



The Chip Pile



The Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association

Austin, Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

June 21st
Herb Ingram
Lidded Box
7pm-9pm

American YouthWorks - Austin, Texas
1901 East SH 71

(about 1/4 mile east of I-35 on south side of SH 71)

July 9th

1st Saturday

Lowell Williams

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9 am - Noon

NOTE NOT ON THE WEEKEND OF
THE 4TH!

If you need help sharpening tools,
bring them!

Drozda, Clay Foster, John Jordan, Mary Lacer, Mike Mahoney and Dick Sing.

They are all master turners. I expect to come away from one of their demonstrations inspired ... It always happens that way when these phenomenal demonstrators share their gifts and techniques.

Along with the Lead

Demonstrators, listed above,

their will be many regional demonstrators each showing off new turning ideas, techniques, finishes, etc. You'd be hard pressed to find anything missing from this lineup and you will also find yourself double booked.

In addition, the SWAT symposium offers family programs, and instant gallery the size of a gym, and vendors who offer tools and supplies at discounted prices. Heck, you buy enough from these guys and the savings would probably pay your admittance to the symposium.

So, what am I saying. If you can, go to the SWAT symposium even if it's just for one day. The demonstrations, the gallery, the vendors and the spectacle of over 600 wood turners all gather together for just one thing, TO BE INSPIRED

Wood shavings are good for the soul.

Steve Green
President

June President's Challenge: Red White & Blue

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President's Shop

Back in April, I announced that I have suspended my work making art out of wooden platters and crystals. I have "temporarily" put away my crystals, carving tools, and the "wammer" that makes small crystals out of large ones.

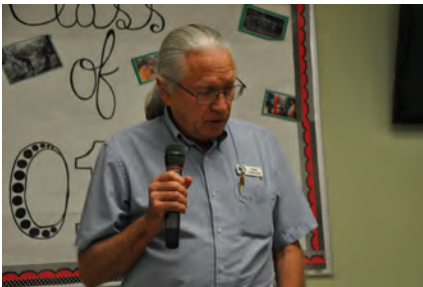
In fact, I've been hard pressed to do any turning at all as I am just not inspired right now. But there is something on the calendar in August that I am looking forward to. That's right, I'm talking about the 25th Annual SWAT (Southwest Association of Turners) symposium in Waco on August 26th, 27th and 28th. SWAT is made up of the local woodturning chapters from New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

At SWAT I "expect" to be inspired and who wouldn't be with the likes of **Stuart Batty, John Beaver, Cindy**

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Demonstration
Tips & Tricks
Everyone!

May was a delightful meeting with all kinds of tips and tricks from the members. Plus, we learned some interesting things about **Pat Jenkins'** gleaning skills!



Things included: Electric timers so you don't blow out your Li-Ion batteries; Morris taper models; using soda straws to pick up sawdust for filling then using chop sticks to pack it; bowl depth gauges; Dental picks to clean out small spaces; stainless steel (brillo) to clean lathe, ultra high density plastic to clamp on pvc pipe; golf ball for tail stock—to protect your piece from the point; negative rake scrapers with 1/16" bevel; CBN wheel sharpener with negative edge scraper upside down; paper towel holders; guides for tenon sizes; guides for cutting circles on band saws; making rat traps into sanding blocks. And more! Thanks to everyone who participated in a fun evening with new ideas. Although, I must say that I really missed **Jim Spano's** pencil finder trick.

Editor's "Turn"

I've been busy turning this past month and I can tell you it was good to get back out to the shop.

The funny thing about turning is the more you do it, the less mistakes you make. Since it had been a couple of months since I'd turned on my lathe, I made some really dumb mistakes.

I mounted a piece of spalted wood and started rounding it. Simple enough, right? Well, when I started rounding it, the darn thing kept slipping. I continued to press the tail stock in to help it stay put. Even when I turned the lathe up to its highest speed, every time I addressed the tool to the piece, it would slip down to almost zero rpms.

What the heck? So I looked at the end of the wood on the tail stock end, and sure enough, it was pretty punky. No problem, as the saying goes, "Never waste your time turning on bad wood." So I loaded up some osage orange that was in good shape.

Same problem. Just could not get the darn thing to hold long enough to not slip.

I turned the lathe off and started checking everything I could think of. Aha! Found it. I had loaded a tail stock morris spindle into the head stock. Dang, that was stupid. I popped out the MT and put in the non-rotating MT, voila. Fixed. I scratched my head and thought, "That's one of the dumbest things I've done." My meaning is that when I turn every day, I never make that dumb of a mistake.

I'm working on a SWAT 2 for 1 entry that I hope will survive. I'm making it from the osage orange. I'll put a nice maple finial on top. That is if I don't make any more dumb mistakes!

Keep turnin' it on,
Hilda Carpenter
Editor

Volunteer Your Shop for First Saturday!

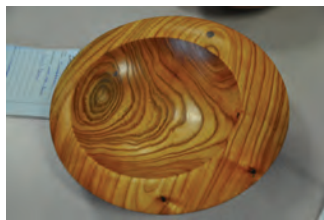
1. It doesn't need to be fancy, or big.
2. We'll bring the lathes.
3. You make the coffee.
4. Drew Shelton brings the donuts and asks for a contribution from all the folks who show up to offset his costs.
5. Have enough room for at least 1-2 turners (easy in the summer).
6. Let Erik Peterson erik-sp@aol.com know! Or email the editor.

Confirmed Sites for 2016:

July 9th
August 6th
September 10th
October 1st **John and Suzi Parker**
November 5th
December Christmas Party **Pat and Clyde Little**

Upcoming Demo's & Classes

May: Tips & Tricks
June: Herb Ingram, Lidded box
July: Craig Timmerman offset turning
June 21 Herb Ingram - Lidded box
July 19 Craig Timmerman - Offset Turning



August 16 Drew Shelton - large Goblet
Sept. 20 Dwight Scheaper - Gift Projects for Small Lathes
October 18 Hilda Carpenter - Finials
Nov. 15, 2016 to be determined

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. \$45 Family.

With your 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

Classified Ads

visit the AAW site at woodturner.org
Jet 14" bandsaw for sale, model JWBS-14CSW. Enclosed cabinet model with a 1hp motor and the riser block kit. Also included: fence, miter gauge, roller blade guides, new tires, blades, wheel base. Asking \$450. Contact Craig Timmerman 512-773-9976

Harbor Freight media blasting cabinet. \$50 OBO. Contact **Craig Timmerman** 512-773-9976

Random Ruminations “Waiting for the Muse” by Charlie Kay

As I write this, I am realizing that I have missed the June First Saturday at Orlando’s today. After getting up late, as my internal clock still hasn’t made the change from Pacific to Mountain time, I got my shower and made my breakfast. Then I elected to take the rest of the morning off and do a bit of catching up on my writing, hoping to get this off to Hilda before her deadline. Then I will drive into the town of Banff to spend the afternoon.

This has really been a week of sensory overload, and I think I am mainly ready to just forget sight seeing for a day or two. If you are following my blog, you have seen a few of the photos. This campground is located in a mixed forest of mostly firs and pines, with a smattering of aspens. Because we are at high altitude, all of them are tall and skinny. There are a few conifers 12 to 15 inches in diameter, but most are ten inches or less. Except for where some of them have been dinged in the past and healed over, there is nothing to suggest any grain in any of them that would be of interest to a woodturner.

However, when I visited Butchart Gardens in Victoria, BC, a week and a half ago, I spotted some trees that would warm a chainsaw’s heart. I had visited the gardens for the beautiful flowers and the magnificent landscape architecture. Both were spectacular and a treat for the soul and I am really glad that I had the experience. However, I also spotted several trees that would set any chainsaw to humming. I don’t know what kind of trees they were; the leaves were totally unknown to me, and they were not labeled. What they were, however was burlled. Almost the entire bole of each consisted of burls.

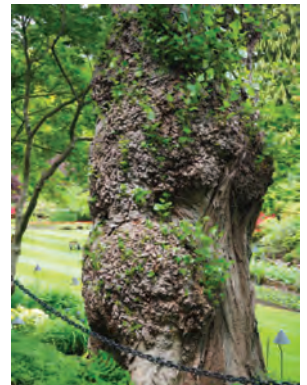
The causes of burls are many and varied, usually related to some foreign organism invading the tree and hijacking some of the tree’s DNA for it’s own purposes. Although the process is still poorly understood in most cases, Such organisms can include viruses, fungi, or bacteria, but also insects and even other plants as is the case with mistletoe burls. In the case of some bacteria and viruses, it appears that they introduce a plasmid, a free floating bit of DNA that modifies the DNA of the tree. This causes the tree to make special amino acids and growth hormones that prompt the burl to form and produce the preferred habitat for the bacterium. So far as I know, no one has ever succeeded in artificially inducing burl formation in a tree. That is mostly because the organism that started the process is long gone and unidentifiable.

As figured as wood from these trees would be likely to be, almost surely they will die a natural death and never wind up in a turning or as inlay on furniture or on the dash of an exotic car. It is nice to know that they exist, however, and interesting to contemplate the beauty that lies within their gnarly exterior.

Keep on turning,

Charlie Kay

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SWAT August 26-28

On August 26-28th (Friday - Sunday noon) the Southwest Association of Wood Turners (SWAT) will hold it's annual symposium in Waco, TX at the Waco Convention Center. Around 900 people across multiple states attend.

<http://www.swaturners.org/index.php/registration>

This is the second largest wood turning symposium in the Americas. World class demonstrators come from all over the world to share their talents and inspire ideas. Registration is only \$140 for the entire symposium. Guest passes are available at a reduced fee.

Complimenting the national demonstrators there are many regional woodturners who are especially talented in their own right.

Each demonstrator spends one and one-half hours turning a piece that represents their specialty. To say the least, no matter what your interest, there will be multiple demonstrators from whom you can learn, or minimally, be inspired.

Additionally, the caterer provides delicious noon meals where you will join other turners across the states and swap stories. You can buy a ticket for the Burger Bar on Friday night for only \$12.

Lest you think that your spouse would be bored, think again. There are activities for the spouses throughout the symposium. This includes art, tours, and a chance to get to know other folks.

You can buy tickets to join the fun drawings (and help keep the SWAT registration fees low). There is the two-for-one drawing—meaning you can win a beautiful piece or tools and still be entered in the grand drawing for a lathe on Sunday.

Another drawing happens for a special piece that each lead demonstrator typi-

cally offers a special piece that you can win.

The grand prize drawing happens after lunch on Sunday! SWAT offers lathes that you can win.

The two-for-one and lead demonstrator drawings happen on Saturday night at the banquet. Banquet tickets are \$35 per person, and definitely will ensure a good meal and a lot of fun.

Even more than the demonstrators, there are vendors that often will sell tools, wood, face protection, sand paper, or lathe parts (e.g., chucks) for a reduced "show price."

The local hotels offer a show rate if you tell them you are attending SWAT. The best part? The entire show is affordable. In fact, the entry registration is discounted if you register before the show.

No matter your experience level of turning, this show is not to be missed. Plan on attending! Most of the people who attended in the past will go every year. It's that good.

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Photos

Photographs for this month's **Chip Pile** were provided by **Drew Shelton and Steven Green**. 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.

Gallery & Bring Back

CTWA thanks the following participants for entering pieces in the Instant Gallery and Bring Back:

Saleem Shafi: Multi-axis candlestick

Courtland Hunt: Dragonfly, Texas Fire ant

Steven Van Gee: Beads of courage box

Ted Gaunt: Segmented bowl; Blackberry epoxy fill; Oak bowl;

John Lovelady: 2 Bird house ornaments

Pat Jenkins: Mesquite bowl

Dwight Schaper: Portion Control goblet

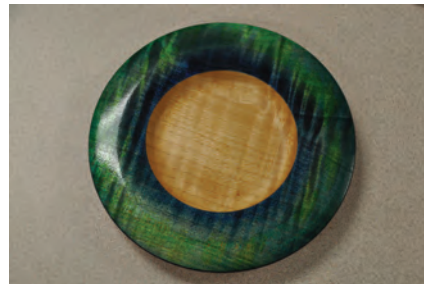
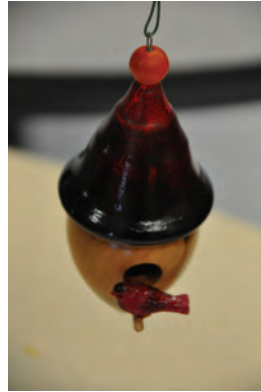
Various turners from beginner class: spindles

Bring back winners:

Dwight Schaper won Orlando Banos' banksia pod

Gary Beers won Bob Duncan's soft maple dyed platter

REMEMBER TO RETURN THE FAVOR: if you won a drawing prize—bring back a turning for next month's bring back drawing!!



Business Meeting

Steve Green opened the meeting by recognizing visitors: **Ted Grant and Eddie Richardson**.

Steve then presented the certificates to **Jim Brinkman and Saleem Shafi** for winning the last President's award.

Steve reminded the club that June 9-12 is the AAW Symposium in Atlanta, **Craig Timmerman** will be attending. August 26-28th is the SWAT Symposium in Waco, TX. Several members will be attending, it is our hope that all CTWA members will attend SWAT.

Pat Little announced that there was a change in the rotation schedule, there will be several special interest group meetings. Friday night **Stuart Batty and Mike Mahoney** will be having a duel. If you want to attend be sure to order burgers for yourself and your guests. Pat also announced the sign up shirts for SWAT is still open, be sure to email her if you want a shirt, how many and what sizes. Cost will be \$25 including the CTWA patch.

Johnny Tolly asked for volunteers for the American Youth Works senior pen turning event, arrive at 7:30 and ends at noon. Johnny also reminded everyone to keep working on their Beads of Courage boxes. He also announced that a club in Alberta was interested in the pvc-type boxes.

Jim Brinkman will be taking orders for bandsaw blades, send him an email if you are interested..

October 18th the American Youth Works contributions are due for their annual fund raiser. They would like to have larger items this year from our club, e.g., bottle stoppers are great, but they would like some items that might bring a higher price in the auction.

Eddie Richardson let folks know that

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Harbor Freight has leather welding aprons on sale for \$10.

Orlando Banos announced that next first Saturday will be at his house.

David Dick announced he is clearing out his shop of a lot of woodturning tools and equipment. Let him know if you would like to come out and see what he has.

Steve reminded folks of the President's challenge in honor of Independence day, be sure to bring in an entry that incorporates Red White and Blue. Also, if you have a piece of woodturning that seems like art to you, bring it along to inspire others—these do not have to be things that you turned, just something that looks like art to you.

Vaden Mohrmann presented the gallery.

Pat Jenkins then led the meeting of Tips and Tricks. The tips and tricks participants were: **Pat Jenkins, Jim Brinkman, Hilda Carpenter, Dwight Schaeper, Gary Beers, Johnny Tolly, John Lovelady, Jimmy Tolly, Lowell Williams, Bob Hrorer, Len Brissette and Jim Spano**.

52 members and visitors attended.

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First Saturday

Orlando Banos invited club members to his huge shop for June's first Saturday. About 20 people attended.



2016 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 amnoon. All meetings are 7 PM to 9 PM

Events & Dates subject to change, watch for emails or website notifications

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August 16 CTWA Meeting
Demonstrator: Drew Shelton
Large Goblet

August 26-28 SWAT, Waco, TX

September 10 1st Saturday
Site TBD

Sept 20 CTWA Meeting
Demonstrator: Dwight Schaeper
Gift Projects for Small lathes

Oct 1 1st Saturday
Site: TBD

Oct 18th CTWA Meeting
Demonstrator: Hilda Carpenter,
Finials

Nov 5th 1st Saturday
Site: TBD

Nov 15th CTWA Meeting
Demonstrator TBD

Let Pat Jenkins know if you would like to present to the club in 2016 or you know someone who would be a great demonstrator for our club. We need presenters.

Members in the News

Correction: Last month's Chip Pile reported that **Tom Zumwalt** passed away and was a long term member of CTWA, Tom is actually **Fred Zumwalt's** brother. Fred is our long-term member, not Tom. CTWA expresses Sympathies to Fred.

Johnny and Marcia Tolly traveled up to the Tyler Texas area where Johnny did the monthly demonstration for the East Texas Wood Turners on Saturday 14 May. There were 60+ people in attendance. Johnny demonstrated how to make the Beads of Courage boxes using 6 inch thin walled sewer PVC pipe and flat wood stock. Johnny covered the safety aspects of cutting and turning the PVC pipe and of course safety items for any wood turner. Johnny showed how make the special jigs and fixtures to turn the PVC along with the top, bottom and knobs for the BOC boxes. Johnny covered how to cut child friendly fabric for the boxes and how to adhere the fabric to the PVC pipe. He then proceeded to turn each piece of wood to complete the box and steps to assemble the BOC box. Johnny and Marcia provided some cut fabric, PVC pipe and cut BOC beads to members that wished to make some boxes for sick children in the Tyler area. All East Texas Members seemed to appreciate Johnny's demonstration.

S. Gary Roberts, AAW member #16 was highlighted by AAW in this link! <http://www.woodturner.org/page/30YearRoberts>

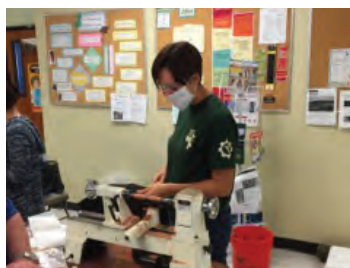
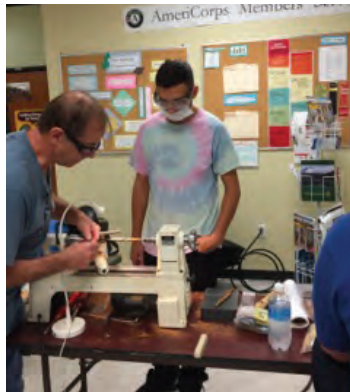
S. Gary was one of the original CTWA members responsible for getting us started! Congratulations!

AYW Sr. Pen Turning

Each year CTWA sponsors an event for the graduating seniors of American

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Youth Works. This event is a pen turning experience on small lathes. Johnny Tolly provided the pen kits and had them pretty much assembled, so the kids just had to turn the wood, then assemble the pen. This year, due to heavy rains the Texas Conservation Core (part of the AYW extension) was unable to travel to their destination. Steven Green opened up the pen turning to these fine young people. About 20 kids and staff turned pens.



Thanks to the following CTWA members for helping with the setup, turning, and tear down:

Steven Green, Tom Miller, Jim Spano, Len Brissette, Dwight Schaper, Johnnie Perales, and Courtland Hunt.