



The Chip Pile



The Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association

Austin, Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

August 19, 2014 Meeting

Drew Shelton

Making a Femisphere

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)

Sept. 6th First Saturday

9 am - 12 pm

Location: TBA

Watch for the Email

If you need help sharpening tools,
bring them!

President's Shop

SWAT: SHARE, WORK,
ATTITUDE, TRAIN

As you know SWAT is around the corner and we have been asked to **SHARE** our time and ability to drive SWAT demonstrators from Austin Airport to Waco and return them back to ABIA. **WORK** -working together we can make SWAT successful. **TRAIN** ourselves to assist others when and where help is needed. **Marcia Tolly** has a list of those individuals who have volunteered to help unpack the storage rooms and set up for our demonstrators. If you have volunteered and can't remember what you volunteered for, please contact Marcia. **Greg Vest** will assist SWAT in their attempt to update their equipment and get ideas from our very own professional as to what they need for catching up with today's technology. We are very lucky to have a professional like Greg in our club. **TICKET Sales** - we need volunteers to sell raffle tickets. These tickets help to

lower the SWAT registration fee. The more volunteers we have will shorten the shifts to sell. If you volunteer for ticket sales, please provide your cell number so we can coordinate breaks. We also need volunteers to cover our sponsored room. I will have a sign up sheet at the meeting for room facilitators. Your duties will be to video the demonstration and announce

the demonstrator. Please go to the website to see which session you can cover for our room.

I applaud **Jim Spano** as experienced a Woodturner as he is, he called Clyde and said, "Can I come over and play with you?" As they were playing, I walked into the shop and felt a piece of wood that they had sanded. 1st sand paper was 600! Whoa..what an accomplishment. They both had decided if Eli Aversera could do it, they could too. Sharing ideas and working together they could get the results neither thought they could accomplish by themselves.

Beads Of Courage - the attitude of our club members who have taken the challenges to turn the boxes for the children receiving cancer and blood treatments is amazing. I noticed another one being made on Facebook the other day by **Vaden Mohrmann**. **Johnny & Marcia** have made several that I also saw on Facebook. As your President, I am so proud of our club for **SHARING**. I want to thank Johnny for **TRAINING** other members to **SHARE** their talents and create a box for another child that might not ever receive a courage box for the beads they collect.

If you **DO NOT** plan to attend SWAT please bring your Beads Of Courage boxes to our August meeting so we can display them at the SWAT gallery. After SWAT we will take them to Dell's Children Hospital for distribution. If you have not attended the

distribution of these boxes and see the **JOYFUL** look on the children's faces it would be worth your while.

After SWAT it will be time to start on your Christmas turning for our Christmas party, December 13, 2014. So mark your calendar now and plan to attend. More information on this later.

Election of officers is just around the corner and Jay Littlefield is the chairman of our nomination committee. If you are interested in a position or interested in staying in the position in which you are serving now, please let him know. I would encourage you to serve as a member of our board or on one of our committees.

Keep Turning,
Pat Little President

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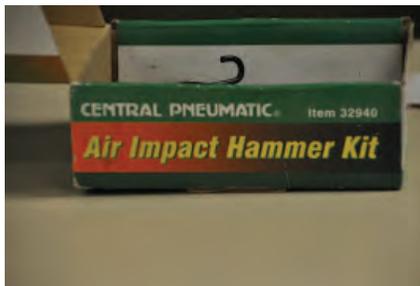
July Demonstration
Surface Embellishments
Jack Besperka



Jack Besperka talked about several types of surface embellishments that you may want to try. The various techniques included creating lines and burning them with formica or wire. To create evenly spaced lines use a hack-saw or drywall blade. In texturing and



coloring his pieces he uses black automotive enamel, shoe polish and wood bleach. He had various techniques for texturing with a dremel, an air impact hammer kit, wood bleach. After texturing he will sometimes and scrubs his pieces with a rough brush.



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Several people asked Jack how he was able to keep the bleed of the burn or coloring off the remainder of the piece. He said that he keeps the part that is not going to be textured proud, or higher than the rest, then comes back and turns it down so the wood shows through. He also occasionally masks, the piece.



CTWA appreciates Jack's expertise and demonstration in talking about surface embellishments. Certainly our members came away with some new ideas. Thanks, Jack!



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. Drew Shelton brings the donuts and asks for a contributions for all the folks who show up to off-set his costs.
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.

Editor's "Turn"

Sometimes I have a hard time getting motivated to do something. This past month, I finished up a project that has been going on for 7 years. Now that is procrastination that most people cannot beat!

The project was publishing a collection of my father's writings.

I attended a new group (new to me) called The Writer's League of Texas that a friend recommended to me. The four-person panel was discussing independent publishing.

I walked away from the meeting absolutely inspired. One of the reasons the book project was on the back, back, way-back burner was my fear of rejection at getting a publisher to accept it. I had a million questions, and didn't even know where to start.

I came home, dusted off the MicroSoft Word file and began putting it into some software that afforded easier editing. Wow, I'd been using the wrong software all along.

Then I found some tools on line that the panel had suggested to help bring the file into book format for printing.

All I can say is Jeff Bezos of Amazon has tapped into an entirely untouched market. Within 3 weeks the book was finished and published. Oh yeah, it's called *Rural Genius: Thoughts of the Day*.

Lesson . . . use the right tool and it all goes faster.

So, what does this have to do with my love of woodturning, or something you might actually be interested in? Well, think about it. How many times have you seen something either in our own member's gallery, or in a magazine and said to yourself, "I'd love to do that."

Then, months go by and you still haven't "done that."

I know it's happened to me. That old fear of failure. Or worse, I try it and it either blows up, or looks like an Edsel rather than the beautiful creation I imagined.

Then the trap of, "If I only had THAT tool, I could do it."

Trust me, the vendors at SWAT are all

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dying for you to say just that. They're more than happy to sell you a new tool.

I have a gazillion tools that I either need to sell or donate. After years and years of turning, I've found I really only use about 15 tools. 3 bowl gouges of differing widths, 2 spindle gouges/different widths, a skew, beading and parting tool, 3 parting tools (diamond parting tool, thin parting tool and really thin parting tool) and Cindy Drozda's scraper and Vortex tool. The EasyWood hollowing tools that I share with Steve.

Other tools that are helpful but are really more of a luxury: I have a roughing gouge (that I use when I'm turning big clunky things) and a bedan.

I bought Cindy's tool inserts for my skew, bowl gouge and spindle gouges. That's saved a lot of money, because I can turn the handle out of cheap wood, then use the handle for multiple purposes.

I'll never buy a tool with handle attached again. Using these inserts results in a lighter, more functional tool handle.

I bought some nice verneer calipers, bowl calipers, Two chucks (small and large)—but that's really a luxury. Oh, yeah, and a lathe.

The non-expensive tools are my angle grinder, my mallet and of course face shield and protective goggles. Ok the goggles were expensive because I decided to get my vision prescription in them. And a pin vise.

The other 25 tools I don't use, all those tools just sit there collecting sawdust.

I'm more productive and a better turner because I pared down the choices of tools to the ones that work for me.

The lesson here . . . if you are reluctant to show your work in the gallery, don't be. If you are reluctant to explore what works for other people, don't be. First Saturday's are great for experimenting with new tools.

Pat mentioned Vaden Mohrmann's cute "bear" beads of courage box. Now think about it, he started turning relatively recently! Yay Vaden!

Whether it's publishing your book, or turning a beautiful piece of art, more than likely the thing that's holding you back is really right in front of you—

you can see it when you look in the mirror.

Keep turning it on,
Hilda

Volunteer Instructors

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Business Meeting

Pat Little opened the meeting by thanking Jay Littlefield for filling in for her in June. She then asked for visitors. **Adam Clark** from Cedar park is a new member.

Shen then recognized the members helping out with the AYW senior graduates pen turning: **Drew Shelton, Johnny and Marcia Tolly, Ed Roberts, Charlie Kay, and John Parker** by presenting them with Craft Supplies gift certificates.

Pat reported on the success of the **Eli Avisera** classes.

Blair Feller then announced that anyone who wanted a nice name tag could buy one for \$5. You can pay when you receive it. They'll come with magnet backings, or pins.

She then called for volunteers for various SWAT positions: transporting demonstrators from Austin ABIA to Waco and back; emptying and filling the storage; set up and tear down; selling raffle tickets; and room sponsor.

Johnny Tolly reported that the Beads of Courage boxes will be delivered to Strictly Pediatrics (a division of Dell Children's Hospital). Drew Shelton cut the beads of courage buttons in 1/2" beads if you want one. The boxes will be delivered to the kids after SWAT September 11th at 10:00 am. Anyone is invited to attend the delivery of the boxes.

Pat reported good news that CTWA will continue to hold their meetings at the AYW site. She also said CTWA would continue to provide an annual contribution to the new school. She thanked **Johnnie Perales** for supporting CTWA. Johnny provided more details about the school's transition.

Charlie Kay gave more information about the requirements for transporting the demonstrators from the airport to Waco and back. There will be 7 people, so he said he needs 3 volunteer

Keeping Austin Turning Since 1988 drivers to transport them at various times (depending on their arrival).

Marcia Tolly announced that the badge and tickets for SWAT will be handed out once. Be sure to check your registration envelope that your banquet tickets are included. Otherwise, you will not be able to get tickets to the banquet (even if you paid for them) after you receive your registration materials.

Remember to get your hotel reservations early, Baylor has several events going on that same weekend and Baylor's stadium is opening that weekend. Pat turned the meeting over to Jack Besperka for his demonstration.

45 people were in attendance.

Members In the News

Steven Green was accepted into the juried show for Septemberfest in Midland, TX.

Craig Timmerman is now going to be able to attend SWAT and is looking for anyone who may have registered and not able to attend—he'll buy your registration.

Reminder: The Club library has a plethora of great CD's that include the top turners in the world. You can take them for a month, after that it costs \$5/month penalty. Be courteous to the other club members, they might want to view it too!

Upcoming Demo's & Classes

August's demonstrator **Drew Shelton:** Making Femispheres

September: **Len Brissette**

Jimmy Clews will be the 2015 professional demonstrator—more information to come.

ALERT!!!!
Beads of Courage
Boxes due by Aug.

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.

HO HO HO!
Get started on your
turning for sharing
at the Xmas Party!
December 13th!

July Gallery

Thanks to all the following contributions to the gallery:

Jimmy Tolly: Jim's version of a Spano off-center.

Randy Brewer 2 items: Pecan crotch vase; Red Oak centerpiece.

Suzi Parker 2 items: yew tea light; sycamore rattle

Drew Shelton: Ramon Burl & walnut goblet

Joe Kirk: ivory chinese ball

Dave Wolter: walnut & big leaf maple beads of courage box

Hilda Carpenter: 2 ornaments, osage orange and red heart and sea urchins

Stephen Van Gee: BOC box

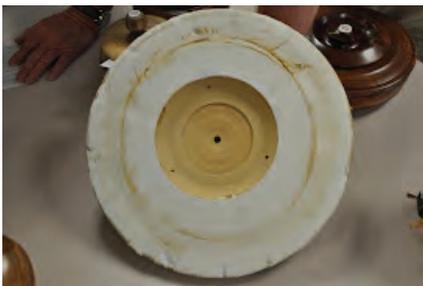
John Lovelady 2 items: basswood & cherry bowl; walnut box

Mike Hinman: "my 2nd bowl"

Ed Roberts 3 items: mesquite box; 2 BOC boxes

Johnny and Marcia Tolly: 3 BOC boxes

John Parker: BOC box sweet gum



July Gallery



Bring Back Raffle



Turner: Winner



- Jim Brinkman: Jimmy Tolly
- Hilda Carpenter: Pat Jenkins
- Jimmy Tolly: Pat Jenkins
- Randy Brewer: Greg Vest
- Dave Wolter IOU: Greg Vest

REMEMBER TO RETURN THE FAVOR, if you won—bring back your turning for next month!!



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.

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.

CTWA members are also encouraged to join the American Association of Woodturners, AAW. AAW dues are:

General (\$55); **Family** (\$60) includes up to three family members living in same household on the membership card.

Youth, under 19 years of age (\$24)
Online (\$45 per year)

Online members do not receive printed versions of the American Woodturner journal and the "Resource Directory," available through online access.

Artist (\$81) business insurance.

For full details and membership form visit the AAW site at woodturner.org.

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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

August 2 1st Saturday
Place TBA

August 19 CTWA Meeting
Presenter Drew Shelton
Making a Femisphere

August 22-24 SWAT, Waco, TX

September 6 1st Sat
Place TBA

September 16 CTWA Meeting
Presenter TBA

October 4 1st Saturday
Place: Drew Shelton

October 21 CTWA Meeting
Presenter TBA
Nomination of Officers

November 1st Saturday
Place: TBD

November 18 CTWA Meeting
Presenter: TBA
Vote on Officers

December 13th Christmas Party & 1st Saturday combined at Pat and Clyde Little's house

First Saturday

Here are the pictures from August's first Saturday held at **Pat Jenkin's** shop. CTWA appreciates Pat's hospitality.

If you attend 1st Saturday, be sure to remember to put some \$\$ in the donut collection. Drew Shelton has been bringing them for years & we need to make sure he gets reimbursed for his service & those great RoundRock Donuts!

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