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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

*Please pay your
2024 club dues if
you have not done
so.*

January Meeting
Tuesday 1/16, 7 PM

Program

Demo: Waukeene
Victor Offset Turning
Handout included later
in the newsletter

First Saturday
Saturday Feb 3

Hosts: Clyde & Pat
Little

President's Corner **By Saleem Shafi**

Happy New Year to everyone! I'm honored and really excited to get a chance to lead this club as president, and I have to start by

thanking Gary Beers for all the great work he's done over the last few years. Between him and Cortland, they've led the club for the last 4+ years, including through COVID-19. Also, thanks to the Little's for another wonderful holiday party, and to Craig for inviting us over to his place for First Saturday to steal all his stuff.

We've got a lot of great programs coming up for the club. Kelly has a bunch of cool demos lined up for us, Beth is kicking off her tenure class coordinator with a new beginner's class, and Jim has a full calendar of First Saturdays to look forward to.

One of the things we always do at the beginning of the year is focus on club membership. Congratulations to Jim Brinkman and Craig Timmerman for being our new Lifetime members. The rest of you need to pay your membership dues if you haven't already. Aaron has made it really easy for us to pay on the website, or you

can get in touch with him and Len, if you prefer to do so in-person.

But more than just dues, our club thrives on the participation of our members, whether it's presenting demos, mentoring new turners, providing questionable advice at First Saturdays, sharing your turnings, or even just attending the club events. We have a lot of different activities and different ways to get involved, so my ask for all of you is to think about how you can contribute to the club that I know you all get so much out of. If someone has already taken a particular role / function officially, reach out to them and offer some help. If you have an idea for something new or different, let me know and we'll see how we can make it happen.

Looking forward to see everyone at the meeting on Tuesday, and to all that we have planned for 2024!

Nov. 23' Meeting Minutes By Dwight Schaeper

The November monthly meeting of the Central Texas Woodturner's Association was called to order by President Gary Beers at 7:00pm on November 21, 2023 at the American YouthWorks (AYW) facility.

American YouthWorks Update:

Parc Smith, AYW CEO explained the different AYW functions students learn. These functions include IT, Health, Construction Management, Conservation, and Disaster Relief. The AYW website, www.americanyouthworks.org contains additional information. Participants can earn \$15+/hour and about 350 individuals participate annually. The annual fund raiser will be February 8, 2024. CTWA will collect turning donations at the January, 6, 2024 1st Saturday. AYW is currently having a coat drive. Gift card donations are also acceptable. There will be a coat give-away on December 4, 2023. AYW is also collecting professional attire for men.

Christmas Party:

Drew Shelton reminded the club of the Christmas Party on December 2nd. If you wish to participate in the gift

exchange, bring an example of your best turning. The turning should be wrapped without a name tag.

Minutes Approval:

The October 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

Visitors:

Zane Valdez from Georgetown was the recognized visitor.

2024 Officers and Volunteers:

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SWAT Representative – Cortland Hunt

1st Saturday Coordinator – Jim Brinkman

Webmaster – Vaden Mohrmann

A/V Coordinator – David Linkletter

A/V Assistant – Vacant

Teaching – Beth Watkins

Instant Gallery:

Saleem Shafi presented the Instant Gallery.

Demonstration:

Dean Ginter discussed Laser Engraving and his procedures/processes.

President's Ornament Challenge Winners:

Traditional – Gary Roberts

Unique – Johnny Tolly

Bring Back Table

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

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:

8613 Honeysuckle Trail
Austin, TX 78759

(Near 183 & Mopac)
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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.

Current Bring back Status

Gary Beers owes seven bring backs
Dr. Mike Josephs owes one.
Clint Hoyle owes two.
Kelly Shaw owes three.
Brooklyn Shaw owes one
Jim Moyle owes two
Alan Loibl owes two.
Gary Beers owes seven bring backs
Richard M owes one
Bill Loudon owes one
Orlando owes two.
Nate Sandler owes FIVE
Gary Beers owes seven bring backs
Zach Rubin owes 2
Len Brissette owes one
Greg Stowers owes two
and also Gary Beers owes seven bring backs.

Zach donated a Cherry Platter Blank he picked up on a trip to New Hampshire and Courtland was the recipient of it.

That means this month (hypothetically) we will get to see an item Courtland made from that cherry blank - and Courtland will be bringing a wood blank to donate.

Member Tips

Tom Miller recommended a video from Mike Peace titled “Closing your shop for the last time”. It not a topic we like to think about or discuss but it happens and Mike has some good suggestions. We should prepare for events that cause us to stop turning, not just the ultimate reason (our death). You can google Mike Peace Closing your shop for the last time video. I think it’s worth a look.

2024 Calendar

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

Jan 16 7 PM, Club Meeting
Demo: Waukeene Vinson
Offset Tuning

Feb 3 First Saturday
Hosted by Clyde & Pat Little

Feb 20 Club Meeting
Demo: Saleem Shafi
Puzzle Sphere

Mar 2 First Saturday
Hosted by Bob Duncan

Mar 19 Club Meeting
Demo: Drew Shelton
Epic Saturn Bowls

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 Jim Brinkman to volunteer**

November 2023 Instant Gallery		
TURNER	DESCRIPTION	WOOD AND FINISH
Johnny Tolly	Christmas Trees	Cedar, Hunter reverse angled viceroy tool
Johnny Tolly	Bowl with 12 bow-ties	Mesquite with gold mica powder & epoxy
Johnny Tolly	Bowl	Mesquite with gold mica & epoxy
Johnny Tolly	Bowl rough turned by Craig Timmerman	Red Elm, Coyote sanding paste and wax
Johnny Tolly	Bowl rough turned by CT	Pecan, coyote sanding paste & wax
John Chatelain	Fruit Bowl with segmented feature ring 12 x 4" 244 segments	Walnut and Cherry, finished with Liberon oil, black Bison Wax and buffed
John Chatelain	Pointy Thing 8.5 x 4" 162 segments	Cherry, Wipe on poly
John Chatelain	Test Vase w/ burn spots	4 x 2", 64 segments, Lacquer
Len Brissette	Hollow Form w/ Brass inlay	Lysiloma Sabicu, Tried & True
Len Brissette	Router embellished hollow form	Pecan & Mesquite, Lacquer
Dwight Schaefer	Colored Rim Platter	Maple, Wipe on poly
S. Gary Roberts	Bark Edge Bowl	Pecan, Deft & Buffed
S. Gary Roberts	Lidded Bowl	Chinaberry, Deft & Buffed
Kelly Shaw	Overlapping Rings, Jim Duxbury woodturning magazine issue 388	Jatoba, Lacquer
Kelly Shaw	Bird House & Lidded Box Burned Embellishment	Walnut/Cedar Elm/Burlwood, Paint/wax
Bill Willams	Napkin Rings & Box	Spalted Tamarind & Walnut, Finish – Oil based Armor Seal
Pat Jenkins	Bowl w/ piercing embellishment	Pecan, Deft
Johnny Tolly	Bowl	Cedar Elm, Coyote finishing product
Cortland Hunt	Acorn Bird House	?
Cortland Hunt	Bee Hive	Maple

November 2023 Bring Back Table

Winner	Item	Donor
Greg Stowers	Offset Maple Pendant	Kelly Shaw
Clint Hoyle	Salt and Pepper Mills	Jerry Whiteaker
Kelly Shaw	Perforated Pecan Bowl	Pat Jenkins
Greg Stowers	Kaleidoscope	Jim Moyle
Orlando Banos	Votive Stand	Clint Hoyle
Clint Hoyle	Cedar Elm Bowl	Johnny Tolly
Len Brissette	Votive / Candle stand	Clint Hoyle
Kelly Shaw	Christmas Ornament	Pat Jenkins
Zach Rubin	Lantern / Tea Light	Kelly Shaw
Kelly Shaw	Beehive Ornament	Courtland Hunt
Jim Moyle	Bird House Ornament	Courtland Hunt
Zach Rubin	? (Not legible)	John Chatelain
Courtlan Hunt	Cherry Blank from New Hampshire	Zach Rubin

FIRST SATURDAY SCHEDULE 2024

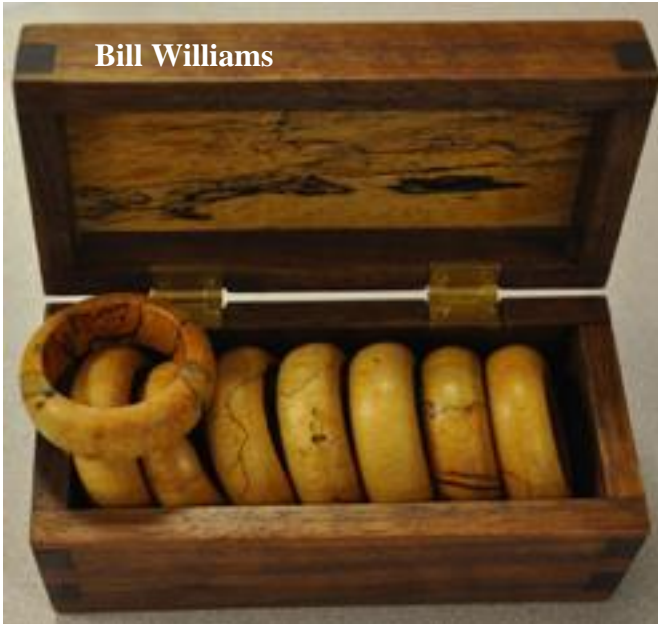
MONTH	HOST	ADDRESS	City	Tel. No.
JANUARY 6	Craig Timmerman	13124 South Madrone Tr.	Austin	512-773-9976
FEBRUARY 3	Pat & Clyde Little	14307 Geronimo St	Volente	512-413-6931
MARCH 2	Bob Duncan	109 Ridgecrest Road	Georgetown	512-930-8513
APRIL 6	John Chatelain	3809 Deep Pocket Dr.	Leander	281-798-8025
MAY 4	Roy Martz	1504 Wethersfield Rd.	Austin	512-850-1723
JUNE 1	Gary Roberts	8613 Honeysuckle tr.	Austin	512-345-1521
JULY 6	Chris Van Peski	364 Colorado Dr.	Cedar Creek	512-303-1590
AUGUST 3	Pat Jenkins	452 Golden Eagle	Dripping Springs	903-926-5180
SEPTEMBER 7	Kelly Shaw	1501 Sage Boot Dr.	Pflugerville	512-621-6519
OCTOBER 5	Suzi & John Parker	17031 Rocky Ridge Rd,	Austin	512-266-0824
NOVEMBER 2	Beth Watkins	3404 Treadsoft Cove	Austin	512-970-6439
DECEMBER ?	Christmas Party @Littles	14307 Geronimo St	Volente	512-413-6931

CTWA 2024 Demonstration Schedule

These demonstrations take place during our monthly club meetings. You will notice that in a few cases demonstrators from outside our club will offer classes (for a fee) during the week of the club meeting. Please contact Kelly Shaw via text 512-621-6519 or email at haxcit@gmail.com if you are interested in taking these classes.

January	Waukeene Vinson - Corpus Christi	Off Center and Multi Axis Turning Vases and Birds
February	Saleem Shafi	The Incredible Puzzle Sphere
March	Drew Shelton	Epic Saturn Bowls
April	Nick Agar (England/Georgia)	Viking Sunset Bowl - Classes available Mon. Through Wed.
May	Billy Burt	Calabash Bowl and Guidelines
June	Courtland Hunt	Native American Wind Instruments
July	Vaden Mohrmann	Waterfall Pedestal Bowl with Finial lid
August	Rebecca Degroot	Walking Tea-pots - Classes available Tue. through Wed.
September	Lynn Brissette	Production Turning - Making Unique Multiples (Jewelry Boxes)
October	John Chatelain	Nutcracker - Take your Spindle Turning, Paint and Patience to the next level
November	Johnny and Jimmy Tolly	Tis the Season! Turn some Christmas Ornaments! (cube/hollow/inside out)

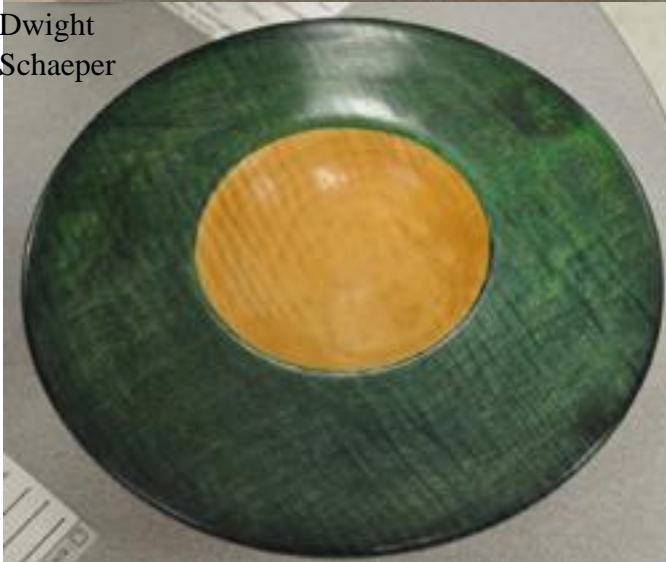
November 2023 Instant Gallery



Bill Williams



Cortland Hunt



Dwight Schaeper



Cortland Hunt



Gary Roberts



Gary
Roberts



John
Chatelain



Three Cedar Christmas Trees,
turned out with the faster reverse
angled wheel tool.

Johnny Tolly

Johnny Tolly



John
Chatelain



Johnny



Johnny



Johnny



Johnny



Kelly Shaw



Kelly Shaw

John
Chatelain

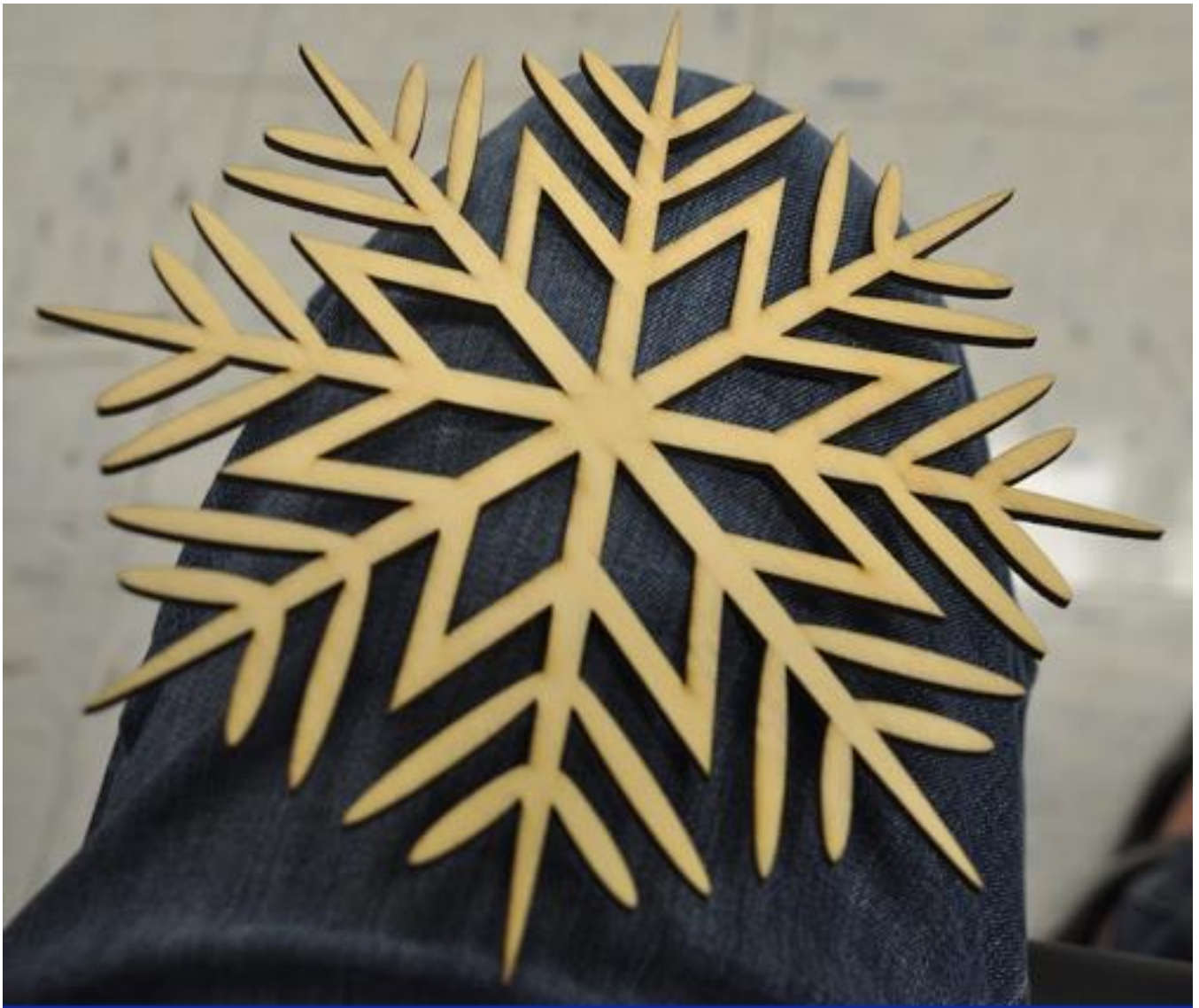


November 2023 Demo
Laser Engraving by Dean Ginther





Example Engraving



Example Laser Cutout

November 2023 Bring Back Table

Photo Credits – Drew Shelton





Central Texas Woodturners Association Meeting

Demo

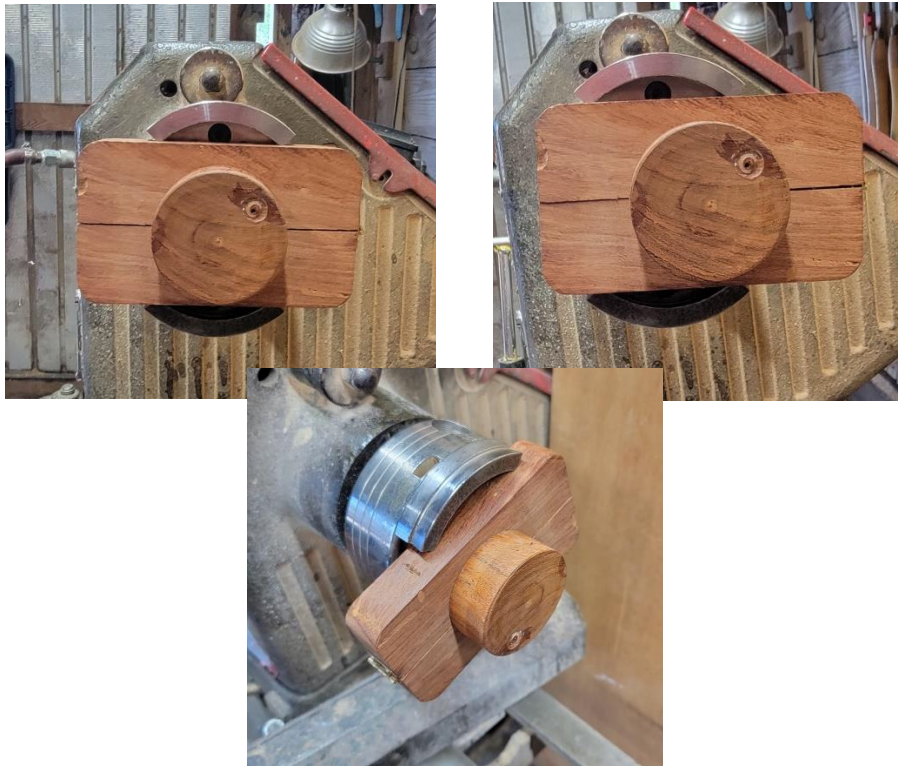
Offset wood Turning Jigs

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Demo Topic: Offset wood Turning Jigs

If any of you have attended the Worldwide Woodturners zoom meeting on Wednesday nights you would be familiar with a shop made jig, we named the Duxbury Offset Jig, Jim Duxbury has shared in the Woodturning Magazine. By removing two of the jaws from a chuck to assist in clamping a wood cinching type jig as seen in pictures below. May turn the duck on it.

The last couple of months I've also been turning with the Ruth Niles Journey Offset Pendant Jig. The turning results are many possibilities for abstract type pendants. I plan to use the Journey Offset Jig to demo turning a couple styles of pendants. I also have discovered some shop made offset jigs that have the same possibility as using the Journey Offset Pendant Jig. And demoing other shop made offset turning jigs permitting time allow us



Jim Duxbury Offset Jig

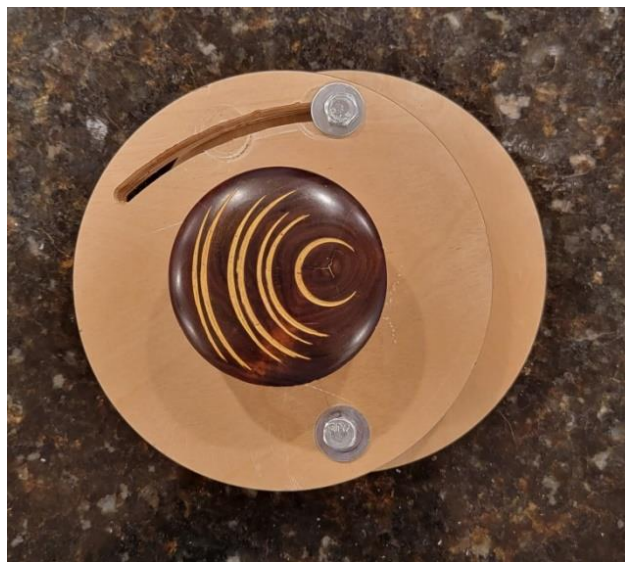


Demo Topic: Offset wood Turning Jigs

I discovered The Paul Howard offset jig on one of Pat Carroll demo. Paul Howard is from the UK. Paul is famous for the many jigs he's invented using the routers in his wood turning work. This jig, I will be using to demo an offset weed vase as shown.







I have taken the Paul Howard Offset Turning Jig, modified it where it could be used to do the same thing with it as I could do on the Journey Offset Turning Jig. I use it for turning the lattice center and offset center on the opposite side.



Ruth Niles Journey offset Pending Jig

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Ruth Niles Journey offset Pending Jig





**Mesquite Offset
Beaded Pendant**



**Texas Ebony
Comet Design**



Corin

2023 Christmas Party – Hosted by Pat and Clyde Little
Photo Credits to: Drew Shelton









Jim Brinkman
Awarded Lifetime Membership

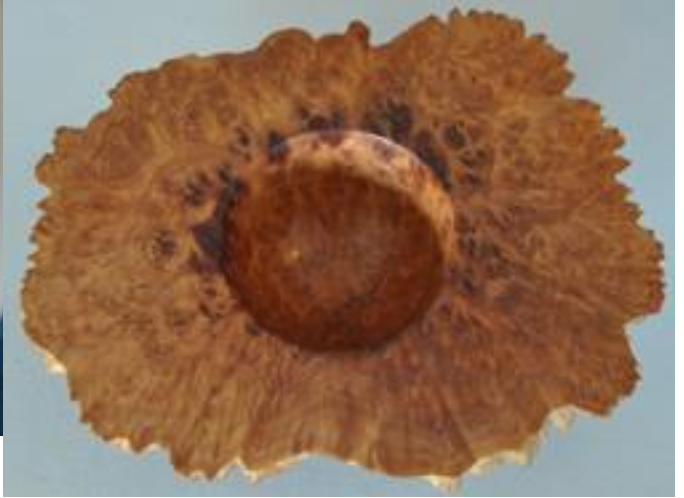
Christmas Party – Gift Exchange

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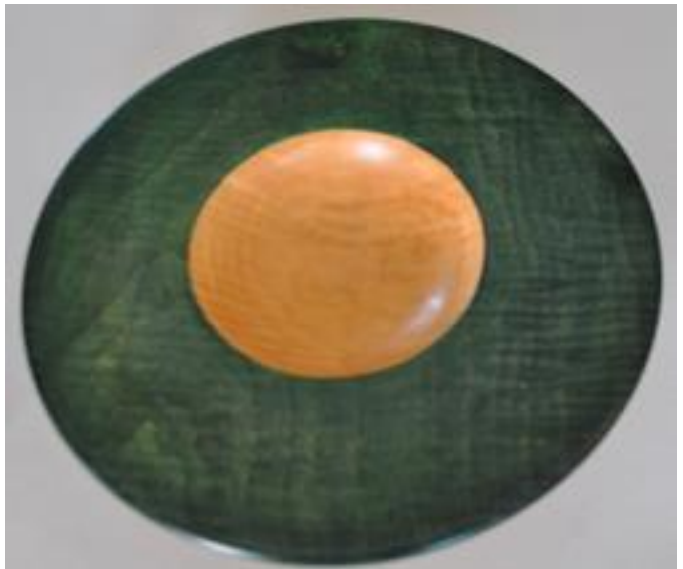
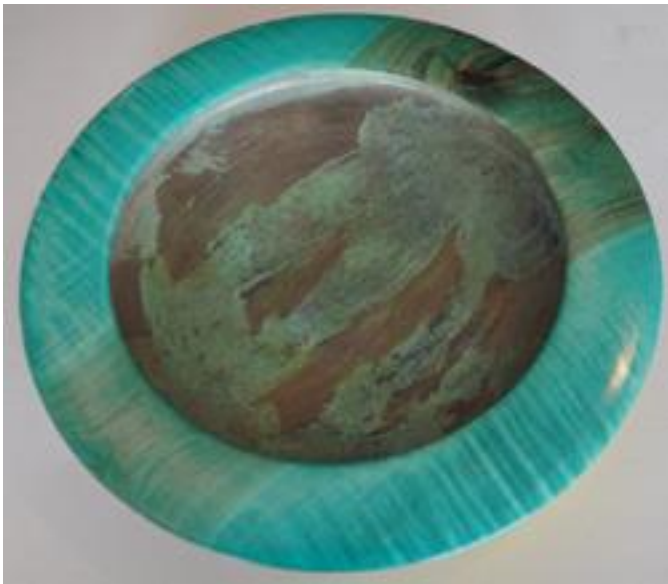












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