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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

**Meeting
August 17, 7 PM**

**Demonstrator
Johnny Tolly
Mushrooms from small
Limbs**

American Youthworks – Austin TX
1901 East SH 71
¼ Mile East of I-35, South side of 71

**“First” Saturday Sept 11
Host – Orlando Banos**

President's Corner Gary Beers

Hi all,

I hope everyone is doing well
and staying healthy,

First, due to Delta variant of
COVID, Austin has gone to
Stage 5 protocol. Austin Public
Health says those that are
vaccinated should wear masks
and those that are partially/not
vaccinated should get vaccinated

and avoid gatherings. With that
said American Youthworks has
given the OK to hold our
meeting as long as we continue
to clean and sanitize. Just like
woodturning if you chose not to
wear PPE it is at your own risk,
it is a personal choice on
whether you wear a mask or not.

SWAT is right around the corner
and Pat Little still needs
volunteers to sell raffle tickets.

Due to prior commitments for
many, the wood cutting party
was not as big a success as the
one last March. Gary Roberts
and I would like to try again on
the 14th of August and then
again on the 18th of September.
If you can attend bring your
chainsaws. ☺

And sadly, I need to announce
that Kay Peterson, Erik's wife,
passed away last month after a
yearlong illness. Please keep
Erik's and Kay's family in your
thoughts and prayers. In lieu of

flowers, memorials to Kay can
be made to the Texas Hill
Country Rotary (PO Box 1591,
Marble Falls, TX 78654) or the
Highland Lakes Service League
(PO Box 1697, Marble Falls, TX
78654).

Stay healthy! Happy turning.

June Meeting Minutes Dwight Schaeper

President Gary Beers called the
meeting to order at 7:05 pm,
July 21, 2021.

New Member: Rudy Torres of
Oak Hill. Rudy has a Jet 1221
lathe and has taken one of David
Dick's classes at Woodcraft.

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SWAT: A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers for set-up on Thursday, August 26th and take-down on Sunday, August 29th. Set-up will begin at 8:00 am and take-down at 1:30 pm. If you didn't sign the list and would like to help, contact Marcia Tolly at marcia.tolly@gmail.com.

Pat Little needs volunteers to help sell tickets during SWAT.

Additional symposium information is available at, www.swaturners.org.

Program Chair: Let Gary Beers (gbeersjr@hotmail.com) know if you are interested in filling the vacant Program Chair position.

First Saturday: Thanks to Greg Stowers for hosting the August 7th first Saturday at his shop. 26 people attended the event. A special guest Joseph Marguez was in attendance. Joseph will be the store manager for the new Rockler store that will be opening in September with a grand opening in early October. The store will be located at 2701-A Parker Road Suite 200C in Round Rock Texas 78664.

After the event, several members went to Hat Creek to solve more of the world's problems.

September "First" Saturday will be September 11th due to the Labor Day weekend.

Texas Woodworking Festival: CTWA will have a 10 x 10 booth at the festival. The

festival will be September 4th from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at Fair Market, 1100 E 5th Street, Austin. Additional information is available at www.texaswoodworkingfestival.com.

CTWA Membership

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 as an attempt to keep you informed on upcoming CTWA events and other events of interest to wood turners.

Aug 17 Monthly Meeting AYW 7 PM
Johnny Tolly Demonstration of
Turning Mushrooms from limbs

Aug 26 SWAT Setup
Aug 27 - 29 SWAT
Aug 29 PM SWAT tear down

Sept 11 First Saturday hosted by
Orlando Banos

Sept 21 Monthly Meeting AYW 7 PM
Demo TBD

Oct 2 First Saturday hosted by
Suzi & John Parker

Oct 19 Monthly Meeting AYW 7 PM
Demo TBD

Nov 6 First Saturday hosted by
Chris Van Peski

Nov 16 Monthly Meeting AYW 7 PM
Demo TBD

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 the current club president to volunteer

INSTANT GALLERY

TURNER	DESCRIPTION	WOOD	FINISH
Jimmy Tolly	Red Vase	Cottonwood	Wax
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Johnny Tolly	BOC Parts		
Cortland Hunt	Hollow Vessel	Blue Eucalyptus Burl w/Red Eucalyptus Burl	Coyote Cream
Jim Brinkman	BOC	Red Oak	Deft
John Chatelain	BOC	Cherry	Water Lox
Len Brissette	Tea Pot	Mesquite	Deft
Saleem Shafi	Spoons	Maple, Walnut, Hackberry	Linseed Oil/Wax
Saleem Shafi	Pill Box	Hackberry	Lacquer
Saleem Shafi	Live Edge Bowl	Mesquite	Lacquer
Saleem Shafi	Tea Boxes	Elm and Walnut	Linseed Oil
John Parker	Collection of Live Oak Projects	Live Oak	Oil or None
Beth Watkins	Walnut Bowl	Walnut	Walnut oil

BRING BACK

WINNER	DESCRIPTION	WOOD/FINISH	TURNER
Pat Jenkins	Persimmon	Persimmon	Johnny Tolly
Jim Brinkman	Offset Vase	Mesquite with Deft	Jim Spano
Dan Gillen	Offset Vase	Red Bud with Deft	Jim Spano
Drew Shelton	Small Bowl	Hackberry with Deft	Jim Brinkman
Dan Gillen	Fibonacci Gauge	Birch Plywood	Len Brissette
Pat Jenkins	Oak Bowl	Sanding Paste and Wax	Johnny Tolly
Jim Brinkman	Bowl	Walnut with Sanding Paste and Wax	Johnny Tolly
Gary Beers	Bowl Started by Jack Besperka on 12/17/2017	Canary with Sanding Paste and Wax	Johnny Tolly

August 2021 Instant Gallery



John Chatelain BOC Boxes



Gary Roberts BOC Boxes, Spin top in each



Photo Credits to Drew Shelton



Cortland Hunt



Drew Shelton



Jim Brinkman



Jimmy Tolly



Jimmy Tolly



Jim Spano



John Parker





John Parker



Saleem



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**Johnny Tolly August
Meeting Demo**



Saleem



July 2021 Meeting Tips and Tricks

Johnny Tolly described his Beads of Courage lid making process and chain saw safety.

Len Brissette described jigs he uses for finishing hollow form bottoms.

Craig Timmerman discussed making sanding disks and platforms that can be used on the lathe. He also described a “V-Block” that is used when cutting round stock on the bandsaw. If your bandsaw has a miter slot, a miter bar can be added to the “V-Block” for additional stability and more accurate cuts.

Jimmy Tolly discussed his process for determining proper cremation URN sizes and using PVC and other plastic fitting for the lids. He distributed a sizing chart. (Mike Peace’s “Wood Turn a Cremation Urn” is available on YouTube).

Several members discussed safety, near and not-so-near misses.

- A. Always use the appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE).
- B. Turn-off unattended lathes and other power tools.
- C. Inspect blanks for defects prior to and during turning.
- D. Prevent unexpected distractions.
- E. Check lathe speed before starting the lathe.
- F. Know your limitations and if something doesn’t seem safe or right, STOP THE LATHE.
- G. Rockler has a two-page Woodturning Safety Tips PDF at <https://go.rockler.com/tech/woodturning-safety-tips.pdf>.

Tips and Tricks Photos





August 2021 First Saturday Hosted by **Greg Stower**



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