



# The Chip Pile



The Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association

Austin, Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

**Sept 16, 2014 Meeting**  
**Bob Edwards**

**San Antonio Guest Artist**

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)

**Oct. 4th**  
**First Saturday**

9 am - 12 pm

Location: TBA

Watch for the Email

If you need help sharpening tools,  
bring them!

President's Shop

SWAT is over and I am very proud of our club and the contributions to the beads of courage. We had 53 boxes that will be distributed to the Dell Children's Hospital on September 11th.

We need to work on our turnings for the auction for American Youth Works in November. If you have a turning completed, you can bring it to the October meeting. It still appears that we will continue to meet and store our equipment at American Youth Works. Let's give them our best turnings for their auction.

The time has come for our election and we still have to fill the slot for program chair. If you would be interested, please let **Jay Littlefield** know as he is the chairman of the nomination committee. Currently, our slate for election in November is as follows: President Elect:

**Vaden Mohrmann** and **Steve Green**; Program Chair: **no candidate**; Secretary/Newsletter Editor: **Hilda Carpenter**; Treasurer: **Ed Roberts**; Membership Chairman: **Blair Feller**; Webmaster: **Aleta Wallace**; Audio/Visual Coordinator: **Greg Vest**; Librarian: **Suzi Parker**. This slate will be

presented at the October meeting and we will vote during the November meeting. However, if you are interested in volunteering, please be sure to let Jay know and he will add you to the list.

For the November meeting, I would like each of you to bring your first turning. If your name is on it, please cover it so we can have guessing game as to who turned what. Jay will award a prize for the one who guesses the most correctly.

I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the October meeting. Clyde and I will be on a 29 day cruise. We leave out of Canada and end our journey in Brazil. I can't believe this year is nearing the end. Just remember to mark your calendar for December 13 for our annual Christmas dinner and exchange of our turnings.

Now that the weather is cooler, get out in your shop and have fun turning.

**Pat Little**, President CTWA

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August Demonstration  
**Turning a Femisphere**  
**Drew Shelton**



**Drew Shelton** demonstrated his technique for creating a Femisphere. Drew had a handout that explained all of the steps. Essentially, a Femisphere is a spindle project turned entirely between centers. The wood should be dry and



without voids. Make 2 billets from a



square piece of wood (or 2 pieces of wood with different colors) with the



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pieces at least an inch longer than the width to allow for waste, cut relief notches on both ends of both pieces to make room for the centers. Join the wood with double-sided tape. Round the piece. Mark the center with three marks. Cut a 1/4 circle to use as a guide for the curves on each end. The quarter is based on the diameter of the cylinder at the center line. Divide by 2 to get the radius, then subtract half of your chosen edge thickness. Use of this template will guarantee that the width and height will be the same and guarantee the same thickness on the left and right ends as a vertical edge. Round the edge in the center (unless you want square edges). Repeat the curve for the left side. Sand it just enough to remove any tool marks. Using your template as a guide, use a saw or knife to remove the ends. Do not twist off the end because you can tear fibers within the



tip of the femisphere. Use a knife to gently pry the two halves apart.

Peel off the tape, rotate 90 degrees and glue it together. Then use a belt sander to remove the waste at the tips. A drum sander with a smaller radius than the femisphere. Sand the rest to finish grit by hand.

CTWA thanks Drew for a great demonstration.

**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 offset 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"

This past month has been a busy one. Unfortunately, I threw out my back, so I missed the last meeting. However, I had a great time at SWAT! I bought another spindle gouge and a threading jig! Wohoo! The jig was for Steve when he turns boxes.

This October we will present a slate of new officers for consideration for the 2015 year. I know Jay Littlefield will make a great president.

Unfortunately we do not have a program manager as of the date of this printing. I encourage you to think about volunteering for this position. You have a great chance to get to know fabulous turners and keep our club members interested in various techniques and projects. The demonstrations each month are a big reason our club has grown to the size it is. Plus, our camaraderie is something visiting turners truly admire!

I'll be volunteering as your Secretary/Newsletter, but please feel free to volunteer for this position, too!

The Beads of Courage boxes absolutely blew me away. They were creative and perfect for the kids who receive blood and chemo treatments for their various illnesses. I'm so proud of everyone for chipping in their talents. September 11th at 10:00 am we will take them over to the "Strictly Pediatrics" section of Dell Children's Hospital. The smiles that the boxes bring to these kids are truly priceless.

I'll take some pictures to capture the moments for you.

I'm a little late in getting the Chip Pile to you and I can only ask your patience, between traveling for Steve's shows and my back, it delayed my service to you.

This month, I plan to get out to the shop and do some more turning of Christmas ornaments. So, stay tuned for more Drozda finials!

Keep turning it on,  
Hilda

## Volunteer Instructors

### SOUTH

**Stacey Hager** 512.282.1036  
basics, spindles, sharpening, hollow vessels

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**Jimmy Tolly** 512.894.0686  
basics, platters

**Craig Timmerman** 512.288.3598  
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**Charlie Kay** c kayda@gmail.com  
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segmented turnings

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Airbrushing, tool handles, bowls, Drozda finials, sea urchin ornaments, bottlestoppers

**Jack Besperka** 512.261.4682  
decoration & finishing

### NORTH

**Jim Spano** 512.835.5023  
novelty items, tops, shop gadgets

**Len Brissette** 512.258.4004  
bowls, platters, sharpening

### ROUND ROCK/ GEORGETOWN

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basics platters

**Drew Shelton** 512-863-4651

### LOCKHART/SAN MARCOS

**David Dick** 512.357.6517  
basics, spindles, architectural



## Business Meeting

Pat Little welcomed visitors: **Dyana Van Peski, Tony Manchiotti, Vick Johnson, Roger Marvin and Walter Minkel.**

**Marcia Tolly** will assign teams to each room. We need volunteers to sell raffle tickets. Room hosts are needed for our sponsored room, Brazos North. We also need room hosts to introduce the demonstrator and be available for his/her needs.

Pat thanked all those who contributed to the Beads of Courage effort. If you want to be on the mail list be sure that you contact **Blair Feller.**

We contribute turnings to be sold at the auction fundraiser for AYW in November. Be sure to bring your contribution to the October meeting.

We need volunteers to make thank-you gifts for the various vendors who contributed the A/V equipment to CTWA. Please see **Greg Vest.**

The Segmented symposium is scheduled for October 16-19th in San Antonio.

Jay Littlefield is the chair for the nomination committee for officers and volunteers in 2015. Please contact him if you are interested in volunteering for any position on the board. We will announce the volunteers at the October meeting, then vote on the panel of volunteers and officers at the November meeting.

At the November meeting we'll be having a tips and tricks panel. Pat encourages you to bring your first turning.

Be sure to hold the date December 13th for the CTWA Christmas Party. This party will be held at Pat and Clyde Little's home. A "1st Saturday will start at 9 am, with lunch around noon. Be sure to bring your kids and spouses.  
58 attendees

## Members In the News

**Steven Green** traveled to Midland, Texas for their Septemberfest art show. It was a lot of fun, and we even brought them rain. Too bad, we didn't bring it back to Austin with us.

**Craig Timmerman** will be doing a demo and offering hands-on classes for the Loess Hills Woodturners in Omaha, Nebraska September 27-29. Craig will also demonstrate for the Eau Claire, Wisconsin chapter for their October meeting. We are really proud of our professional, Craig! He's getting to be known at a National level!

<h3>Photos</h3>
Photographs for this month's <b>Chip Pile</b> were provided by <b>Charlie Kay</b> . If you have digital photos that you would like to have considered for use in the newsletter. Send them to the Editor at <a href="mailto:hildac@mac.com">hildac@mac.com</a> .

## Upcoming Demo's & Classes

September: **Bob Edwards**, San Antonio

September 16-19th **Segmented Turners Symposium**, San Antonio, TX

October: **Len Brissette**

November: **Tips & Tricks**

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

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

# August Gallery

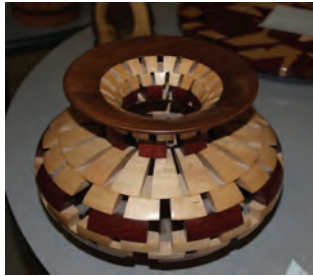
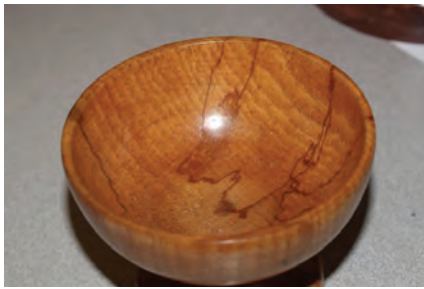
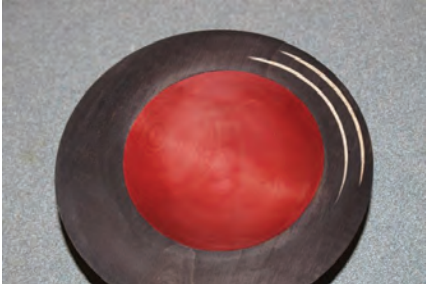
Thanks to all the following contributions to the gallery:

- John Tolly:** Beads of Courage
- Jim Spano:** 2 Beads of Courage; Split bowl
- Randy Brewer:** Beads of Courage
- Dwight Schaeper:** 2 Beads of Courage; Bowl
- Fred Zumwalt:** Beads of Courage
- John Parker:** Beads of Courage
- Vaden Mohrmann:** Beads of Courage
- Marcia Tolly:** Beads of Courage
- Pat Jenkins:** Beads of Courage, Bowl #4
- HO Evans:** Segmented
- Ed Roberts:** Long bowl
- Mack Peterson:** Segmented bowl; Scrap box; Yellow Pine segmented bowl
- Suzi Parker:** Turned cars
- Marcia & John Tolly:** 2-4-1 Platter for SWAT
- Steven Green:** Rain
- Chris Van Peski:** Lazy susan
- Gene Berry:** 2 Bowls
- Jim Brinkman:** Eli Avisera boxes; chip & dip bowl
- Craig Timmerman:** Escaped; Cratered
- John Lovelady:** Grandma's Chocolates





# July Gallery



# Bring Back Raffle

Turner: Winner

- Kirt Reed: Jim Howe
- Pat Little: Kirt Reed
- Pat Jenkins: Orlando Banos
- Pat Jenkins: Kirt Reed
- Jim Tolly: Pat Jenkins
- Jim Howe: Pat Jenkins
- Greg Vest: Orlando Banos
- Greg Vest: Jim McKenny
- Greg Vest: Charlie Kay



**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.

## Classified Ads

## First Saturday

September's First Saturday will be the weekend before our meeting due to the Labor Day holiday.

## 2014 Officers

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### Editorial Information

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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## 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

**September 16 CTWA Meeting**  
**Presenter Bob Edwards**

**October 4 1st Saturday**  
**Place: Drew Shelton**

**October 21 CTWA Meeting**  
**Presenter Len Brissette**  
**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**

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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.

