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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.*

March Meeting

Tuesday 4/16, 7 PM

Program

**Demo: Nick Agar
Viking Sunset Bowl**

**First Saturday
Saturday May 4**

Host: Greg Stowers

President's Corner By Saleem Shafi

Time has flown by this month! It seems like just last week we were treated to Drew's Saturn bowl demo, which he somehow managed to pull off even after the required special tool broke half-a-second into the first cut. Well done, Drew! Then, suddenly, it's time for First

Saturday and now, the April meeting. I'm looking forward to Nick Agar's demo, and I'm really happy to see all of his classes fill up so quickly. Kelly did a great job organizing, and special thanks again to the Little's for hosting.

Somehow with everything going on, I managed to go a whole month without turning a single thing. I'm sure others go through this at times, as well, but sometimes the spark just isn't there. It could be because of Ramadan and fasting, or work being busy, traveling out of town, general dread about an impending move, doing taxes, or whatever. The inspiration and motivation to spend time at the lathe turning can come and go, and that's ok.

I sometimes fantasize about how great it would be to turn for a living, but for those of us for whom this is a hobby, we can afford to not turn when the time's not right. During those times, we

can do other things like yard work and other chores we've been neglecting, catching up with friends/family, or even just putzing around the shop and cleaning up. Sometimes, it's these other activities that give us the inspiration we need to get back to turning again, either by getting the other things occupying our minds out of the way, or by giving us some new ideas to try out.

I do hope others had more time in the shop than I did. In case you all are looking for something to turn, don't forget about this month's president's challenge: flowers, in honor of my mom, Rosy.

Mar 19 Meeting Minutes By Dwight Schaeper

The March monthly meeting of the Central Texas Woodturner's Association meeting was called to order by President Saleem Shafi at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at the American YouthWorks (AYW) facility.

Minutes for the February 2024 meeting were approved.

Tim Frayne and Robert Holder were the recognized visitors.

Saleem is attempting to obtain information from AYW regarding the items that were donated for their auction.

info@ctwa.org is a new email address for the club.

Reminder to pay dues. There is a \$2 surcharge for on-line payments.

A credit card reader was obtained for use at craft fairs. Please put your name and a suggested price for items donated for craft fairs. These can be taped to the items.

Beth Watkins is working with Rockler to have some classes in the Rockler Classroom. Contact Beth if you are interested in being an instructor.

Cortland Hunt provided an update on SWAT. SWAT is August 23, 24, and 25 at the Waco Convention Center. SWAT and hotel registrations are available at the SWAT website, "SWATurners.org". There are 7 lead demonstrators and 17 regional demonstrators. Please complete the SWAT Demographics section when registering on-line.

The theme for the April President's challenge is

"flowers". You can turn flowers, flower vases, add flower decorations to a turning, or something else related to flowers. Bring your creations to the April meeting.

Instant Gallery – Orlando Banos presented the instant gallery items.

Demonstration – Drew Shelton demonstrated turning a Saturn Bowl.

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

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

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.

**Current Bring back
Status Guest Instructor**



Check out [Nick Agar Studios - For The Ultimate Woodturning Education](#) for more information on Nick.

**Bring Backs for our April
Table**

Clint Hoyle owes Three
Kelly Shaw owes one.
Brooklyn Shaw owes one
Dr Mike Josephs owes one
Jim Moyle owes one
Alan Loibl owes one.
Bill Louden owes one
Orlando owes two.
Nate Sandler owes two
Len Brissette owes two
Greg Stowers owes two
Pete owes one
Jim Spano owes two
Zach Rubin owes one
Mike Spranger owes one
David Linkletter owes one
Gary Beers owes nine
Jason Tunnel owes one
Saleem owes one

Courtland donated a Maple Blank in January and Zach was the recipient of it. That means (hypothetically) we will get to see an item Zach made from that maple blank - and Zach will be bringing a wood blank to donate.

Member Tips

No member tips this month.

2024 Calendar

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

Apr 6 First Saturday
Hosted by: John Chatelain

Apr 16 Club Meeting
Demo: Nick Agar
Viking Sunset Bowl - Classes available Mon. Through Wed.

May 4 First Saturday
Hosted by: Greg Stowers

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**

March 2024 Instant Gallery – Photo credits – Pat Jenkins

TURNER	DESCRIPTION	WOOD AND FINISH
Gary Roberts	Flower arrangement special turned vase	Box Elder, Deft & Buffed
Pat Jenkins	Live edge bowl with pyrographic bass fish	Ash, Deft
Mike Josephs	Yarn Bowl	Cherry, Deft, Coyote paste & polish
Brian McCutchon	Off center letter opener	Ipe, Pure tung oil
Brian McCutchon	Captive ring rattle	Maple, Pure tung oil
Brian McCutchon	Live-edge	Mesquite, Pure tung oil
Roy Martz	Lidded bowl w/ finial	Bocote, Mesquite, Ebony, Mahoney's oil
Roy Martz	Live-edge bowl, lid & finial	Mesquite bowl, black dyed Maple lid, 2-piece finial Maple & cocobolo, Mahoney's oil
Johnny & Jimmy Tolly	Lighted Christmas Ornaments & stands	Chop Sticks & Skewers, Stands by Jimmy
Cortland Hunt	His own Burial Urn	Curly Maple & Walnut, Lacquer finish
Cortland Hunt	Bowl	Willow, Coyote Finishing Polish
Marcia & Johnny Tolly	Platters with Grandchildren Opal & Jasper Pyrographic images	Johnny turned platters; Marcia burned the pyrographic images
Johnny Tolly	Lamps for grandchildren	Chinese Elm from wood depot
Johnny Tolly	Popcorn filled Rattles	Pink for Opal & Olive Green for Jasper
Johnny Tolly	Teething Rings	
Johnny Tolly	Spin Tops	

March 2024 Bring Backs

Winner	Item	Donor
Kelly Shaw	Walnut Friction Fit Lidded Box	Richard Morgan
Clint Hoyle	Ruth Niles Mesquite Bottle Stopper	Kelly Shaw
Jim Moyle	Raffan Style Ash Coffee Scoop	Kelly Shaw
Mike Josephs	Elm Wobble Bowl	Kelly Shaw
Zach Rubin	Bocote Slimline	Kelly Shaw
Saleem Shafi	Ash Weed Pot	Nate Sandler
Gary Beers	Pecan Jar Topper	Jim Moyle
Jason Tunnel	Maple and Walnut Saturn Bowl Demo Piece	Drew Shelton

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	Greg Stowers	16 Tall Oaks Trail	Austin	512-983-0954
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

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CTWA 2024 Demonstration Schedule		
<p>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.</p>		
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)



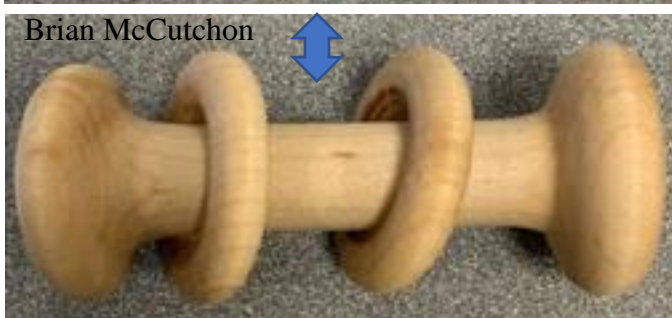
Cortland Hunt



Gary Roberts



Brian McCutcheon



Pat Jenkins



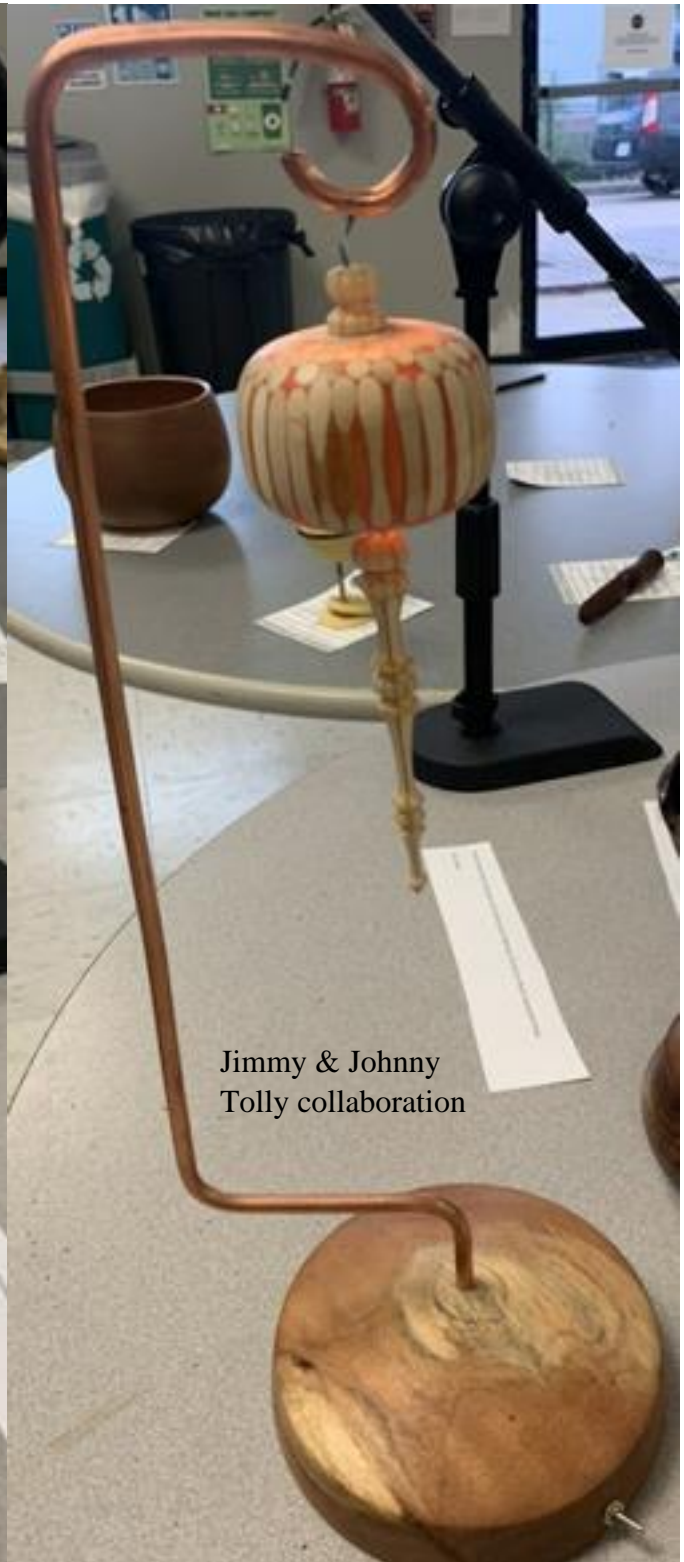
Brian
McCutchon



Mike
Josephs



Roy
Martz





Jimmy & Johnny
Tolly collaboration



**Gary Roberts
Teething Rings
For Johnny &
Marcia's
Grandchildren**



Items turned by Johnny Tolly for his and Marcia's grandchildren popcorn filled rattle, spin tops, and table lamps



Plates turned by Johnny and pyrographic images added by Marcia for their grandchildren



Roy
Martz

March 2024 Demonstration Drew Shelton – Epic Saturn Bowls

Photo Credits - Pat Jenkins









April 6, 2024 First Saturday Hosted by John Chatelain

Thanks for hosting John (45 members participated)

Kelly Shaw demonstrating turning a rustic bird house





John Chatelain built machine to decorate spin tops off the lathe

1st Saturday Show & Tell







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