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# The Chip Pile

The Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association  
Austin, Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

**Zoom Meeting  
May 19, 7 PM  
Invitation will be sent  
Remote Demonstrator  
Mike Peace  
Turning a Chess Set**

**President's Corner  
Gary Beers**

I want to express a great appreciation to Craig Timmerman for his initiative and leadership to setup and host Zoom meetings, demos, and first Saturday events. This really helps us function like a club and communicate during these times of physical separation.

Austin Krause has been successful scheduling remote demos from turners outside our local area. Note that Mike Peace will be our remote demonstrator at the May meeting. Thanks Austin.

I hope everyone in the club is

staying healthy and safe until we can get together again.

**March  
Meeting Summary**

Public meeting restrictions were imposed due to the Covid-19 virus health threat. Craig Timmerman was the saviour for us.

He researched and setup a Zoom configuration for hosting video conference meetings from his shop. This technology allows us to have two way video conferencing with the capability to share any participant's screen or video camera with all participants.

Members can use cell phones, tablets, or computers for Zoom meeting. Those without cameras can view the meeting video and hear the audio. They can communicate with others via audio if they have a microphone.

There was not much of a business meeting. President Gary Beers

only had audio communication available at this time.

Craig did a square bowl demonstration complete with 3 camera views. It was a great inaugural event and opened our eyes to the options available to us through video conferencing. We discussed ways to make more use of the technology to do instant galleries, shop tours, etc.

Many thanks to Craig for taking the initiative to research video conferencing and get us setup with Zoom. We had 47 attendees at this inaugural event.

**April  
Meeting Summary**

April 21st Craig Timmerman hosted our second CTWA Zoom club meeting. Thanks Craig. There were 55 participants!

There were minimal business matters discussed. Austin Krause arranged a remote demonstration by Jeff Hornung. Not only were we attending our club meeting

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remotely but we also got the benefit of a remote demo with two way communication with the demonstrator. It went off without a hitch.

Craig recorded the demonstration and made it available privately via the following link

[https://youtu.be/\\_CW1XNRjRBk](https://youtu.be/_CW1XNRjRBk)

The recording starts 1-2 minutes into Jeff's demo.

Craig also put together an instant gallery from info/photos members sent him. I have generated the instant gallery section of this newsletter from the info in the slide show Craig produced.

## May 2 First Saturday

Craig again hosted our first Saturday Zoom meeting. We were again breaking new ground with our first video conferencing 1st Saturday meeting.

Members could use their phones or other digital cameras to show recent or special work they had done. Craig was prepared to demo things or show tips at his lathe but we had so many other activities we didn't get to those.

Several members showed turnings they had done. And several members gave shop tours by walking around with their phone cameras. We even got a tour of a rare (for central Texas) basement shop. It was very interactive. The Q&A periods were informative. It all went very well, except for Drew's remote Round Rock donut demo, very unsatisfying for the rest of us. However we

had ample opportunity to have our own sweets and coffee. Maybe Herb Ingram can sing us a ditty the next time. He seems to be an up and coming facebook star.

## SWAT News Steve Green

Well, that was interesting. Usually the SWAT Executive and Directors meetings are held in WACO, but this last meeting was held remotely via ZOOM. The silver-lining is that we all got a chance to experience ZOOM, some for the first time, and experienced some of the faults and short comings of this media but we persevered. So, here are the highlights:

**COVID-19:** Everything is pretty much locked down in WACO and the SWAT Executives will be waiting for advice from the local health departments to make a determination as to whether or not we hold our symposium as scheduled. The go/no-go date is set for June 1st, 2020. If we don't have clearance by then, then the symposium will be cancelled.

**Hotels:** The Hilton and Marriott are in lockdown, but their reservations centers will take your reservations. Of course, if SWAT is cancelled, then they will honor their cancellation policies but you'll have to notify them beforehand.

**SWAT Reservations:** the reservation system is open for business but in the event the symposium is cancelled, SWAT will refund your money. So go ahead and file your reservation.

There is a new registration system in place so expect a new and better process.

**Treasury:** SWAT is flush with money even if we must cancel. It will take a hit but otherwise, we're good.

**Beads of Courage:** Whether or not SWAT 2020 takes place, keep making those Beads of Courage boxes. They're needed by those kids afflicted with life threatening illnesses.

**Friday Night:** SWAT plans on having a "Turn and Discussion" event. More information will be sent.

**Raffle Items:** We are looking forward to turned art forms for the auction. There will be fewer items to keep the auction short but we are looking for new or experienced turners to submit your art as well. CTWA Board and Executives to submit persons who should be represented.

Respectfully submitted:

Steve Green,  
CTWA Director to SWAT

## 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/year, prorated \$3/month for new members. \$45/year for a family membership.

With your membership, whether you are experienced or a novice, we will teach you, or learn from you. You will 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 provides an extensive resource for articles, tips, and videos for all areas related to woodturning. AAW dues are Individual \$60 (\$50 for online); Family \$65 includes up to 3 family members in the same household. Visit the AAW website at [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) for full details and membership form.

### **Volunteer Your Shop For First Saturday**

- 1. It doesn't need to be big or fancy.**
- 2. We'll bring the lathes.**
- 3. You make the coffee.**
- 4. Drew Shelton brings Round Rock donuts and asks for donations from all who attend to help offset his costs.**
- 5. Have at least enough room for 1-2 turners (easy in the summer).**
- 6. Contact Joseph Schoenfeld to volunteer.**

### **2020 Calendar**

The calendar listing is an attempt to keep you informed on upcoming CTWA events and other events of interest to woodturners. All 3rd Tuesday CTWA meetings are at American Youthworks (AYW) 7-9 PM.

Check the website <http://CTWA.org> for latest information and map.

All 1st Saturday events are from 9 AM to noon. Events and dates are subject to change. Watch for emails and check the website for updates.

**May 19 Zoom Meeting**  
Invitation will be sent via email

**June 6 1st Saturday**  
TBD

**June 16 Zoom Meeting (assumed)**

**Aug 27 SWAT Setup Day**  
**Aug 28-30 SWAT**

### April Instant Gallery

<b>TURNER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>WOOD</b>	<b>FINISH</b>
Ralph Cox	11"x 5" Bowl	Spalted Hackberry	Spray Lacquer
Jack Besperka	Lamp	Mesquite	Varnish/Natural
Erik Peterson	Bowls	Mesquite	Tung Oil
Johnny Tolly	Hollow Forms (5)	Mesquite	Wipe on Poly
Johnny Tolly	BOC Box	Mesquite with Bowties	Colored Epoxy
Johnny Tolly	8" x 5.5" BOC	Hackberry	
Jimmy Tolly	BOC Boxes (4)	Magnolia	
Jimmy Tolly	BOC Boxes (5)	Mesquite	
Jimmy Tolly	Christmas Ornaments	Various Woods	
Jimmy Tolly	Bowls	Mesquite	
Jimmy Tolly	Bowl	Mesquite	Cortland Hunt's Sanding Wax
Jimmy Tolly	Garlic Keeper	Mesquite & Cedar Elm	
Jim Brinkman	14" Platter	Cedar Elm	Mahoney's Walnut Oil
Jim Brinkman	Lidded Vase	Spalted Pecan/Ebonized Maple	Deft Lacquer
Jim Brinkman	Lidded Box	Crepe Myrtle	Deft Lacquer
Darrell White	Chisel Mallets	Ash/ Cocobolo	Danish Oil
Darrell White	Pepper Mills	Charred Ash & ColorPly Ply-wood	Shellac + Wax
Darrell White	Bottle Stopper	Pecan	Danish Oil
Darrell White	Ocean's Platter	Ash	Interference Paints/ Lacquer
Herb Ingram	4 Bowls (17", 13", 10", 6.5" Diameters)	Ash - Cored from single log	Mylands Sanding Sealer + Bison Wax
Cortland Hunt	Walking Box	Mesquite/ Turquoise Inlay Dyed Maple Legs	Orange Oil + Beeswax
Cortland Hunt	Alien Boax	Big Leaf Maple Burl/Cocobolo	Orange Oil + Beeswax
Cortland Hunt	Shawl Pins	Cocobolo, Walnut, Yellow Heart, Zebrawood	
Courtland Hunt	Bracelets	Mesquite	

**April Instant Gallery - continued**

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Cortland Hunt	Winged Bowl	Magnolia	Orange Oil, Beeswax
Cortnad Hunt	Winged Bowl	Mesquite	
Cortland Hunt	Natural Edge Bowl	Mesquite	
Phillip Freeburg	12" x 5.5" Bowl	Afghan Pine	Deft Spray Lacquer
Phillip Freeburg	10" x 6" Bowl	Post Oak/dk Green Epoxy fill	Deft Spray Lacquer
Vaden Mohr-mann	Lidded Boax	Sycamore/Wormy Walnut Inlay	Sanded & Buffed
Vaden Mohr-mann	Egg	Maple Burl & Resin	Wax and Buffed
Gene Berry	9" Bowl	Mesquite, Mother of pearl inlay	Osomo Top Oil
Jim Spano	Crotch Winged Bowl	Magnolia, 6" x 6" x 1"	Danish Oil
Jim Spano	Off-center Bowl	Huisache, 5.5" x 1.25"	Wipe on Poly
Jim Spano	Bowl	Magnolia, 4.5" x 1.125"	Wipe on Poly
Drew Shelton	Natural Backed bowl	Vasticola Burl from Australia	Sanding Sealer Beall Buffed
Pat Jenkins	13"x 6" Bowl	Pecan	
Pat Jenkins	Dish	Cedar Elm	
Pat Jenkins	Lidded Box	Water Elm, Tulipwood knob	
Craig Timmer-man	Demo pieces	Mesquite and Elm	no finish

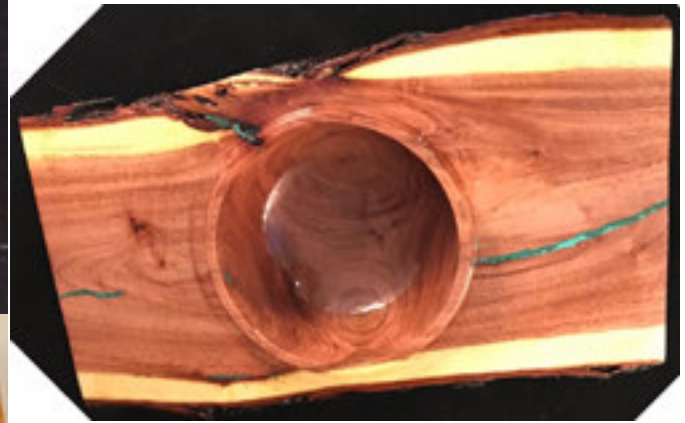


**Featured Turning**  
**Phil Freeburg's Cedar Elm BOC Box**



**Phil's Finishing Process:** “ Used colors green, blue, and royal blue Chestnut stain. Cover all over with green first. Then blended with blues deluted with alcohol. Finished with Mylands sanding sealer and Deft gloss spray.”



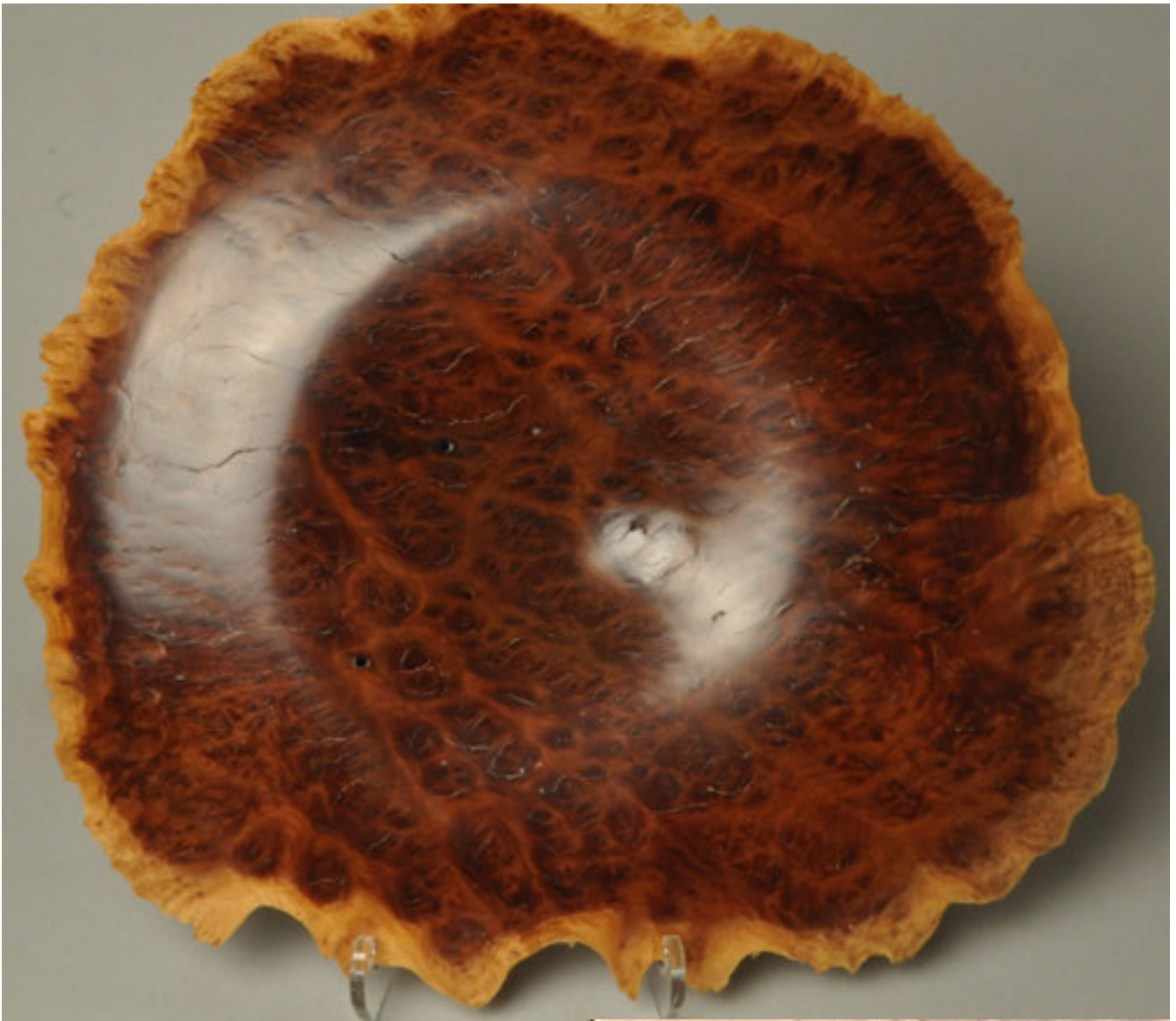




























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