



# The Chip Pile



The Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association

Austin, Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

**June 20, 2017**

**Herb Ingram**

**Rough Bowl Turning from a log**

**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 8th  
1st Saturday**

Site: TBD

9 am - Noon

Watch Email for Site

If you need help sharpening tools, bring them!

Association of Turners Symposium is coming up in August. Along with all the demonstrations there are many vendors with all manner of tools and supplies. It's a great time to stock up for holiday turnings for friends, family and the annual club Christmas party!

I have a few projects lined up that I look forward to doing. First is a Beads of Courage box, then something for American Youth Works to auction and something for the Georgetown Parks people. I like these projects because they are good way to give back; and they have deadlines which means I have to turn things.

We are heading into the summer and its hot here, so drink your water!

Keep on turning,

Vaden Mohrmann  
President

## President's Challenge

Beads of Courage Boxes

Due at July Club Meeting

**Make your  
Beads of Courage Boxes  
NOW!!**

**SWAT Registration Open  
August 25-27  
Needed: Drivers for  
Demonstrators, see Clyde  
Little for more informa-  
tion.**

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President's Shop

Hey Woodturners!

Its already June and you know what that means? The wood from last fall should be dry enough to turn! Graduations are done, and its time to start thinking about the next project. I would like to encourage you to complete a Beads of Courage box. As a reminder for the July meeting the challenge is a Beads of Courage box and there are prizes! **Mike Hunter** (huntertoolsystems.com) donated two tools that will be used as prizes for best beginner and best intermediate/advanced entries. The Hunter tools are really nice and will make a nice addition to anyone's shop. Speaking of tools, the Southwest

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# Demonstration Dwight Schaeper Iridescent Finish

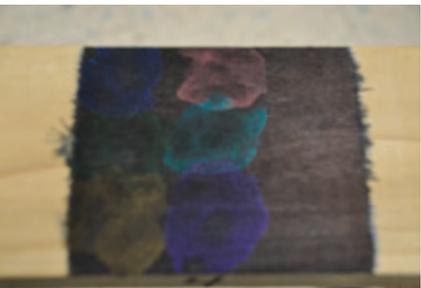
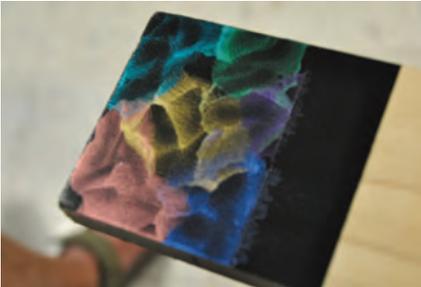
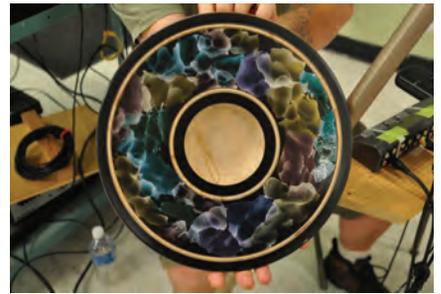
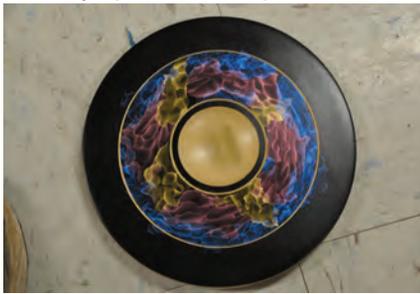
Dwight Schaeper demonstrated a new technique for finishing that turns your turning project into art. He used air-brush techniques for creating beautiful finishes on finished work. Give it a try and bring it to the meeting! CTWA thanks Dwight for a great presentation.

**Source materials:**

[www.dickblick.com](http://www.dickblick.com)

Josonja Iridescent colors: Blue, Green Turquoise, Red, Violet, Gold [20 ml tubes \$14.84]

Flow medium 8 oz [\$4.73]



*Chip Pile Photo Credits:  
Drew Shelton  
Marcia Tolly  
Jimmy Tolly*

## Editor's Turn

It's times like these that I really appreciate Steve's decision to air condition our shop. The only problem is then I am turning in a closed environment and our dust collection system can't keep up.

So, most likely one thing that I will be looking for, and talking to SWAT attendees about, is the best dust collection system.

My challenge is that we have two lathes that operate at the same time. Steve has dust collection for his lathe, but I do not. Somehow I'm going to have to figure out how to set the system to where it will not take up foot space. We have a small unit that hangs from the ceiling, but it's not powerful enough to keep up with my side of the shop.

I know, these are not big problems. I wear my face shield and lung protection, but I miss the openness that fall, winter and spring allow me to keep the garage door open.

On another note, recently my family cleared some mesquite off our pasture, so I have some nice pieces of wood to turn.

I think mesquite is one of my favorite woods to turn. I'm looking forward to seeing Craig's demonstration in July and learn about turquoise inlays. I love the way he finishes his work. So, maybe I'll get some ideas about that too.

Ideas from other turners are always valuable. Even if they do things differently than I do, I still like to talk with them about their favorite techniques, products, etc.

About the only type of turning that doesn't interest me is pen turning. Now, you pen turners don't get upset with me. I LOVE wood pens, I just am too impatient to do all the setup for (what seems to me) a tiny amount of turning. Steve has all the equipment

to make his own pen blanks using Aluminite and Cactus juice. He also has been looking at techniques that other pen turners use to create pens that honor our servicemen and women.

Me, I like a good bowl, a fine finial. I'm not that great at boxes, but I enjoy the process.

What is your favorite thing to turn?

Who do you want to talk with at SWAT about their techniques?

Plan now to join the SWAT demonstrations that will spark your creativity and answer your questions.

Also, my recommendation is for SWAT mealtimes, try to sit at a table with folks you don't know. And ask them what their favorite thing to turn is, and how they do it.

Mostly, have fun and take care of your lungs!

Keep turnin' it on,

Hilda Carpenter  
Editor

## Pop Quiz

From **Jimmy Tolly**:

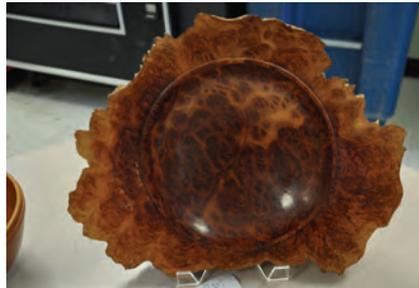
What do these two pictures have in common. Find out at the next meeting!



# Members in the News

**Craig Timmerman** demonstrated at the 2017 Utah Woodturning Symposium. The Utah Symposium is the longest consecutive woodturning conference in the world. As of print date, the editor didn't have any more details, so be sure to ask Craig all about it when you see him at First Saturday or at the meeting.

**Drew Shelton's** daughter, Kim, graduated from school and will be attending the beginner's meeting. It will be great to have her back!



# Gallery

Thanks to all the members who contributed items to the gallery.

*Drawing (If you won an item, be sure to bring something back to the next meeting):*

**Courtland Hunt** Hackberry ?, Texas walnut ?

**Johnny Tolly** Aluminite Beads of Courage lids

**Bob Duncan** Cherry small salad bowl

**Jim Brinkman** Numerous boxes; Very cool beverage cover

**Stacy Hager** Scottish spurtle (traditional stirring stick for oatmeal, the handle can be used as a muddle) wax leaf legustrom; Spoon fix—extensions (Betty's favorite spoons from Italy kept breaking)

**Herb Ingram** Mesquite root burl

**Ed Jones** "Zippered Vase" Arizona ash

**Drew Shelton** Natural edge bowl

Gimlet burl

**John Lovelady** "Pamplona" men's jewelry caddy Brazilian peppertree



## Bring backs:

**Johnny Tolly** Aluminite tops went to

**Ed Roberts and Bob Duncan**

**Jim Brinkman** box went to **Greg Vest**

*We need more bring backs to raffle at the meeting. Please consider donating one, or if you owe one, please bring it!*





## President's Challenge

Chris Van Peski and Celine (?) won the President's challenge for May. Each piece must have included some tribute to flowers.



# American Youth Works Senior Pen Turning

Each year CTWA sponsors a pen turning event for the graduating students. Jimmy Tolly coordinated the event that included club members, students and teachers. Johnny Tolly arranged to have pen blanks ready to go. It never fails that the club members enjoy themselves and this event. Thanks to Jimmy and all the CTWA volunteers for making this a success!



Under the direction of **Jim Spano**, **John Lovelady** turned a nice pen using Jim's Bic Pen turning technique.

## Volunteers Needed for SWAT: Room Sponsor Set Up and Take Down Room AV

Sign up sheets will be passed around at the June and July meetings for volunteers. There are tons of opportunities to help. Joining the Tollys for setting up and tearing down the show is a great way to get to know people and provide a service that keeps the registration costs down. If SWAT had to hire people to do this service, then the registration would be much more expensive.

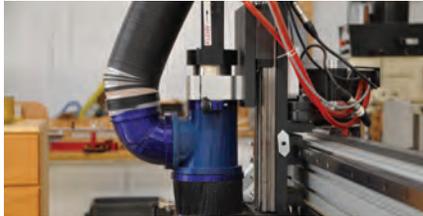
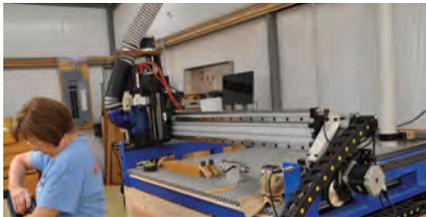
Another volunteer opportunity is to sponsor a session in our room. What is great about this service is you get to introduce the turner, assist in anything the demonstrator needs and watch the demonstration from a front row seat to view the demonstration.

**Greg Vest** is our resident A/V miracle worker and he will train you on running the camera that captures the demonstration. Again, this is the best view in the room to watch the demonstration. Volunteering in this capacity additionally provides Greg a chance to get out of the room and see other demonstrations.

Last month, our SWAT Representative, **Steve Green**, announced that no club had taken on the responsibility to sell raffle tickets. The raffle proceeds are another way to keep the costs down. It's pretty simple to do. You walk around (like you'd be doing anyway) and sell two types of tickets. The red ones are for the main drawings, and the blue ones allow you to get a chance to win beautiful turnings from the top demonstrators. If this interests you, let Steve know that you are willing to do this, even if it's only for a few hours your service will help.

# 1st Saturday

Chris Van Peski hosted the first Saturday for the club.



# Classifieds

**Johnny Tolly** has the following items for sale. Contact him directly about them, 512-922-1241 cell

Tolly tailstock adapter, used when vacuum chucking to align objects to the vacuum chuck.

Tolly small thickness gauges, to measure the wall thickness in the opening and shoulder of turnings.

Tolly center finder, used to align a chuck or faceplate to woods, and has other uses.

**Hilda Carpenter** is selling her Poulon 16" electric chain saw, barely used and still in the box. Mail her if you are interested at [hildac@mac.com](mailto:hildac@mac.com) Best offer. Includes a large electrical extension cord.

## Business Meeting

**Vaden Mohrmann** opened with a welcome. He recognized visitors: **Mike Serrahard, Kyle Anvil, Ken Porter, Diuane Mattox and Alan Higgonbotham**

**Drew Shelton** announced that the Texas Tree Conference of Georgetown needs woodturning donations by September for their conference. If you have some of their wood (Siberian Elm, Pear and a cache of other small pieces) Drew will take your donation. Also the beginners class will be at Orlando Bloom's shop.

If you want a SWAT CTWA shirt to show club pride, see **Pat Little**.

**Charlie Kay** remembered how our member, **S. Gary Roberts**, would always remind members to bring items for the bring back raffle. These sell for \$1 a ticket and help keep our club dues low. Each member has a responsibility to contribute a piece for a meeting. If you have a past due item, bring it!

**Pat Little** reported on the annual club audit of our books. The audit committee reviewed all the 2016 receipts. Our income was \$4,094 and expenses were \$4,021. We lost \$1,500 on the class (including the cost of wood).

**Steve Green**, our SWAT represented reported on the recent SWAT meeting. Registration is open for the symposium. For those wanting to bring a gallery piece, they have streamlined the entry process: download a template for each item you wish to enter in the gallery. This should reduce the time you have to stand in line to get your pieces registered for the gallery. 2 for 1 art pieces are by invite only. Make your hotel reservations early, since the symposium coincides with parents dropping their kids off at Baylor. Need hosts for A/V and room sponsors for our room, TX North.  
49 attendees

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## 2017 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

June 10-11 Beginner's Class for Members  
Site: Orlando Banos  
11321 Oak Branch Dr. 78737  
512-773-1099

June 20th CTWA Meeting  
Herb Ingram, Rough bowl turning from a log

July 8th 1st Saturday  
Site: TBD

July 18th CTWA Meeting  
Craig Timmerman, Turquoise inlay

August 5th 1st Saturday  
Site: TBD

August 15th CTWA Meeting  
Demonstrator: TBD

August 25-27 SWAT, Waco, TX

September 9 1st Saturday  
Site: TBD

September 19 CTWA Meeting  
Demonstrator: TBD

October 7 1st Saturday  
Site: TBD

October 17 CTWA Meeting  
Demonstrator: TBD

November 4 1st Saturday  
Site TBD

November 21 CTWA Meeting  
Hilda Carpenter, Fine Finials

*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.*

## Volunteer Instructors

### SOUTH

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basics, open segmented

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basics, square turning,  
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Airbrushing, tool handles, bowls,  
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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

## 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:*

May 6th Brandon Berdoll

June 3rd Chris Van Peski

## Upcoming Demo's & Classes

June 20 **Herb Ingram** rough bowl  
turning from a log

July 18 **Craig Timmerman** turquoise  
inlays (tentative topic)

## 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

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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.

