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The newsletter of the Central Texas Woodturners Association
Austin, Texas

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

June Meeting

6/17, 7 PM

At American Youthworks

Demo: Herb Ingram
Twice Turned Bowl with
scalloped edge

July 5 First Saturday
Host: Chris Van Peski

President's Note By Kelly Shaw

Greetings!

Another month has gone by, and I hope that you have had time to get into your studios and work on the Presidents challenge because we have three special guests coming into town on Tuesday night to judge them for us!

This challenge was first conceived in the early 2000's by Craig Timmerman when he was the club's president. I'm not nearly as smart as I look so at the beginning of this year, I spent a morning with my coffee

browsing the CTWA website looking over archived newsletters for ideas when I ran across his article detailing his idea for a collaboration challenge and immediately "borrowed" his plan and couldn't be more excited about the results of my "stolen valour".

All of these pieces are winners as far as I am concerned. As previously discussed, these items will be featured in an AAW article penned by Gary Roberts, showcased at the SWAT symposium in August and then donated, auctioned, raffled or sold as determined by club officers for the remainder of the year and in the future to raise funds for our own non-profit and affiliate non-profits that we support, including but not limited to American Youthworks, Clifford Helps Kids, Garrison Retreats, O.P Veteran, Texas Tree Conference and Operation KidDocs. I hope also that the project deepened some comraderies, sparked a

little creativity and problem solving, and maybe even led you over to a mentor's studio learning something new.

That being said there are three categories to be judged and win in.

- 1) Creativity of the Form that was made with the blank provided
- 2) Creativity of the embellishment of the form provided
- 3) Overall Best in Show

Category one and two will each receive a \$50 VISA gift card to use wherever and on whatever you would like.

Both people who contributed to Best in Show will each receive \$100 Visa gift cards

There will also be a runner up/ honourable mention for each category, and they will each receive a \$10 gift card to craft supplies.

So, if you are like me and haven't completed your half of the challenge yet – it's time to

turn off those cooking competition re-runs and head into the shop this weekend!

May 2025 Meeting Minutes By Beth Watkins

President Kelly Shaw called to order the May meeting of the Central Texas Woodturners Association (CTWA) at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at the American YouthWorks (AYW) facility.

Members approved the minutes of the April 2025 meeting as written.

Kelly recognized visitors Joel Morrison and David Teller and described the benefits of club membership.

Johnny Tolly reported that 57 pens were turned that day by graduating students and AYW staff.

Kelly noted that 10 or more members were watching the meeting on Zoom. He also reminded those participating in the President's Challenge to bring their finished pieces to the June meeting where they will be judged in the categories of form, embellishment, and overall piece.

David Linkletter asked for volunteers to help set up and operate the AV equipment this summer and at SWAT.

Dan Gillen asked that articles for the newsletter follow a uniform format that he would email to members. He asked members who bring items for the Instant Gallery and Bring Back Raffle to include the

measurements for their turnings when filling out the club form.

Parc Smith of AYW thanked CTWA for hosting the annual pen turning event for seniors. Their Graduation is June 19, and AYW needs donations to cover unexpected venue expenses.

Drew Shelton described SWAT for the newer members, concluding, "You've gotta go!"

Zach Rubin presented items in the Instant Gallery.

Kelly reported that Clint Hoyle and Aaron Story hope to have the improved CTWA website up and running in two months. Kelly also reminded members of the June 1st Saturday Chainsaw party at the home of Gary Roberts.

Mike Josephs introduced Noah Peters, who demonstrated bowl coring with a McNaughton coring system.

The meeting concluded with the Bring Back Raffle and the opportunity for members to take home a roughed-out turning donated by a former member.

CTWA Outreach John Chatelain

CTWA Outreach

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... Their May event conflicts with our Alan Lacer meeting, so we have scheduled our next pen turning event for October 5, 2025
4. Texas Woodworking Festival... September 13th & 14th... 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... We had a very successful pen-turning day for the recent graduates. See the article from Johnny Tolly for the details.

John Chatelain

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**American Youth Works
Pen Turning event
By Johnny Tolly**

I wish to personally thank the following CTWA members for their dedication helping with the 2025 Senior pen turning event.

John Parker

Suzi Parker

Jimmy Tolly

Pat Jenkins

Philip Sherburne

These individuals are what makes the CTWA club function. The smiles on the children and staff were very awesome to see.

Each recipient went home with a one of a kind personal gift. There was a total of 57 pens made. Some were quite unique in the design.

It is my wish that next year more of the CTWA members will step up and assist with this very important event.

It is one of the ways that we as CTWA pay it back for the use of the building to meet at and to store our equipment.

Johnny Tolly

**Program Chair
Mike Josephs**

Considering we are half way through the year, I couldn't help but to reflect on the incredible demonstrations and workshops

we have enjoyed thus far. Our club has hosted local and regional turners, as well as some from quite far away.

We have had workshops on a variety of topics, and we have even held an all-day demonstration with a world-class instructor. I realize the pace, especially of the workshops, was a bit brisk, but things will be spaced out better for the remainder of the year.

I hope that the program has been informative and interesting to everyone! If you feel otherwise, or if you have a topic you would like to see covered, I am open to any and all suggestions. Speaking of which, I have some bad news to share. I mentioned that Tomislav Tomasic would be coming from Croatia to demonstrate and hold workshops for us in September, but unfortunately, he will no longer be able to visit us this year. He will hopefully come in the not too distant future, so don't lose hope.

The next demonstrator, for June, is our own Herb Ingram. Herb has always impressed me since I first joined CTWA. He brings beautiful pieces to show and tell with predictable regularity, and they're all marked with his signature pyrography and often with some epoxy. Herb is quick to lend a helping hand, whether in the form of a quick retort, or slinging a 20" chainsaw. He often highlights natural features of wood in his pieces, so I was

intrigued when Herb shared with me the title of his upcoming demonstration, Twice Turned Scalloped Edge Bowl. It's sure to be an attention-grabbing demo, you'll definitely want to check it out.

**Bring Back
By Don Doan**

The Bring Back Raffle continues to impress me, the generosity of the Club, the gifts, and donations help CTWA stay strong and focused on our core of giving, teaching, learning, and not the least camaraderie.

Here are the donations through April:

Month	Amount
January	\$120.00
February	\$136.00
March	\$147.00
April	\$147.00
May	\$115.00
Sum	\$665.00

**A/V Help needed for
Summer and SWAT
David Linkletter**

A/V Summer Opportunities

The club's Audio/Video work has been enhanced by having a full crew of volunteers who set up the system and troubleshoot it, resulting in an increasingly smooth presentation of our meetings. Zoom meetings have been the latest addition to our club. Summer's arrival presents opportunities for our members to contribute to our advances.

First, some of the A/V crew will be out of town for the summer. We would benefit from a few members volunteering to help with set up for our monthly Tuesday meetings. If you are available between 5:00 and 6:00 pm on the Tuesday meeting days, we can use you. Only moderate lifting is required, and it's not rocket science. But we will teach you the few tricks you will need to know.

Also, SWAT is just around the corner. We need an A/V operator and a room host for each demonstration. I will pass around a sign-up sheet on Tuesday. Those interested in being an A/V operator, but with no experience, can intern at the A/V control station during the next few Tuesday meetings. It will include observation and hands on training. Old hands at A/V are already good to go.

SWAT News By Drew Shelton

Reminder: Waco hotels are filling very fast. If you are going to SWAT but have not reserved your hotel please do so ASAP.

This year's Southwest Area Turners (SWAT) event will be held on August 22-24 in Waco. Registration opened March 3rd, and hotel reservations opened on February 10th. The two symposium hotels are the Hilton and the Marriott Courtyard. They tend

to fill up quickly, so get your room ASAP if you want to be within walking distance. There are also other hotels in the area as well.

Here is a link to the SWAT website:

<https://www.swaturners.org/swat-registration-2025.html>

If you've never been to SWAT, you really should give it a try. Lead demonstrators from all over the country and regional demonstrators from the SWAT area will be doing demonstrations on topics you might not have tried before. And if any of those topics require tools you don't have, lots of vendors will be ready to sell them to you. You'll find woods you might never have seen before and tools you suddenly realize you can't live without. The Instant Gallery will both amaze and inspire with hundreds of beautiful turnings. There is also a 3 for 1 raffle where you have chances to win donated gallery items, tools, and even lathes.

As CTWA's SWAT rep for this year, I attended the Board of Directors meeting on January 25th. I brought up that the concrete floor in our demonstration room causes reverberation with our audio. SWAT might be able to get us some floor pads to help. We'll see if that actually happens or if it even helps.

Another topic at the meeting was the Texas Woodworking Festival. Festival producer Austin Waldo contacted SWAT president Pam Thompson about merging that event with SWAT

at a single venue beginning in 2026, perhaps even with a single event registration. This would have the potential to introduce many new people to woodturning. While I don't have a final count of SWAT attendees for last year, the pre-registered total was 661. Last year's Festival had over 2000 attendees. The SWAT vendors would likely benefit from so many new potential customers, though the rest of us might feel seriously outnumbered. Nothing was decided at the board meeting, but I came away with the feeling that this merger is unlikely to happen. For one thing, we'd have to find a much larger venue in a larger city. My personal opinion is while I like the idea of bringing in new people, I greatly prefer keeping SWAT as it is.

Drew Shelton

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.

Club members please be considerate of other members and don't take all, or almost all, of one species. Give other members a chance at some wood too.

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 \$60/year, prorated \$5/month plus \$10 badge fee for new members. \$85/ 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

This space is provided for members to share tips and tricks they learn or read about. Please email your tips and tricks to Dan Gillen at dcgillen@gmail.com

2025 Calendar

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

June 17 Monthly meeting

Demo: Twice turned bowl with scalloped edge

By: Herb Ingram

July 3 – Learn & Turn

Hosted at Rockler, Round Rock

July 5 First Saturday

Host: Chris Van Peski

July 16 Monthly Meeting

Demo: TBD

August 2 First Saturday

Host: David Crabb

August 7 – Learn & Turn

Hosted at Rockler, Round Rock

August 19 – Monthly Meeting

Demo: TBD

August 22-24 SWAT

<https://www.swaturners.org/swat-registration-2025.html>

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**

May 2025 Instant Gallery – Photo credits – Drew Shelton		
TURNER	DESCRIPTION	WOOD AND FINISH
Len Brissette	Moon Pod	Spalted Pecan, BLO, wax
Beth Watkins	Lidded Box, Alan Lacer class, 3.4” tall, 2.6” wide	Maple, Abrasive paste & Hampshire Sheen Gloss Wax
Zach Rubin	Pole Lathe turned bowl	Beech, Unfinished
Nicci Haynie	Chalice	Maple, Canary wood & (maybe) Cherry Base, Epoxy wash over
Phil Sherburne	Ring Holder	Bowl-Ambrosia Maple, Spindle-French Walnut, Deft 2-1 w/lacquer
Herb Ingram	Bowl	Butternut, Walnut Oil
Herb Ingram	Handle (Made with Gary Roberts)	Osage Orange, Walnut Oil
Herb Ingram	Platters	Mesquite, Walnut Oil
Herb Ingram	Bowl	Osage Orange, Mylands & Wax
Jim Moyle	Lidded Box, Alan Lacer class, drawer pull inlay with Emma Longs Chameleon Flakes	Soft Maple, Shellac/Carnauba Wax

May Bring Back Raffle Results

Turner	Item	Bring Back Raffle winner	Bring Back Request
Zack Rubin	Nick Agar Type Flowerpot	Jim Moyle	1-turning
Mike Josephs	Alan Lacer Snap-fit lid box	Joel Morrison	1-turning
J.D. Murphy	Green Turn Pecan Bowl	Jason Tunnel	1-turning
Noah Peters	Green and Dry Bowl	Mike Watson	1-turning
Pat Jenkins	Bowl	Pat Jenkins	1-turning (From May)

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	Gary Roberts	8613 Honeysuckle Trail	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 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 DeHeer, Provo, Utah	Demystifying Thread Chasing
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
Mon May 19	Noah Peters, Bixby, OK	Hands-on Workshops, Rough turning wet bowls a.m. Finishing once turned bowls p.m.
Tue May 20	Noah Peters, Bixby, OK	Hands-on Workshops, Rough turning wet bowls a.m. Finishing once turned bowls p.m.
Tue May 20	Noah Peters, Bixby, OK	Bowl coring demo at May meeting
June 17	Herb Ingram, Austin, TX	Twice Turned Scalloped Edge Bowl
July 15		
August 19		
Sept. 16		
October 21		
Nov. 18		
December		

May 2025 Instant Gallery

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Beth Watkins



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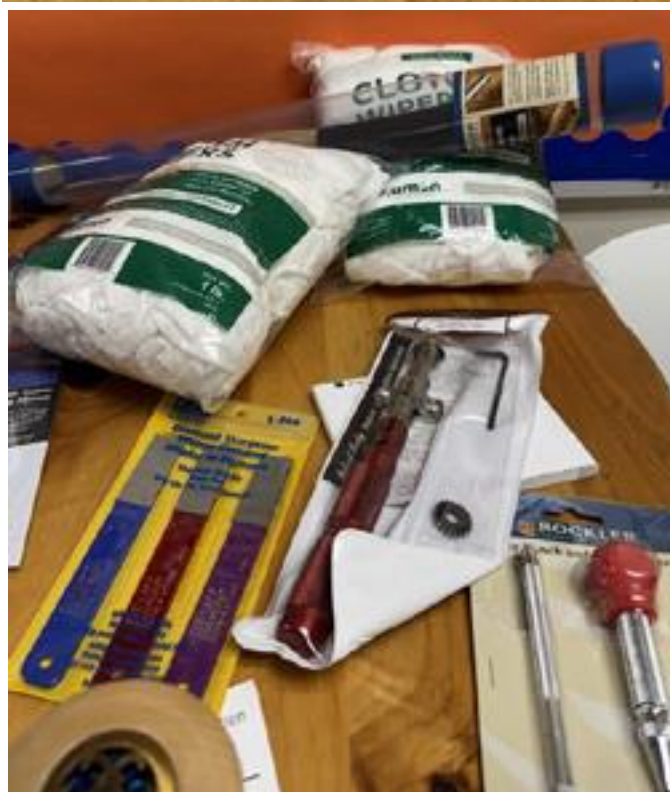
Phil
Sherburne



Zach
Rubin



Herb
Ingram



May 2025 - Noah Peters Demonstration – Coring Bowls

Photo Credits to Drew Shelton



Noah Peters

Bixby, OK











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