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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

## Feb. Meeting

2/18, 7 PM

At American Youthworks

**Demo: by Club Members**  
**Program:** Tips, Tricks, etc.

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

## President's Corner By Kelly Shaw

Momentum!

There are so many remarkable things bubbling below the surface right now for CTWA that it would be hard to list them all! For a few years now there have been requests to take our meetings online to Zoom so that members of CTWA who are unable to attend in person do not miss out. We have members who live quite far away, who may have trouble driving in the dark, who have had to go out of town for work or vacation, or who might still be paying membership dues but no longer live in the area.

Zoom obviously is not the best permanent replacement for the tall tales and comraderies found during in person meetings but having the option to log in when unable to be present could be beneficial at times. Dan Gillen will send out a link before the meeting for everyone who would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

Aaron Story and Clint Hoyle have been working diligently behind the scenes to find a platform for us to create a new website for the club that is concise and easy to navigate with calendar functions and personal log ins that take you to member sections with videos and tutorials of your favorite demos and project's. This should all come together quickly!

JD Murphy is going to be visiting the Austin Wood Reclamation yard each 1st Friday and bringing a few pieces he thinks the club might find interesting to the wood depot This is yet another awesome volunteer position taken on for

the good of all the members.

If you read this far – congratulations. The President's Challenge begins now! You can be a complete beginner to enter the challenge, you can be a veteran. All you must do to enter is bring a piece of wood with you to the meeting. That is it! Hint: You do not have to bring a fancy piece of wood but what you do bring may directly affect how well you place in the competition.

Kelly

## Jan 2025 Meeting Minutes By Beth Watkins

President Kelly Shaw called to order the January monthly meeting of the Central Texas Woodturners Association (CTWA) at 7:07 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at the American YouthWorks (AYW) facility.

Kelly recognized visitors Hayden Brooks, Jim Stein, and Doug Dixon. Doug is the

Director of Sales and co-owner of Easy Wood Tools.

Members approved the minutes of the November 2024 meeting as written.

Kelly reminded members of the donation of wood by Al Gaskell and asked those who received that wood to make something small for Al.

Parc Smith, Chief Executive Officer of AYW thanked CTWA for auction donations for AYW's Help Clifford Help Kids fundraiser. He described the training and benefits available to AYW students. AYW's Chief Development Officer, Jonnyka Bormann, also thanked CTWA and noted that the auction will be online.

Kelly thanked several members for taking on various roles on behalf of CTWA. With Phil Scherburne offering to be librarian, all volunteer positions are filled.

Don Doan explained how the Bring Back Raffle works.

Kelly announced that Roy Martz is setting up a monthly class at Rockler.

Zack Rubin presented the Instant Gallery turnings.

Mike Josephs introduced our demonstrator, Jim Brinkman. Jim used Easy Wood Tools, including beading cutters, to make a skep (beehive) shaped lidded box.

Gary Roberts asked new members to let him know if they need name tags.

Mike Josephs discussed upcoming demonstrators and asked members to consider offering their shops for classes or workshops by guest demonstrators.

The meeting concluded with the Bring Back Raffle.

Beth Watkins

### CTWA Outreach John Chatelain

We always can use your donated turnings for our outreach programs. These donated turned items are sold at our outreach events to help fund our club. I will have a cardboard box near the front door at every meeting. Please place your donated turned items in the box. I know that all the turnings that our members create cannot all fit in your living rooms, so any extra turnings that your spouse says is taking up too much room would greatly benefit our club. So please bring them to the next meeting.

### Upcoming events:

1. Pflugerville Arbor Day event, November 8, 2025
2. Pioneer Days event... will not be happening this year
3. Pens for Vets... I have an email out, but have not heard back yet

4. Texas Woodworking Festival... September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>... We may or may not be at this event. Depending on the availability of unsold booths to commercial vendors. We may be at this event if there is extra unsold space. We have budgeted \$250 for a booth, but booths cost a lot more than this. Hopefully there will be extra space for us. I will let you know as the time gets closer.

5. American Youth Works pens for Graduates event... I do not have a date for this yet.

John Chatelain

### Program Chair Mike Josephs

Our demonstration schedule for the year began with Lifetime Member Jim Brinkman showing us how to turn a Beehive Box, with an emphasis on using EasyWood beading tools. The EasyWood Tools representative even came and donated tools for our raffle. Thanks both to Jim and EasyWood Tools for contributing to our club! This month we will mix things up a bit and for the demonstration, our own members will be showing us some of their favorite Tips, Tricks, Jigs and Fixtures. I have previewed the content and I can assure everyone that no matter how much experience you have in front of a lathe, there will be something new for the greenest to the most seasoned turners in the room. See what I did there? I want to thank everyone who

contributed and prepared their ideas to be presented. Without your contributions this would assuredly go down as the worst club demo in history. We're lucky to have so many members willing to help out and instruct us all.

Skipping forward to May, please remember to mark your calendars for our special guest for First Saturday, Alan Lacer. Alan will be demonstrating on the Skew Chisel beginning at 9:00 am on May 3 at American YouthWorks, our usual meeting spot. We will break for lunch, which will be provided by the club, and in the afternoon, Alan will demonstrate Lidded Boxes. If you are wondering why our First Saturday has been replaced by a demonstration, it's because Alan had scheduling conflicts and can't come to Austin around our 3rd Tuesday meetings.

Many of you signed up for our first hands-on workshops of the year with Alan, which will take place on May 4 and May 5 at Pat and Clyde Little's shop. These workshops will also focus on the skew chisel and lidded boxes. I appreciate everyone's enthusiasm, it will assuredly be a very special weekend. Huge shout out to Pat and Clyde for being so generous and allowing us to gather at their home.

Speaking of May, it's going to be an action-packed month. After we catch our breath from Alan Lacer's visit, Noah Peters from Oklahoma will be here to demonstrate at our 3rd Tuesday meeting on Bowl Coring. If you've attended SWAT, you will have certainly seen Noah at his booth with hundreds of large and beautifully cored bowl

blanks for sale. His production is astounding, and he will share his coring methods with us. His demo will be complimented by hands-on workshops, the details of which are still being finalized. I will arrange a sign up for Noah's classes once the dates and locations are secured, so keep that in mind. I'm having a blast as the Program Chair. I'm in conversations with several clubs throughout the state, coordinating future demonstrations and workshops from artists such as Kirk DeHeer from Provo, Utah and Tomislav Tomasic from Zagreb, Croatia. I'm also trying to arrange visits from additional talented Texas and traveling turners, so you won't want to miss a single meeting!

Mike Josephs

### Learn & Turn Roy Martz

Welcome to the new addition to the newsletter and our first column: Learn and Turn

Our first Learn and Turn event for 2025 was held February 6, 2025, on a lovely Thursday afternoon at Rockler in Round Rock. Fourteen newish members as well as old pros gathered to hear a fascinating recollection from Drew Shelton. Gary Roberts had been scheduled to talk but was detained by a long 4 hour doctor's visit. However, in true Gary Roberts fashion, he called after his appointment and

volunteered to contribute his remembrances by phone. After learning of his multiple surgical procedures, we all agreed he could take a break. Talk about devotion to the club!

Drew's beginning with CTWA began after attending a class in basic turning at Woodcraft taught by none other than Gary Roberts. After the class ended, Gary brought the whole group back to his shop where he showed the class some of his spectacular work, added a little embellishment to their new turnings with his chatter tool, and encouraged them to attend the next club meeting. Impressed, Drew decided to go to his first CTWA meeting where he marveled at the gallery, met the Tolly brothers, won the Bring Back prize, and registered for a 5-day class with Stuart Batty. Drew was smitten by not only the beauty of the turnings, but the welcome he received and the camaraderie he felt.

Jim Spano joined in with a similar story of his introduction to CTWA in 2001 through a woodturning class taught by David Dick. From David's classes at Woodcraft, he was influential in referring many of us to the club including me. More history was shared by other veteran members such as David Wolter as well. You will be able to hear and see details for yourself in an upcoming video by Don Doan who is co-host of Learn and Turn. Don

filmed, edited, formatted and will send the video for posting on our Webpage.

The group had a great time hearing about the origins of CTWA and its meaning to so many turners. Look forward to our upcoming classes, guest speakers, and events such as next month's "Turn Off" where some of our most seasoned turners will create their own unique interpretation of a common form. Tune In! Turn On! It's going to be great!

Roy Martz

**Jan 21 Board Meeting  
Minutes  
By Pat Jenkins**

Vaden opened the meeting at 6:30 PM on Zoom.

We had a zoom meeting because Vaden's schedule did not allow him to come to the Thursday night January business meeting. Vaden Mohrmann, Drew Shelton, Len Brissette and Pat Jenkins attended.

The first order of business was our included Treasurers Report.

We then discussed increasing dues. We all agreed that it seems like all our expenses have increased over the years and our dues have remained the same. While we have money on hand to do most of the things proposed for 2025, we feel it would result in a decline in our bank balance and don't feel like that is what we should accept.

We agreed on a recommendation of a \$10.00 a year dues increase. Name tags have increased to \$6.50 so we recommend a \$7.00 name tag fee for new members in the future

We discussed and came up with the proposed budget that is included.

We discussed a hold harmless release for outside demonstrators and will get more information.

We discussed Gary Roberts resignation from the board and will look for a replacement.

There being no other scheduled business (and the fact that zoom kicked us off), Vaden adjourned the meeting about 7:00 PM.

Pat Jenkins  
Board Secretary

CTWA Board Minutes from  
October 2024 - addendum

After the October 5, 2024 first Saturday there was a phone call Board meeting awarding Drew Shelton a Lifetime Membership to be presented at the Christmas Party December 14, 2024. The meeting included Vaden Mohrmann, Gary Roberts, Len Brissette and Pat Jenkins. Drew was excluded as he was the reason for the meeting. All members included agreed on the award for Drew and there was no other business discussed.

Pat Jenkins  
Board Secretary

**CTWA Club Benefits**

Rockler, Round Rock 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:  
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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 \$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 has several types of memberships. Please visit the following link to review membership types and pay for your membership. Link to AAW

membership page

<https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Woodturner/Landing-Pages/Membership-Landing-Page.aspx?hkey=fa7a8cba-7884-4b5a-a5a2-ba3a39675e05>

## Hints & Tips

Rob Wallace post on the Woodturning Connection Online Group

### Rob Wallace

★Rising contributor

I suggest that you check first before trying to apply lacquer while a wooden turned form is being supported by a vacuum chuck. Depending on what species of wood you are using, it is absolutely possible to pull finish right through the wood while under vacuum - I have done it! If you are not aware that this can happen, you can continue to apply finish and have it sucked through the chuck, through your tubing, and into the vacuum pump. You may need to re-think this, and certainly check it out before going ahead with applying finish while under vacuum. Just a WARNING from personal experience!!

### • Reply

#### David Swain

Author

**Rob Wallace** I've never had it happen. But I have two filters in the suction line just in case. I usually have the bottoms well sealed before spraying.

## 2025 Calendar

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

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

**Feb 18 Club Meeting**  
**Program: Tips, Tricks, Jigs, Fixtures, and Cool Tricks**

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

**Mar 18 Club Meeting**  
**Program: Neal Branch, North Texas Turning small things that sell**

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

**Apr 15 Club Meeting**  
**Program: Kirk Delheer, Provo, Utah**

**Sat May 3 – American Youth Works**  
**Alan Lacer Demos, Skew in Morning Lidded Box in afternoon**

**Sun May 4 – At Clyde & Pat Little's**  
**Alan Lacer Workshop – Skew Chisel**

**Mon May 5 – At Clyde & Pat Little's**  
**Alan Lacer Workshop – Lidded Box**

## **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**

## CTWA Treasurer's Report

February, 2025

The following represents the current state of the finances for the Central Texas Woodturners Association as of January 21, 2025.

### Current Balance:

Bank of America:	\$23,972.24
PayPal:	535.98

### Annual expenses:

Insurance (The Hartford)	446.00
Demonstrations:	3900.00
Christmas Party:	420.46
Nametags:	199.50
A/V Equipment	621.82
Misc. Expenses	32.09
Outreach programs	1131.17

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TOTAL:	6758.04
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### Income:

Membership & nametags:	3444.22
Donations:	350.00
Bring back auction	819.00
SWAT room support	2000.00
Beginners Class	480.00
Agar Workshop	2702.28

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TOTAL:	9795.50
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Net:	3037.46
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Len Brissette. Treasurer

**January 2025 Instant Gallery – Photo credits – Drew Shelton**

<b>TURNER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>WOOD AND FINISH</b>
Herb Ingram	Cookie Jar	Red Ambrosia Maple/Ash, Wax
Herb Ingram	Square Bowl	Ambrosia Maple, Wax
Paul Buther	Open Segment Bowl	Walnut, Maple, Paduk, Lacquer Finish
Mike Spranger	Bowl	White Elm, Coyote Finish
Brent Hollingsworth	Lidded Box	Bradford Pear, Wipe on Poly
John Chatelain	Wine Bottle 1876 segments Wine Glass 513 segments	Cherry, finish with Deft & Beall buffed
Jim Moyle	Tulip Pot	Magnolia, carnauba finish
John Chatelain	Hanging Orb “Hornets’ nest”	OSB & Walnut. Deft & Beall Buffed



## 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	Alan Lacer	American Youth Works	Austin
June 7th	Matthew Wright	4312 Dos Cabezas	Austin
July 5th?	Chris Van Peski	364 Colorado Dr.	Cedar Creek
August 2nd	David Crabb twice Turned	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](mailto:jsbrink21@sbcglobal.net) or text at 940.231.8325 if you can demonstrate at a first Saturday.

### CTWA 2025 Demonstrations and Workshop Schedule

Month	Turner	Demonstration
January	Jim Brinkman, Austin, TX	Beads the EASY way
February	Club Members	Tips, Tricks, Jigs, Fixtures & Cool Tools
March	Neal Brand, North Texas	Small Turnings that sell
April	Kirk Delheer, Provo, Utah	
Sat May 3	Alan Lacer, River Falls, WI	Skew Chisel Morning, Lidded Box Afternoon
Sun May 4	Alan Lacer, River Falls, WI	Hands-on workshop-Skew Chisel
Mon May 5	Alan Lacer, River Falls, WI	Hands-on Workshop, Lidded Box
May	Noah Peters, Bixby, OK	Bowl coring, classes available weekend preceding demo
June	Herb Ingram, Austin, TX	Twice Turned Scalloped Edge Bowl
July		
August		
September		
October		
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## Christmas Party Gift Exchanges







January 2025 Bring Back Photos









**Photo of first Learn & Turn event**



## February 1, 2025 First Saturday

Hosted by Clyde and Pat Little

Photo credits to Drew Shelton



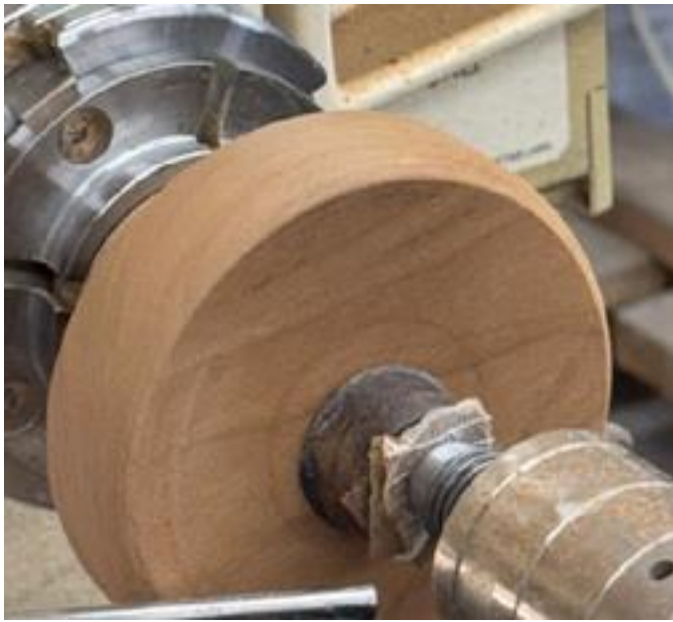
# Gary Roberts First Saturday Demonstration

## Turning Mason Jar Lids













## First Saturday Show & Tell Items

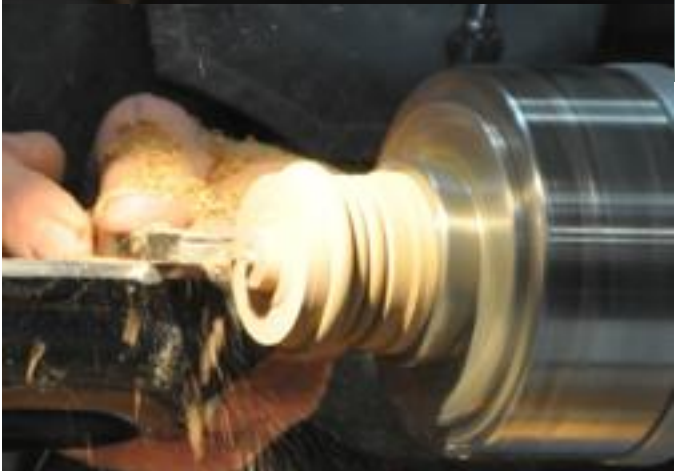


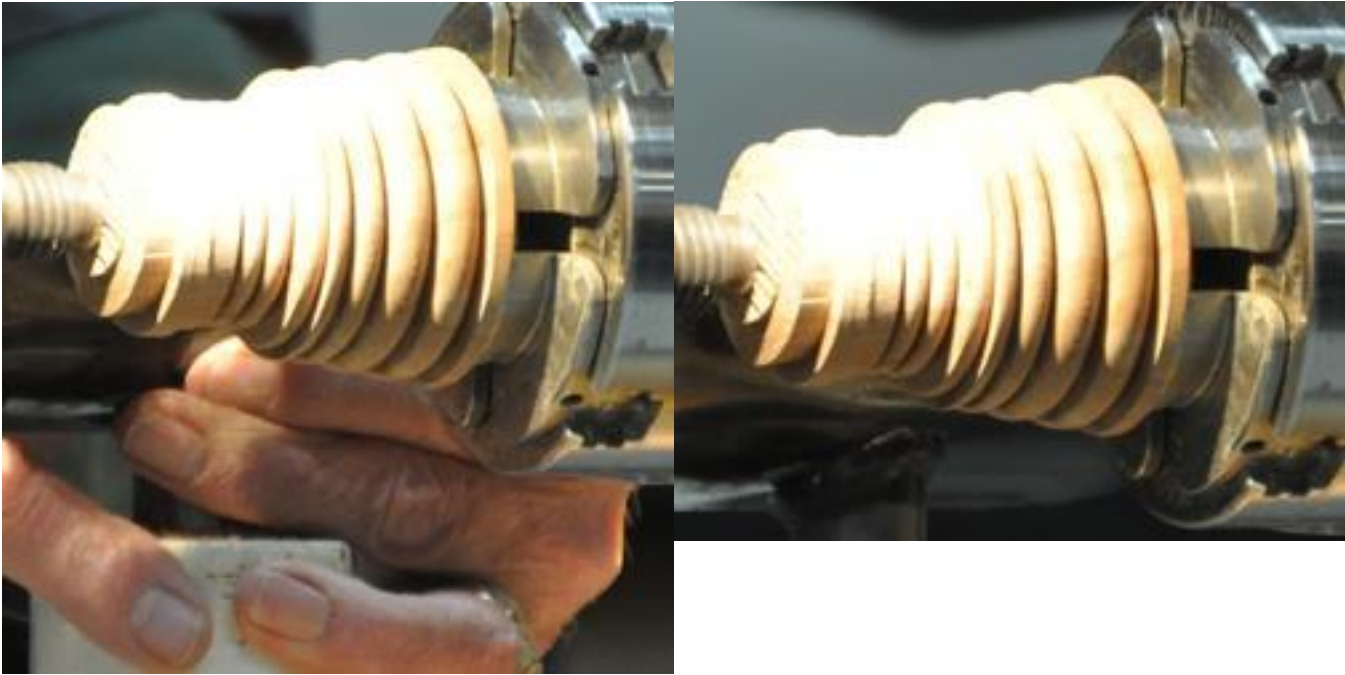




**Demonstration – Turning beads the Easy way**  
By Jim Brinkman                      Photo credits to Drew Shelton







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