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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

**June Meeting**  
Tuesday 6/18, 7 PM

### Program

Demo: Cortland Hunt  
Native American Wind  
Instruments, Carving  
by Dan Gillen

**First Saturday**  
Saturday July 6  
Host: Chris VanPeski

### President's Corner By Orlando Banos

I am deeply honored and excited to address you as the newly elected president of our club. Over the years, this club has grown into a hub of creativity, skill-sharing, and camaraderie. I am committed to building on this strong foundation and leading our club with new opportunities and accomplishments.

As we look to the future, I am eager to continue our popular initiatives and open to introduce new initiatives aimed at enhancing our club's activities and member experience:

1. **Skill Enhancement Workshops:** We will host advanced and specialized workshops to cater to different skill levels and interests. Whether you are a beginner eager to learn the basics or an experienced turner looking to master a new technique, there will be something for everyone.
2. **Community Outreach Programs:** Sharing our passion with the wider community is important. We plan to engage in more outreach programs, including demonstrations at local schools, community centers, and events. This will not only promote woodturning

- but also attract new members to our club.
3. **Monthly Challenges and Competitions:** To foster a spirit of friendly competition and continuous learning, we will introduce monthly challenges. These will encourage members to step out of their comfort zones and try new projects, with prizes and recognition for outstanding work.

Our workshops, demonstrations, and exhibitions have showcased the immense talent within our group, and I am continually inspired by the masterpieces you all create.

Communication is key to our success. I encourage you all to actively participate in our meetings, share your ideas, and provide feedback. Your input is invaluable, and together, we can ensure that our club remains a dynamic and supportive environment for all members.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our outgoing president, Saleem Shafi, for his exceptional leadership and dedication. His hard work has paved the way for many of the achievements we enjoy today.

As I embark on this new chapter, I am filled with optimism and enthusiasm. The craft of woodturning is as much about community as it is about skill and artistry, and I am excited to work alongside each of you to continue fostering both. Let's make this year one of growth, learning, and memorable experiences.

Thank you for your trust and support. I look forward to seeing all the incredible creations and innovations that the coming months will bring.

Warm regards,

Orlando

### **May 21 Meeting Minutes By Dwight Schaeper**

The monthly meeting of the Central Texas Woodturner's Association was called to order by President Saleem Shafi on 7:30 pm on May 21, 2024 at the American YouthWorks (AYW) facility.

This is Saleem's last meeting as President. President-Elect Orlando Banos assumes the President's position. Kelly

Shaw was elected President-Elect to replace Orlando.

April meeting minutes were approved.

Dan Doan and John Hamilton were the recognized visitors/new members.

The June 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday will be a chainsaw party at the wood depot at Gary Robert's home.

Thanks to those who helped with the Veterans Pen Turning event.

The AYW senior pen turning event occurred prior to the club meeting. 63 pens were turned and the club received a card from AYW. Thanks to all who assisted.

The club has a credit card reader that can be used for events, paying dues, buying bring back tickets, etc.

SWAT – Cortland Hunt presented a SWAT update. We will be in the same room as last year. The Rotation Schedule should be published the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June.

Currently 225 have registered which is 50 more than last year. 39 have registered for Ornamental Turners International sessions.

There are 31 vendors with a possibility of 5 more. Please complete the survey when registering. SWAT will receive funds based on the survey. SWAT is exploring a new venue location due to the proposed significant increase

in the rental fee. The 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the SWAT Newsletter has been published.

There were no submissions for the club's SWAT scholarship.

The Little's will provide transportation for Jason Breach from Austin to SWAT.

Gary Beers received a phone call from an individual in declining health who has wood for sale at \$15/pound. The wood includes blue stain, box wood, and hard maple. Gary will send contact information.

Instant Gallery – Orlando Banos presented the Instant Gallery Items

Demonstration – Billy Burt demonstrated his procedures for turning calabash bowls. He also discussed the history of the bowl which evolved from gourds. His YouTube channel is "The Messy Studio".

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

### **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 \$36/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.

A \$1 fee is charged for membership or renewal done online.

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.

### Current Bring back Status – Kelly Shaw

Clint Hoyle owes four  
Kelly Shaw owes two.  
Brooklyn Shaw owes one  
Dr Mike Josephs owes one  
Jim Moyle owes two  
Alan Loibl owes one.  
Bill Loudon owes one  
Orlando owes two  
Nate Sandler owes two  
Greg Stowers owes two  
Pete Giulietti owes two  
We OWE Jim Spano two  
bring backs!!  
Zach Rubin owes two  
Mike Spranger owes one  
David Linkletter owes one  
Gary Beers owes six  
Jason Tunnel owes one  
Don Doan owes one  
Matt Wright owes one

## 2024 Calendar

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

**Jun 18 Club Meeting**  
**Demo: Cortland Hunt**  
**Native American wind Instruments**

**Jul 6 First Saturday**  
**Hosted by: Chris Van Peski**

**Jul 16 Club Meeting**  
**Demo: Vaden Mohrmann**  
**Waterfall Pedestal Bowl**

**Aug 3 First Saturday**  
**Hosted by: Pat Jenkins**

**Aug 20 Club Meeting**  
**Demo: Rebecca Degroot**  
**Walking Tea Pots**  
**Classes available Tue & Wed**

**Aug 23-25 SWAT**  
[SWAT Website Link](#)

## 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**



Saleem Shafi's last meeting as President



Cortland Hunt discussing SWAT

## Safety Glasses

After doing a search on the AAW site for eye safety and safety glasses, I came up with no matches. So, I thought I would write a little about this very important subject.

Safety glasses will help protect you from eye injuries and even the loss of an eye. The lenses are made with impact resistant material. The lenses in safety glasses are thicker than regular dress glasses. The Frames are also made to provide impact resistance compared to that of dress glasses. The grooves in the frames that the lenses sit in are thicker and larger than dress glasses. All safety glasses should have side shields. All safety glasses should be stamped with the Z87 mark to show that they are indeed safety glasses. Safety glasses must go through a drop ball test where the impact resistance of the lenses as well as the frames are tested. If an object were to hit your dress glasses, the lens could shatter or become dislodged from the frame and lacerate the skin around the eye as the edges of the lens are often very sharp. Safety glasses over your prescription eyewear can help but are not as safe as a pair of prescription safety glasses. Often the over glasses will interfere with the prescription glasses under them, but it is still much better than not wearing any safety glasses at all.

It is best to put your safety glasses on upon entering the shop and should not be taken off until you leave. I often see turners put their safety glasses on the top of their heads. They do very little protecting on the top of your head as they are meant to protect your eyes. When you get involved with different activities in the shop, you can forget about the glasses on top of your head and that is when the accident can happen. Safety glasses should always be worn over the eyes and not the top of your head. Face shields are also very helpful in protecting your eyes as well as your face from flying objects. Safety glasses again should always be worn under the face shield. I have seen too many demonstrations when the turner is being smart by wearing a face shield, then stops to do something else and raises the shield only to forget to put it back down when they start to turn again. That is where another bad accident could happen. If they had their safety glasses on too, then their eyes would be protected at that time.

We should all strive for good safety procedures in the shop. Sometimes more experienced turners with years of turning under their belts have gotten into bad habits of just wearing their dress glasses, falsely believing that they are protected. That is when another bad accident can happen. It also does not promote good safety practices for the newer turners. Just like the old days before cars had seat belts, we all had to get used to wearing them when we drove. Now it is just a routine habit to buckle up before we drive. Putting on our safety glasses should be just like wearing our seat belts.

Before I became a wood turner, I was an optometrist. I have seen far too many eye injuries come through the door. Often it is just a superficial injury where the foreign object can be removed in the office. Sometimes it is a little more involved where the patient needs to be immediately referred to a retinal surgeon because the object has penetrated the cornea and is lodged in the back of the eye. These usually never have a great outcome. The vision can often be restored, but not at the acuity of before the accident. The other outcome for some is a prosthetic implant (glass eye). With those, you lose all the vision in that eye and are only left with one good eye. This will dramatically decrease your depth perception and add more catches when turning.

I do hear a lot of turners discussing their dust control devices in their shops. That is great because that is another important safety concern. I just don't seem to hear as much talk about eye safety. That is why I just wanted to remind people of the danger in not wearing safety glasses and face shields. We all are

always looking to purchase that new tool or device that will make our turning just a little better. Safety glasses should be on that list too.

Most of us probably watched The New Yankee Workshop with Norm Abram. I will always remember the one quote that he said every show before starting his project.

“Before we get started. I’d like to take a moment to talk about shop safety. Be sure to read, understand and follow all the safety rules that come with your power tools. Knowing how to use your power tools properly will greatly reduce the risk of personal injury. And remember this. There is no more important safety rule than to wear these (he points to his safety glasses) Safety glasses.”

Ok, I am getting off my soapbox now and going back to the shop. As always, I will stop by the table at the door of the shop and put on my safety glasses as well as my hearing protection.

John Chatelain, O.D. (retired)

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

<b>TURNER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>WOOD AND FINISH</b>
Brian McCutchon	Letter Opener	IPE, Danish Oil
Bill Williams	Sack Back Windsor Chair, Spindles, arm & back bow are from green wood whittled down to size	White Oak, Basswood seat, 1 coat barn read milk paint, 2 coats pitch black milk paint, 2 coats tung oil
Herb Ingram	Sun Flower Vase	Ash, Dyed
Jimmy Tolly	2 of 14 Pine Wig Stands	Unfinished
Jimmy Tolly	Mesquite Bowl with Tagua Nuts inlayed 12" x 4"	Voids filled with bartop epoxy and turquoise mica powder, Coyote abrasive wax & polish
Pete Giulietti	Candle holder	Cedar, Lacquer
Pete Giulietti	Box	Cherry, Friction polish
Dan Gillen	Bowl	?wood, Coyote polish
Cortland Hunt	Trumpet Vase	Mesquite, Lacquer
Jay Perusse	Acorn Box	Walnut lid, Paduk base, Mylands
Len Brissette	Ring Box w/inlay	Mesquite, Wax and BLO
Courtlan Hunt	Bowl	Willow, Coyote Paste
Roy Martz	Bowl	Red Cedar, Walnut Oil
Roy Martz	Sunset bowl	Hard Maple, Lacquer, Air brush
Jason Tunnell	Vase	Marble Sapele, Rudio



<b>May 2024 Bring Backs</b>		
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Donor</b>
Jim Moyle	Jar with Pecan Lid	Jim Spano
Zach Rubin	Jar with Maple Lid	Jim Spano
Pete Giulietti	Jar with Osage Lid	Jim Spano
Saleem	Jar with Pecan Lid	Jim Spano
Matt Wright	Mesquite ring box with inlay	Len Brissette
Jim Spano	Maple Hourglass	Jim Moyle
Pete Giulietti	Willow Bowl	Courtland Hunt
Jim Moyle	Cherry Box	Pete Giulietti
Saleem	Bradford Pear Keepsake Vessel – Pagoda Style	Jimmy Tolly

FIRST SATURDAY SCHEDULE 2024				
MONTH	HOST	ADDRESS	City	Tel. No.
JANUARY 6	Craig Timmerman	13124 South Madrone Tr.	Austin	512-773-9976
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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
<b>JULY 6</b>	<b>Chris Van Peski</b>	<b>364 Colorado Dr.</b>	<b>Cedar Creek</b>	<b>512-303-1590</b>
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
<b>June</b>	<b>Courtland Hunt</b>	<b>Native American Wind Instruments</b>
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



Cortland Hunt



Cortland Hunt



Jimmy Tolly



Dan Gillen



Brian McCutcheon



Herb  
Ingram



Jason  
Tunnell



Roy  
Martz





Jay  
Perusse



Jimmy  
Tolly



Len  
Brissette



Pete  
Giulietti



Pete  
Giulietti



Roy  
Martz





























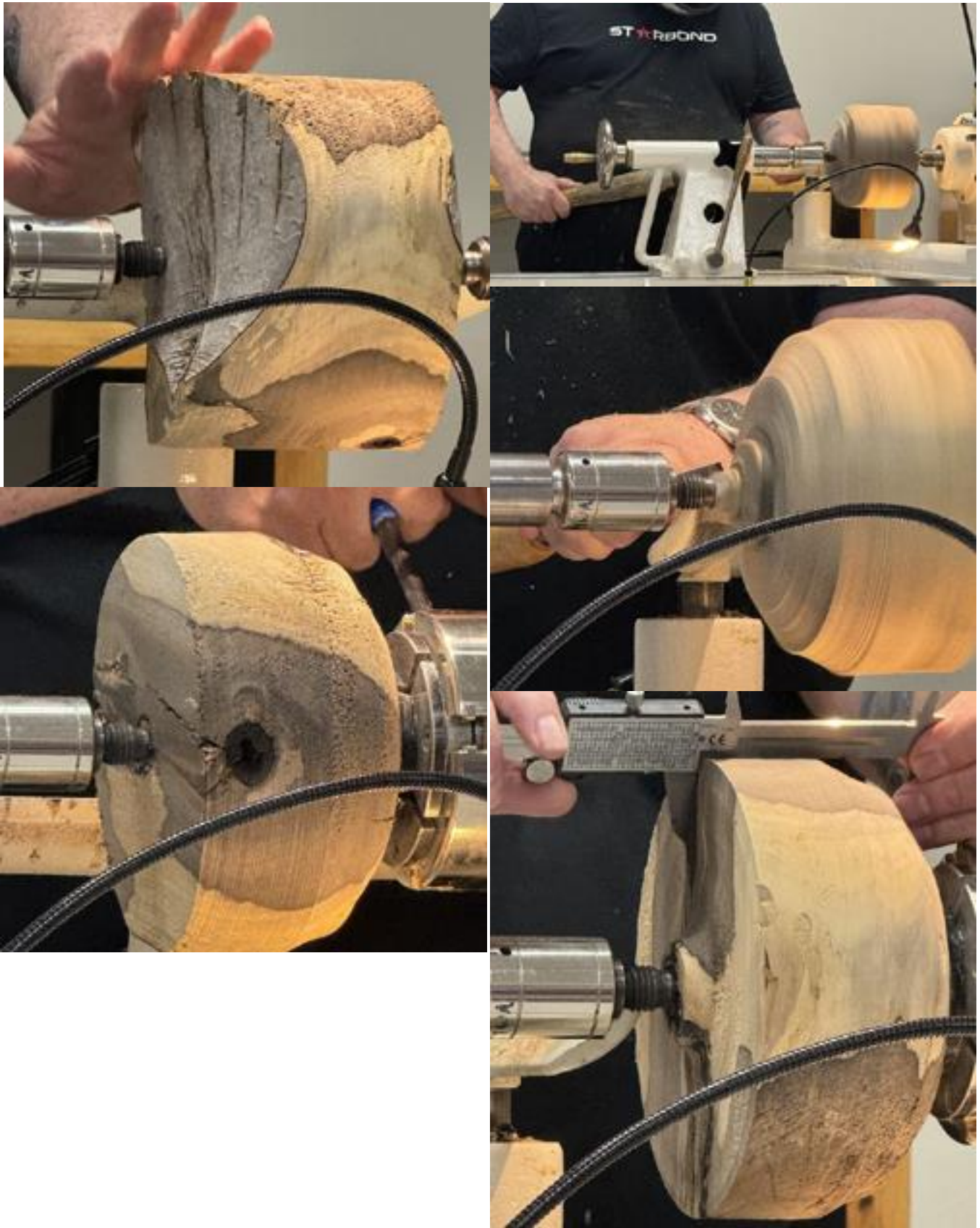
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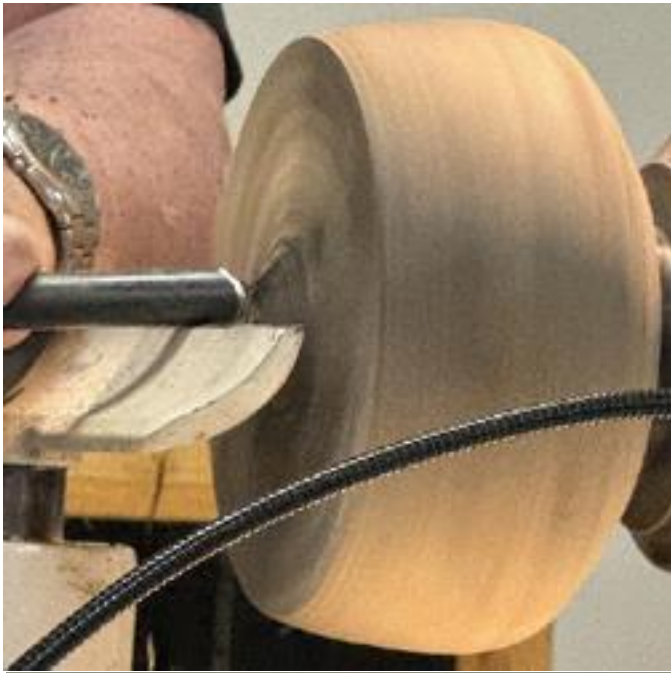
## Billy Burt – Callabash Bowl

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