



San Diego Woodturners

Proud Founders of the Turn-Around-for-Vets (TAV) Program



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This month at SDWT:

**Don Owen &
Carolyn Jones**

@ Nottingham

15th March, 2025

(9 AM-12 PM)



In Person at Nottingham and on-line via Zoom

**“Cut” Flowers (w/a Skew) and Bandsaw cut
Reindeer Demonstration’s**

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Sally Ault

SHAVINGS

from the Prez . . .

At our February meeting, Joe Fleming showed us a lot of great tricks to make multiple pieces that match. I hope to see some chess sets on the Instant Gallery table soon!

It was very difficult to announce the passing of Paul Simpsons , Ruthie. Our deepest sympathy goes to Paul.

Our next meeting will feature two of our members showing some unusual techniques. Don Owen will share how he makes flowers and Carolyn Jones will show us how to make reindeer using the bandsaw!

Don't miss this meeting!

Our next Drop-in Saturday is March 22. It's a great way to get help if you need it or just hang out turning or observing. It starts at 8:30 and runs until 12. Bring your tools and protective gear and anything you need help with!

Carloyn Jones did a great job selling raffle tickets for the two Mike Mahoney demo pieces from the January meeting. Dennis Ferguson won the platter and Motoko Smith won the wonderful warped sycamore bowl.

Speaking of raffles! Jeff is doing a fabulous job of gathering things for the raffle table. The raffle table is completely self-supporting from the ticket sales and from donations of items that he can add to the table. Buy lots of raffle tickets! If you win something you don't need, pass it on to another member who needs it.

Thank you to Motoko Smith who did a great job as membership chair. Her term is up and the reins have been passed to Don Wolfe and Jim O'Grady. We really appreciate the Don/Jim team taking on the job! Please thank them at the next meeting.

We still have some of the blanks and oil from Mike Mahoney. It will be available at the meeting, thanks to Don Owen.

This is TAV's 18th year! If you haven't been involved, it's time to give back to those who are protecting our freedoms. Please contact Dan Walburger at danwal58@gmail.com to sign up! It's fun and exceptionally rewarding to see how the simple act of turning a pen for the first time can make a difference in someone suffering from PTSD or a physical injury. Once they have made one pen they are hooked and keep coming back to refine their skills and move on to different projects. I am sure I get more out of being a volunteer than I give. Join us! There are four locations so one should be near you!

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SHAVINGS Cont...

from the Prez . . .

This months volunteer of the Month is Karen Freitas. Karen is in charge of getting wonderful demos and classes for us to learn from. She also does anything that needs doing! She hauls wood, helps with classes, mentors other turners and generally does a bit of everything. She has made a huge number of Torrey Pine trees for the gift shop at the preserve. Please thank her when you see her!

Did you pick up some top blanks or Torrey Pine at the last meeting? Please get some tops done and bring them back to Steve. We need a lot of premade tops for the fair. We can't keep up making them during the fairs shifts!

The Torrey Pines preserve Docent gift shop loves all things made from Torrey Pine. There is always wood available at the meeting...please get a piece and bring back something you have made from it. The gift shop is a major income source for TAV.

Don't forget to go to the website and sign up for the fair! Work lots of shifts! Its fun and you will get lots of passes to share with friends and family...plus good parking!

See you in March! **Sally**



SDWT Demonstration/Event Schedule for 2025



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 - **April: Pete Campbell, May: Sally Ault, June: Turn Around**

Karen

This month, Join Me this month for a "2 Fer": Don Owen and Carolyn Jones



Don Owen will be turning flowers turned out of small freshly cut branches. Turned with a small skew using an easy planing cut that anyone can learn and do . He will show the very easy set up, how to mount them once finished, and some ways to add color if desired.

Come join and see Don exercise spindle turning skills with a Skew and this appropriate seasonal Spring project of Turning Flowers to add to your Weed Pots.

In the second demonstration, **Carolyn Jones** will be making Reindeer to include using two patterns of easy to make bandsaw Reindeer. Handouts will be available for both patterns. In addition, Carolyn will be providing some tips on setting up your bandsaw with Carter and Grizzly guides.



“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 March 22nd at Nottingham

Participants must be members 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.



Dan Waldburger

This Months TAV Update:

VA La Jolla: The Santa Ana winds of January put a large tear in the large pop-up canopy so we replaced it. The new cover looks great and is hopefully more durable than the original.

Since the start of TAV at VA La Jolla, the following metrics have been captured: Attendees: 82 Veterans, 41 staff & volunteers, 29 Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) patients, 32 out-patients with SCI, 5 substance-abuse inpatients, 17 community living center inpatients, and 18 caregivers for a total of 224 turners through mid-November 2024. That is a statement of success - thank you to all the volunteers and behind-the-scenes support folks. In conjunction with VA La Jolla, the Executive Director of Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) asked TAV to demonstrate at their Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) symposium at Admiral Baker Field near Mission Gorge on March 28. Deana Samilo is the coordinator for this event. Also on the subject of PVA and SCI patients, we're exploring the use of an articulating arm system on the lathe for patients with limited mobility and dexterity.



Camp Pendleton: TAV is at steady-state at Pendleton. The volunteer team is fully staffed and supports all new clients, teaching the basics and mentoring those who want to reach the next level of turning. One lathe stand was reconfigured from using offset casters (weak and flimsy) to "single post" casters (more solid and robust). One JET motor is out-of-order, but Ernesto is managing a motor swap-out with JET, who has been very supportive.



This Months TAV Update Cont:

VA Aspire: Brian put together a significant order of pen kits and supplies that should keep all TAV sites stocked and ready for quite a while.

NMC - Balboa: Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) made a very generous monetary donation to

TAV on Feb 20, 2025. ASYMCA is supportive of TAV and this great partnership continues to thrive. The volunteer staff is looking for additional customers/patients that will leverage our

services to learn and/or improve their woodturning skills. We have partnered with LtCdr Sierra

among others who will spread the word and promote TAV on site at NMC. Coming soon,

ASYMCA will also promote TAV on Thursdays in their weekly "Command Notes"

announcements.

Also at NMC, in the YMCA conference room, we have been asked to fabricate a wall mounted display for "Challenge Coins". These coins come in all shapes and sizes so we're looking for some creativity in design and execution in fabrication if anyone can help. The display will need to hold upwards of 200 coins.



New Marketing Director for ASYMCA - Whitney Hayes with Sally



This Months TAV Update Cont:

Torrey Pines Gift Shop: It's been another successful month in our partnership with the Torrey Pines Gift Shop. Karen generously made and donated 29 bandsaw trees, Ray made 50 tops and Larry Williams made two lovely basket illusion bowls. We have some new product ideas from Torrey Pine for anyone looking to contribute.



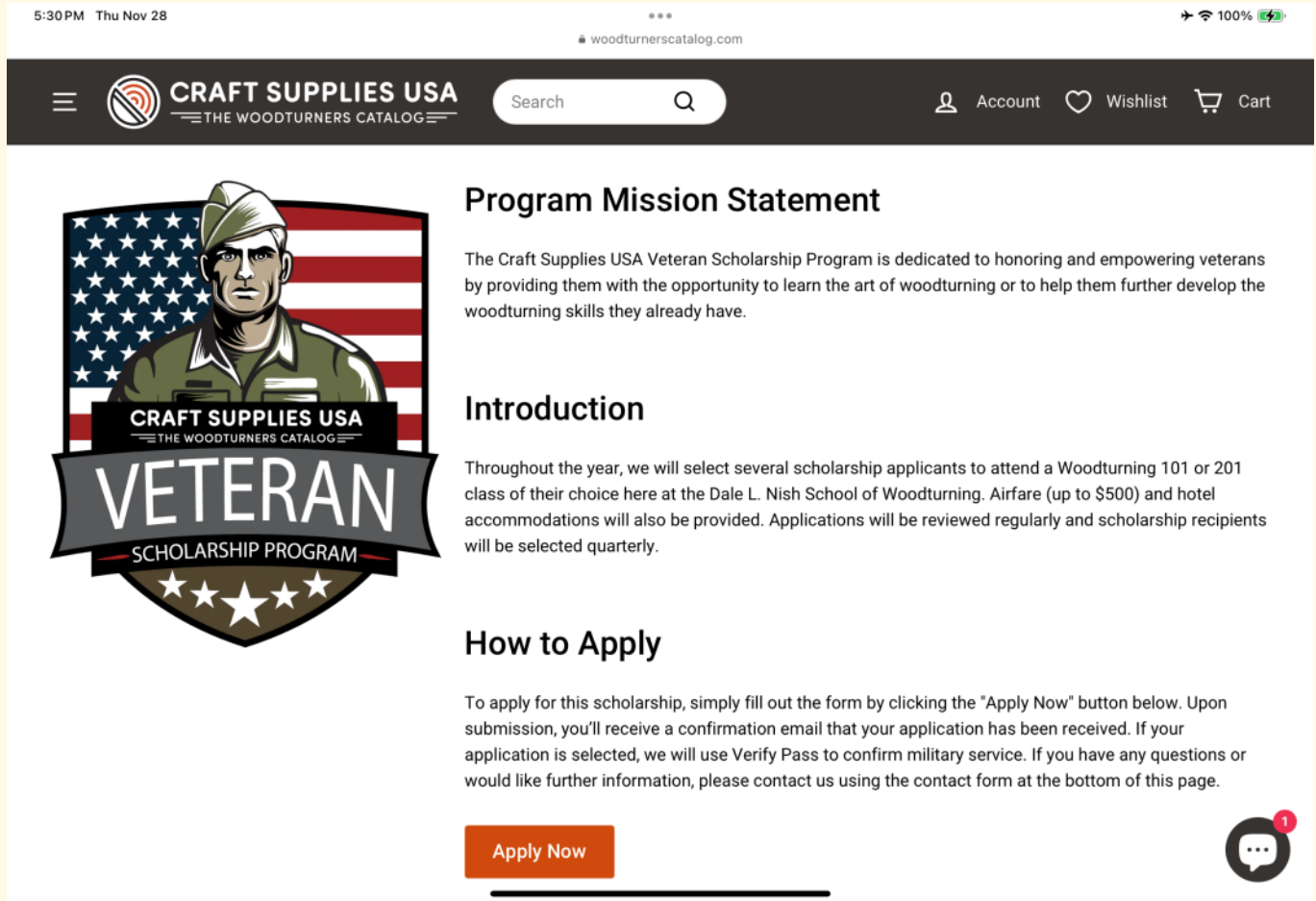
Vista Strawberry Festival: We are committed to participate in the 2025 Vista Strawberry Festival. This year the date is May 25th. Paul Simpson is the coordinator for this event.

Fallbrook Art Center: We are still looking for turners to apply their skills to various kits (scoops, stoppers, openers, etc.), so please help our team out by contacting Dan <tavchairman@sdwt.org> with your availability. Thanks in advance.

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.



Veteran Scholarship Program



The screenshot shows the mobile website for Craft Supplies USA. At the top, the navigation bar includes the company logo, a search bar, and links for Account, Wishlist, and Cart. The main content area features a large graphic of a veteran in a military uniform against an American flag background. To the right of the graphic, the page is titled "Program Mission Statement" and "Introduction". The "Program Mission Statement" section states that the program is dedicated to honoring and empowering veterans by providing them with the opportunity to learn the art of woodturning or to help them further develop the woodturning skills they already have. The "Introduction" section explains that throughout the year, several scholarship applicants will be selected to attend a Woodturning 101 or 201 class of their choice here at the Dale L. Nish School of Woodturning. Airfare (up to \$500) and hotel accommodations will also be provided. Applications will be reviewed regularly and scholarship recipients will be selected quarterly. Below the introduction is a "How to Apply" section, which states that to apply for this scholarship, simply fill out the form by clicking the "Apply Now" button below. Upon submission, you'll receive a confirmation email that your application has been received. If your application is selected, we will use Verify Pass to confirm military service. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact us using the contact form at the bottom of this page. At the bottom of the page, there is an orange "Apply Now" button and a chat icon with a red notification bubble containing the number 1.

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](http://craftsupplyusa.com) website (woodturnerscatalog.com) classes tab.

Del Mar Fair-2025 “Summer Pet-Tacular”



June 11 through July 6

Thanks to SDWT members who have assisted at our Drop-In sessions. 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. Pens as well.

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

In addition, our **Fair booth sign-up** is available in our members web site. In the members only Tab go to Fair Sign Up Schedule tab or contact me for signing up.

Thanks to all for your help and to make 2025 another successful 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.

New Password for 2025 for access to our members only area of our SDWT website is being sent out via eblast to those who have paid their annual (2025) dues. If you're still pending with your dues payment, pls renew as soon as possible.

Similarly, 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 www.woodturner.org

Remember that as a paid member, you have access to the [SDWT Members facebook group](#) 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 [SDWT Members](#) or info@sdwt.org

Thank you,

Questions: Contact at Membership@sdwt.org or speak with Don Owen/Jim OGrady (new membership committee co-chairs).



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 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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:

Joe Fleming: Turning Chess Pieces

Mike Mahoney: Bowl, Pepper Mill & Platter

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





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: .

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

Jeff - Raffle Committee Chair.

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 March meeting for checkout and return.

Until then, [Carolyn](#)

Be Safe.



StarBond Products (with a Club Discount) at SDWT



STARBOND CA product will be available at our **March** 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)

North County Tools

955-A Rancheros Drive
San Marcos, CA 92069 (760-743-2004)

Enviro-Safety Products (No discount)

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

Rockler

8199 Claremont Mesa Blvd
San Diego, CA 92111 (858 268-1005)

The Hardwood & Hardware Co

8849 Complex Dr
San Diego, CA 92126
(858 - 536-1800)

Woodworker West

PO Box 452058
Los Angeles, 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

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

American Furniture Design

Ben MatteTung Oil can be purchased here

2243 Mountain View Dr.
Escondido, CA
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Bennett Crone Lumber and Plywood, Inc.

1202 Piper Ranch Rd
San Diego, CA 92154
619-661-0667
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AAW



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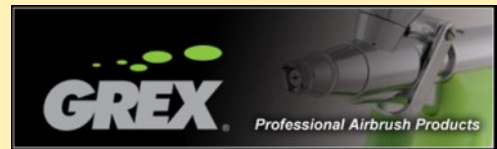
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Learn more about the above products and see Joe's Gallery at Airbrushingwood.com. (highly recommended) along with his educational material on color/airbrushing and much more.
Good Stuff!!

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

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The Last Page - “Cutoffs”

(Odds and Ends)



Shout Out to SDWT Member Poli Despaigne (and Mom) at the recent and *International California Pen Show* held in LA 14-16 Feb, 2025.

A superb display of turned pens was amongst some of the best in pen craftsmanship. Having learned in part his pen turning skills with SDWT, he took his craft to the next level and displayed his wares at one of the noted National Pen shows held annually in LA and did quite well for himself and his business. Check out his website at polipens.com.

Well Done Poli!!

“A pen is not just a writing instrument, but a tool that brings people’s thoughts and ideas to life.” Namiki Youshitaro

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

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9 AM until 12 Noon (approx)

Nottingham Arts Center, San Marcos

In Person & Zoom