

# San Diego Woodturners



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### This month at SDWT:

**Mike Mahoney** 

@ Nottingham

**18th January**, **2025** 

(9 AM-3:30 PM)

\$25 In-Person and \$20 Zoom Demo

(In-Person: Includes Lunch)

**Pre-register on-Line (Members Only Tab)** 

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**Pay at Nottingham** 

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### **SHAVINGS**

from the Prez . . .

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season, celebrating whichever holiday is yours. I celebrate everything!

The Holiday party was a great success thanks to Karen and her elves. We had a great turnout and as always the food was abundant and delicious. We even had a surprise visit from Tyler Smith who moved to Minnesota after he retired from the Navy.

A special raffle was held at the party for a chance to win a skew and handle donated to us by Carter & Sons tool company. The raffle bought in some needed funds for the raffle so Jeff will be able to get

Sally Ault

even better things for our meeting raffles. Caroline did a great job of selling tickets…its hard to say no to Caroline!

The gifts that were brought were varied and all of them excellent...tools, wood, finished pieces...it was fun seeing them all.

Our January meeting will be a big treat. Our honorary member, Mike Mahoney will be doing an all day demo on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Remember to sign up and pay ahead of time to save time in the line. The all day demo fee is \$25 and includes lunch. Mike is one of the finest turners and instructors in the world. He will show us how to make 3 and maybe 4 different items. Don't blink or you will miss something. As usual if you are unable to come in person, you may watch on zoom with a prior reservation at \$20. I know zoom is often easier than getting in your car but you won't get to visit with friends, see some amazing work in the instant gallery or have a chance to visit with Mike. Mike plans to bring a bunch of cored bowl blanks, some quarter sawn Oak platter blanks and some burls for sale...can't get those on zoom.

We were unable to get him to stay to do any classes so this is your only chance to see one of the best up close and personal.

The gift shop at the Torrey Pines Preserve is always asking for more items made from Torrey Pine. They sell everything we bring them and it is a great fundraiser for TAV. Chad always has Torrey Pine for you to take home and create something to donate so we can keep that excellent source of revenue going. They also like tops...and those don't have to be Torrey Pine.

This months volunteer of the month is Norm Burkhart. Norm has taken on the extremely important job of treasurer and is doing a great job. He has increased our income from the interest the bank pays by moving some funds to CD's. Norm has a lot of experience that is so important to such a critical job. Geri was a great treasurer and is still available to answer any questions Norm has about how things were done but he has taken the ball and run with it! Thanks Norm!

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### SHAVINGS Cont...

from the Prez . . .

Speaking of Volunteering...as you know TAV has added a 4<sup>th</sup> venue at the main VA hospital in La Jolla. It is designed for the spinal injury patients and has been so popular that they have had to add another lathe. TAV needs more help! You don't have to be experienced...we will teach you what you need to know. There are lots of jobs that we need volunteers for. There is a process to get your credentials to get into any of the sites but they aren't difficult and only have to be renewed once a year. We can help with that too! Please consider volunteering to help a day or two a month at whichever site is most convenient for you.

Contact Dan Waldburger at <a href="mailto:danwal58@gmail.com">danwal58@gmail.com</a> to sign up.

Make helping others one of your New Years Resolutions. I promise you will get more from it than you put in!

**Lastly**: As you all know it is the end of the year and time to **renew your membership**. It's so easy to do online...please make it a priority! If you don't do PayPal please put a check in the mail to:

SDWT 1441 Main st. # 184 Ramona, CA 92065

### Sally



Happy New Year to All in SDWT. Another year to better understanding, learning, and sharing in our Woodturning Craft.

### SDWT Demonstration/Event Schedule for 2024



I hope you are all staying well. We are blessed to have such a wonderful pastime to keep us busy.

Our program schedule will continue to provide a variety of demonstrations to enhance your skills and maybe offer something you haven't tried before..

On the Horizon - Feb: Joe Fleming, Mar: Don Owen, April: Pete Campbell.

#### Karen

This month, Join Me this month in Welcoming back to SDWT - Mike Mahoney



Honorary SDWT member Mike Mahoney is a full time production woodturner specializing in utility wares, nested bowls and hollow forms. Mike's work is in many of the finest turning collections in the world. His work has been accepted into many of the top juried craft shows in the USA. Mike has demonstrated internationally in seven different countries and has produced several instructional videos and a signature line of finishes.

I have been a production salad bowl maker for 20 years. I produce utilitarian bowls geared towards American Crafts Galleries. I also pro-

duce one of a kind urns, nested bowl sets, canisters, and hollow forms feel my years as a production turner have made me aware of the importance of repetiion to perfect a skill. I feel I can translate this skill to my students to make them more skillful and productive.

Mike will be demonstrating and turning three projects: plate, bowl, and pepper grinder.

\*\* There is No Classes Following the Demo.



\*\*\*\*Mike will be bringing some core blanks for sale, quarter sawn Oak platter blanks, and some burl's. You might want to bring a few extra \$\$\$ should something strike your fancy.

# \_"Drop-In Saturday"







The idea behind "Drop in Sessions" for Members is to set up a shop environment of collaboration and a place to receive assistance in answering your turning questions or help with a technique.

Bring your own tools and project material along with your PPE.

Our days are typically on a select Saturday of the Month. 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

San Marcos, Nottingham Arts Center.

"Drop-In"

### **Drop-In returns January 25th at Nottingham**

<u>Participants must be members</u> of San Diego Woodturners Club (SDWT) in good standing. Members under the age of 18 years may participate with parental permission and a parent or guardian must be present.

### Safety is ALWAYS a Priority!

Questions: Email at Dropin@sdwt.org





Turn Around for Vets (TAV) is a critical program of the San Diego Woodturners
Club. All TAV activities are carried out by a dedicated, unpaid group of volunteers so that 100% of donated funds, designated for TAV, are used to purchase supplies and equipment and to support the program.



#### This Months TAV Update:

Dan Waldburger

**TAV Chairman transition**: January marks the successful transition of TAV chairmanship from Ernesto Aquino to Dan Waldburger. Ernesto did an outstanding job in so many aspects of leading the TAV program, not the least of which was opening the fourth TAV center at VA La Jolla. He also created a comprehensive transition package to facilitate the smooth transfer of leadership. We thank you Ernesto and wish you great success in your next woodturning endeavor.

Dan has accepted the title of TAV Chairman and has jumped right in. The storage unit that was in Fallbrook is now closed and current inventory for the (4) TAV sites resides in Sorrento Valley, much closer to NMC, VA and Aspire. There was a lot of old, unused, dated and unwanted inventory that has either been scrapped, repurposed or will be used for the raffle. Make sure you get some raffle tickets for this opportunity to pick up some various tools and kits on the cheap!

Dan looks forward to working with all SDWT members and guests in ensuring the success of TAV.

**Plaque for Tom Lightner**: On December 18, 2024 there was a ceremony at Camp Pendleton Wounded Warrior Battalion-West (WWBn-West) to honor the late Tom Lightner. The ceremony included unveiling a plaque permanently mounted at WWBn-West. Tom was a key figure in the founding of TAV and his dedication to the effort and recognition of his military brothers and sisters is key to the successful past, present and future of TAV. Thank you again Tom for your service, may you rest in peace. (See page 9)

Ernesto accepted an award on behalf of TAV from WWBn-West, thanking the team for "Continued Support of the Marines and Sailors of Wounded Warrior Battalion West". The award was presented to Ernesto by WWBn-West Commanding Officer LtCol Guard. (See Page 10)

The Wounded Warrior Battalion (**Thomas G. Lightner - Woodturning Center)** is established (see page 11)



#### **This Months TAV Update Cont:**

**Torrey Pines Gift Shop**: The TP Gift Shop continues to be a successful outlet and revenue generator for TAV. In December we placed the (22) "Bandsaw Trees" that Karen Freitas made for the potluck centerpieces (thank you Karen) and a new prospective product of (8) mushrooms turned from small branches of Torrey Pine. Hopefully the park visitors find these items enjoyable enough to purchase.

**Equipment Inventory**: The lathe and machinery inventory has been completed and documented at each TAV site. Lathes are clearly marked by serial number and a simple identifier to facilitate future machine inventory counts.

While cleaning out the Fallbrook storage unit, there was a great purge of items old, unused and of questionable value. This includes various kits, stoppers, seam rippers, keychains and the like. The "goforward" focus for the near term with TAV is PENS! That inventory is much easier to manage and the product has broad appeal across all demographics. Other turned items can be undertaken at the discretion of the Site Leads.

**Volunteers**: TAV is successful as a result of the many volunteers who donate their time to the mission of the group. We can always put volunteers to use in a variety of positions, not only at the TAV sites. We need assistance in event coordination, community outreach, material preparation and a variety of other tasks. Thank you to the existing volunteer teams and if new volunteers are interested, please contact Dan via email at tavchairman@sdwt.org.



First Pen turned by Spinal Cord Injury patient at VA La Jolla



Mushrooms for Torrey Pine Gift Shop.



Pen blank prep at NMC

### **This Months TAV Update Cont:**





SDWT Members TAV Volunteer Team at VA La Jolla, CA. Team lead: Larry Szafraniec



SDWT Members TAV Volunteer Team at Wounded Warrior Bn, Camp Pendleton, CA. Team Lead: Jon Chernow

# Honors for Tom Lightner held 18 December, 2024 at Wounded Warrior Battalion, Camp Pendleton, CA







(L) Ernesto Aquino –SDWT TAV Chairman along with Wounded Warrior Bn Commander/LtCol Mitchell G. Guard unveil plaque Honoring former TAV Chairman - Tom Lightner at Wounded Warrior BN recreation room December 18th, 2024.

(R) WWBN Bn Cmdr LtCol Guard, President SDWT - Sally Ault, TAV Chairman - Ernesto Aquino and Jeff Lightner (son of Tom)



#### This Months TAV Update Cont:

# United States Marine Corps



Wounded Warrior Battalion - West presents this

# Certificate of Appreciation

San Diego Woodturners Turn Around for Veterans

On behalf of the United States Marine Corps, I wish to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the dedication to supporting our wounded, ill, and injured service members by offering woodturning as a therapeutic outlet. The positive impact that San Diego Woodturners, Turn Around for Veterans has made on the lives of our warriors is immeasurable. Through your unique approach, you have provided not only a creative and healing outlet but also a sense of community and camaraderie that is invaluable to those who have served our country. Your unwavering commitment to their well-being is a testament to your compassion and deep understanding of the challenges our warriors face. On behalf of all Marines, I say, "Thank you and Semper Fidelis!"

18 December 2024 Date

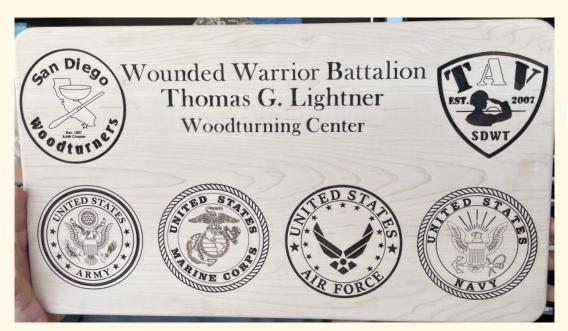
Guard Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Marine Corps Commanding Officer Wounded Warrior Battalion - West





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### **This Months TAV Update Cont:**









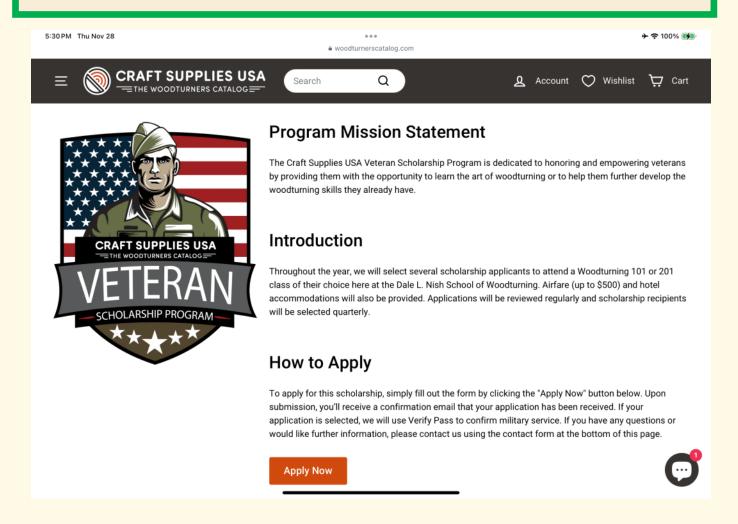








### Veteran Scholarship Program



Craft Supply USA is offering interested veterans in turning courses at Craft Supply (Dale Nish Wood Turning School) 101 and or 201 courses of instruction (week courses). Air fare, hotel accommodations, and course costs are included. It is a open to all veterans of various skill levels. Go to woodturnerscatalog.com/veterans to apply.

101 and 201 course descriptions are located on craftsupplyusa website (woodturnerscatalog.com) classes tab.

## Del Mar Fair-2025 "Unleash the Magic"



Top Blank preparation continues.

Thanks to SDWT members who have assisted at our Drop-In sessions. Still need top blanks and disc's glued that we will continue at our next Drop In on the 25th of January.

Turned tops is our next priority in order to have sufficient number of Tops available and finished turning by the time the 2025 Del Mar Fair starts in June. We came close in not having enough this past year.

I'll have bags of Top Blanks for turning at our Jan meeting as we need to get ahead on our turned tops. See me to help out in getting ahead start for the 2025 Fair.

Thanks to all for your help and Happy New Year.

Steve Frick - SDWT Fair Coordinator



Just a few of the Tops turned by Ray Brooks for last years Del Mar Fair. Guess who is taking the lead in Turned tops again this year.

Get your top blanks at our January meeting and turn a few tops to help in our preparation. Thanks ahead of time..

# Membership

### **Hello San Diego Woodturners**

To All: It's Membership Renewal Time for 2025.

**Membership:** Checks for membership (made out to SDWT (note annual Dues \$50) and mail to our new address at **SDWT**, **1441 Main St. #184**, **Ramona**, **CA 92065 or provide your check at our next meeting**.

Or Better Yet: Renew on-line via our SDWT website (Members Only). Go to Membership Information (Annual Renewal via Pay Pal) and follow the prompts.

If you're already a member of AAW Great! If not, consider joining AAW, if you think our resources are great, you will no doubt benefit from their pool of knowledge. Check them out at <a href="https://www.woodturner.org">www.woodturner.org</a>

Remember that as a paid member, you have access to the <u>SDWT Members facebook group</u> I hope you decide to join the group, it's a very simple way of interacting with other members of the club.

If you have any questions or you think you might be missing club emails. Let us know either in <u>SDWT Members</u> or <u>info@sdwt.org</u>

Thank you,

Questions: Contact at Membership@sdwt.org









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### **Membership Form**

SDWT membership is \$50.00 per calendar year. To become a member, complete this form and send a check to SDWT. Send to the address below or bring it to any SDWT meeting, go to (www.sdwt.org) for our meeting time and location. If you have any questions, please contact us at (info@sdwt.org)

	Date	
Name		
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Phone #		
Email		

Our membership allows our club to hold monthly meetings, enjoy refreshments, watch expert demonstrations and participate in classes. As a member, you will have access to woodturning supplies, video library, wood resources and mentorship.

Check out our website at www.sdwt.org

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### From the SDWT WEBMASTER

If you are short of time or looking for specific information, be sure to check out the "Timestamps" in the description area of all Zoom meeting videos. They allow you to quickly click and jump to the specific topics.: Plate

You will find all of this on the password required "Members Only" page under "Zoom Recordings" Latest Recordings as follows:

Jeff Neff: Natural Edge Bowls

Karen Freitas: Snowmen

Dave John: Star Bowl

Chad LaVoi: Bowl Coring

**Don Owen:** Chuck Maintenance

Doug Buddinhagen: Wave Bowls

Sally Ault: Pewa's (Bowtie's/Butterflies) Crack Repair

**Laurent Nichols:** Tea Pot and Drop (Paid Demo-Access Code Required)

Tom Edwards: Fixes and Fixtures

**Derek Weidman** (Paid Demo-Access Code Required)

**Karen Freitas: Mushroom Box** 

**Dwight Kraich: Peppermills** 

**Brian Saunders/Dave John: Customized Pens** 

Rebeca DeGroot (Paid Demo-Access Code Required)



As members of the San Diego Woodturners, you may come across an opportunity for us to add to our wood inventory and made available to our membership at nominal cost.

If you hear of anyone

needing to move wood off their property please give me a call Chad LaVoi (see members only tab (membership directory for contact info or send an email to GotWood@sdwt.org).



#### Wood Resource Update: . Thank You and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I also wish to thank the many who have provided and assisted with Wood Resources this past year. It is the Club and its members who benefit in having wood resources available at a nominal cost. I look forward to a Great 2025.

Always needed but a need none the less towards help in this area for hauling wood when it becomes available and/or helping in the wood lot. Let me know if you can assist in this manner.

. Chad



Stacking Wood.

### Raffle



**Thank You** to all the members who have participated in the monthly raffle.

The raffle program is **self-supporting** with your support and ALL of the proceeds from the raffle are reinvested in future raffles and never used for any other purpose.

If you would like to see some particular item(s) included in the raffle program, let me know and I will see if I can work them in.

Be safe. We will resume in January. Until then **Happy New** Year!!

### From the DVD & Book Library

#### Hi All

Check out the listing on the SDWT web page of our vast DVD and Book library on various woodturning topics, techniques, and artistry. DVDs and Books will be available at our Jan meeting for checkout and return.

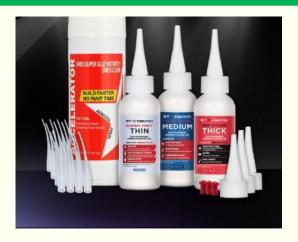
Until then, Carolyn

Be Safe.

**Happy New Year!** 



### StarBond Products (with a Club Discount) at SDWT



STARBOND CA product will be available at our **Jan** meeting. STARBOND has offered guild chapter discount on their products whereby you the members of SDWT will reap the benefit of the discounted price (approx 30% discount). Thin, Med, Thick CA along with Aerosol, and Black & Brown Filler CA will be on hand.

### **Mentoring Program**

Our mentoring program is one of the unique benefits of our club. Our mentors can help with basic to complex turning and teach safety along the way. This is a great way to start out or hone your skills with complex tasks taught by turners skilled in specific areas of turning. Our mentors are volunteers and are dedicated to sharing information on all facets of woodturning.

Rest assured however, that all of our mentors are easy to work with. Most often the mentor opens his/her shop to the applicant at a mutually agreed upon time and schedule.

A list of mentors and their specialties are listed within our Mentor Tab of our SDWT.org website (go to About tab and pull down menu, go then to Mentors). Phone numbers for the Mentor you have particular area of interest is listed



in the (members only area of the web site).. Upon making contact, arrange a time and place. If you have any questions, email me at the below address..

Jeff Neff - Mentor Committee Chairman (MentorChairman@sdwt.org)

"Mentors do not give you a shortcut, but they streamline the process. They invariably had their own great mentors, giving them a richer and deeper knowledge of their field. Their ensuing years of experience taught them invaluable lessons and strategies for learning. Their knowledge and experience becomes yours; they can direct you from unnecessary side paths or errors. They observe you at work and provide real-time feedback, making your practice more time efficient. Their advice is tailored to your circumstances and your needs. Working closely with them, you absorb the essence of their creative spirit, which you can now adapt in your own way." From the Book - *Mastery* by Robert Greene







### Resources

#### **Tropical Exotic Hardwoods**

2270 Camino Vida Roble site "B" Carlsbad, CA 92008 (760-434-3030)

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516 E. Modoc Ave.Visalia, CA 93292—7630(800) 637-6606

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#### The Hardwood & Hardware Co

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#### **Woodworker West**

PO Box 452058 Los Angles, CA 90045 (310) 216 - 9265

#### **Tool Depot**

3464 Pickett St San Diego, CA (619) 220 - 7111 1655 Broadway #13 Chula Vista, CA (619) 585-800

#### SD Urban Timber

922Industrial Blvd Chula Vista, CA 91911 619-20 7-4084 (sdurbantimber.com0

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- **80+ Live Demonstrations:** Learn new techniques and witness master turners like Stuart Batty, Ashley Harwood, and more sharing their craft.
- **The Industry's Largest Trade Show:** Explore cutting-edge tools, materials, and exclusive deals from top vendors.
- Awe-Inspiring Exhibitions and Galleries: Marvel at stunning wood art from around the
  globe, including the worldfamous Instant Gallery showcasing creations from
  woodturners of all skill levels.

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Learn more about the above products and see Joe's Gallery at **Airbrushingwood.com.** (highly recommended) along with his educational material on color/airbrushing and much more. Good Stuff!!

All club members will receive show discounting pricing on all products and an extra 5% on airbrush starter kits.



### **Attention, Attention, Attention**

The San Diego Rockler Store, is no longer accepting the exclusive "Extra 10% off One Item Coupon." for SDWT members. However, as we approach the new year (2025) and if you are shopping at Rockler, do register as an SDWT guild member and you will be given a 10% discount.

(Show your 2025 membership card at checkout 1x and you will be set for the year with the automatic discount on authorized item purchases when you shop during the year).

At your next visit to Rockler, take a moment and thank the staff of Rockler and Rockler for their continued support for the woodworking guilds (and SDWT) in the greater San Diego area.



### 2025 SDWT Board Members and Committees

#### **SDWT BOARD MEMBERS**

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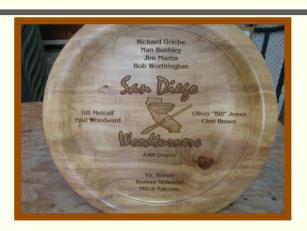
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VA: La Jolla: Larry Szafraniec

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## The Last Page - "Cutoffs"

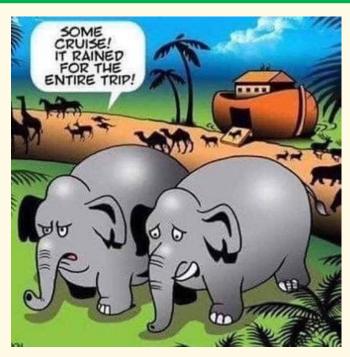
(Odds and Ends)

Imagine you're traveling and opening your passport at the airport and boom!!!....



A moment of tension in Vatican. If the bishop moves forward the queen can take him.







#### **NOTTINGHAM ACCESS**

For access to the Nottingham Arts Center contact Terry Sullivan via e-mail (go2tms@outlook.com). Include the day and time you wish to arrive as well as the purpose of your visit. Access must be cleared with Terry with email and on-site rep, Jessie Martin.

Do not enter the Nottingham facility or grounds without prior approval or without the project leader present.

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# Next Event January 18th, 2025

**Mike Mahoney** 

9 AM until 3:30 PM (approx)
Nottingham Arts Center, San Marcos

Paid Demo: In Person \$25 (lunch included) ZOOM: \$20

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