



# The Chip Pile

The Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association

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A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

**August 15, 2017**

**Craig Timmerman**

**Turquoise Inlay**

**7pm-9pm**

American YouthWorks - Austin, Texas

1901 East SH 71

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

**September 11th**

**1st Saturday**

Site: TBD

Watch for Email update

9 am - Noon

If you need help sharpening tools, bring them!

a lathe, I'm glad to hear folks were about to rally for a unique meeting. While not ideal, I hope folks were able to take away something from the time. I know I enjoy learning about the unique solutions members come up with for all manner of things.

We will be presenting the winners of the President's Challenge their prizes at the August meeting. I want to thank everyone that participated in making a Beads of Courage box. If you didn't finish in time for July there is still time to get one made before SWAT or just before the club takes them to the kids. Speaking of, I need to get out the shop and get some finish on mine. Keep on turning,

Vaden Mohrmann  
President

Needed volunteers to help bring up the A/V equipment to Waco's SWAT

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## Safety Briefing by Drew Shelton during August Meeting

Drew Shelton will discuss the various aspects of safety during turning. His talk will include face protection, lung protection and hearing protection.

President's Shop

Hey Woodturners!

It's August and that means it's time for SWAT up in Waco! I know I'm looking forward to demos, the vendor area, and of course the gallery. If you haven't registered there is still time!

This month at the meeting, which will be indoors, we should have the final sign up to helping out.

I would like to encourage everyone going to take some time and help out.

Speaking of meetings, I love the resourcefulness of the club. While some organization would have packed up and gone home without access to

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## Demonstration John Lovelady Sea Urchin Orna- ments

**John Lovelady** proficiently met the challenge of demonstrating without a lathe. Here are notes from **Charlie Kay** about the demonstration: How to Turn a Sea-Urchin Christmas Ornament - A Demonstration in Mime

I should preface this little piece by saying that I am trying to make up for my failure to completely carry out my assignments as a substitute meeting photographer for Drew Shelton and occasional note taker for our esteemed editor. At least Steve Green was there to take the notes this time. I may still get fired from both jobs anyway.

I got at least part of my assignment from Drew handled; I got all of the Show and Tell and Bring Back pieces photographed. However, as those of you who attended the meeting know, we once again were without a key to the lathe room and thus without a lathe and our audio-visual set-up. So the meeting proceeded through the business meeting, judging of the President's Challenge, and Show and Tell.

It was time for the demonstration, but with no lathe, how was that to happen? Our intrepid demonstrator, **John Lovelady**, had come prepared with everything he needed to do a fine demonstration, so he proceeded to do exactly that. He showed us examples of finished pieces, showed how to prepare the sea urchin shells, including filling them with styrofoam insulation. When asked why he did that, he simply dropped the prepared and filled shell onto the concrete floor from shoulder level. He then bent over and picked up the unbroken shell and said, "That's why!" He showed us his previously prepared blanks, fastened them into his chuck, and with the chuck in

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one hand and his chisel in the other, he walked us through the whole process. As I watched, I was really impressed with how effective the demonstration was.

As we proceeded through the Bring Back ritual, it occurred to me that I had missed a photographic scoop - the first successful turning demo done without a lathe. I had also failed in the second half of my assignment for the evening. So, my apologies to John for failing to capture for posterity his ingenious demonstration in photos, to Drew for failing to complete my assignment, and to Hilda for failing to document the entire meeting as I should have.

Still, thanks to John for a job well-done.

Keep on turning,

Charlie Kay

## SWAT Update from Steve Green

### Agenda and Rotation Schedule:

- Want to get a jump on planning your time at the SWAT Symposium, the front page of the website for the South West Association of Turns contain a couple of links to both the Agenda and the Rotation Schedule.

### Registration Window:

- If you're going to Waco on Thursday, August 24th, you will be able to collect your registration package from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Don't ask before 3:00 or they'll snarl at you.
- On Friday, the registration window will open at 8:00 AM.
- The Registration office is WAY off-limits. If you don't have any business in there don't try to enter.

### Raffle Ticket Sales:

- Want to buy raffle tickets? There will be a window at the registration area for buying tickets. The tickets will be pre-bundled into popular denominations. You can still buy odd lots of tickets but again, they might snarl at you.
- All raffle tickets are 2 for 1 drawing tickets, good for both the art drawing on Saturday night and the tools drawing on Sunday and there is only one place to submit your tickets and that's that big drum you see spinning in the convention center lobby.
- Raffle tickets drawn Saturday night will be returned to the drum for a chance at the tools drawing on Sunday. Thus 2 for 1.

### Gallery:

- To save time checking in at the Art Gallery, go to the website for the South West Association of Turners, the click on Art Gallery. On the bottom of the page you'll find a link to Art Gallery Inventory Form. Download the form, fill it out and bring it with you.
- The Art Gallery will be open on Thursday from 3:00 – 6:00 PM for check in and again on Friday morning beginning at 7:30 AM.

### Vendors:

- There will be approximately 50 vendors at this year's symposium eager to separate you from you hard earned money. I know, for I always drop a bundle at the vendor booths, so give them your support for they help pay for the cost of the symposium.
- Contrary to the advisory issued by the AAW, **Charles Waggoner of Conestogaworks** will be allowed to demonstrate and sell his Lichtenberg Burner device. But only he will be allowed to demonstrate and/or operate the device in his booth so don't ask to try it yourself.

## Editor's Turn

**Charlie Kay**, my Chip Pile mentor once told me not to apologize for the Chip Pile. I'm so delighted to pay him back with, "Charlie, don't sweat the pictures!"

CTWA is a volunteer organization. With that said, it goes without thinking that there are going to be mistakes made in all kinds of areas. It might be that your lowly editor misspelled a word, or someone forgot to take pictures, or someone didn't bring the key to the lathe room.

I love the fact that this club keeps on plugging and adding new members to the woodturning hobby or profession.

I've been traveling quite a bit, and for that I've missed several meetings. Thankfully, I have wonderful people to cover for me and get me information so I can produce this newsletter.

This weekend I'm delighted that Steve and I will be traveling to see my son at Ft. Bragg, NC. He travels extensively for his job and is rarely in the same place for more than a day or more. As it turns out, this trip is particularly fun for me, because it'll be happening on my birthday! Wohoo!

I remember one year after my kids had traveled to Texas, I went to the airport gate (in those days you could meet your family at the gate) and anxiously watched for their precious little faces among the departing passengers off the stairway of the plane. Sure enough, there they were, with bows on their heads, like presents. It was my birthday! Best present a mother could have. So, I'm trying to decide if Steve and I should have bows on our heads as we arrive in NC.

On the turning front, I haven't had a chance to do much turning, because of the travel and I buggered up my right shoulder. That's the bad news. The good news is I have succeeded in turning 65, and now have affordable health insurance, thanks to Medicare.

I don't feel very guilty about this benefit. I worked over 40 years paying taxes and social security, so I could enjoy this. Now that I have insurance that doesn't cost a limb, I'll probably get the darned shoulder repaired, like an old tire on an old pickup!

I am looking forward to SWAT and seeing all my friends across the 5 states that make up this organization. It'll be tempting to buy some more tools, sandpaper, and whatever new gadget is available. Or maybe some exotic wood! Such a fun time, good food and good friends. I hope I see you there!

Keep turnin' it on,  
Hilda Carpenter, Editor

*Chip Pile Photo Credits:  
Charlie Kay  
& Johnny Tolly*

## Beads of Courage News

The attached picture is of all of the Beads of Courage boxes that I have collected from our CTWA members and we will be taking them to SWAT next month for the art gallery. I wish to thank each person that made a box or several to support the sick children here in Central Texas. I'm still coordinating a date for the delivery something in September. —**Johnny Tolly**



# Members in the News

No news reported

## 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):*

**Johnny Tolly** Walnut bowls,

**Marcia Tolly** Butterflies & Flower

**Bill Stuene** Spalted pecan covered set;

Magnolia with copper inlay

**Herb Ingram** Hackberry root burl bowl;

**Jason Tunnell** Cosmic Mushroom bowl

**Fletcher Roberts** Mesquite desktop pen holder

**Mac Peterson** Mesquite, bamboo, padauk vase

**Dwight Schaeper** Osage orange tea light

**Pat Jenkins** Pecan & walnut box

**Jimmy Tolly** SWAT 2-4-1 walnut platter

**Steve Green** Navy Seal pen; Silver Star Pen

**Bring backs:**

**Pat Jenkins** Sycamore bottle stopper went to **Gary Beers**;

Pecan box went to **Richard Saslow**;

Sycamore bottle stoppers went to **Austin Krause**

**Dwight Schaper** Walnut tea light went to **Richard Saslaw**

**Jim Spano** Ash & alder candy dish went to **Suzi Parker**

**Beads of Courage Boxes**

**Jim Spano (2)**; **Herb Ingram**;

**Dwight Schaper**; **John Parker**; **Gary Beers (2)**

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





**Congratulations Beads of Courage Box Winners:**

- 1st John & Marcia Tolly: Dragon**
- 2nd Herb Ingram**
- 3rd Gary Beers**



## 1st Saturday

Pat Jenkins hosted the first Saturday for the club. Sorry, no pictures received by press time.

## 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

**Dwight Schaeper** called the meeting to order.

Steve Green, CTWA's SWAT representative, gave an update from the last SWAT meeting before the symposium in August.

Sign up sheets were passed around for room sponsors, AV, set up and tear down volunteers.

Greg Vest needs help taking A/V equipment to Waco, since his van died.

August 8 is the cut off for early SWAT registration.

National Demo  
Looking for lead demonstrators for 2018 symposium. Peter Cook and Jimmy Clews.

Beads of Courage judging, winners were:

- 1st John & Marcia Tolly: Dragon**
- 2nd Herb Ingram**
- 3rd Gary Beers**

After reviewing the gallery, Dwight turned the meeting over to **John Lovelady** for his demonstration on sea urchin ornaments.

68 members present

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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

August 15th CTWA Meeting  
Craig Timmerman, Turquoise inlay

August 25-27 SWAT, Waco, TX

September 9 1st Saturday  
Site: TBD

September 19 CTWA Meeting  
Jim Brinkman

October 7 1st Saturday  
Site: TBD

October 17 CTWA Meeting  
Demonstrator: TBD  
Nominations for 2018 officers

November 4 1st Saturday  
Site TBD

November 21 CTWA Meeting  
Election of 2018 officers  
Demonstrator: Hilda Carpenter,  
Fine Finial Design

December CTWA Christmas Party (no regular meeting)

*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

- Stacey Hager** 512.282.1036  
basics, spindles, sharpening,  
hollow vessels
- Johnny Tolly** 512.858.4471  
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- Jimmy Tolly** 512.894.0686  
basics, platters
- Craig Timmerman** 512.288.3598  
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hollow vessels
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Airbrushing, tool handles, bowls,  
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ments, 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

- 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:*

September TBD

## Upcoming Demo's & Classes

August 15 **Craig Timmerman**  
Turquoise Inlay

September 19 **Jim Brinkman** (topic  
tbd)

October 17 TBD

November 21 **Hilda Carpenter** Fine  
finial design

## 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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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.

