



# The Chip Pile



The Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association

Austin, Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

## March 17, 2015 Meeting

**Johnny Tolly  
D-Way Tools**

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)

## April 11th 1st Saturday

9 am - 12 pm

Location: Clyde Little's Shop

14307 Geronimo, Volente TX  
512-413-6931

If you need help sharpening tools,  
bring them!

President's Shop

I hope you have started working on the April's Presidents challenge, the challenge is to use Mesquite in your project. We will have three judges and the top two winners will get a prize.

Our Presenter this month will be Johnny Tolly on D-Way tools.

Please remember that SWAT registration opens on March 15. SWAT will be August 21-23 in Waco.

Jimmy Clewes will be our 2015 demonstrator, looks like he is available the week before SWAT. More info to come. Here is some info from Jimmy's website :

Jimmy is on the Register of

Professional Woodturners in the United Kingdom and a member of the American Association of Woodturners. He has over 22 years of experience in woodturning and woodworking. The demand for his services as a freelance demonstrator and teacher

takes him all over the world including his homeland of the United Kingdom, Europe, Canada, Norway, Finland, New Zealand, Belgium, Australia. Website : [www.JimmyClewes.com](http://www.JimmyClewes.com)

I have watched Jimmy turn many times at SWAT and he is fantastic. But don't sit in front of his lathe, I think he turns at close to 1 million RPM and I am just waiting for the bowl to fly off.

Our beginning/novice wood turning class will be on April 18-19 at the Little's shop. Also there will be a sharpening class during first Saturday, Apr 11th also at the Little's shop. The class has room for 8 wood-turners and 7 have signed up. But it would probably also be good to get a couple of backups in case someone can't go. Please let Jim Spano or Clyde Little know if you are interested.

God bless,  
Jay Littlefield

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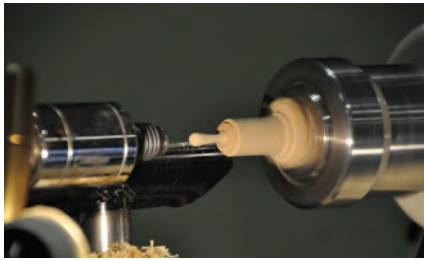
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February Demonstration  
**Stacey Hager Jim Spano  
Tops**

Stacey Hager and Jim Spano demonstrated different approaches to turning tops. Stacey reproduced a top from his childhood, Jim used a chatter tool to create texture and color on his. It was a great demonstration that CTWA enjoyed. Thanks again to Jim and Stacey.



## Editor's "Turn"

I saw something really interesting the other day. A huge branch fell from an old tree. My first thought was to pull my car over to pick it up. Then I hesitated. If a branch that big fell off from the wind, then it must be pretty rotten.

I didn't stop. But for some reason I wish I had picked it up. I mean I could at least burn it in the fireplace, right?

Nah, I have enough wood waiting to be turned—that will most likely turn into firewood.

I tend to be a bit of a collector. When I attend SWAT, I'm always captivated by the beautiful wood for sale. Especially woods that I haven't turned. So, of course I buy wood. Now I have probably 50 pieces of wood waiting to be turned.

It's silly, really. There is no way I'm ever going to turn that wood before it rots. Thus, I figure I have a firewood incubator in my garage.

Steve is better at resisting adding to his collection of wood. He's focused. I'm scattered. I dream, he executes. Drat, I wish I was an executioner. But dreamer am I (or so would say Yoda).

What is it about some of us who see potential, but don't act on it? I know I'm not alone, because too many people take the free wood that our friends bring to the CTWA meetings. Yet, it's rarer for a member to bring a piece back in to display in the gallery or in the bring backs.

I visited with my dear friend **Charlie Kay** last week. He said (I'm paraphrasing), "I'm the type of person who gets interested in things. I get so far along as to do it pretty well, then I lose interest."

All I had to do was look around his lovely home and see furniture, carvings, woodturnings that he mastered. I

mean truly mastered.

I had to chuckle and confess to him that I'm always getting interested in things, but master very few of them.

I have 3 air brushes, tons of airbrush paint, acrylic paints and blank canvases. I have lots of watercolor and paints and blank sheets. Half a garage full of wood waiting to be turned.

You see, I can visualize myself as the master, and thus, I am master at very few things. I admire **Suzi Parker**, one of our women turners. She took a book on tops and turned each one. About 5 years ago, Steve said I should do that with a book we had on turning boxes. The book awaits my attention. Oh well.

In a couple of months Suzi and her husband John will be demonstrating making Kaleidoscopes. I have no doubt their presentation will make me want to get a Kaleidoscope kit.

Then, of course I'll have to get some more wood to make it.

I recently finished my third book, so I know I have the capacity to actually turn things out when I set my mind to it.

Turning is much like writing. I just need to do it every day to get something finished.

Headin' for the shop now. SWAT is coming & I need to make some Beads of Courage Boxes!

Keep turnin' it on,  
Hilda Carpenter  
Editor

August 21-23 SWAT  
Registration opens  
March 15th  
[http://www.  
swaturners.org](http://www.swaturners.org)

To Do Checklist:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Register online
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Reserve discount room price
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Make beads of courage boxes

## Volunteer Instructors

### SOUTH

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

**Johnny Tolly** 512.858.4471  
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basics, platters

**Craig Timmerman** 512.288.3598  
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bottlestoppers

**Jack Besperka** 512.261.4682  
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### NORTH

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

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

### ROUND ROCK/ GEORGETOWN

**Ed Roberts** 512.255.3294  
basics platters

**Drew Shelton** 512-863-4651

### LOCKHART/SAN MARCOS

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

## Business Meeting

**Jay Littlefield** opened the meeting by announcing that **Drew Shelton** had generously stepped up to be the Program Chair again this year. Jay asks that each member consider taking this job next year!

**Vaden Morhmann** announced the new website is up! Thanks Vaden!

**Blair Feller** announced that there are 97 paid memberships out of 123 listed. If you have not submitted your dues, please do so asap, you are now in arrears.

**Jim Spano** announced there would be a Beginner Woodturning Class April 18-19 at **Clyde Little's** workshop. Please bring your tools to be sharpened at first Saturday, so the instructors can dedicate their time for your learning the next weekend. If you have any questions, call Jim at 512-835-5023 or Clyde at 512-413-6931. Cost of class is \$10 each day for lunch (or bring your own) and \$20 for wood. There is room for 8 turners.

Judging for this month's President's challenge (using color) happened during the demonstration. The winners were **Jim Spano** and **Dwight Schaeper**.

After the instant gallery, **Jay Littlefield** turned the meeting over to the demonstrators. We had 68 people present!

## Beginner's Class

**Jim Spano** and **Clyde Little** will be conducting a class for 8 beginners on April 18th & 19th at Clyde Little's workshop. Admission is on a first-come basis. The class will actually begin on April 11th when all attendees are asked to bring their tools to the first Saturday to have them sharpened in preparation for the class. Cost of the class is \$30 (You can save \$10 if you bring your own lunch)

### Subjects:

Safety concerns, Lathe maintenance  
Sharpening tools, Tool shapes  
Bevel presentation to the wood

Lathes are provided to those students that do not have lathes or lathes too large to transport.

### Projects:

Practicing cuts on Spindles  
Small projects using those techniques in complete items.

To register or ask questions call:

**Jim Spano** 512-835-5023

or

**Clyde Little** 512-4132-6931

## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

The next President's challenge: Use Mesquite in a project. Bring your entries to the April Meeting!

## Upcoming Demo's & Classes

March: **Johnny Tolly**, D-Way Tools

April: **Hilda Carpenter**, Tips & short-cuts on Drozda finials

May: **John & Suzi Parker**, Kaleidoscopes

June: **John Lovelady**, Inlaid features

April 18-19 Beginner's class

2015 Demonstrator: **Jimmy Clews**

## Members In the News

**Steve Green** will be participating in the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Artisan and Arts annual show. Come out and enjoy the Texas wildflowers and some amazing artists. March 21-22. Next Steve will participate in the Wimberley Blue Hole Art show April 18-19, then the Artwalk in Lafayette on May 2-3 and finally the Kerville Art festival May 23-24.

Past President, **Charlie Kay**, will have his surgery on March 24th at Seton Hospital.

*If you are participating in an art show, or demonstrating for another club or symposia please let the editor know so she can include your events in the Newsletter.*

*Beads of Courage From Johnny Tolly's FACEBOOK share:*

"I wanted to share with you a bit of insight as to just how much Addie has endured at this point in her treatment. Addie receives a different color bead for the various parts of her treatment. She gets red beads for all blood transfusions, white for chemo, yellow for overnight stays at the hospital and so on. I love this program because while Addie may be too young to understand exactly what she has been through this is something she can look back on years from now and see how hard she had to fight for her life. She has nearly 1000 beads already and has 9 months of treatment left. This girl has absolutely amazed me as to how resilient she has been through treatment, simply stated she is my hero."



### 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](mailto:lbrissette@austin.rr.com) know! Or email the editor.

# January Gallery

Thanks to all the following contributions to the gallery:

**Nowt Peterson:** Various segmented turnings

**Steve Green:** Aztec Sun (2)

**Johnny Tolly:** Beads of Courage bowls

**Chris Van Peski:** Power Meter lamp

**Courtland Hunt:** platter

**President's Challenge:**

**Winner: Jim Spano**

**Winner: Dwight Schaeper**

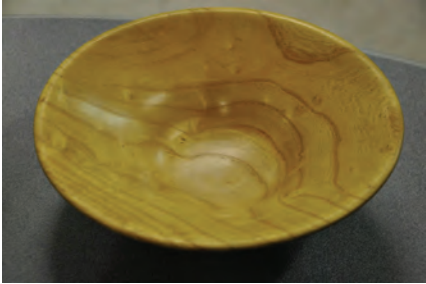
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Pres. Challenge participants:

Hilda Carpenter, Steve Green, Suzi Parker, Jimmy Tolly, Johnny Tolly



# January Gallery



**Turner: Winner**

- Steve Green: Dwight Schaeper
- Stephen Van Gee: Richard Soslow
- Jim Spano: Suzi Parker
- Jim Spano: Richard Soslow
- Suzi Parker: Cortland Hunt
- Suzi Parker: Dwight Schaeper

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



This bring back didn't have a label, so we are holding it over for the next month's bring back raffle. If this is your's please be sure to fill out a label so we can credit your donation.



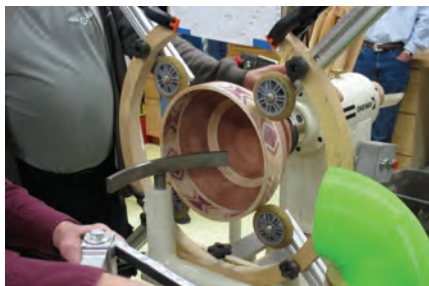
# Bring Back Raffle



**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](mailto:hildac@mac.com).

# 1st Saturday



Chris Van Peski hosted first Saturday. Al Gaskell sent these pictures along.



## 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.

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](http://woodturner.org).

## Classified Ads

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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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## 2015 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

March 17 CTWA Meeting  
Presenter: Johnny Tolly  
D-Way Tools

April 11 1st Saturday  
Place: Clyde Little

April 18-19 Beginner's Class  
Clyde Little's Shop

April 21 CTWA Meeting  
Demo: Hilda Carpenter  
Tips/Tricks for Drozda  
finals  
President's Challenge

May 2 1st Saturday  
Place: TBD

May 19, CTWA Meeting  
John & Suzi Parker  
Kaleidoscopes

June 6th 1st Saturday  
Place: TBD

June 16, CTWA Meeting  
John Lovelady, Inlaid  
techniques

July 25-28 AAW Symposium  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Early bird registration thru  
May 22, 2015

August 21-23 SWAT, Waco  
Registration open 3/15

*Let Drew Shelton know if you would like to present to the club in 2015 or you know someone who would be a great demonstrator for our club. We need presenters.*



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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.

