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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 3/19, 7 PM

### **Program**

Demo: Drew Shelton  
**Epic Saturn Bowls**

**First Saturday**  
**Saturday Apr 6**  
Host: John Chatelain

### **President's Corner** **By Saleem Shafi**

This month, I wanted to share a thought I had while listening to a podcast on memory. In an episode of "Hidden Brain", they talk about study techniques and how certain kinds of repetition and practice can trick you into thinking that you know something well

when you don't. Repetition builds recognition, not necessarily recall. The recommendation from the researcher was to encourage study practices that help you discover what you *don't remember* and dig into those. It's much more uncomfortable, but also much more effective.

I thought about how that relates to the way we as woodturners learn and develop. We often start by learning some basic skills, make a few projects and then find a few things we like to make. Usually, it's the stuff we have success with, and we tend to avoid the areas of woodturning that give us trouble. But maybe those are the things we need to focus on in order to get better.

When getting ready for last month's demo, I found myself struggling with a couple of the steps: getting the two holes in the sphere to be concentric, and making the super-thin box that goes

inside without breaking it. By doing those steps over and over again, I worked out a couple of techniques and simply got better at what I was messing up. I didn't have to make the whole project multiple times, just those specific steps, until I was confident enough to try them all together. Lo and behold, after ruining the first four I tried to make, the last three turned out pretty good.

For all the new turners, and even some of the veterans, every now and then, I encourage you to spend some time working on the kind of turning that doesn't come as easily for you. Whether it's doing more spindle work, hollowing, thread chasing, etc., find something that's hard and try to get better at that. Use the mentorship program we have at the club to find someone that can help you. Then, use those skills to expand your repertoire, so you can explore even more of this craft.

## Jan 16 Meeting Minutes By Roy Martz

Meeting was called to order by President Saleem Shafi. Minutes from January 2024 were submitted and approved. Saleem began the meeting by thanking all CTWA members who donated turnings to AYW for their annual fund-raising event. The destiny of unsold items was questioned. Saleem said he will follow up on where the items went.

Courtland Hunt updated the group on the 2024 SWAT Symposium. Hotel registration is now open but some reported technical problems with online registration for the lodging. He noted that SWAT dates are a little earlier this year, August 23-25. Courtland reminded members to complete the registration process by completing the survey on nights in Waco and meals purchased so that SWAT can receive rebates from the city of Waco. Last year SWAT received \$8500 despite low survey completion. Registration for the 2024 event will increase to \$195 which is still less than some of the other clubs in the nation. He noted that SWAT has lost money for the last two years.

3 new visitors were welcomed, each of whom introduced themselves.

Gary Roberts asked members to talk with him about ordering needed name tags.

Len Brissette, club Treasurer, reported financial data. CTWA had \$6180 in expenses for 2023 much of it due to new audio/visual equipment. We had \$7065 in income which nets \$885 for the club for the year. We have a total of \$22,416 in the CTWA bank account.

John Chatelain spoke about the Craft Fair project he is leading at Rockler on Saturday February 24 that will introduce the public to Woodturning and becoming new CTWA members. He said he has sufficient volunteer support.

Kelly Shaw encouraged members to participate in the Bring Back activity. Gary Roberts has donated one of his signature baseballs this month.

Orlando Banos presented all of the beautiful turnings in the Instant Gallery.

Saleem then demonstrated how to turn a box within a sphere as described in the book, Adventures In Woodturning by David Springett. And he added how to create his magical sphere puzzle.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 and moved to the Bring Back activity.

## 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](http://www.woodturner.org) for full details and membership form.

### 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.

**Mar 2 First Saturday**  
Hosted by Bob Duncan

**Mar 19 Club Meeting**  
Demo: Drew Shelton  
Epic Saturn Bowls

**Apr 6 First Saturday**  
Hosted by: John Chatelain

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

## 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 Demo -- Drew Shelton -- Saturn Bowl

This is going to be yet another MUST SEE Demo. Mark your calendar and carpool if you have to, because Drew does fantastic Demos!

He also challenges himself by finding the most complicated thing he can come up with and learning how to pull it off efficiently.

I was so sad when I lost the one he made for the Christmas Party to Saleem, so when you voted me in for Programs I just knew we had to see how he makes them.

Bring Backs for our March Table

Clint Hoyle owes Two

Kelly Shaw owes four.

Brooklyn Shaw owes one

Jim Moyle owes one

Alan Loibl owes one.

Richard M owes one

Bill Loudon owes one

Orlando owes two.

Nate Sandler owes three

Len Brissette owes two

Greg Stowers owes two

Pete owes one

Jim Spano owes two

Mike Spranger owes one

David Linkletter owes one

Gary Beers owes eight bring backs - he said that I might as well make it 10 ! which is great because I'd love to make it 10 !!!!!

Let's just make it 16 and give him a two for one credit. (on a side note - with the milder temperatures I think he may have made it out into his non-climate-controlled shop recently)

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.

Central Texas Woodturners Association  
February 20, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Chair Vaden Mohrmann called a meeting to discuss the Treasurer’s Report for 2023 and the proposed budget for 2024. Board members agreed to meet before the February business meeting on February 20, 2024. In attendance were Vaden Mohrmann, Len Brissette, Gary Roberts, Drew Shelton and Pat Jenkins.

Vaden called the meeting to order at about 6:45 PM. We met in a classroom at the American Youth Works. Vaden turned the meeting over to Treasurer Len Brissette. Len read from the 2023 Treasurer’s Report (copy attached) and stated that we have a current bank balance of \$22,416.05. Our total income for 2023 was \$7,065.00, and our expenses were \$3,914.65.

Expenses		Income	
Insurance	\$446.00	Dues & Name Tags	\$3,088.00
Demonstrations	0	Donations	890.00
Christmas Party	806.46	Bring back Auction	837.00
Name tags	175.50	SWAT Room Support	2,000.00
PayPal Fees	135.50	Beginners Class	250.00
A/V Equipment	2,265.49		
Misc. Exp.	85.70	Total	\$7,065.00
Total	\$3,914.65		Net Income \$3,150.35

Len read from the 2024 proposed budget (copy attached) that was based on past year's activities. Our income is expected to be around \$7,700.00 and our expenses at around \$3,696.00.

2024 Proposed Budget

Anticipated Expenses		Anticipated Income	
Insurance	\$446.00	Dues & Name tags	\$3,000.00
Demonstrations	1,200.00	Donations	500.00
Christmas Party	1,000.00	Bring back Auction	800.00
PayPal Fees	150.00	SWAT Room Support	000.00
A/V Equipment	400.00	Beginners Class	<u>400.00</u>
Misc. Exp	<u>500.00</u>	Total	\$6,700.00
Total	\$3,696.00	Net	\$3,004.00

Len asked if there were questions and there were none.

Vaden asked if there were other issues and there were none.

Having completed the scheduled agenda items, we adjourned at about 7:00 PM.

Pat Jenkins  
Secretary

**February 2024 Instant Gallery** – Photo credits – Drew Shelton

<b>TURNER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>WOOD AND FINISH</b>
Jimmy Tolly	Platter	Olive wood, Coyote sanding paste and polishing wax
Jimmy Tolly	2 Christmas Trees	Boxelder, no finish
Drew Shelton	Saturn Bowl	Satinwood & Padauk, Coyote finish Products
Bob Duncan	Bowl	Pecan, Waterlox
Matt Wright	“Ramen” Bowl	Pecan, Walnut Oil
Roy Martz	Satellite Sea Urchin	Hard Maple finial, Spirit stain dye, Lacquer
Jimmy Tolly	Sphere & Ring Base 2.5” diameter	Soft Maple, Coyote finishing products
Jimmy Tolly	Gnome Split side 4” diam. &8” tall	Boxelder, Bradford Pear, Rosewood
Jimmy Tolly	Snow People, split personality 3.5” diam. 7.75” tall	Bradford Pear
Hardy Hobbs	Lantern Ornament	Sycamore, Friction Polish
Hardy Hobbs	Lantern Ornament	Sycamore, Walnut Oil
John Chatelain	It’s a small world music globe (donation to Georgetown wood convention.)	Mahogany, maple, walnut Rattle can poly finish
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Brooklyn Shaw	Spin top	Hard Maple, Walnut Oil & Beeswax
Brooklyn Shaw	Pencil holder	Ambrosia Maple Burl Walnut oil & Coyote Polishing Wax
Bill Williams	Mallet	Ash, Raw Linseed Oil
Len Brissette	Twisted Vase	Sycamore, Deft
Mike Josephs	Multi-Axis Vase	Mystery wood, Deft & Bealle
Jim Moyle	Bud Vase & Tulips	Ash, Acrylic paint & Coyote Products
Gary Roberts	Handled Vessel	Mesquite, Deft & Buff
Gary Roberts	Open Bowl	Monkeypod, Deft & Buff
Gary Roberts	Squatty Potty	Mesquite Burl, Deft & Buff
Herb Ingram	Bowl	Osage Orange, Wax

<b>February 2024 Instant Gallery cont.</b>		
Herb Ingram	Lidded Vessel	Oak Burl & Resin, Wax
	Off Center Bird	Ash, Wax
Herb Ingram	Off Center Bud Vase	Spalted Ash, Epoxy
Richard Morgan	Bowl	Mahogany, D.O. & Buff
Richard Morgan	Bowl	Pecan, D.O. & Buff
Richard Morgan	Small Bowl	Mystery Wood
Saleem Shafi	Podlet Goblet	Box elder, Lacquer & Coyote Products
Len Brissette	Twisted Bud Vase	Mesquite, Deft
Dave Wolter	Platter	China Berry, Mahoney's Walnut Oil
Jason Tunnell	Bowl	Purple Heart, Hampshire Sheen
Jason Tunnell	Bowl	Maple Burl, Walnut Oil
Steve Monti	Bud Vase	
Susan Mynarcik	Bud Vase	
Susan Mynarcik	String of Wood Beads	
<b>Bring Back Items</b>		
Jimmy Tolly	Sphere & Ring Base, 2" diameter	Soft Maple, Coyote finishing products
Gary Roberts	Baseball with ring base	Pear

**February 2024 Bring Backs**

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Donor</b>
Kelly Shaw	Autographed Baseball and stand	Gary Roberts
Richard Morgan	Mesquite Twisted Bud Vase	Len Brissette
Gary Beers	Mesquite Christmas Tree	Jim Moyle
Clint Hoyle	Chalice	Jim Moyle
Jim Moyle	Box Elder Podlet	Saleem Shafi
David Linkletter	Box Elder Goblet	Saleem Shafi
Kelly Shaw	Small Bowl	Richard Morgan
Jim Spano	Soft Maple sphere and stand	Jimmy Tolly



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](mailto: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)

Bill  
Williams



Brooklyn  
Shaw



Drew Shelton - Saturn Bowl



Dave Wolter



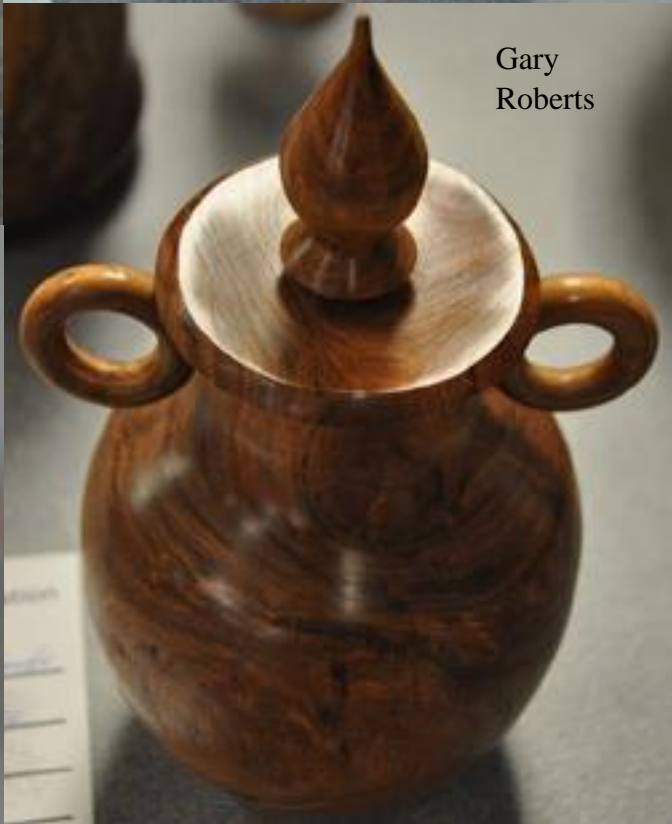
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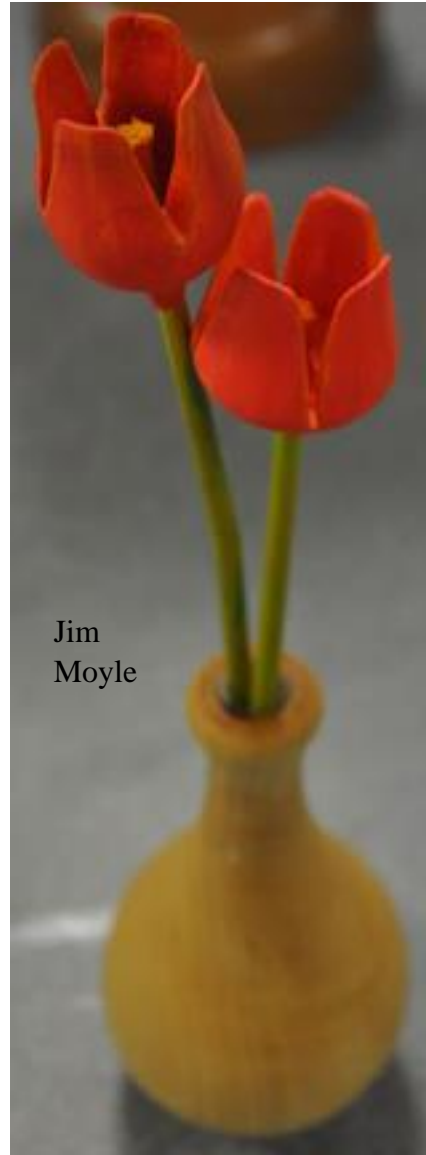


Gary  
Roberts





Saleem  
Shafi



Jim  
Moyle



Richard  
Morgan



Hardy  
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Tolly



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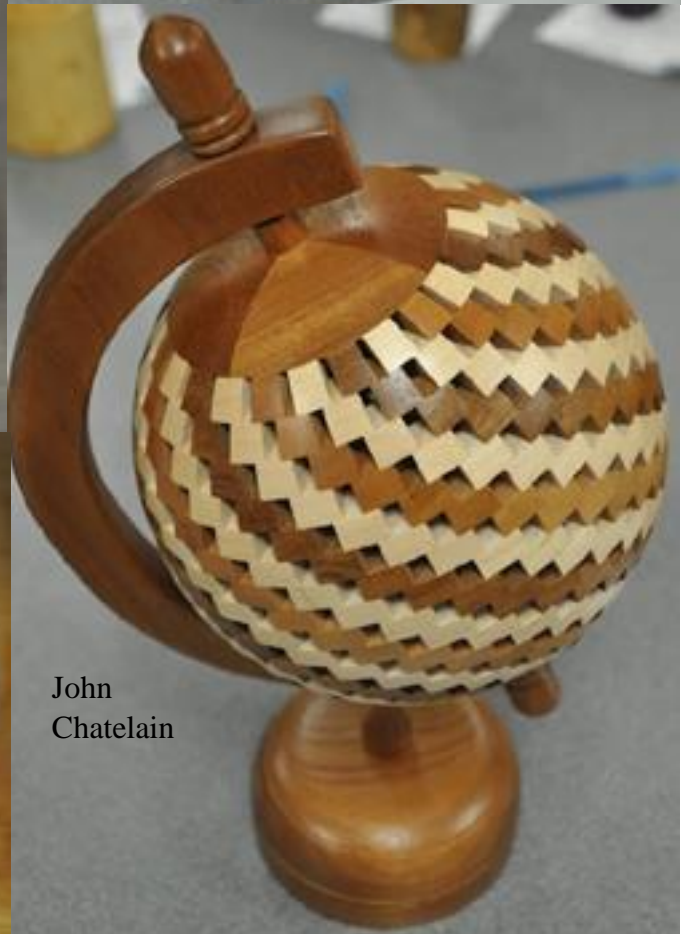


Matt  
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Jimmy  
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John  
Chatelain



Richard  
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John  
Chatelain





Len  
Brissette



Len  
Brissette



Richard  
Morgan



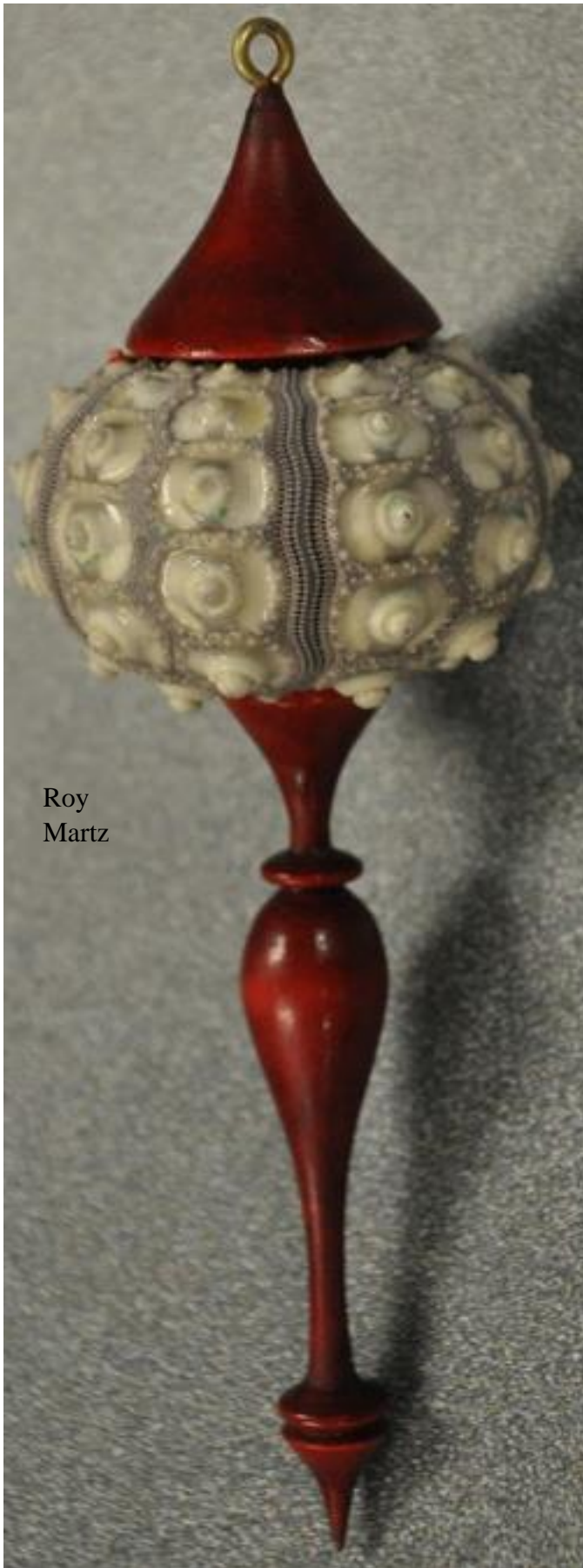
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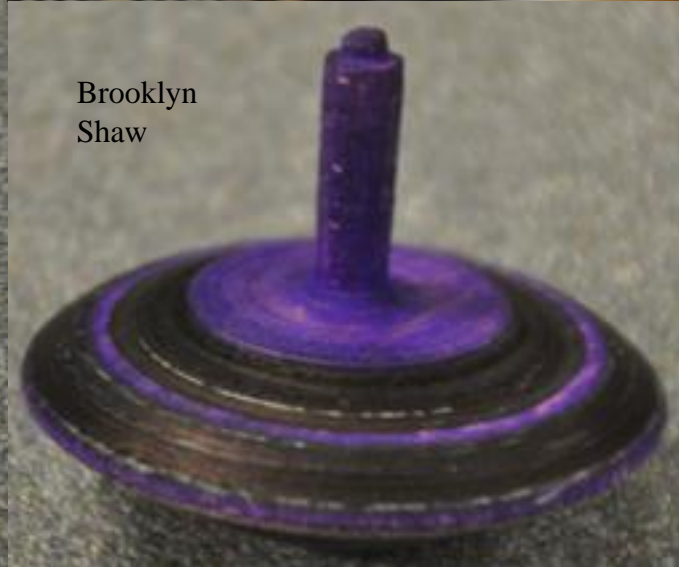
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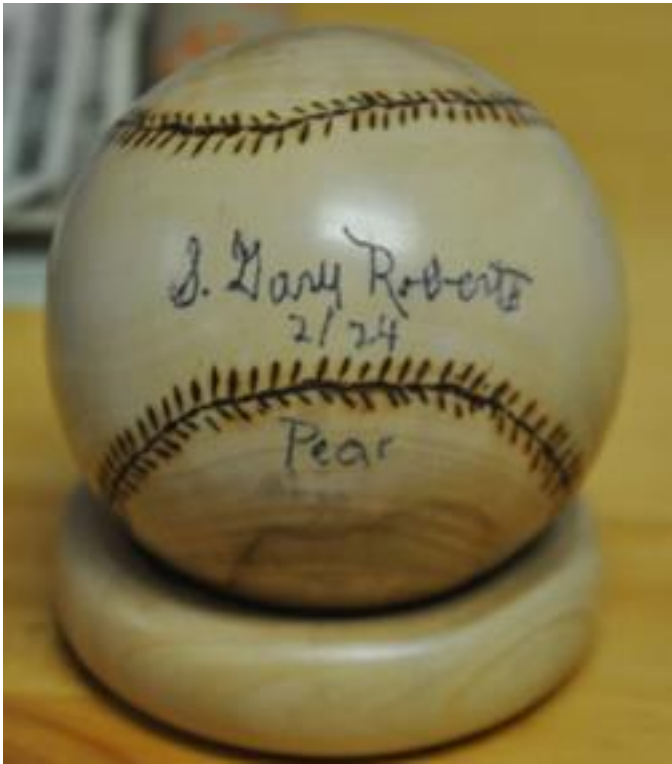


Jason  
Tunnell



Richard  
Morgan

## Bring Back Turnings



## Johnny Tolly's winning -Multi-Axes Turning (President's Challenge)



### Texas Size Big Bug

Each body part is a lidded box various woods,

Head = Butternut

Body = Mesquite

Tail = Osage Orange

Eyes = Tulipwood

Antena = Texas Mesquite

Legs = Cherry

Legs were made with the Escoulin chuck

Bug will stand on his own feet though I have monofilament line supporting the Big Bug now.

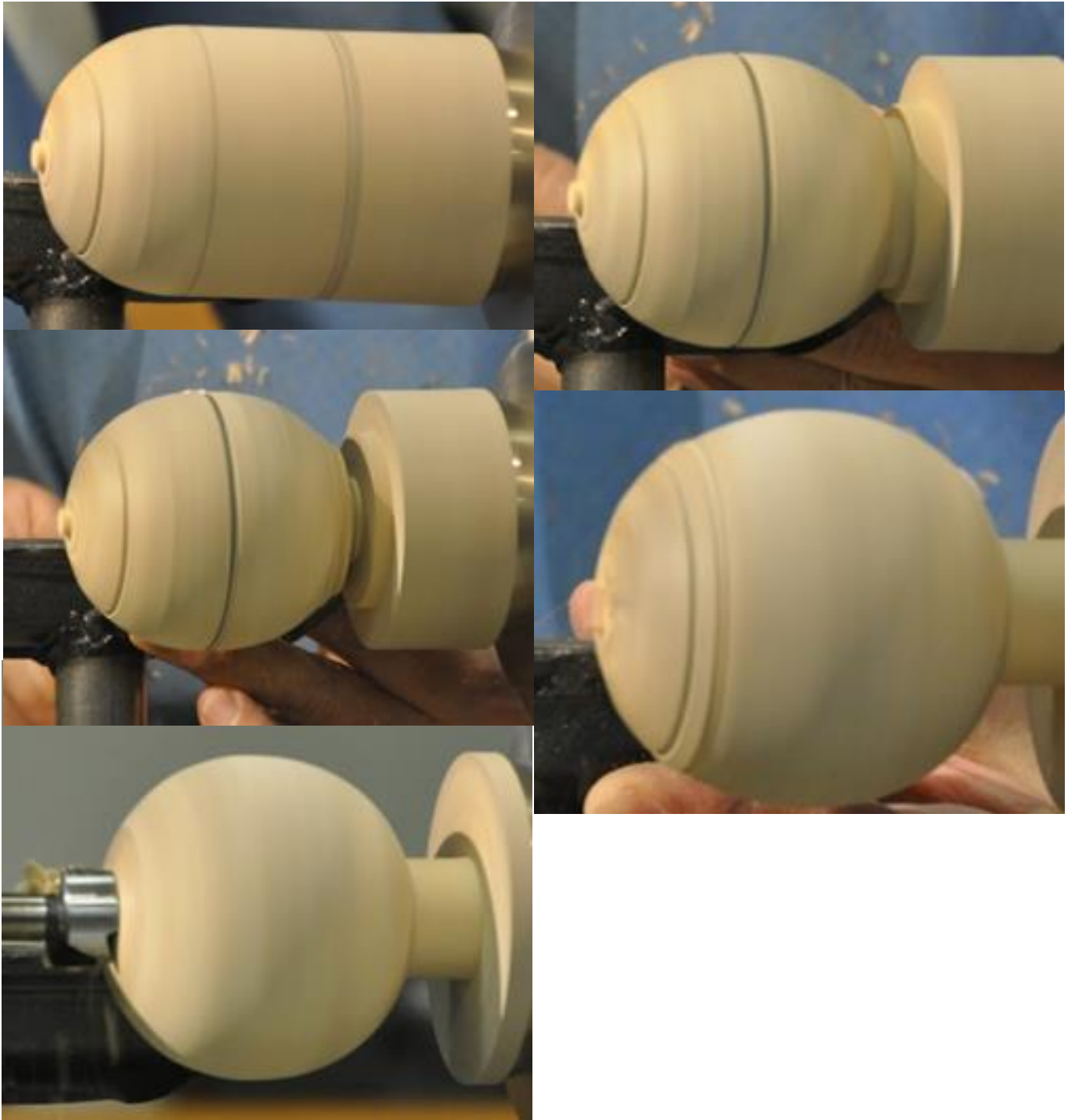
## Feb 2024 Demonstration

### Saleem Shafi – Lidded Box Inside Sphere

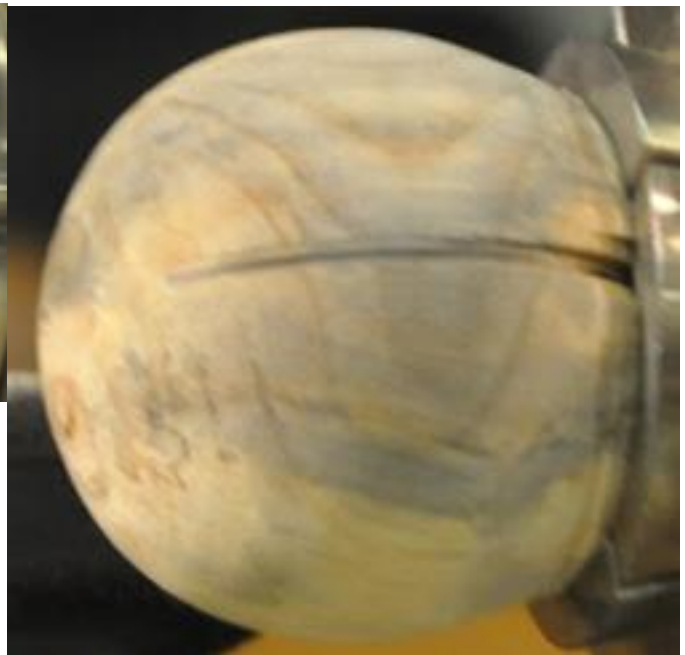
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## Discussion of Spiked Sphere Turning





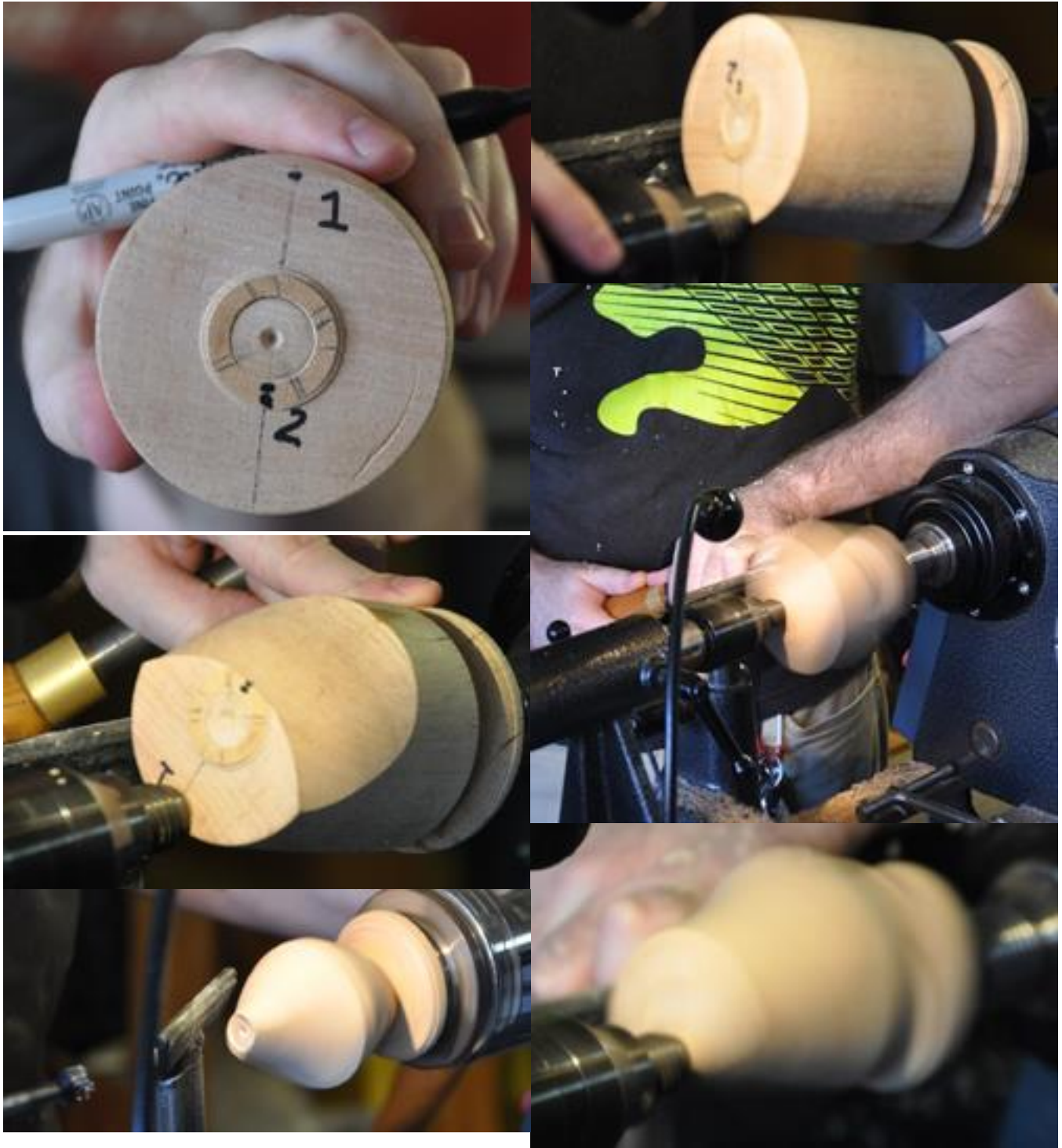
March 2, 2024 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Hosted by Bob Duncan

Thanks for hosting Bob

Photo credits to Drew Shelton

**Off Center Turning Demo by Zach Rubin**









1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Show and Tell











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