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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

April Meeting
Tuesday 4/18, 7 PM

Program
Demo: TBD

May 6, 1st Saturday
Host: Jim Brinkman

President's Corner By Gary Beers

Happy April Everyone!

I hope everyone had a good Easter weekend.

April's First Saturday went very well. There was about 37 or so members that attended. There were 3 lathes going at one time. Jimmy Tolly was demonstrating how he makes his bottle stops of wood and epoxy. Austin Krause showed how he makes his small vases. And Craig Timmerman was on the third one. I would like to thank John Chatelain for hosting.

Don't forget, in honor of Easter, I would like to have a "President's Challenge", which will be a turned egg. The egg can be wood, acrylic/epoxy, a box or whatever. It'll be interesting to see what members come up with.

In closing, don't forget this is tax month so if you need to pay federal taxes, you need to do it soon.

Happy turning,

Gary

April Meeting Minutes By Dwight Schaeper

The CTWA monthly meeting was called to order by President Gary Beers at 7:00 pm on March 21, 2023 at the American Youth Works facility.

Visitors – Recognized returning members were Austin Krause and Gene Berry.

Minutes – The minutes for the February 2023 meeting were approved.

SWAT – SWAT registration is open and the SWAT website contains room reservation links for the Marriott and Hilton hotels.

President's Challenge – The president's egg challenge will be at the April meeting.

Name Tags – See Gary Roberts for name tags.

Tools – Tools from Charlie Key are available for purchase/free will donation. Pay what you think is a fair price.

Meeting Options Survey – Aaron Story reported that 45 members have completed the survey. The survey will close on April 1, 2023.

Training – Saleem Shafi reported that Rockler will make their classroom available to club for training on Wednesday afternoons until 7:00 pm.

Instant Gallery – Saleem Shafi presented the Instant Gallery items.

Demonstration – Dean Ginther discussed & demonstrated photographing your woodturnings with a cell phone.

Bring Back Items – Kelly Shaw distributed the Bring Back Items and the meeting closed after all items were distributed.

Dwight Schaeper
Secretary

The Wood Depot

Gary Robert's, a CTWA founding member, donates his RV parking spot at his home to serve as a Wood Depot for our club.

Members who have, or find, extra wood can bring it to the wood depot so other members have access to free wood. Tools and material are available to seal the ends and mark its species. It is visible and accessible 24/7. Gary has a hydraulic lift table and a heavy duty 2-wheel dolly in his garage which are available if Gary is home.

Gary's Address:
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CTWA Membership

We welcome NEW MEMBERS to join our band of merry turners anytime. An interest in woodturning is the only requirement. Dues are \$41/year, prorated \$3/ month plus \$6 badge fee for new members. \$40/ year for a family membership.

<http://ctwa.org/pay-dues/> Is a link to the CTWA website page where you can join the club, pay your annual dues online, and subscribe to the CTWA.org email group. Members need to subscribe to this email group to keep up with what is going on in the club.

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.

2023 Calendar

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

Apr 1 – First Saturday
Host John Chatelain

Apr 18, Club Meeting. 7 PM
Demo: TBD

May 6, First Saturday
Host: Jim Brinkman/Jim Spano

May 16 Club Meeting
Demo: TBD

Jun 3, First Saturday
Host: Pat Jenkins

Jun 20. Club Meeting
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**

James Johnson Memories Submitted by Gary Roberts

Last week Gary Roberts went to Kerrville to have lunch and a visit with his longtime friend James Johnson.

James was instrumental in helping form our CTWA Chapter and was our second President.

James was, also, one of the four of us that started the Texas Turn or Two which became SWAT. When he moved from Bastrop to Kerrville, he founded that Kerrville Chapter, which is still thriving.

He has been voted "Honorary Life Member" of CTWA, SWAT, and the Kerrville Chapter.

When we had our first meeting James brought three really large vessels that he had turned on his shop-made lathe.

The photo on the next page is of one of those pieces. It is turned out of Cottonwood in 1983 or 84, it originally was 30" in diameter but has shrunk to 27", wall thickness is 1/4".

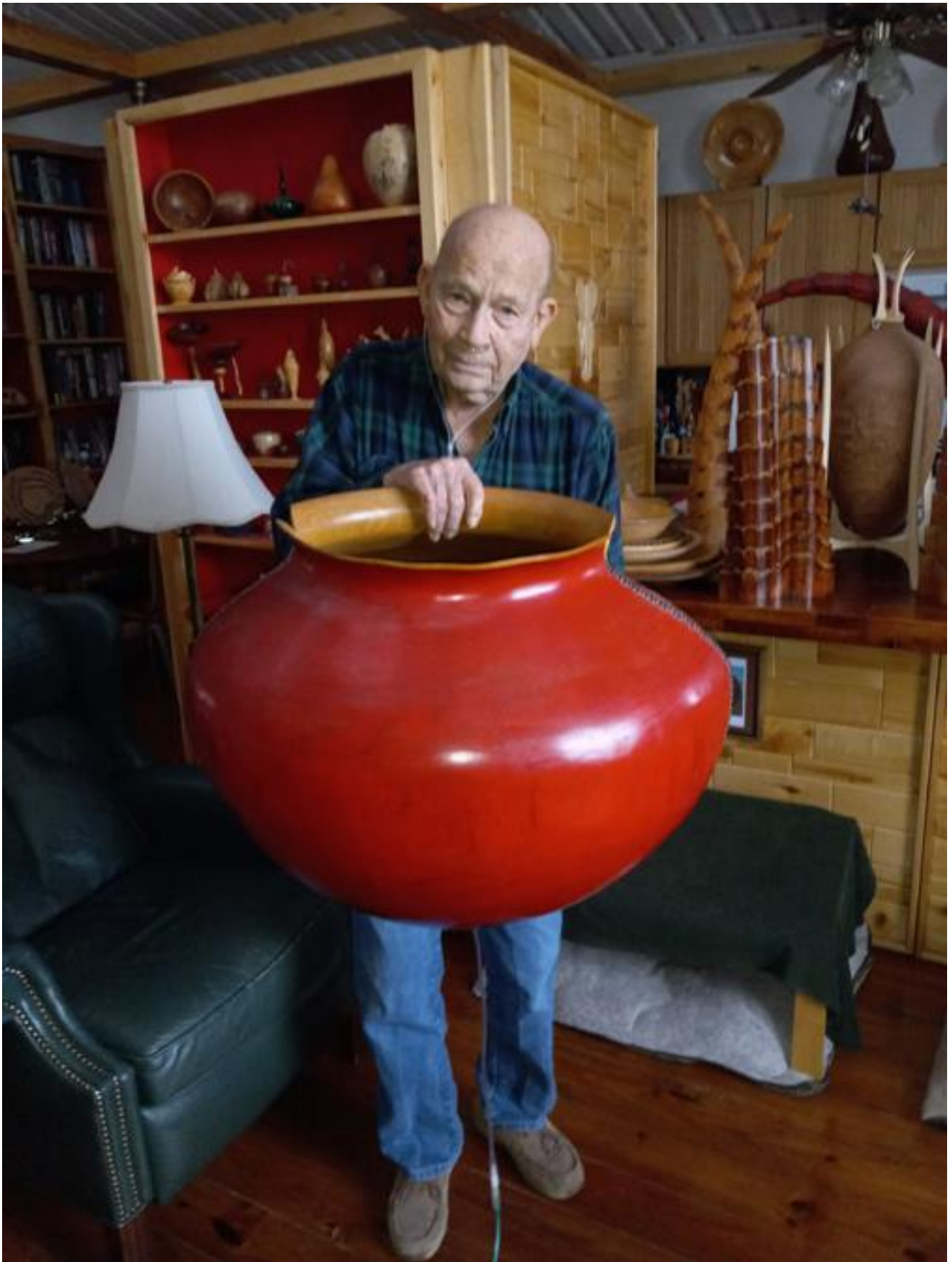
James would like to hear from any of our members and would welcome a visit to his shop and home.

James Johnson

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2023 CTWA First Saturday Schedule

Absence a reason to change the actual date, FIRST SATURDAY will be on the first Saturday of the month.

JANUARY	Dean Ginther	7901 Navajo Pass	Leander
FEBRUARY	Rockler	2701-A Parker Rd	Round Rock
MARCH	Gary Roberts	8613 Honeysuckle Tr.	Austin
APRIL	John Chatelain	3809 Deep Pocket Dr.	Leander
MAY	Jim Spano & Jim Brinkman	10003 Mandeville Cir	Austin
JUNE	Pat Jenkins	452 Golden Eagle	Dripping Springs
JULY	Orlando Banos	11321 Oak Branch Dr.	Austin
AUGUST	Tom Choate	2504 Sunny Point Dr.	Horseshoe Bay
SEPTEMBER	Lowell Williams	661North Creekwood Dr.	Driftwood
OCTOBER	Suzi & John Parker	17032 Rocky Ridge Rd.	Austin
NOVEMBER	Alan Loibl	125 Draper Lane	Bertram

March 2023 Instant Gallery

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TURNER	DESCRIPTION	WOOD AND FINISH
Dean Ginther	Crotch Sycamore Bowl	Sycamore
John Chatelain	10" x 13" Segmented Hollow vessel	OSB, Walnut, & Maple, Wipe on Poly
John Chatelain	Beads of Courage Box	Cherry cutoffs, Wipe on Poly
John Chatelain	Non-Segmented Bowl	Cedar Elm, Homemade abrasive paste
Mike Spranger	1 st Solo Bowl	Mesquite, Coyote Finishing Polish
Jim Moyle	Egg/Box	
Johnny Tolly	100 Spin Tops	For BOC Boxes
S. Gary Roberts	3 Bowls	Sycamore Scraps
Beth Watkins	Tree growing out of carved snakehead. Base by David Linkletter	Mesquite, Coyote AB paste & Polish
Jimmy Tolly	Vase from Westlake Ice Storm 4" x 7"	Sycamore, Black Paint + several coats of Iridescent
Terry Davidson	Bowl	Bois'd Ark
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Matt Wright	10" Platter	Cherry, Walnut Oil & Beeswax
Matt Wright	Bowl	Hackberry, walnut Oil & Beeswax
Matt Wright	Box	Sycamore, Walnut Oil & Beeswax
Zach Rubin	Small Plate	Walnut, Tung oil, Citrus Solvent

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Gary Roberts



Gary Roberts



Gary Roberts



John Chatelain
Non-Segmented Bowl



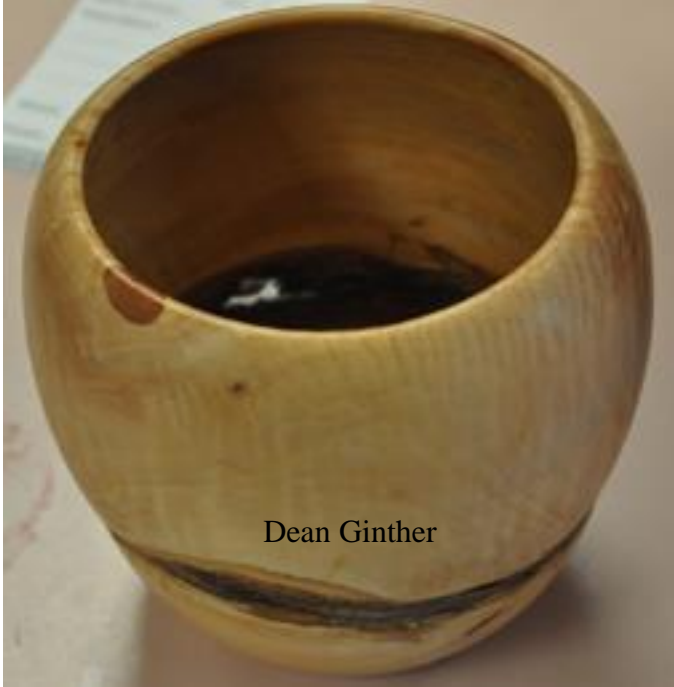
John
Chatelain



Beth Watkins



Jimmy Tolly



Dean Ginther

Johnny
Tolly



Mike
Spranger



First solo
Bowl



Mike
Spranger



John
Chatelain



Terry
Davidson



Terry
Davidson

March 2023 Bring Back Table		Photo Credits to Drew Shelton
Winner	Item	Donor
Brooklyn Shaw	Jar with Lid / ambrosia maple with resin insert	Jim Spano
Mike Josephs	Cherry ring bowl	Zach Rubin
Pat Jenkins	Black walnut blank	Mike Josephs
Zach Rubin	Pen Blanks	Johnny Tolly
Kelly Shaw	Madrone Awl from a drill rod	Pat Jenkins
John Chatelain	Pecan Awl from a drill rod	Pat Jenkins
Mike Josephs	China Berry Bud Vase	Zach Rubin
Mike Josephs	Ambrosia Maple jar with lid and resin insert	Jim Spano
Kelly Shaw	Maple Decoration CTW Logo	Jim Moyle
Gary Beers	Flower Pot	Jim Spano
Kelly Shaw	Cherry Wood Bowl Blank	Matt Wright
Jim Spano	Cherry Wood Bowl Blank	Matt Wright
Beth Watkins	Chechen Femi sphere	Drew Shelton
Zach Rubin	Pecan Clam Box	Jim Spano
Jim Brinkman	Easy Wood Rougher	Charlie Kay
Austin K	Small Walnut Plate	Zach Rubin
	Pen blanks	Johnny Tolly

Bring Back Items







March 2023 Demonstration – Photography by Dean Ginther



Dean's Slide Presentation in on the CTWA Website. Thanks for the presentation Dean.

April 1, First Saturday Hosted by John Chatelain

Thanks for hosting John Photo credits Drew Shelton

37 members attended this first Saturday event. Thanks to Austin Krause, Craig Timmerman, Jimmy Tolly, and Jim Spano for doing demonstrations.





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