

THE CHIP PILE

the newsletter of the central texas woodturners association

"to give every turner the opportunity to become a better turner"

JULY MEETING

Tuesday, July 20, 2004
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)

NOTICE !!!

This will be the last copy of the newsletter that you will get in the mail unless you notify the Editor that you want to receive it by mail. See page 4 for details.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHOP...

Retirement - all that time to spare!

Our first meeting in the YouthWorks building came off very well. All the power worked, thanks to the Tolly twins and their crew). Our first demo there was very informative. Thanks, Rusty.

I hope you all got to do some plate turning and use Rusty's tips. I didn't. Weddings, open houses, grand kids moving in for now (???), a quick trip to Kansas to see old Navy buddies at our old naval station, and trying to get used to my store bought teeth all conspired to keep me out of my shop. Some retirement!! At least the chips don't bother the teeth.

Lots to do in the next couple of months to get ready for our role as host club at SWAT in Temple. Step up to the lathe and volunteer to help out. See Steve Gottlieb or Betty Hager and see where you can fit in with your expertise. If you don't have any expertise, volunteer anyway. There lots of chores to be done. See you all on Saturday at Charlie's place for a casual morning. Did someone say bring donuts?

I'm still looking for that white lathe.

Thanks to all who do a demo for the club. You are appreciated.

Lynn



Turning a small plate

The talented and versatile **Rusty Myers** previewed one of the demonstrations he will be giving at the national AAW Symposium in Orlando, turning a small cherry plate.

Rusty starts with a 3/4" blank cut round with the bandsaw. He centers one side with the live center and uses the live center to bring the blank up snugly against the closed jaws of his chuck. The chuck thus serves as a friction drive. Turning at about 1200 RPM, he rounds the blank with light cuts. He then



Turning the tenon on the top

(CBK photo)

cuts a tenon for the chuck jaws on what will be the top of the plate.

The piece is then reversed and chucked and a shallow rabbet is turned in the bottom to internally chuck the piece. For cutting both the tenon on the top and the rabbet on the bottom, Rusty uses calipers to get as close as possible to the jaw size to assure adequate holding and minimize chuck marks in the rabbet.

While the piece is chucked from the top, he shapes

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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 512.312.2042, by E-Mail at ckay@austin.rr.com or mail them to:

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Rusty Myers, cont'd

the bottom. Using a scraper, he squares the floor of the rabbet and slightly undercuts the inner edges to assure that the chuck seats snugly. The rest of the bottom is then finished using the scraper. He sets the scraper above center inside the rabbet ring and below center outside the ring. When he is done with the scraper, he sands the piece smooth through all the grades and applies the finish.



Turning the top

(CBK photo)

When the bottom is completed, he reverses the piece again and rechunks it with the rabbet and turns the top of the plate. He turns to a constant thickness, refining and cleaning up with a scraper. He works a little at a time on the way in to maintain adequate support and minimize vibration. He uses calipers to monitor thickness and uses a lead pencil to highlight areas that need to be worked on. When he is satisfied with the turning, he sands and applies the finish just as he did on the top.

Thanks, Rusty, for a fine demonstration. If you have been reluctant to try a plate, this demo should have given you the courage to try it. We expect to see some plates at the July Show and Tell.



Rusty plates

(CBK photo)



Bring Back Raffle

Gene Stokes took home a mesquite vase with turquoise inlay turned by **Craig Timmerman**. **James Norton** was the winner of small maple dish turned by **Joe Kirk**. **Jimmy Tolly** was the lucky winner of a lidded mesquite bowl turned by **Jim Whited**.



Craig's vase

(CBK photo)

Each of the three winners pieces will bring a turning to the next meeting. This item should be representative of that person's best work.



Show and Tell

- **James Norton** brought a rolling pin turned from glued up shop scraps and finished with salad oil.
- **H. O. Evans** showed off a vase turned from yew and padauk. It was finished with Deft and buffed



Ho's vase

(CBK photo)

- **Gene Stokes** shared a letter opener turned from mesquite and finished with tung oil.



Gene's letter opener

(CBK photo)

- Inspired by Stacey Hager's May demo, **Johnny Tolly** brought a three-sided mesquite box finished with spray Deft.
- **Ed Roberts** brought a large bowl turned from "spalted" (Ed, it was rotten!) hackberry and finished with water varnish. Ed's wife says that it is really a strainer.



Ed's holey bowl

(CBK photo)

- **Stacey Hager** showed off two pieces, a "wash basin" (large bowl) turned from spalted American Elm and finished with walnut oil and Liberon wax and a mesquite vase finished with Krylon matte finish.



Stacey's weighted vase

(CBK photo)



Business Meeting

There were 51 attendees at our June meeting including two visitors. A nice turnout for the first night at our new meeting site.

Newsletter now on the website

Charlie Kay announced that the newsletter is now on the website. After discussion, it was VOTED to reimburse him the \$580 for the necessary software out of the monthly savings from the average monthly cost of printing and mailing hard copies. Charlie will carry the cost pending repayment. He also agreed to do the newsletter for at least two more years. It was agreed that henceforth, hard copies of the newsletter will only be mailed only to those directly requesting them.

June 16 Demo at American YouthWorks

The necessary volunteers have come forward for the June 16 demonstration at American YouthWorks.

SWAT planning

Steve Gottlieb brought folks up to date on the status of planning for SWAT in October. He circulated a list for volunteers to help out with various activities at the symposium.

Johnny Tolly said we are still about 40 pieces short for SWAT. If you took a blank, bring your bowl or weed pot to the July meeting.

First Saturday

It was agreed that the July 3 First Saturday should continue as planned.

Utah Woodturning Symposium

Betty Hager reported on the Utah symposium that she and Stacey attended and brought a table full of items to show off.



Utah goodies

(CBK photo)

Treasurer's Report

Ed Roberts reports that we have \$,2871 in the treasury as of July 2.

July Program

Corking the bottle

This month's demonstrator will be **Joe Kirk**. He has been a member of CTWA since the first meeting. I wish I could say that. He was first introduced to woodturning in junior high school. His interest was dormant and in the back of his mind for a few (?) years. He got his first lathe in 1986 and the rest, as has been said, is history.

Joe's demo will cover bottle stoppers, including another way of chucking them, a novel source of wood, some specialty tools and how to make them, and an easy way to finish the stoppers. Joe is quiet and doesn't say much, but over the years I have come to really appreciate his quiet encouragement. I look forward to his demo.

David Dick

Newsletter goes electronic

As agreed at the June meeting, we will no longer print and mail you a copy of the newsletter each month unless you specifically request it. Instead, the newsletter will be posted on the website (www.CTWA.org) each month in PDF format. You will be able to download and print a copy if you like. If you have a color printer, all of the photographs will be in color when you print it yourself. You need to contact me (512.312.2042 or ckay@austin.rr.com or by mail at 100 Matzig Cove, Buda, TX 78610) to let me know that you want to receive your newsletter by mail. If you have already requested a mail copy, there is no need to do it again. Every copy that we do not mail saves the club about \$1.20, so don't request a mail copy unless you cannot receive it electronically.

At the time I send the newsletter copy to be posted on the website each month, our Membership Chairman, Drew Shelton, will advise you by E-mail that the newsletter is on the web. Normally, that will be about a week or ten days before the next meeting. To be sure that you receive that notice, it is important that you advise Drew of any changes in your E-mail address.

For the next couple of months, I will bring a good supply of printed newsletters to the meeting to take care of you if there is a glitch.

Charlie Kay
Editor

First Saturday - July 3

The extended June rains cleared just in time for the second First Saturday at **Charlie Collins'** shop in north Austin. Thirteen folks turned out for coffee, donuts and sodas, lots of fellowship and some turning. Not a bad turnout for mid-summer and the first day of a three day weekend.

Frank Miller brought along his vacuum gouge for folks to try out, some more successfully than others. **Gary Roberts** brought his mini-lathe again and demonstrated turning some decorative jar lids. He



The vacuum gouge

(Bob Hrehor photo)

also brought along some jars to show what the end product would look like. Gary is working on another book, and gave us a look at one of the drawings and the beginning of the carvings for one of the projects. It promises to be every bit as impressive as his first book, if this one project is representative.

Jim Brinkman brought a big chunk of dry and very hard Texas ebony. Most everyone took a try at turning it on Charlie's big Powermatic. Turning something



The lively Texas ebony

(Bob Hrehor photo)

that hard is always a challenge, and this instance proved no different. We won't say who the two folks were that got a catch and knocked it off the lathe, the second time for good.

Bill Hammack ran Gary off his mini-lathe and put the smallest jaws on the chuck and turned, yes, a tiny bowl.



Tiny turning

(Bob Hrehor photo)

If you haven't tried this event yet, shoot for the next First Saturday on August 7. Gary plans to leave his lathe for the summer, but it looks like Charlie has enough outlets that another mini-lathe or two would also fit.

Thanks to **Bob Hrehor** for taking the photos.



Calendar

July 20, 2004 -- 7:00 to 9:00 PM

CTWA Meeting - American Youthworks

August 7, 2004 -- 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

First Saturday - Charlie Collins' shop

August 17, 2004 -- 7:00 to 9:00 PM

CTWA Meeting - American Youthworks

September 4, 2004 -- 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

First Saturday - Charlie Collins' Shop

September 21, 2004 -- 7:00 to 9:00 PM

CTWA Meeting - American Youthworks

October 19, 2004 -- 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

CTWA Meeting - American Youthworks



The Chip Pile is now available on our web site www.CTWA.org in living color!

UPCOMING EVENTS

18th Annual AAW Woodturning Symposium, July 23 through 25, Orlando, Florida

www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2004

West Coast Roundup Woodturning Symposium, September 10 through 12, Vancouver, British Columbia

www.gvwg.ca/Symposium2004.htm

Southwest Association of Turners Symposium, October 1 through 3, Temple Texas

www.texasturnortwo.com

Get your bandsaw blades here...

Jimmy Tolly is again coordinating an order for Timberwolf bandsaw blades. If you haven't tried them, you will be impressed. A group order results in a very good price. To order blades, Jimmy needs the following information:

bandsaw make
blade length
blade width
TPI
how many of each size

For information on choosing your blade, consult **www.suffolkmachinery.com**. Bring your orders and a check check made out to Tolly's Turnings to the next meeting.



From the Editor's Desk

I hope that you are all enjoying this unusual Central Texas summer. With all of the June rain, this is the greenest summer I have ever seen here; the coolest as well, at least so far. I'm a weather junkie and Texas is a good place for that. I've been setting up my latest toys. I got a remote reading min/max temperature and humidity system and a remote reading, self-emptying rain gauge. These things used to be hundreds of dollars, but they're now in my price range at Target. Now, if it will just rain again!

I finally have my big Woodfast back together and running again and have my mesquite SWAT bowls done. Going five or six weeks without it was a pain. However, I used its absence as an excuse to pick up a variable speed Jet mini-lathe. That'll sure teach you how to take light cuts. I've used it to turn a bunch of little plates.

I also took advantage of not having the big lathe to do some rearranging of my shop. I've moved some benches around, relocated my chop saw and put in

some more cabinet space. Now I just have to get everything stowed again. Maybe some day my shop will look as neat and clean as Stacey's (not).

Charlie



Update your E-mail address!

To be sure you are receiving important E-mail notices on club activities, confirm that **Drew Shelton** has your correct E-mail address. If you aren't sure, send him your address anyway at **drew@sematech.org**. Drew is the Membership Chairman and maintains the E-mail master list.



AAW national Symposium

The national AAW Woodturning Symposium will be held in Orlando, Florida, this year, July 23 through July 25. Most of you remember the outstanding photographs from the Instant Gallery that **Craig Timmerman** showed us last year. One of the highlights this year is that CTWA member **Rusty Myers** will be one of the demonstrators. In addition, **Craig Timmerman** will have some pieces in the Instant Gallery. This is truly a chance to see some world class turners demonstrate, to be awed by the Instant Gallery, to renew old acquaintances and make new ones with wood turners from all over the country. If the family isn't interested, remind them of Disney World.

A number of CTWA members will be headed to Orlando, including your Editor, and we will have a report in next month's **Chip Pile**.



American YouthWorks Demo

Thanks to **Dave Dick** and **H. O. Evans** (and perhaps others) for demonstrating woodturning to the students at American YouthWorks on June 16. Thanks to these talented CTWA turners, the kids got a good look at woodturning. Thanks, guys.



Check Out Our Web Site

You may want to check out the CTWA Web Site at **www.CTWA.org**. If you have comments, suggestions or something for the gallery, get in touch with **Webmaster Larry Walrath** at **larry@larrywalrath.com**.



Enhanced audio/visual capability

The club now has available at meetings the ability to show DVD's and CD's. This will allow a digital slide show for pictures stored on CD ROMs. It will be connected through the tape player so it can be seen on both monitors. It can also be a part of the taped meeting. The narration can be from the wireless microphone, or can be part of the disk. This system will also play the Kodak CD's, but it will also read a standard PC format. Let me know if you have any questions, it will be at the next meeting.

Frank Miller



Get your SWAT registration in

By now, you should have gotten your SWAT registration package. If you haven't attended the national woodturning symposium of Texas before, this is the year to do it, as it is in Temple, just to the north of Austin. In addition to nationally known turners Michael Hosaluk, Nick Cook, Linda Salter and Phil Brennon, CTWA members **Craig Timmerman**, **Rusty Myers** and **Jimmy Tolly** will be demonstrating at the symposium. In addition to the demonstrations, there is the usual opportunity to meet and talk with woodturners from all over the state. If that isn't enough to get you interested, don't forget the vendors. You know that you can always justify a new toy! You get a discount if you register before August 15. Room reservations need to be made right away, as motel rooms are expected to be tight.



Membership in CTWA

New members are welcome to join CTWA at any time. All you need is an interest in woodturning. CTWA membership also requires membership in the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Local dues are \$25.00 per year, or \$2.10 per month prorated for new members joining during the year. AAW dues are \$35.00 per year for individuals and \$40.00 for families. For that you get a first class quarterly magazine, *American Woodturner*, with excellent articles on woodturning and woodturners, amply illustrated with photographs.

If you are interested in learning more about membership or want to join CTWA, contact our Membership Chairman:

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Volunteer Instructors

The following turners have generously offered to open their shops and give their time to any member who wants to learn how to sharpen their tools, sharpen their skills, learn how to make a bowl or "test" the newest tool. Check out the people who bring items to Show and Tell. One trait common to all woodturners is that we all like to share, so just ask!

SOUTH

Odie Bull 512.442.2687
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512.282.0832
Stacey Hager 512.282.1036
Johnny Tolly 512.858.4472
Jimmy Tolly 512.894.0686

NOTE: The Tolly brothers work strange shifts, so they may be available on times other than weekends.

H. O. Evans 512.282.2830

NOTE: Ho would like to confine his assistance to his specialty, segmented turnings.

NORTH

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Frank Miller 512.335.4768
Judy Williams 512.836.7897

SOUTHWEST

Donne Griffiths 512.264.2526 (home)
512.264.0991 (shop)

ROUND ROCK

Larry Walrath 512.255.5379

LOCKHART/SAN MARCOS

David Dick 512.357.6517

Classified Ads

Free personal classified ads are available to all members of CTWA to sell, buy or trade woodworking related items. To place an ad, contact Charlie Kay at 512.312.2042 or via E-mail at ckay@austin.rr.com. Ads will be run for two months and then dropped.

FOR SALE: Delta 11" gap bed lathe in excellent condition. Has 3/4 HP motor with speed reducer for bowl turning. All American made. Comes with three face plates, two centers, three tool rests, tilting sanding table with miter gauge and a center steady rest for long turnings. A wonderful buy at \$250 cash.

Contact Jack Besperka at 512.261.4682 or jbesperka@austin.rr.com.



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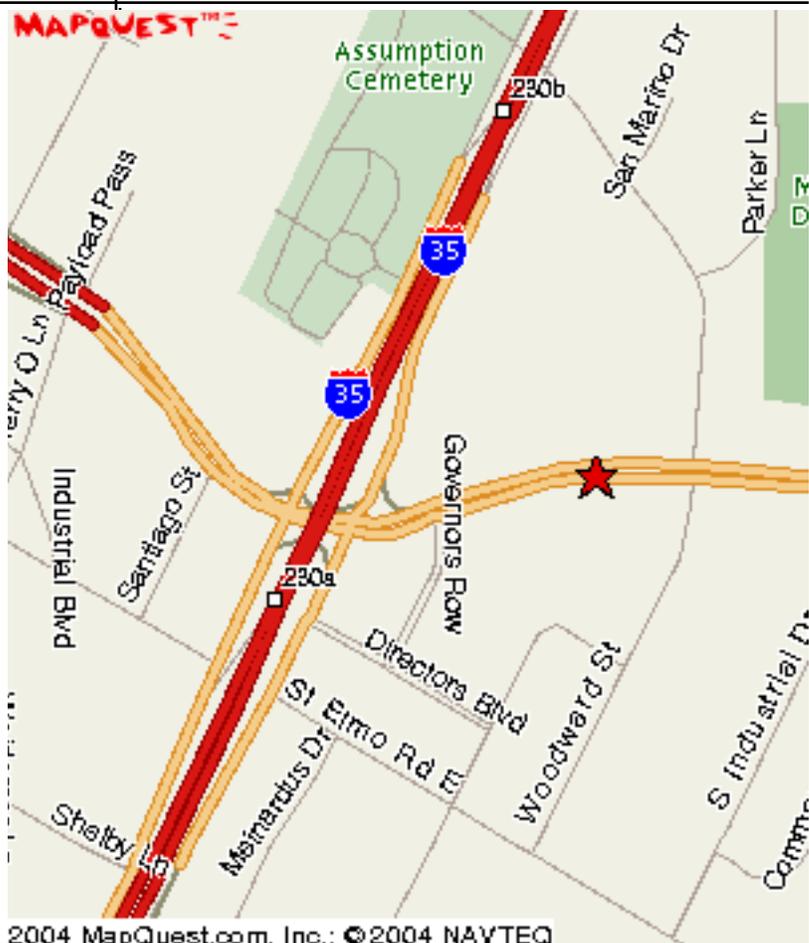
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To:

New Meeting Place!!!

The CTWA Meeting Place has changed! The club now 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. Because of the construction at Ben White and I-35, folks from the north may want to exit I-35 at Woodward and proceed south on Woodward across Ben White. Folks from the south might do better to go east on St. Elmo, then north on Woodward. Those coming from the west on Ben White will just have to fight their way through until the construction is finished. See you at the meeting.



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