to CTWA over the years. She presented a lifetime membership to him as a representative of our thanks to him.

We need a volunteer to help with A/V in addition to the current volunteers for SWAT. Alan Loibl responded to that request.

Pat encourages all of us to attend SWAT. It is the second largest woodturning symposium in the United States and conveniently located near Austin in Waco, TX. SWAT is currently taking reservations for attendance (there is a pre-pay discount). If you would like to know more go to [www.swaturners.org](http://www.swaturners.org)

Jim Brinkman announced he would be placing an order for CA glue. If members would like for him to include their orders, he will take the order via email. He noted that where he orders CA is from the USA, not offshore.

Clyde Little announced there would be a beginner's class at his shop on April 12-13. He encourages you to attend the first Saturday to get help with sharpening your tools in preparation for this class.

There were 62 members and guests in attendance.

I had the distinct pleasure of spending

## Editor's "Turn"

the morning with Johnny and Marcia Tolly. Johnny took me through a personal class on hollowing out globes for Christmas ornaments. Using his custom-engineered setup, I didn't blow up a ball! The VicMark hollowing system was amazing in how easy it was to use and I was impressed at how smooth the articulation of the arm was for me.

What most impressed me were the various ways that Johnny has figured out how to streamline an ornament production. He has a special jig that he made for removing the tenon on a hollowed globe. The man has figured out ingenious ways for making the entire process easy (or at least it looked easy).

I came away with lots of things to think about, like whether to invest in the hollowing system. Of course, there's a small skew from Robert Sorby that I will be ordering!

Steven Green was with me and learned a lot about how to stabilize wood, add color to the wood that is stabilized, and answers to all his questions about the process.

Marcia Tolly, who is always the penultimate artist, showed us her game that she had finished making. She also gave her perspective on what makes an ornament pretty.

I also learned some things about sanding that I didn't know, particularly removing bumps—by reversing the lathe intermittently forward and backward. I had heard of this technique, but never really understood the full explanation.

Now, my background includes teaching, so I am always impressed with good teachers. Johnny is one good teacher! He showed me the process of hollowing, then turned it over to me to get a hands-on feel for how to do it.

I kept notes so I wouldn't have to call him all the time to find out how to do something—that doesn't mean I won't be calling him, but hopefully it

will lessen the times I have to pick his brain.

What I have always loved about woodturning is the caliber of people I have met. I have never met more giving people than Johnny and Marcia.

I am hopeful with this lesson that I can be a better turner and can only aspire to be as giving of my time and talent as Johnny and Marcia.

So, for those of you who might not know how to do something, be sure to ask someone for help. I have found that any woodturner is more than happy to share his or her talent. When I allow myself to be humble enough to ask for help, I am always rewarded.

A good case in point is the upcoming beginner's class—our members who give their time and talents in this venue are experts in their respective areas.

If you haven't been to a class put on by CTWA or been to someone else's shop to discover how to do something, I suggest you become a little humble and get out of your own shop to discover all the talent that is in our club.

Keep turnin' it on,  
Hilda Carpenter

**ALERT!!!!**  
**2014 Dues are now**  
**Wa-ay Past Due!!**

**ALERT!!!!**  
**Time to Sign up for**  
**SWAT!!**

## Members In the News

**Steve Green** will be hosting a booth at the Blue Hole in Wimberley, TX on April 12th and 13th. He has several new pieces and designs that the participants will hopefully enjoy. If you have not attended the Wimberley art show at the Blue Hole, take the time to enjoy a lovely day in the Hill Country.

Johnny Tolly has a published article in AAW's Woodturning magazine on the Beads of Courage project! If you are an AAW member, you can check it out in the latest magazine, or online.

Jim Spano is now a lifetime member.

## Upcoming Demo's & Classes

**April Jim Brinkman, topic: EZ Wood turning tools demonstrated**

**April 12 & 13th Beginner's class at Clyde Little's shop**

**May TBD**

**June TBD**

## March Gallery

*Thanks to all the following contributions to the gallery:*

- Suzi & John Parker:** Beads of courage (B.O.C.) birdhouse
- Dwight Schaeper:** B.O.C box
- Johnny Tolly:** St. Patrick Salt & pepper set
- Jimmy Tolly:** B.O.C.
- Len Brissette:** B.O.C.
- Vaden Mohrmann:** B.O.C. (bear)
- Johnny & Marcia Tolly:** B.O.C.

- Erik Peterson:** B.O.C.
- Johnny Tolly:** B.O.C.
- Chris Van Peski:** B.O.C.
- Jim Philpott:** mesquite limb
- Jimmy Tolly:** candle holders from crappy stabilized wood
- Johnny & Marcia Tolly:** 3 B.O.C.
- Dave Wolter:** Lamp
- Hilda Carpenter:** Sea Urchin ornament
- Steven Green:** dyed bowl



# March Gallery



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Dwight Schaeper: Len Brissette



Dwight Schaeper: Mike Rawls



# Bring Back Raffle

Len Brissette: Hal Sanders



Lowell Williams: Rob Cordes



Len Brissette: Greg Stowers



Johnny Tolly Bead Turning kit (no picture): Randy Brewer

Johnny Tolly also donated Vince's sandpaper (no bringback required)

**REMEMBER TO RETURN THE FAVOR, if you won—bring back next month!!**

# 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

- April 12 & 13 Beginner's class**
- April 15 CTWA Meeting**  
Presenter Jim Brinkman
- May 3rd 1st Saturday**  
Place: Doug Green
- May 15 CTWA Meeting**  
Presenter TBA
- June 7 1st Saturday**  
Place: Jim Brinkman
- June 13-15 AAW Symposium**
- June 17 CTWA Meeting**  
Presenter: TBA
- July 5 1st Saturday**  
Place TBA
- July 15 CTWA Meeting**  
Presenter TBA
- August 2 1st Saturday**  
Place TBA
- August 19 CTWA Meeting**  
Presenter TBA
- August 22-24 SWAT, Waco, TX**  
Lead Presenters: Alan Carter, Avelino Samuel, Allen Hockenberry, Keith Gotchall, Mark Gardner, Rudolph Lopez
- September 6 1st Sat**  
Place TBA
- September 16 CTWA Meeting**  
Presenter TBA
- October 4 1st Saturday**  
Place: Drew Shelton

## Membership in CTWA

We welcome NEW MEMBERS to join our band of merry turners any-time. 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.

## Classified Ads

*None this month*

## Volunteer Opportunities

*Volunteer your shop*

*Volunteer to demo*

*Volunteer to help at SWAT*

## Volunteer Instructors

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segmented turnings
- Hilda Carpenter** 512-395-7782  
Airbrushing, tool handles, bowls, Drozda finials, bottlestoppers
- Jack Besperka** 512.261.4682  
decoration & finishing

### NORTH

- Rusty Myers** 512.218.1606  
basics, boxes, kitchenware
- Jim Spano** 512.835.5023  
novelty items, tops, shop gadgets
- Len Brissette** 512.258.4004  
bowls, platters, sharpening

### ROUND ROCK

- Ed Roberts** 512.255.3294  
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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@mac.com or mail them to:

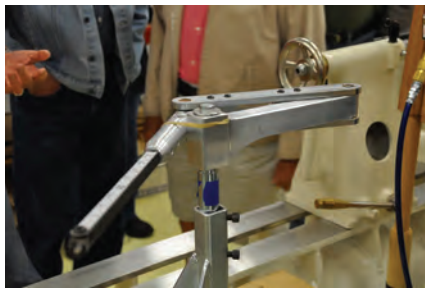
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## First Saturday

On April 5, twenty-five or so CTWA woodturners headed south on Texas 71 **Chris Van Peski's** beautiful shop in Cedar Park for our First Saturday get together. The primary objective for this particular event was to be sure that all of the folks enrolled in the April 12 and 13 Beginners Turning Class had properly sharpened and shaped tools. Your scribe was a few minutes late and was immediately assigned sharpening duty, before he could even get coffee and a Round Rock donut (thank you, **Drew Shelton!**), so he didn't get to see what anyone else was up to. However, as the photos attest, some turning did take place. At least **Craig Timmerman, Jim Brinkman,** and the irrepressible **Jim Spano** took a turn on one or more of Chris' lathes and created a mess of chips on the floor. **Len Brissette, Charlie Kay,** and Craig spent time shaping and sharpening tools and discussing the sharpening process for the new folks. Everyone should be set for the classes.

When the shop activities were concluded, nine folks headed to Cindy's Gone Hog Wild for hamburgers before heading home. Thanks to Chris for again opening his superbly equipped shop to our group for this event.





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To:

### 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.

