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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

May Meeting
Tuesday May 16, 7 PM

Program
Demo: Spin Tops
by Johnny Tolly

Jun 3rd 1st Saturday
Host: Pat Jenkins

President's Corner
By Gary Beers

Happy May Everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well.

First Saturday for the month of May went very well. There was about 30 or so members that attended. There were 3 lathes going at one time. Saleem Shafi was demonstrating how he makes tops on one of the lathes. Austin Krause was working on turning a cherry box on his lathe. And S. Gary Roberts was on the third one teaching how he makes his

display "donuts". I would like to thank Jim Brinkman for hosting.

Happy turning,

Gary

Meeting Minutes By Dwight Schaeper

The April 18, 2023 meeting of the Central Texas Woodturners Association was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Gary Beers at the American YouthWorks facility.

Recognized new member was Lori Johnston and Tom Morrow was the recognized visitor.

The March 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

Jimmy Tolly introduced D. J. Bell from Mullet Tools. He demonstrated Mullet's high speed cyclone dust collector that is used with a shop vac. He also discussed other Mullet dust collection accessories. Mullet Tools is

located in Dripping Springs and additional information can be found at www.Mullettools.com

Reminder that SWAT is August 25, 26, and 27, 2023 at the Waco Convention Center.

Craig Timmerman demonstrated his process for turning single and multi-axis weed pots. Craig is also presenting this demo to the Diamond State Woodturners in the near future and will post a link to his video. Thanks to Craig for stepping in at the last minute to perform our demonstration.

The winners of the President's Egg Challenge were:

1st – Len Brissette
2nd – Beth Watkins
3rd – Saleem Shafi

The meeting concluded with the distribution of the Bring Back Table items.

Dwight Schaeper
Secretary

May Demo

Johnny Tolly will be doing the May monthly club demonstration.

Johnny will demo how he makes the epoxy spin tops that he freely gives to sick children with his Beads of Courage boxes.

The demo will include how to properly mix the epoxy with mica powders. Tricks for pouring the epoxy, then how to cut, drill and glue in wooden dowels. Following will be how to turn, sand and polish the epoxy. There will be several tricks that Johnny will share during the demonstration.

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:
8613 Honeysuckle Trail
Austin, TX 78759
(Near 183 & Mopac)
Cell: 512-345-1521

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.

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

May 16 Club Meeting
Demo: Spin Tops
By: Johnny Tolly

Jun 3, First Saturday
Host: Pat Jenkins

Jun 20. Club Meeting
Demo: TBD

July 1, First Saturday
Host: Orlando Banos

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**

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

April 2023 Instant Gallery

Photo Credits to Drew Shelton

TURNER	DESCRIPTION	WOOD AND FINISH
Dave Wolter	Bowl	Mesquite, Danish Oil
Beth Watkins	Hollow Form	Southern White Oak, Colored with Intrinsic Coloure by Hampshire Sheen
Saleem Shafi	Box	Sycamore/Cherry, BLO
Sam Angelo	Pen	Walnut Burl,
Sam Angelo	Bowl	Douglas Fir
Hardy Hobbs	Snow men	Hard Maple, Friction Polish
Hardy Hobbs	Awls	Elm/Walnut, Friction Polish
S. Gary Roberts	Banksia Pod egg	Ring out of poplar, Deft & Buff
S. Gary Roberts	Egg & Stand	Bradford Pear. Deft & Buff
Jim Brinkman	Grecian Urn	Cedar Elm, Deft +
Jim Brinkman	Grecian Vase	Ash, Deft +
Jimmy Tolly	Concho Bottle Stoppers	Various Woods, Coyote wood finishes Lazy Susan & Concho purchased from Charlie Kay's Garage Sale
Terry Davidson	Double 3 Corner Bowl	Spalted Pecan, Behr Semi-Gloss finish
Richard Margar	2 Bowls	Ash & Pecan, Danish Oil & Beall buff
Beth Watkins	Rabbit in a Hat	Walnut & Hackberry
Gary Beers	Box	Cherry & Texas Ebony, Walnut Oil
Jim Brinkman	Vase	Cedar Elm, Deft +
Greg Stowers	Bowl	Cherry, Carnauba Wax
Zach Rubin	Spice Bowl	Cherry, Tung Oil, Citrus Solvent
Zack Rubin	Spice Bowl	Cherry, Tung Oil, Citrus Solvent
Pat Jennings	Bowl	Hackberry, Wax
Austin Krause	Jelly Bean Jar	Brown Wood, Wax
Beth Watkins	Rabbit & clay figures inside a lighted egg. Inspired by Panoramic sugar egg by Beth's mother in 1960	

April 2023 Bring Back Table		Photo Credits to Drew Shelton
Winner	Item	Donor
Gary Beers	Cherry Spice Bowl	Zach Rubin
Gary Beers	4 Pen Blanks	Johnny Tolly
Zach Rubin	Incredible Cherry and Ebony Lidded Box	Gary Beers
Hardy Hobbs	Mesquite Mason Jar (lidded)	Austin Krause
Kelly Shaw	Walnut Awl	Hardy Hobbs
Kelly Shaw	Cherry bowl	Greg Stowers
Kelly Shaw	Rabbit in a Hat -walnut and hackberry	Beth Watkins
Austin Krause	Cedar Elm Vase	Jim Brinkman
Austin Krause	Cherry Spice Bowl	Zach Rubin
Austin Krause	Walnut Awl	Hardy Hobbs
Austin Krause	Hackberry Bowl	Pat Jenkins



Panoramic Easter egg with turned rabbit in bradford pear by Beth Watkins. Other items inside are made from clay. This egg is inspired by the panoramic sugar egg made by Beth's mother in the 1960s shown in the photos below.



Beth Watkins



LIGHT SWITCHES ARE IN THE BOTTOM OF THE STAND.





Austin Krause



Beth Watkins



Beth Watkins



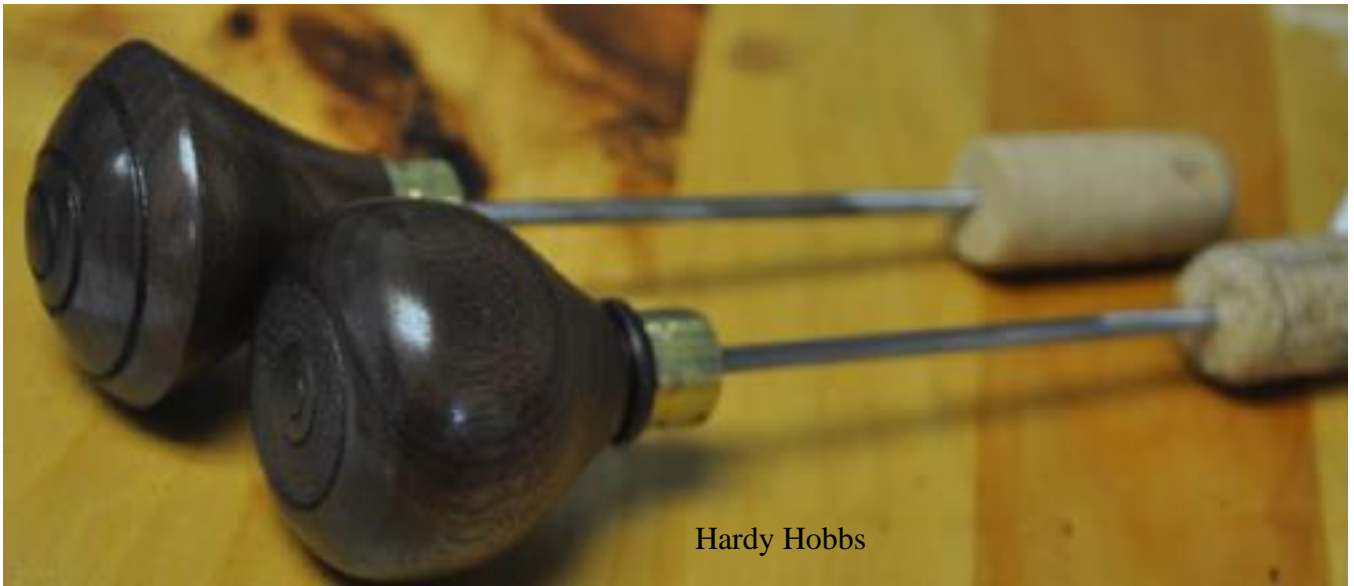
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Hardy Hobb



Hardy Hobbs



Sam Angelo



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Gary Roberts



Jim Brinkman



Jim Brinkman



Gary
Beers



Jim
Brinkman



Jimmy Tolly



Greg
Stower



Pat
Jenkins



Saleem
Shafi

Sam
Angelo



Terry Davidson



Zack
Rubin



Zack
Rubin



President's Challenge – Easter Theme





April 2023 Demonstration -Weed Holder by Craig Timmerman



Parting off



Preparing for offset version





May 6, 2023 First Saturday Hosted by Jim Brinkman & Jim Spano

Thanks for hosting Jim B & Jim S. Photo credits to Jim Brinkman







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