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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.*

February Meeting
Tuesday 2/20, 7 PM

President's Challenge
Multi-axis Turnings

Program

Demo: Saleem Shafi
Puzzle Sphere

First Saturday
Saturday Mar 2
Host: Bob Duncan

President's Corner By Saleem Shafi

I want to thank everyone for an action-packed first month of the year. The Tollys brought us enough wood to have a chainsaw party. The next weekend we got together

for First Saturday and did some sharpening, as well as some cool demos by Gary Roberts. Many of us also went to help Craig get packed up for his move. Then, we went back to the Little's for a great Beginner's Class, and having Jim Spano join us after his accident was icing on the cake.

As much fun as all of the events themselves were, I was particularly encouraged to see so many new folks taking charge. Mike Josephs took over most of the chain sawing duties since many of our regulars couldn't make it. Beth organized her first beginner's class where we had first-time teachers Austin and Pat Jenkins. John Chatelain also has the outreach work off to a good start with an event at Rockler at the end of the month.

There's a bunch of stuff happening in the background, so hopefully we can keep this momentum going and there'll

be even more stuff to talk about next month!

As always, if you have any ideas for the club or want to find a way to get more involved, just let me know

Jan 16 Meeting Minutes By Dwight Schaeper

The January monthly meeting of the Central Texas Woodturner's Association was called to order at 7:00 pm on January 16, 2024 by President Saleem Shafi at the American YouthWorks (AYW) facility.

Dues can be paid on-line at www.ctwa.org. Members are encouraged to become members of the American Association of Woodturners.

Zack and Clint have volunteered to help improve our website.

Beth Watkins will conduct a beginner's class the second weekend of February.

Tool sharpening will occur at the February 1st Saturday gathering.

Periodic workshops will occur on Wednesdays at the Rockler Round Rock classroom. These will be hands-on workshops not demonstrations.

Additional wood was delivered to the Wood Depot and it's time for a chain-saw party.

Education is part of the CTWA mission statement. The club should explore ways to increase public education of woodturning. Previously turnings were exhibited at the airport. Suggestions included participating in craft fairs and high school fund raisers. John Chatelain will lead this outreach effort.

Parc Smith from AYW expressed their appreciation for the fund raiser turning donations and coat donations. AYW has December and summer graduation. CTWA provides an opportunity for graduating seniors to turn a pen.

Minutes for the November 2023 meeting were approved.

Reminder that if you received an item or items from the Bring Back Table, please bring items for the table at the next meeting.

The President's Challenge for February is to turn something off-center.

Bring your Christmas Party gifts to the February meeting.

Instant Gallery - Orlando Banos presented the Instant Gallery turnings.

Demonstration – Waukeene Vinson demonstrated his method for off-center turning. He was influenced by Barbara Dill.

Bring Back Table – Kelly Shaw distributed the Bring Back Table items.

The meeting concluded after the Bring Back Table 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:
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.

Zach will be bringing a wood blank to donate.

Member Tips

No member tips this month.

Current Bring back Status

Bring Backs

Saleem owes two!

Clint Hoyle owes one

Kelly Shaw owes three.

Brooklyn Shaw owes one

Jim Moyle owes two

Alan Loibl owes one.

Richard M owes one

Bill Loudon owes one

Orlando owes two.

Nate Sandler owes three

Len Brisette owes three

Greg Stowers owes two

Pete owes one

Jimmy Tolly owes one

Jim Spano owes one

Mike Spranger owes one

Gary Beers owes seven bring backs.

Courtland donated a Maple Blank and Zach was the recipient of it.

That means this month (hypothetically) we will get to see an item Zach made from that maple blank - and

2024 Calendar

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

Feb 10-11 Beginner Class
Beth Watkins Organizing
Clyde & Pat Little Hosting

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**

| Jan 2024 Instant Gallery | | |
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| TURNER | DESCRIPTION | WOOD AND FINISH |
| Dave Wolter | Salad Bowl | Walnut, Mahoney's utility oil |
| Dave Wolter | Hollow Form | Mystery Wood, Walnut Finial Mahoney's oil & Wax Finish |
| Dave Wolter | Toy Soldier | Maple & Lots of paint |
| Herb Ingram | Cup | Oak Burl/Resin, Wax |
| Herb Ingram | Rolling Pin | Mesquite, Brazilian Ebony. Tried & True |
| Herb Ingram | Plate | Mesquite/Resin, Tried & True |
| Darrell White | Platter | Walnut, Lacquer |
| Darrell White | Acorn Box | Osage Orange/East Indian Rosewood Danish Oil |
| Darrell White | Bowl | Osage Orange, Danish Oil, Beall Buff |
| Roy Martz | Bowl | Spalted Hackberry, Dyed Maple Lid, Ebony Finial, Coyote polish & Lacquer |
| Brent Hollingsworth | Bowl | Bradford Pear, Mahoney's Oil & Wax |
| Brent Hollingsworth | Disc Bowl | Maple, Deft Lacquer |
| John Chatelain | Globe Planet far, far away | OSB & Walnut, Rattle can Poly |
| Len Brissett | Hollow Form w/ pyrography | Mesquite, Deft |
| Len Brissett | Box w/ color band (Construction Paper) | Mesquite, Deft |
| Len Brissett | Vase w/ Color Band (Construction Paper) | Mesquite, Deft |
| Zane Valdes | Bowl | Cocobolo Scraps, Bumblechutes Wood Conditioner |
| Zane Valdes | Wood/Epoxy Lidded Box | Sugar Maple/Walnut Epoxy, Mahoney's Walnut Oil |
| Zane Valdes | Laminate Mint Bowl | Mesquite/Walnut/Canary wood. Mahoney's Walnut Oil |
| Mike Josephs | Sphere & Ring | Mesquite & Bradford Pear, Deft |
| Cortland Hunt | Bowl | Box Elder, Lacquer |
| Cortland Hunt | Bowls | Butternut, Coyote Finishing Cream |
| Sarah Spangler | 1 st Pen | Figured Maple, Mylands |
| Cortland Hunt | Bowls | Butternut, Coyote Finishing Cream |
| Cortland Hunt | Lidded Bowl | Hackberry & dyed Maple burl, Coyote Finishing Cream |
| Cortland Hunt | Bowl | Butternut & Walnut Coyote Finishing Cream |
| Cortland Hunt | Jewelry Dish | Olive & Tagua, Coyote Finishing Cream |

| Jan 2024 Bring Backs | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Winner | Item | Donor |
| Saleem | Canary Wood Wand | Clint Hoyle |
| Pete | Mesquite Bowl | Nate Sandler |
| Johnny Tolly | Mesquite Bowl | Zach |
| Jim Spano | Segmented Turning | Alan Loibl |
| Len | Napkin Rings | Mike Josephs |
| Mike Spranger | Hackberry Dish | Nate Sandler |
| Saleem | Mesquite Bowl | Zach |
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| | Wood Swap | |
| Zach | Maple Blank | Courtland |

| 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.

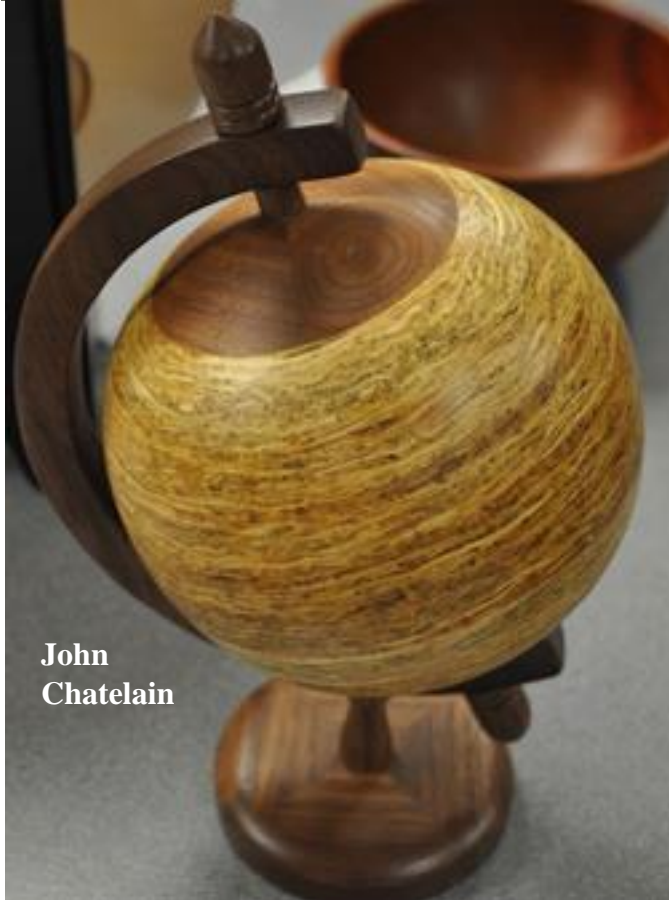
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| January | Waukeene Vinson - Corpus Christi | Off Center and Multi Axis Turning Vases and Birds |
| February | Saleem Shafi | The Incredible Puzzle Sphere |
| March | Drew Shelton | Epic Saturn Bowls |
| April | Nick Agar (England/Georgia) | Viking 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) |



Brent
Hollingworth



Brent
Hollingswor



John
Chatelain



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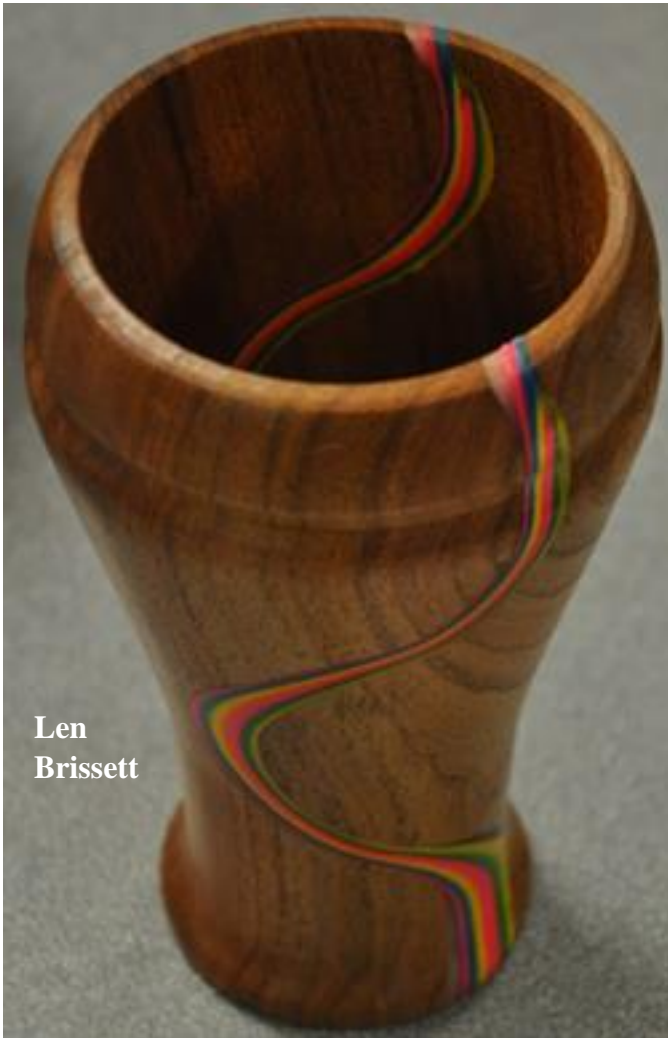
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Hunt**



**Zane
Valdes**



**Darrell
White**



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Brissett



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Wolter



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Herb Ingram



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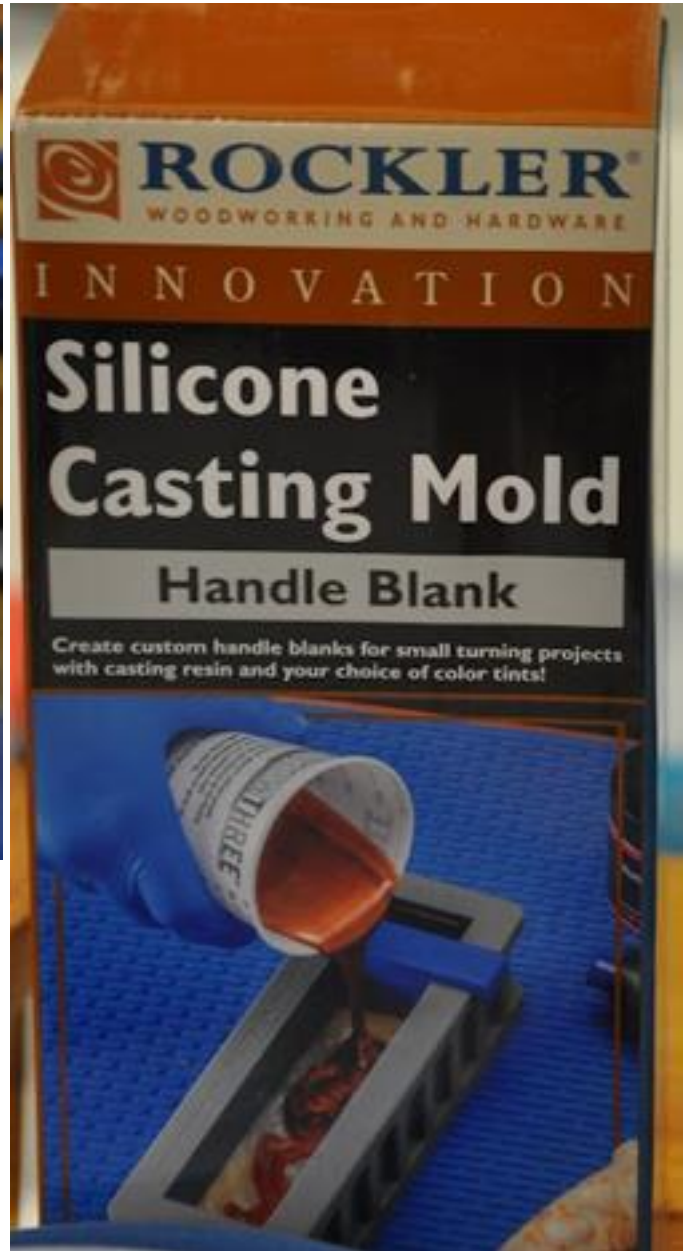


Zane Valdes

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Jan 2024 Demonstration

Wankeene Vinson - Offset Turning

Photo Credits - Drew Shelton







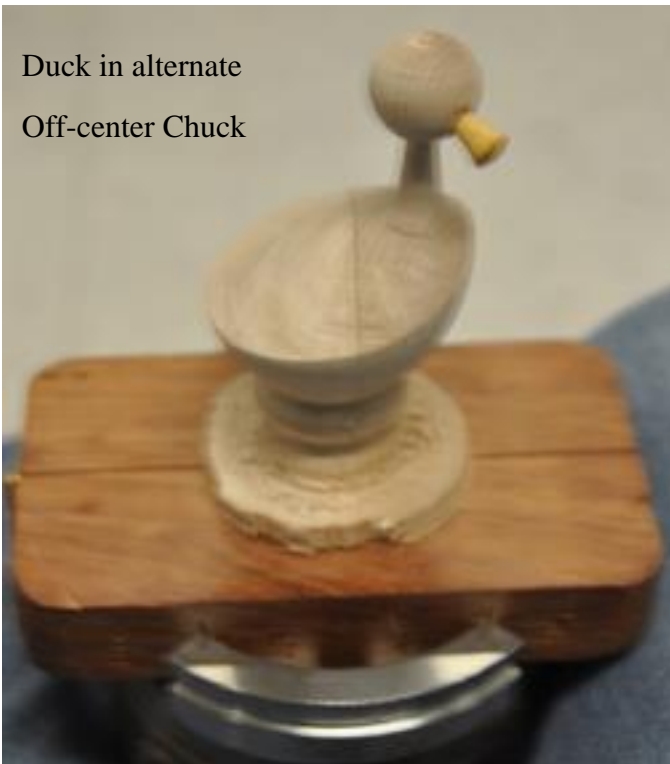




Shop Built Off-center
Chuck



Duck in alternate
Off-center Chuck







February 10,11 - 2024 Beginner Turning Class by Beth Watkins

CTWA held a beginner turning class the second weekend in February. Over two very full days, our students learned the fundamentals of spindle turning using traditional tools. Instructors covered lathe terminology, safety and maintenance, rounding a blank, cutting pyramids, beads, coves, and v-grooves, as well as design. After working on practice sticks, the students combined various cuts to make tops, weed pots, and mallets, all while having individual guidance from our instructors.

Our students were Susan Mynarcik, Steve Monti, Jim Moyle, Jay Perusse, Nate Sandler, and Bill Williams. Their experience prior to the class ranged from barely having turned to having worked with Club mentors and successfully making several items. These students were excited, focused, and eager to master the techniques.

Many thanks go out to our instructors: Len Brissette, Saleem Shafi, Austin Krause, and Pat Jenkins, who volunteered their entire weekend to share their knowledge and passion. These instructors also devoted considerable time ahead of class to create demonstration tools and plan their presentations. In addition, Jim Spano attended on Saturday to help with one-on-one instruction. Other Club members helped us obtain and cut the wood to make blanks for our projects, for which we are very grateful.

Our gracious hosts, Pat and Clyde Little, again allowed us to take over their wonderful shop for the weekend. The Littles generously store the Club's mini-lathes and equipment year-round, and they both were a tremendous help in getting all the students geared up to begin work the first morning of class. They also spoiled us by doing all the work to make delicious fried catfish and BBQ lunches magically appear, and to clean up after our meals. We can't thank them enough!

Our training programs help the Club accomplish its mission "to educate its members, woodturners, and the public in and about the art and craft of woodturning." Not only that, they are fun! I look forward to seeing the turnings these students bring to CTWA meetings.

Feb 10-11, 2024 Beginner Turning Class Photos

Photo Credits – Beth Watkins



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