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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

Jan. Meeting

1/21, 7 PM

At American Youthworks

Program

Demo: Turning beads the
Easy way; Jim Brinkman

Feb 1 First Saturday

Hosts: Clyde & Pat Little

President's Corner By Kelly Shaw

Happy New Year CTWA!

When our Founder Gary Roberts asked me if I would be willing to accept a nomination to be this year's Club President, I had a mix of thoughts and feelings about it but the one that stood out the most was **pride!** I am very honored to have this opportunity to serve such a fantastic organization – and group of people. We have a great group of volunteers and elected officers who have some exciting ideas for a fun year. Thank You all.

Dan Gillen asked me for a note for this month's newsletter – so I thought I would do some

research first and started looking back at previous newsletters for examples and guidelines and I must tell you – I was really blown away by what I found! The first random newsletter I clicked on was in 2008 when the President was none other than Craig Timmerman! The President Elect was Clyde Little, and the Membership Chairman was Jim Spano! I browsed through a few newsletters from various years and encourage you all to do so as well when you have time. Those newsletters are jam packed full of pictures (like Drew delivering Round Rock Donuts over 20 years ago!) activities (like Jim Spano teaching classes in the 90's) amazing demos and workshops by visiting turners (like Mike Josephs has planned for us this year) incredible club challenges (Craig Timmerman appears to have pioneered challenges that got people motivated and involved in unique concepts) It is also a historical account of lots and lots of group participation and incredible turned items. And one thing appears to have remained the

same all 38 years since Gary Roberts and a few of his pals put together this club – genuine comradery and long-lasting friendships.

Craig Timmerman is a lead presenter at the [Oregon Woodturning Symposium](#) March 14-16, 2025

It is definitely fun to travel around and visit clubs, schools and Symposiums.

I will work on a Presidents Challenge and present it at the upcoming meeting. It's the first meeting of the year so there should be quite a bit of news – a large turnout would be greatly appreciated for the demo that Mike Josephs has lined up. Please consider donating any turned items you can part with that you are proud of for upcoming charitable auctions that CTWA is a part of.

One of our most important donations will be due no later than February's 1st Saturday. The Annual Help Clifford Help Kids auction where funds are raised to support American

Youthworks. American Youthworks is an organization that connects young people with access to education, paid career training, and supportive services. They very generously provide us with a huge centrally located meeting space and plenty of storage for our equipment and basically ask for nothing in return. Once a year Help Clifford Help Kids has a fundraiser and we get the opportunity to give back by providing donations of auction items for their use in raising funds.

Kelly

Nov. 2024 Meeting Minutes By Dwight Schaeper

The November monthly meeting of the Central Texas Woodturner's Association (CTWA) was called to order by President Orlando Banos at 6:58 pm on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at the American YouthWorks (AYW) facility.

The minutes for the October 2024 meeting were approved.

Recognized visitors were David Edwards, Trenton Faykus, Richard Young, and J. D. Murphy.

The 2025 elected club officers and volunteers are:

President: Kelly Shaw

President-Elect: Zack Rubin

Treasurer: Len Brissette

Secretary: Beth Watkins

Program Chair: Mike Josephs

Membership Chair: Aaron Story

SWAT Rep.: Drew Shelton

Newsletter Editor: Dan Gillen

Reminder of the Christmas Party at the Little's on Saturday, December 14th. A signup list was circulated.

John Chatelain discussed the club's outreach program. The outreach program has collected \$730 for the club at the last 3 events. Gnomes and bottle stoppers were in demand. Several individuals who visited the CTWA booth at the events have attended our monthly meetings. Next year the Texas Woodworker's Festival will be in September.

Cortland Hunt relayed a message from SWAT that Nick Agar was recently diagnosed with cancer and that a Go Fund Me page was established.

Dave Wolter reminded the group of the 1st Saturday activities that occur between 9 and 12 on the 1st Saturday of the month.

Jim Brinkman needs 1st Saturday demonstrator volunteers and hosts for April and November 2025 locations.

The on-line payment portal is open for paying 2025 membership dues.

Orlando Banos presented the Instant Gallery turnings.

John and Jimmy Tolly demonstrated their method for turning Christmas ornaments.

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

Dwight Schaeper

Secretary

CTWA Outreach John Chatelain

We had a great start to the outreach program last year. We made several hundred dollars for the club and recruited several new members. I think getting new members is a great advantage to this program. We sold a variety of your donated turnings with bottle stoppers being the most popular. Bowls, weed pots, pens and more also kept people stopping at our booths.

We could always use new updated donations of your turnings to sell at these events. So, at every meeting night I will have a cardboard box by the door that you can drop off your donated items. They don't have to be one of your best, just good everyday turnings. Remember most people love handmade items and most have never seen some of the great turnings that our club can produce. Please try to have your names on the turning and the type of wood. People always want to know what kind of wood it is made from. Also, a suggested price is always good to have.

We don't have any hard dates for events at this time but will be posted as we get these set up for 2025.

Program Chair Mike Josephs

I want to begin the year by first acknowledging what an amazing program of demonstrations we were treated to in 2024. Kelly Shaw, our new president, certainly set the bar high for the role of program chairman. I thank you all for putting your trust in me to fulfill this role.

I truly hope to arrange demos and workshops that will benefit everyone in our club, from the most seasoned artist to the newest turner. In that light, I have some very exciting guests who will be visiting us from afar to provide instruction in the form of demos to the club as well as hands-on classes. A couple of these travelers have been confirmed, to include Neal Brand and Noah Peters, and I am in communication with several other top-tier turners and am coordinating dates and topics with them as I write this. I will update the group as new commitments are secured. While the demonstrations at 3rd Tuesdays are covered for all members and guests, please expect to pay a fee for the extra classes that will be offered.

My first scheduled demonstrator for January had to withdraw his commitment at the last moment due to health issues. This incited a brief period of panic, but

fortunately I was bailed out by our own Jim Brinkman, who graciously volunteered to teach us about making beads with EasyWood Tools. Jim is a very talented turner and I'm certain he will have much to teach us about the tools he enjoys using and the results he obtains with them. We all owe Jim a debt of gratitude for doing this on such short notice.

While I have several excellent program opportunities in the works, I am very much open to suggestions for additional topics of interest, presenters you would like to learn from, or any input you may have regarding what you would like to see in the upcoming year. I can be contacted via email, cell phone or just holler at me at one of our get-togethers. And last but not least, if you would like to volunteer to do a demonstration for our group, please let me know! I am excited to be your program chairman and I hope everyone will be able to benefit from what's in store.

CTWA Club Benefits

Rockler Round gives CTWA members a 10% discount if you wear your CTWA badge.

We receive 10% off on abrasives and finishes at Craft Supply online.

Group orders at Craft Supply of anything over \$1000 gets 13% off.

The Wood Depot

Gary Roberts, 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 for full details and membership form.

2025 Calendar

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

Jan 4 – First Saturday
Hosted by **Round Rock Rockler**

Jan 21 Club Meeting
7pm American YouthWorks
1901 East Ben White, Austin, TX

Program –

Feb 1 First Saturday
Hosted by: **The Littles**

Feb 18 Club Meeting
Program: **TBD**

Mar 1 First Saturday
Host: **Hap Parkinson**

Mar 18 Club Meeting
Program: **TBD**

Apr 5 First Saturday
Host: **Bill Stuewe**

Volunteer your Shop

The first Saturday of every month a member of the club opens their shop to host a club get together

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 2024 Instant Gallery – Photo credits – Pat Jenkins

TURNER	DESCRIPTION	WOOD AND FINISH
Jimmy Tolly	2 – 5.75”, 1 – 9.5” Plates from Beth Watkins scrap	Cherry, Coyote Abrasive paste and Polish
Jimmy Tolly	2, 3 to 4” diameter vessels	Easter Red Cedar, Coyote abrasive paste & polish
Jim Brinkman	Basket illusion	
Richard Young	4” x 6.5” Snare Drum	Goibac wood, Tung oil finish
Dave Wolter	Salad Bowl	Mesquite, Mahoney’s oil
Brent Hollingsworth	Christmas Tree	Hard maple, Deft Lacquer
Gary Roberts	Lidded box	Various woods, Deft & buffed
Gary Roberts	Lidded Candy Jars for Christmas	Various woods, Deft & buffed
Clint Hoyle	Wand	Osage Orange, Walnut Oil
Dan Upchurch	3 Bowls	Pecan (same tree), Osmo TopOil
Cortland Hunt	Christmas ornaments	Various Scrap woods, Lacquer or Coyote Finish
David Dick	Platter	Ambrosia Maple, Hemp Oil
Johnny Tolly	Epoxy filled bowl with bowties	
Hap Parkinson	Two Desk Lamps	
	Round Tuit	
	Sea Urchin Ornaments	

2025 First Saturday Schedule

MONTH	HOST	ADDRESS	City
January 4th	Rockler	2701-A Parker Road	Round Rock
February 1st	The Littles	14307 Geronimo St.	Volente
March 1st	Hap Parkinson	7002 Treasure Cove	Austin
April 5th	Bill Stuewe	1901 County Road 153	Georgetown
May 3rd	Gary Roberts	8613 Honeysuckle Trail	Austin
June 7th	Matthew Wright	4312 Dos Cabezas	Austin
July 5th?	Chris Van Peski	364 Colorado Dr.	Cedar Creek
August 2nd	David Crabb	708 Wagon Wheel Trail	Pflugerville
Sept 6th	Betty Hager	9215 Chisholm Lane	Austin
October 4th	Drew Shelton	112 Oakland Dr.	Georgetown
November 1st	David Wolter	11504 Kempwood Dr.	Austin
December 13th	The Littles, we hope!	14307 Geronimo St.	Volente

Jim Brinkman needs volunteer demonstrators for all first Saturday event. Please contact Jim at jsbrink21@sbcglobal.net or text at 940.231.8325 if you can demonstrate at a first Saturday.

CTWA 2025 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 Mike Josephs via text 512-801-5764 or email at mjosephsmd@yahoo.com if you are interested in taking these classes.

Month	Turner	Demonstration
January	Jim Brinkman, Austin, TX	Beads the EASY way
February		
March	Neal Brand, North Texas	Small Turnings that sell
April		
May	Noah Peters, Bixby, OK	Bowl coring, classes available weekend preceding demo
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		



Cortland Hunt



Brent Hollingsworth



Cortland Hunt



Dan Upchurch



Cortland Hunt



Clint
Hoyle



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Dave
Wolter



David Dick



Johnny Tolly



Gary Roberts



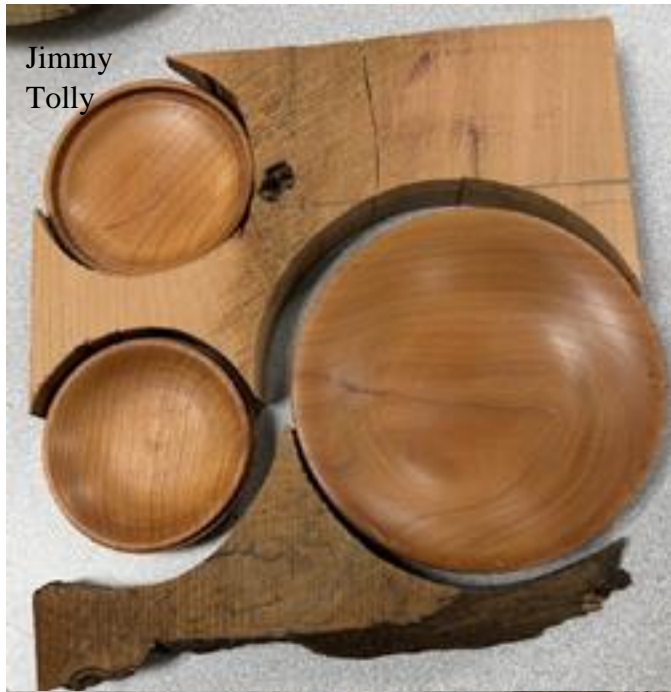
Gary Roberts



Jim Brinkman



Jim Brinkman



Jimmy
Tolly



Jimmy
Tolly



Jimmy
Tolly



Mike
Watson??



Richard
Young



Hap Parkinson



Hap Parkinson

November 2024 Bring Back Photos *Photo credits to Pat Jenkins*



November 2024 Christmas Ornament Demonstration

by Jonny and Jimmy Tolly Photo credits to Pat Jenkins











2025 Small Christmas Ornaments

Handout by Johnny Tolly

Supplies needed:

{Eye screws, Michaels Blue Moon 08-MI-6145} {Wire hangers, Amazon Rocky Mountain} Paints,
{Hobby Lobby} {Michaels}

Wood, scraps or 1&1/8 inch rounds or squares from Lowes or Home Depot.

Tools:

Chuck with small jaws, roughing gouge, detail gouge, small parting tool, sanding papers. Pen vice and small drill index.

#1, Globes, 1&1/8 inch rounds Cut 1&1/4 inch long.

Mark centers using the chuck.

Turn a 7/16 or 1/2 X 3/8 inch tenon on one end. Drill eye screw hole.

#2, Snowwomen, Cut 2&1/4 inches. In the chuck, drill for the eye screw. Turn between centers.

#3, Snowmen, cut 2&1/2 inches, turn a 7/16 or 1/2 inch tenon on one end and drill for the eye screw. Next turn between centers. Form the body and hat area.

#4, Christmas Trees, 1&1/4" rounds 3 inches long. In the chuck, one end drill for the eye screw, 3/8 inch deep. Turn around and turn a 7/17 or 1/2" tenon. Turn it around, hold the tenon in the chuck and taper the blank. Next form the tree branches tapering from the tailstock end.

Painting is the fun part, enjoy making Small Christmas Ornaments to share with family and friends.

Note: For standing ornaments make each 1/2 inch longer.

2024 CTWA Christmas Party

Hosted by Pat and Clyde Little Photo credits to Drew Shelton







White Elephant Gift Exchange





















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