



The Chip Pile



The Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association

Austin, Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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*Christmas Party
Clyde & Pat
Little*

*I am Turning
Noon Lunch
Christmas Xchg*

ducted by **Drew Shelton** and company.

We had Presidential Challenges to turn:

- Beads of Courage boxes
- Making Tea Lights for Mothers Day
- Salute to the Red, White and Blue for the Fourth of July
- Goblets (Big, small and extra-extra small)

Pen turning for graduates of American Youth Works and members of the Texas Conservation Corps who had to stand down during a major rain event.

We all agreed on and adopted a club shirt in time for SWAT.

Record attendance at SWAT with extra thanks to all CTWA members who volunteered to help with the setup and tear-down at the symposium.

Major contributions to the American Youth Works auction as a fund raiser for this very supportive organization.

An all day demonstration and two hands-on classes by a professional instructor from Craft Supplies giving us instruction in turning, texturing, coloring and other surface treatments.

In addition, we have two subcommittees working to:

1. Develop and budget a plan to upgrade our A/V equipment led by Len Brissette and Greg Vest.
2. Develop a plan to turn the CTWA into a 501c3 charitable organization led by Pat Jenkins.

Special Thanks to the following, all who were part of my leadership team:

- Vaden Mohrmann** for taking over as President in 2017 and webmaster.
 - Pat Jenkins** as our Program Chairman.
 - Hilda Carpenter**, our esteemed Secretary, Newsletter Editor and main squeeze.
 - Ed Roberts** our Treasurer for many years.
 - Pat Little** for two years as our ever steady SWAT representative.
 - Blair Feller**, Membership.
 - Greg Vest**, A/V.
 - Erik Peterson**, First Saturday
 - Suzi Parker**, Librarian.
 - Drew Shelton**, Beginner Class.
 - Clyde Little and Stephen Van Gee**, Archivist.
- And my leaders at large, **Charles Kay**,

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This is it, this is the last President's Letter for 2016. When ascending to this position in January, 2016, I looked forward to making this the best year ever. Well I may have fallen short of all I wanted to accomplish, but I think we had fun none the less.

Some major accomplishments this year:

Y'all got me to clean my shop so that I can host a First Saturday without killing anybody. We all survived, had good BBQ afterward but the shop is back to looking like it was before (Sigh).

A beginners hands-on class was con-

**Pay your dues
by the Xmas
Party**

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President's Letter (continued from p. 1)

**Craig Timmerman, Len Brissette,
Jim Spano, Greg Vest and Johnny
Tolly.**

Thanks to all who helped, setup and tear down the lathe and A/V equipment before and after each meeting
And of course, thanks to all who helped, setup and tear down of the conference rooms at SWAT and for those who hosted and/or ran the A/V during the SWAT conference.

It takes a lot of time and talent to run an organization like this and I'm especially proud of all who turn out when needed to keep us rolling along.

Finally, thanks to all of you for your trust. This has been a very enjoyable and rewarding year for me and I look forward to many more years as your SWAT Representative and friend.

Thank you, and remember,

Makin shavings is good for the soul.

Steve Green

Editor's Turn

Let me apologize for getting the November Chip Pile out so late. It all started with riding a horse on the Sunday before our October meeting.

I grew up in west Texas and often visited my great-grandparents in New Mexico. This is where I first learned how to ride on a very gentle horse named, Dobie. Later I became a competitive rider and absolutely loved trail rides and barrel racing.

So, here I am about 40 years later getting a lovely sorro horse named Clancy.

At first I just walked him around the arena in Dripping Springs after my

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friend, Lynn finished her class on barrel racing. It felt good to be in the saddle again. The smell of horses and the dirt was just too enticing to pass up.

I gently urged Clancy to go into a trot. We were fine for the first couple of minutes, then suddenly I had a knife sticking out of the middle of my back. I slowed him back to a walk and tried to figure out how on earth I got so out of shape that I would be sore right at the beginning of a ride. Not that it mattered that I don't really exercise beyond walking these days ... or for the past 24 years at least.

My friend is laughing hysterically at my plight. So, I of course had to show her I was made of the right stuff. I kicked Clancy back into a trot and made the turn at the curve of the arena, then spurred him on to a nice lope.

That was when all hell broke lose. My back felt like my body had been cut in half. Immediately I started reining Clancy, and the wonderfully obedient horse he is, he complied. Of course we had to go back through another trot to get back to a walking pace. About this time, I realize I cannot breathe, the pain is so bad. I turned the final round just as we were finishing the trot.

Now, my best friend, Lynn had just bought a brand-spanking new saddle. With horror, I realized that the pain was so bad that I had a, shall we say, bladder accident, right ... on ... her ... new ... saddle.

By this point, I'm laughing hysterically, and crying in pain. Lynn has known me a very long time and is a fellow woodturner, btw, who goes to the Lubbock club meetings.

I managed to get out of the saddle and onto the ground (frankly I was impressed I didn't need a forklift to get down), then gingerly walked Clancy back over to Lynn.

Lynn in the mean time is laughing her little bootie off, and so am I. When I told her of my little accident in her saddle, she stopped laughing and

swung her head up to see the damage. Thankfully, I mean, thankfully there was none, just all over my jeans. Gag. I was quite relieved because her saddle cost around \$4,000!!

We went out to dinner that night and I managed to stay upright. The next day, the pain was no better, so Steve drove me over to the clinic. The X-Rays showed a compression fracture in my thorassic spine. Ouch.

Lynn was very sympathetic while continuing to giggle. To say the least, I was in no shape to attend the CTWA meeting. I was blessed that **Craig Timmerman** offered to stand in for me during the demonstration I had planned for spindle turning. I owe him big-time for that one!

Sadly, we didn't end up with any pictures from the meeting.

Well, I'm healing, I have a grandson on the way later in December, and with any luck, I'll be there at the Christmas party and January's meeting.

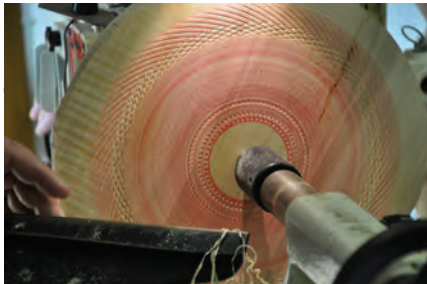
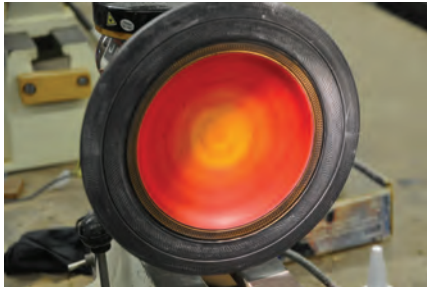
Thank you all for your sweet get-well wishes! I plan on getting back out to the shop in December, hopefully in time to make a Christmas exchange present!

Keep turnin' it on! (the lathe, not the horse)

Hilda Carpenter
Editor

Class
Kirk DeHeer

We had a day of demonstration and two one-day classes led by **Kirk DeHeer** of **Craft Supplies**. Here are some of the pictures.



Business Meeting

Steve Green led both the October and November meetings.

The main business meeting was the October nomination of the officers and volunteers for 2017. November's short meeting was to confirm those officers and volunteers by acclimation.

New officers:

- President: Vaden Mohrmann
- President Elect: Dwight Schaeper
- Secy/Newsletter: Hilda Carpenter
- Program Chairman: Pat Jenkins
- Treasurer: Len Brissette
- Membership: Blair Feller
- Webmaster: Vaden Mohrmann
- AV: Greg Vest
- 1st Saturday: Erik Peterson
- SWAT Representative: Steven Green

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 am-noon. All meetings are 7 PM to 9 PM

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

Oct 18th CTWA Meeting
Demonstrator: Hilda Carpenter, Finials

Nov 5th 1st Saturday
Site: Suzi & John Parker

Nov 12-14 CTWA Members-only
Classes with Kurt DeHeer
Saturday demo for everyone

Nov 12th 9-4 (NOTE DATE CHANGE and TIME CHANGE on SATURDAY) CTWA Meeting
Demonstrator Kirt DeHeer

December 10th CTWA Christmas Party & 1st Saturday
Pat and Clyde Little

Jan 7th 1st Saturday
Site: TBD

January 17 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.

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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:

October 1st **Eric Peterson**

November 5th **John and Suzi Parker**

December Christmas Party December

10th **Pat and Clyde Little**

Upcoming Demo's & Classes

**October 18 Hilda Carpenter -
Spindles and Finials**

**Nov. 12-14th, 2016 Kurt DeHeer
Classes & Demo**

December 10th Christmas party

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 visit the AAW site at woodturner.org

Classified Ads

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.