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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
Tuesday April 20, 7 PM**

**Neal Brand will be demoing
spoons**

**President's Corner
Gary Beers**

Happy April!

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter and were able to fill their Easter basket full of goodies. ☺

Again, I want to express my appreciation for Craig, Austin, Drew, Gary Roberts, Dan Gillen, and Ralph Cox for all that they've done in keeping the club functioning with Zoom meetings, demonstrators, acquisition of wood, the storing of the wood and the newsletter.

Recently a member asked about the toxicity of a wood. I want to remind everyone that even though not all wood is toxic some people might have reactions to

any wood. So as a reminder ALWAYS wear PPE. At the least wear safety goggles, but wearing a face shield is better. To protect your lungs from sawdust and molds from spalted woods, either wear a face mask or another device that will keep them from being inhaled. Have fun turning but be safe.

Stay healthy! Happy turning.

**April 3, 2021
CTWA Board Meeting**

CTWA Board of Directors open meeting minutes.

On April 3 at about 10:25 AM on our Zoom First Saturday meeting Vaden called for an open meeting of the board members present to fill the CTWA SWAT Representative position after Steve Green resigned due to health reasons.

The board members present were Vaden Mohrmann, Chair, Len Brissette, Treasurer, Pat Jenkins,

Secretary and Drew Shelton, Director. Joseph Schoenfield, Vice Chair, was not present but had been notified of the meeting by voice message and email message earlier in the week.

President Mohrmann stated that Steve Green had to resign his position as the CTWA SWAT Representative due to health issues and that Jason Tunnel had volunteered to fill the position until our regularly scheduled election in November. All directors present voted in favor and President Mohrmann asked for comments from all present. After receiving none he closed the meeting at about 10:30 AM.

Pat Jenkins
Secretary

**Library Update
Suzi Parker**

Friends,

I now have the library at my house and would love to be send-

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ing out DVDs to folks in the club. If you need inspiration or help with a particular project, here's what to do:

Go to the CTWA.org website and find the Library tab under the MEMBERS menu

You can sort the library by clicking on any of the column headings. Pick out up to 5 DVDs that you would like. If you don't feel comfortable doing this, give me a call at 512-789-9368 and I can help you find something you like.

After I know what you want, I'll mail it (or them) to your house. Keep the DVDs as long as you need them. When you are finished, you can mail them back to me, or if you're in the area, drop them off at Westminster Manor, 4100 Jackson, #419, Austin, TX 78731.

When you send them back, please add the postage that I used to send them to you.

That's it! We have several hundred DVDs in the library, and all our efforts to organize the library will go to waste if you don't check them out!

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 for full details and membership form.

2021 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 Zoom meetings hosted by Craig Timmerman until further notice.

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.

March 6 First Saturday

**Tuesday, March 23 7 PM
Zoom Meeting**

April 3 First Saturday

**Tuesday, April 20 7 PM
Zoom Meeting**

We are holding virtual first Saturdays via Zoom meetings due to Covid-19 dangers until further notice.

Once it is safe to do so we will revert to our normal procedure documented below

**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.**

March 2021 Instant Gallery			
TURNER	DESCRIPTION	WOOD	FINISH
Jim Brinkman	Flying Saucer with Music Box	Cedar Elm, Mahogany, Walnut & Basswood	Lacquer
Jim Brinkman	Rectangular Dish with Offset Rings	Butternut	Deft, Buffed
Jim Brinkman	Lidded Vessel, Grecian Finial	Cedar Elm, Maple	Deft, Buffed
John Chate-lain	Segmented Vessel	Maple, Walnut, and Cherry	Waterlox, Buffed with Ren Wax
Ralph Cox	Eccentric Goblets	Oak	Deft Lacquer
Ralph Cox	Platter	African Mahogany & Yellowheart	Boiled Linseed Oil
Herb Ingram	Natural Edge Bowl with Turquoise Inlay, 10"	Honey Mesquite	
Herb Ingram	Bowl, 11"	Honey Mesquite	Odie's Oil
Herb Ingram	Ulu Knife Cutting Board	Weathered Honey Mesquite	
Pat Jenkins	Bowl	Cedar Elm	Oil
Pat Jenkins	Bowl	Cedar Elm	Oil
Pat Jenkins	Natural Edge Bowl	Hackberry	
Pat Jenkins	Bowl	Cedar Elm	Oil
Pat Jenkins	Natural Edge Bowl	Pecan	Wax
Pat Jenkins	Offset Natural Edge Bowl	Pecan	Oil
Jim Spano	Crotch Bowl, 6" x 5" x 1.25"	Pistachio	
Jim Spano	Threaded Lidded Box 1-5/8" x 1-5/8"	Pistachio	

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