



The Chip Pile



The Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association

Austin, Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

January 20, 2015 Meeting

Len Brissette

Innovative Bowl Turning

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)

February 7th 1st Saturday

9 am - 12 pm

Location: TBD

If you need help sharpening tools, bring them!

President's Shop

I am kind of nervous when I think about putting on Pat's shoes and becoming president of the club. They are figuratively, pretty big shoes to fill.

Looking back on last year:

In April we held a 2 day training class for Novice turners, turnout was good. The response was great. I would like to do another one this year.

June saw the AAW meeting in Phoenix, AZ. For training we had **Eli Avisera** give us three days of classes. I am sure that everyone that attended learned a great deal. Thanks to **Clyde and Pat Little** for hosting this event. The plan is to have **Jimmy Clewes** for training just before or after SWAT 2015.

August is always a very busy month.

We were extremely busy with all of the activities our club was scheduled to do for SWAT. This included transporting demonstrators from ABIA to Waco and back, Sponsoring a room, selling tickets. Not to mention our regular role of setting up before the show and tearing down, then storing after the show. Thanks to everyone that helped.

September was a very rewarding month for several of the children at the Strictly Pediatrics Children's Hospital, a part of the Dell's Children's Hospital network, who received a Beads of Courage Box to store all of their beads for the treatments they receive. Thanks to **Johnny Tolly** for organizing this, making boxes. Thanks to everyone else who donated a box for such a special organization.

In October Pat, Clyde and I met with **Parc Smith** of American Youth Works and found out that CTWA would not have find another location to meet. This is a win-win situation for both organizations.

November, our club donated items for the American Youth Works' auction fund raiser. Parc said our items were some of the most fought over at the auction.

December was time for our Christmas party at **Pat and Clyde Little's** house. We had 70 people attend. The weather was great and we all had good fellowship and fun in Clyde's shop. Food was great and at the end we did the exchange with 38 people participating. Let's beat that number this year. Thanks to Pat and Clyde for all the

work they did. Pat asked that we also thank everyone that helped make this a special event for all.

Let's recognize all of the folks that volunteered last year, both in having a position and in giving their time to help us learn how to become better woodturners. Please remember that we still don't have a **Program Chairperson**. It is an important position and we need to get it filled. Please consider volunteering.

For my President's challenges get ready to participate:

Feb : Use color in your project

Apr : Use Mesquite in your project

June : Texture a surface in your project

Aug : Use spalted wood in your project

Oct : Bring in something that is not what it seems for a project

Nov : Bring in a Christmas Ornament for a project

I will ask for three people to judge each challenge and give the top two winners a prize!

I am not sure where 2014 went, seems like we just attended SWAT. I hope everyone is ready for 2015. I did not turn at all over the holidays, had the kids and grand kid over. I decided that the next time the wheel turns I am going to skip having kids and go straight to grand kids—they are a lot easier. I hope you got lots of time turning.

Looking back I believe that our club had a great year and we have a lot of new members/friends and I am looking forward to this year. I wish the best to you and your families in the new Year.

God Bless
Jay Littlefield

The American Association of Woodturners is "Dedicated to Providing Education, Information and Organization to Those Interested in Woodturning." In keeping with the standards of our National Organization, the Central Texas Woodturners Association hereby gives permission for all other woodturning chapters, organizations, magazines and newspapers to use any materials contained herein for the benefit of all woodturners everywhere. We ask that credit be given for the source of the material.

**WANT TO IMPROVE
CTWA?
DON'T WAIT TO BE ASKED
TO VOLUNTEER**

In the past 3 years, our club has grown over 100%! We have also increased our female membership 500%! That's right, we have doubled the number of active members and provided a draw to many more women turners.

In my experience that kind of growth of a volunteer or social club comes out of several key things that go way beyond any one officer in the club:

1. People participate in the social gatherings. For example, we have traditionally had over 36 people attend every First Saturday! First Saturdays are a time of having fun, learning new techniques and solving the world's problems! Men and women alike. Our Christmas party attendance grew to the largest yet! We used to all fit in Pat's beautiful dining room!

2. Minimal interpersonal conflict. Anytime you get over 100 people in a club, there are going to be personality conflicts. However, CTWA has always been a relaxed club with very little social tension. Members go out of their way to welcome newcomers.

3. Focused meetings with minimal business items and primarily the time goes to the purpose of the club. In our case, the business meeting our business of running the club typically 5% to 11% of the time. Our President maintaining a tight business agenda goes a long way for making that happen. On average here's how it shakes out (percentages may not add to 100):

5-11% Business
67% Demonstration
28% for Gallery and Bring Backs

Keeping Austin Turning Since 1988

4. Timeliness. CTWA meetings typically begin and end on time.

5. Strong base of Volunteers. The volunteer base goes beyond demonstrators. No board member is paid.

Our SWAT volunteers ensure that this 2nd largest turning symposium occurs without a hitch. Our club provides set-up and tear down.

Volunteers also help out at our club-sponsored classes. This includes the shop, demonstrators and helpers.

Volunteers arrive early to set up the meetings, and stay late to restore the room to AYW's needs.

6. Fiscal management. A consistent treasurer who reports financial status, maintains a 3 month reserve (minimum), and agrees to annual audits.

7. Top-flight demonstrators. Our program chairperson brings in world-class demonstrators to teach us their techniques. The week-long event includes two trainings to beginner, intermediate and advanced turners, plus an all day demonstration event.

8. Community Service Events. We are lucky to have American Youth Works provide us with rent-free space for our meetings. CTWA gives back with an annual gift of money. Plus our members participate in their Senior Pen Turning day, their annual fund raising auction by donating turnings to be auctioned. Additionally, the past 3 years we have participated in the Beads of Courage boxes that go to ill children at Strictly Pediatrics Children's Hospital, a part of the Dell Children's hospital network.

9. Strong outbound communication. Our website, group mail list, newsletter and participation in AAW announcements add up to

easy access to information that is pertinent to the craft of woodturning. Whether it is a tree that fell and needs to be cut-up, equipment for sale, or where the next First Saturday will be held, multiple channels of information flow is extremely important to club members.

10. Fun competitive events. The President's Challenge is always lots of fun. Jay made a commitment to have 6 of these this year. Additionally, he'll be handing out prizes for 1st and 2nd place! This is a great way for both experienced and novice turners to playfully learn more about woodturning.

So, how can you help keep the club strong? The answers are simple: *don't wait to be asked—volunteer*; participate in any of the above named events; respect the demonstrator; demonstrate something you do in your shop; take a leadership role on the board; host a First Saturday, invite new people to join us! And most importantly? Have fun!

Hilda Carpenter
Secretary/Chip Pile Editor

Monthly Features

Bring Back Raffle, p. 8
Business Meeting, p. 5
Calendar, p. 12
Classified Ads, p. 12
Editor's "Turn", p. 6
Feature Presenter, p. 3-4
First Saturday, p. 1 (SEE XMAS PARTY)
Instant Gallery, p. 6-8
Map, p. 16
Membership Information, p. 12
Member's in the News, p. 5
Officers, p. 12
Photo Credits, p. 4
President's Shop, p. 1
PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE, p. 6
Upcoming Demo's./Classes p. 5
Volunteer your Shop, p. 5
Volunteer Instructors, p. 4
EXTRA:
How to make CTWA better, p. 2
Christmas Party! p. 8-11

November Demonstration
Tips & Tricks Panel

Dwight Schaeper, Jim Spano, John Lovelady, Jimmy Tolly, Johnny Tolly and Hilda Carpenter shared ideas for making your turning easier.

Dwight showed his donut chuck



Johnny Tolly showed his down-spout for catching segments; his depth



checker tool for small, round objects; his curtain rod as a depth gauge for keeping from creating donuts (going through the bottom); his technique for finding the center of wood; and his method for sanding inside of hollow forms. He also showed his maple salt & mesquite pepper shakers with their dishes for keeping the mess out

Keeping Austin Turning Since 1988

of the kitchen; as well as his tail stock adapter.



Jimmy Tolly showed his C setup for going through the bottom.



Jim Spano showed how to keep glue from drying out in the bottle; he also



demonstrated his famous pencil finder.



Jim is known for his home-made tools



These were made from truck and auto engine valves.



Another trick Jim showed was to hot glue a magnet onto a pencil so it will



stick to your lathe. He used a speaker magnet to catch the filings from a grinder.

November Demonstration
Tips & Tricks Panel

Jim Spano uses cut pvc placed inside the chuck to safely secure small work without marking the piece. To punch



out sand paper use a muffler 3” pipe. Use a mirror to look at the bottom of a piece to see the small scratches.



To get sanding dust from microcloth use the back side of foam sandpaper. A medicine pill dispenser is great for holding shavings.

John Lovelady demonstrated his way of securing hollow forms with an innovative, reusable jam chuck.

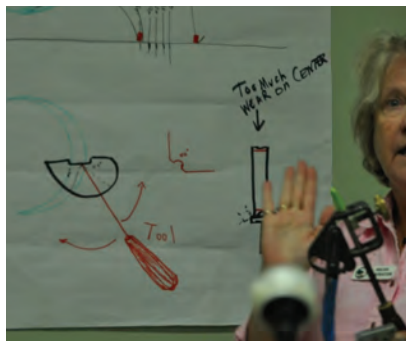
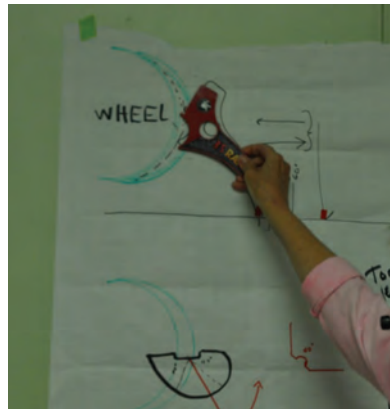


He showed his burning burr.

Keeping Austin Turning Since 1988



Hilda Carpenter talked about two techniques she uses for sharpening tools. First the Raptor angle gauges with the OneWay jig and wolverine system, and the Stuart Batty angle gauge used on the flat panel for sharpening free-handed.



Our members got a lot of information from this month’s meeting. If you have any questions about the various techniques, do not fail to ask the demonstrators.

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.

**Program Chair
 Needed!**

Do you enjoy the demonstrations each month? We do too! We need a point person to identify various demonstrators through the year, and to line up 2016 National Demonstrator!

Please, please volunteer for this very key board position! You also will be a voting member of the board!!

Volunteer Instructors

SOUTH

Stacey Hager 512.282.1036
 basics, spindles, sharpening, hollow vessels

Johnny Tolly 512.858.4471
 basics, open segmented

Jimmy Tolly 512.894.0686
 basics, platters

Craig Timmerman 512.288.3598
 basics, square turning, hollow vessels

Charlie Kay ckayda@gmail.com
 boxes & bottle stoppers
 512.636.3492

H. O. Evans 512.282.2830
 segmented turnings

Hilda Carpenter 512-395-7782
 Airbrushing, tool handles, bowls, Drozda finials, sea urchin ornaments, 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

LOCKHART/SAN MARCOS

David Dick 512.357.6517
 basics, spindles, architectural

Business Meeting

Pat Little opened the meeting by welcoming visitors: **Dale Thompson, Sam Takkashvani, Judy Terlik and Robert Cox.**

Blair Feller announced 2015 membership dues renewal: \$35 single and \$40 family. Please pay Blair either at the Christmas Party, tonight, or before January 1.

Pat reminded everyone that the Christmas party December 13 will be at her and Clyde's house. 9 am for a first-Saturday shop and then lunch. The club will provide the meat and a sign-up sheet for sides will be passed around. Then we will have a sharing of turning gifts similar to a white elephant game.

Pat thanked everyone for her time as President. She moved the club forward into one of the best clubs in AAW. We now have nice badges (if you don't have one, contact Blair, they are \$5).

Pat then announced that she has been working with Pat Jenkins to redo the bylaws of our club. She said that AAW and SWAT are requiring clubs to become 501(c)3 non-profit corporations. To file with the IRS will be \$840 initially. She called for a motion to approve this expenditure. **Greg Vest** moved and (?) seconded. Pat called for a vote, but was interrupted by members asking for a discussion prior to a vote. After extensive discussion, Greg withdrew his motion. **Hilda Carpenter** made a motion to table the incorporation discussion until the full board had an opportunity to review this proposal. Charlie Kay seconded the motion and it was passed.

Pat then presented the slate of officers for 2015. Each was unanimously approved without other recommendations for selection.

One quite concerning issue is we do not have a Program Chair for 2015. This is a critical position since this person determines who will present

Keeping Austin Turning Since 1988

to the club each month. They are also responsible for locating the feature turner for 2016 class for our members. If you have ever wanted to contribute your talents to the club, this is a perfect opportunity to make a really big difference.

The prospective officers and members are:

President: **Jay Littlefield***
President-elect: **Steve Green**
Program Chair: **OPEN!!**
Secretary/Newsletter Editor: **Hilda Carpenter**
Treasurer: **Ed Roberts**
Membership: **Blair Feller**
Volunteer board members:
Webmaster: **Vaden Mohrmann**
A/V Coordinator: **Greg Vest**
First Saturday: **Len Brissette**
Librarian: **Suzi Parker**

Pat then turned the meeting over to **Drew Shelton** and his panel of demonstrators. 59 members were present.

Members In the News

Johnny & Marcia Tolly hosted **Jimmy Tolly, Steve Green, Hilda Carpenter** in honor of World of Woodturning's founder, **Herman and Karen de Vries** at the Salt Lick. Herm and Karen live in Canada. They winter in Donna, TX.



Craig Timmerman participated in the Armadillo Bazaar over Christmas.

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.

Upcoming Demo's & Classes

January Demo: LEN BRISSETTE, Innovative bowl turning. Len's demonstration will be great for novice, intermediate and even experienced turners. Len turns bowls in a production manner for sale! He's willing to tell us some of his secrets!

February Demo: JIM SPANO will demo Spinning Tops.

March Demo: JOHNNY TOLLY will be doing a demonstration on some new tools that you will not want to miss out on. So, Johnny will be demonstrating the D-Way beading tools and will show how they work to put beads on your turnings. This will include side and end grain beads. Johnny has a few special tricks to pass along and some examples of boxes, platters, and bird houses will be on hand to be passed around.

JIMMY CLEWS will be the 2015 professional demonstrator—more information to come.

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 know! Or email the editor.

Editor's "Turn"

I am not one of those "I love Christmas" people. This year I finally figured out why I feel so lousy every season. The season fills me with a sense of envy. I hate that feeling, it reminds me of when I was in High School trying to figure out how to act, when everyone else appeared calm, cool and collected. Of course I now know that all high school kids have this envy anxiety. I think that giving up envy was one of the most important things I've ever done in my life. It means that I give up worrying about what people think of me, or what they have. However, all those darned commercials that show loving families, children, and grandchildren smiling around the tree when my kids live 2500 miles away leaves me with an empty nest feeling, big time.

So this year, I decided to put all my psychology knowledge inward. There it was, the envy monster. Most people think this monster is green (e.g., green with envy), but I find it is red and white with thistle all over it.

Once I could put my finger on this empty feeling, I immediately felt better. I could feel joy for other people who had their kids and grand kids around them. I no longer felt lonely.

One reason I really enjoy CTWA, SWAT and AAW is I can see the progression of the novice into the expert. Oh, sure would I love to be able to create items that sell for thousands of dollars? You bet. However, I don't worry about the fact that someone has a skill that I don't. I know in this club I can ask for help and not be judged about what ever level I turn. I can openly admire someone's talent without feeling inferior.

Why would I talk about that in this editorial? Well, we are beginning 2015 and our club has never been stronger. We have new members joining us each month.

One of the things that makes this club special is no one really cares if your turning is as good as someone else's. We all just want to enjoy this wonderful, expensive and fun hobby.

I plan to bring at least 6 things to show in the gallery this year. That means that I need to turn several things. Oh heck, I could just bring a blow up that I have in the shop. Those are always entertaining.

So let's all leave turning-envy behind. I invite you to join me in participating in **Jay Littlefield's** President Challenges, no matter what your turning skill level is. The point is to turn, have fun and share your turning growth through time.

I remember **Graham Priddle** said that when he first started turning someone told him to turn 700 bowls. And he did. He told me that with each new bowl, he improved. With each new bowl he tried something different. That is how we learn.

Creating wood chips is, let's face it, darned fun!

Keep turnin' it on,
Hilda Carpenter

FEB PRES' CHALLENGE!

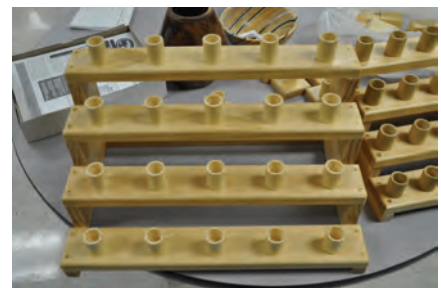
USE COLOR IN A TURNING PROJECT!!

We will have judges and award the top two entries!

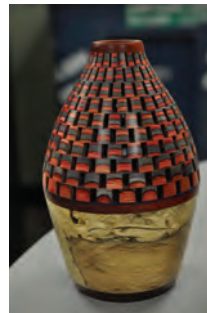
November Gallery

Thanks to all the following contributions to the gallery:

- Nowt Peterson: Various segmented turnings**
- Steven Green: Off-center, off-axis Doug Fisher-style; Doug Fisher class project; crystal inlay**
- Johnny Tolly: Beads of Courage boxes**
- Jimmy Tolly: Platter**
- Gene Berry: Elm bowl**
- John Lovelady: Dragon Embryo box**
- John and Suzi Parker: kaleidoscopes; live oak bowl**
- Bob Duncan: White beeswax; platters**



November Gallery



November Gallery



Thanks also to all the ladies who helped lay out the food for us hungry turners! I'd list your names, but I was too busy eating to take them down! Here are a few snaps out of the hundred or so that **Drew Shelton** so kindly snapped!

Saturday Morning:



Bring Back Raffle

Turner: Winner

- Jim Spano: Jimmy Tolly
- Dwight Schaeper: Robert Cox
- Marcia Tolly: Dwight Schaeper
- Vaden Morhmann: Johnny Tolly
- Jim Howe: Deborah Johnson
- Jim Howe: Greg Vest
- Robert Cox: Deborah Johnson



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

Christmas Party



This year's CTWA Christmas party was an all-out success! As always, **Pat and Clyde Little** opened their beautiful home off of Lake Travis for a morning of turning and an afternoon of spectacular food and fun. Thank you Pat and Clyde for your unending graciousness. We all had a fantastic time! Thanks to **Marcia Tolly and Betty Hager** for hosting the White Elephant, you guys always do a fun job and take the flack!



Christmas Party



Christmas Party



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.

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.

Classified Ads

2015 Officers

President

Jay Littlefield
jay.littlefield@advantest.com
512-917-7316

President Elect

Steven Gree
stevenjgreen@mac.com
512-395-7776

Program Chairman

Open

Secretary/Newsletter Editor

Hilda Carpenter
512.395-7782
hildac@mac.com

Treasurer

Ed Roberts
512.255.3294
eroberts_ww@austin.rr.com

Membership Chairman

Blair Feller
blair.feller@gmail.com
830-385-2782

Webmaster

Vaden Mohrmann
vmohrmann@gmail.com
512-6587508

Audio/Visual Coordinator

Greg Vest
512-736-2715
sounddudeaustin@gmail.com

First Saturday Coordinator

Len Brissette
512-423-3625
mesquite@austin.rr.com

Librarian

Suzi Parker
suziparker@hotmail.com
512-266-0824

CTWA Web Site

www.ctwa.org

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:

The Chip Pile
c/o Hilda Carpenter
560 Moss Rose Lane
Driftwood, TX 78619

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

January 10th First Saturday
Place: Orlando Banos

January 20 CTWA Meeting
Presenter: Len Brissette
Turning Bowls

February 7 1st Saturday
Place: TBD

February 17 CTWA Meeting
Presenter: Jim Spano
Turning Tops

March 7 First
Place: TBD

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

April 4 1st Saturday

April 21 CTWA Meeting
Presenter: TBD

May 2 1st Saturday
Place: TBD

Let Jay Littlefield or Hilda Carpenter 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.