



# San Diego Woodturners

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



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## This month at SDWT:

**In-Person All-Day Demonstration and ZOOM (Hybrid) meeting at Nottingham.**

**Mike Jackofsky will be providing a demonstration on:**

### Turning Hollow Forms

**(Nominal \$10 Fee for Lunch for In-Person Attendee's)**

**(This is a Rescheduled Demo)**

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**Dave John**

## SHAVINGS

from the Prez . . .

Can you believe it, Summer is upon us already and a busy time of the year for SDWT.

Let me first lead-off as to our recent bump in the road with our demonstration and class schedule. After a mid-May board meeting board members were exposed to a member attendee who later we were advised tested positive for COVID. The board members attending included members of our A/V team and we had one member of the A/V team that was not available. Accordingly, the board members and I took a cautionary approach to the situation and without our A/V team, decided to postpone our May meeting and classes. I am happy to report, board members who attended the meeting and the member who tested positive are all fine.

In light of the incident we did experience, we the board continue to monitor the COVID situation and if you have been following local news, COVID incidents are up in SOCAL. To my knowledge as of this writing, there is no mask mandate in the San Diego region, however, public health officials I noted from one news report, are recommending masks inside facilities.

We have not changed our position within SDWT for our events at this juncture where by Masks remain optional for vaccinated pers (Honor System), Masks required for unvaccinated members and suggest watching the ZOOM live presentation. Do be vigilant and take precautions. We want all in SDWT to be safe. Moving on.....

As earlier stated we are busy. Recent Vista Strawberry Festival kicked off our summer and SDWT/TAV were present. See Paul's summary in his TAV update page 9 of this NL which was very successful. Concurrently, Steve Frick and his team have been setting up our booth at the Design in Wood facility at Del Mar. Thank You to all the members who stepped up to assist and for manning our booth to help spread the word, demonstrate thru turning tops and pens, and sharing in our passion for woodturning.



SDWT Booth at Design in Wood at Del Mar

Other activities: AAW Symposium is being held 23-26 of June and there is still opportunity to register. Go to the AAW website for more info.

Our three TAV sites are active during June with some of our members providing support to TAV and the Fair—Thank You.

Our general club meeting and rescheduled demonstration on the 18th of June with our A/V team back in operation. Classes following with Mike.

Speaking of demonstrations, we are privileged to have for our June (rescheduled) demonstration, Mike Jackofsky, our own professional & artistic turner, along with being a member of our club. Mike has taught classes at many clubs and symposium throughout the years and is a regular instructor at CraftSupplyUSA in Provo for week long classes. Mike is giving us (at no charge) his time to share his knowledge and techniques on hollow forms at this months demonstration and has been gracious enough to adjust his schedule to do his demonstration at our June meeting.. Other professional turners we have aboard for demonstrations, we would otherwise have to fund for the demonstration. Mike's follow on classes with SDWT. There is a charge but much less then the cost if you took his class in Provo, Utah. A definite bargain to say the least. Sally notes there are openings yet, so if you are interested, get in contact with her.

So please extend a Thank You to Mike at our June meeting for his time and sharing with us his skills and technique at this months demonstration.

This **in-person** demonstration on the 18th with Mike, will require a nominal cost of **\$10** to cover for lunch as this is an All Day demo, which will be collected at Nottingham. Pls try to bring exact amount. Collection will be at the patio entry area.

#### **Drop-in-Saturdays:**

There is no Drop in Saturday for June. If you as a member need some help in the mean time, give a call to one of the clubs Mentor's that can be found on The SDWT web site or speak with Jeff Neff our Mentor coordinator.

**Committee Volunteers and TAV Crews: Again, and I will continue to repeat, Thank You!** for your continued support of the club and your efforts to make our club better. Without you we would not be able to do what we do and share in the craft of woodturning.

**Instant Gallery:** Do bring your latest turnings for our Instant Gallery at our 18 June meeting/demo. Ernesto will be overseeing and will set up a new viewing table.

**We no longer have access to the two tables in the Ceramic room at Nottingham. Terry has a new tenant occupying the space. We do have access thru to obtain our equipment etc., from our storage shed. Pls respect the new tenants area and minimize any traversing thru the ceramic space.**

The Instant Gallery of items will likely be in the vicinity of our outside patio area. Similarly with our Books and DVD table.

Instant Gallery is about helping each other and to share in what worked or didn't work when turning the piece. Type of finish always a topic of discussion. The Instant Gallery table is a "round table" to share on turning experiences to help improve each others skills. In addition, to admire the turning and compliment the turner.

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## Other Events:

As an FYI: On the horizon is the **SOCAL Turners Expo** [socalturnersexpo.com](http://socalturnersexpo.com) for July 2-3rd at the Anaheim Marriott in Anaheim near Disneyland. Sponsored by ROCKLER & Laguna.

South West Association of Turners: **SWAT 2022** Aug 26-28. [SWATturners.org](http://SWATturners.org) for more info. Registration is open.

**Segmenting Symposium** (September 22-25, Northbrook,IL registration is open. More info at [segmentedwoodturners.org](http://segmentedwoodturners.org)

Oregon Woodturning Symposium ([oregonwoodturningsymposium.com](http://oregonwoodturningsymposium.com)) 17-19 March 2023.

## Lastly:

### Looking Ahead:

July is looking to be a busy month as well and to bring to your attention a couple of activities:

**9 July (Sat)** we're looking to have a "spruce-up" day at Nottingham. We are very much privileged to have Nottingham Arts Center as our Home Base if you will, for our Club. We have our equipment stored there, we use the meeting room and patio area, and we have our wood lot. Being good stewards also requires we pause to take time out during the year to spend at least a couple of hours squaring away the areas we use and take note of our equipment with an inventory and assessment.

Necessary tasks for 1) just being a good tenant and 2) we need to know what we have in equipment for insurance purposes and accountability.

So I hope you can spare a couple of hours on a Saturday morning the 9th of July to assist. Weed wackers, shovels, and maybe some other equipment that may be needed for the Wood Lot. Chad will have the lead for the Wood Lot. Our two storage sheds cleaning and inventory of our equipment will be led by Don Wolfe, Steve Frick and Carolyn Jones. . The cleaning of our storage sheds and to assess our equipment requires manpower and a team effort to also inventory. Your assistance will be very much welcome and hopefully the task can be done in short order.

More information at our June Meeting.

**July 16th (Sat).** The 16th is our regular meeting but for this month it is a special event. It's a skills building event where we will have mentor's on hand to help with enhancing your skills in turning. Various stations will be set up. We will also be having a potluck picnic, silent auction, and maybe a couple of other activities. This will be an event that will likely go from the AM to mid-afternoon time frame. Should be fun. Sally will have more on this program event forthcoming..

**Safety Note:** AAW recently sent an email to all its members reiterating its policy regarding fractal burning. See page 15 with an accompanied article provided for your information.. SDWT supports this policy and was outlined in our May 2018 NL edition (go to NL archives in the members only area to refamiliarize).

Stay safe and have fun. **"Making Better Turners Together"**

Before I forget: **Congratulations** to our Design in Wood SDWT Club winners for 2022: Mike Jackofsky for Facework, Roman Scheidel for Centerwork, Hal Gorss for Segmented and Karen Freitas for Embellished work.

**Dave John**

(P.S. Happy Fathers Day (June 19th)!

## SDWT Demonstration/Event Schedule for 2022



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..

**Sally**

P.S.: On the Horizon: **Nov:** Stuart Batty

\_\_\_\_\_ is June 11/12 and there are spots open. \$200 includes lunch and all material. This is a great class if you want to learn about resin and its applications.



**June 18h, 2022:** Our rescheduled demonstrator from May is our own woodturning professional, Mike Jackofsky. Mike will be demonstrating on turning hollow-forms. Classes will follow to be held 19/20 & 21-23 Jun. Class seats available – Ck with Sally to sign-up. This is a demo not to miss and classes at a reduced cost.



**July 16th, 2022:** Special SDWT Event with a busy schedule of activities to include, Skill Building Stations set up with mentors to guide you on a specific turning skill/technique, pot luck picnic, silent auction, and maybe a few other activities. More information on this special event at our forth coming meetings, newsletter, and email blasts announcing the event.



**August 20th, 2022:** SDWT demonstration will be presented by Matt Monaco. 18 years of experience and one of the professional makers in the field. He is also an Ambassador to Fine Woodworking. More info on Matt and his work at [monacobowls.com](http://monacobowls.com). Classes with Matt—More info forthcoming at our June meeting.

# “Drop-In Saturdays”



The idea behind “Drop in Sessions” 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.

Our days are typically on a select **Saturday of the Month. 8:30 am to 12:00 pm**  
San Marcos, Nottingham Arts Center.

**( No Drop-In Sessions Scheduled for June)**

Midi lathes will be available on a first come first served basis.

*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.*

*Participants are expected to help with set-up at the beginning of class and clean-up at the end of class.*

## Safety is ALWAYS a Priority!

- Please remember: Safety is Priority. Only SDWT members using machines
- **Bring your own tools, wood and eye protection!!!**. (There may be the odd piece of wood around if needed)
- Depending on the number of participants, be prepared to collaborate, which means to work together.



# HELP! Your Club needs Volunteers!

San Diego Woodturners, YOUR club, needs volunteers. Specifically, we need volunteers for:

**Turn Around for Vets (TAV).** Volunteers are needed to staff Wednesday mornings from 08:00 until 1:00 PM at the VA Aspire PTSD Rehab Center in Old Town

TAV needs volunteers to staff Thursdays at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego from 09:30 until 1:00 PM

**TAV Chairman, Paul Simpson, needs items for the gift stores.** Pens, Christmas ornaments, bowls, tops, etc. are needed. The sale of these items helps to support TAV.

Please contact Paul Simpson. Check in the Members Only area for his email address and phone number.

**Assist our Treasurer:** Our treasurer needs help. Please contact Geri Gabriel or Brian Saunders. Ditto: their email addresses and numbers are in the Members Only area.

**Wood Program:** While the Wood Program has been relatively dormant during COVID, some activities have continued. We have re-opened and the Wood Program is becoming more active and needs volunteers. Please contact **Chad LaVoi** to join the team. You know the drill by now: their numbers are in the Members Only area.

**A/V Zoom Committee:** Your A/V Zoom Committee, under the leadership of **Andy Boyer**, has made significant improvements to our cameras and equipment at Nottingham and is in the process of installing and testing the new equipment. The A/V Zoom Committee has also developed the capability to stream meetings to and from Nottingham. A robust team of volunteers are needed to set up and operate the equipment and internet connection during meetings. We cannot expect 2 or 3 people to be able to operate the equipment at all meetings. Please contact Andy Boyer—info in the Member's Only area.

## Reminder to All SDWT Members



Beginning in 2018, cybercriminals attacked SDWT club officers by using information obtained from our website. Since we have removed contact information from the public areas of our website and increased fraud awareness, these attacks have subsided. However, these criminals are sophisticated and change their tactics frequently and continue with their attacks.

In addition to direct attacks against our club, new scams are being reported involving tax filing delays, tax refunds, Social Security, the Census, COVID-19 Economic Impact Checks, and COVID-19. These scams involve phishing emails, robocalls and even people coming to our homes to sell non-existent vaccinations, medicines and tests. Be vigilant! Maintain a high level of suspicion!

**DO NOT RESPOND TO ROBOCALLS OR CLICK LINKS THAT YOU DO NOT RECOGNIZE!**

We must all have a high level of suspicion concerning any request for money, gift cards, banking information, credit card information, PayPal information, crypto currency, etc. and always keep our guard up!

### **SDWT will NEVER:**

Send an email asking anyone to send or email gift cards or cryptocurrency.

Send an email asking for money or payment, **EXCEPT** for a class that you have signed up for, and then only send a check for the fee to the treasurer at our club's address. SDWT will never ask for gift cards or cryptocurrency to pay for classes.

PayPal is used for membership, and for donations.

**REMEMBER**, cyber criminals are very sophisticated and even the experts can be fooled!

**If in doubt, ALWAYS call the treasurer, president or a club officer using the contact information found in the Members Only section of the SDWT website!**



## Turn Around for Veterans (TAV)



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.



**Paul Simpson**

**(TAV Committee Chairman)**

May has been a busy month for TAV and closed out with manning our booth at the Vista Strawberry Festival. Dave John, Sally Ault, Jon Chernow, Steve Frick, Steve Cook and Ruth Cook volunteered and I volunteered too for the day. We were also supported by SDWT members who donated Turned items. As usual, top turning was the biggest draw but we also had a large number of pens that that people were happy to have. In spite of being blocked off by the caution tape for the race until 9am and a failed generator, our total donations exceeded \$1800, which I believe is the most one-day donations we have collected at an event like this! It was a fun day. Lots of good promotion for SDWT and TAV.



Early in the month, Ernesto Aquino was informed that the **Wounded Warrior Family Support (WWFS)** program was making another \$15,000 grant to TAV. Their continued support will help replace TAV lathes at the Wounded Warrior Barracks plus supplies and equipment maintenance. Each lathe will have a brass plaque stating "DONATED BY WOUNDED WARRIOR FAMILY SUPPORT". **Master Gunnery Sergeant Duarte**, USMC Retired) from WWFS visited Ernesto and toured the Wounded Warrior Barracks. Unfortunately TAV instruction was not open that day due to the SDWT shutdown for Covid.





On **May 3rd**, we installed the first 3 Laguna Revo 1216 lathes at Naval Medical Center. I was assisted by Brian Saunders and Nahshon Stark in dismantling 3 Delta lathes and attaching the new lathes to the Delta Stands. Jon Chernow and I had already prepared mounting boards to attach the lathes to the old stands. We will be ordering 5 more lathes for NMC and install them after the Del Mar Fair. The lathes at NMC are funded by a grant from the San Diego Armed Services YMCA and will have donation plaques stating **“DONATED BY SAN DIEGO ARMED SERVICES YMCA”**. The 3 Delta lathes that were “retired” are now in the shops of 3 SDWT club members in return for a donation of \$250 each. As additional Delta lathes are replaced, more will be offered to club members. Look for club blasts regarding availability.



On **May 26** I was an invitee to attend a “fund raising mixer” sponsored by the Hero Program sponsored by Elite and Krank Golf. This is a program that sponsors golf events to support wounded veterans all across the United States. Many of the attendees at the mixer were wounded warriors. I was wearing my TAV polo shirt and interacting with people from other volunteer organizations. **I met one triple amputee who said “I know you, you taught me how to turn pens.” We talked for about 30 minutes and he asked me about several including Tom Lightner, Nan Bushley and a lady named Alma who worked in Occupational Therapy. I do not specifically remember working with Jose so I am assuming when he said “you” he was referring to TAV and not me personally. Regardless, it was very gratifying to meet someone we helped get through a very difficult time in his life about 12 years ago.**



*Paul Simpson with Jose Martinez, US Army veteran who learned woodturning from TAV )*

TAV is supplying finished pens, pen blanks and pen kits, plus other supplies, to the SDWT booth at the Del Mar Fair, in addition to the items for the Vista Strawberry Festival booth. **A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have contributed time and effort. TAV needs donations to replenish our stock for future events and the Torrey Pines Gift Shop. I will have Pen kits and ebony pen blanks at the June meeting. There is Torrey Pine wood at the wood lot.**

June promises to be even more hectic due to our club participation in the San Diego Fair plus TAV, I know a lot of us are pulling “double duty” and I truly appreciate all the volunteer hours you are putting in to promote our program and SDWT. We always need new volunteers; contact me when you are interested . **Paul**



## “Fair Heads-Up Info”

The Del Mar Fair for 2022 is almost upon us (**8 June - 4 July 2022**). I want to **thank** all who have stepped up to fill the booth shifts so far and who are assisting in setting up our booth. In addition, we want to thank those of you who prepped tops & pens for the Fair. The Fair is a busy time for all concerned and it is important that we put forth the best image possible for the San Diego Woodturners.

One of the most important points we want to make is that it is extremely important that each person who has volunteered to work one or more shifts at the Fair, fulfill their obligation. We do understand that from time to time health issues or other emergencies come up that prevent one from fulfilling a shift. We ask that if an emergency does come up that you let us know (Steve or Jon) as soon as possible so that we have an opportunity to find a substitute. You would also need to get the issued Fair tickets and parking pass to us asap. We need to then notify the Fair of these changes because of security reasons and the fact that we bring in tools.

If this is your first time volunteering you might have questions about what you should bring to your shift. We have tried to keep this simple. You will need to bring your turning tools and personal protective equipment. Please do not bring all of your tools. We are turning small objects and you should bring appropriate tools for **turning tops and pens**.

There is a break room in The Design and Wood Building for us to use. Typically water and soda are provided. The Fair administration has asked us to keep sanding to a minimum. All finishes and child safe felt pens will be provided by our club. We have prepped tops and pen kits for you to turn. Remember to wear protective equipment at all times while you are turning.

**Our main objective is the promotion of the woodturning craft.** However, we do have signage asking for donations for Tops and Pens for our programs that serve Wounded Veterans and serves as a secondary objective. We ask you to arrive about 30 minutes early. Traffic is sometimes a problem and we want you coming relaxed and ready to meet the public.

At the end of each day one of the volunteers will count the donations and take all but \$20.00 (leave the \$20.00 in small bills for the next day) home. This person will be asked to write and mail a check to SDWT (9984 Scripps Ranch #198, San Diego, CA 92131). We will have pre-addressed envelopes at the back of the booth for you to use. Write the date you volunteered on the check so that we can better track the donations coming in.

The parking passes and fair tickets should be arriving at your home mail boxes. Parking for exhibitors is via the **East Stable Gate** (See back of passes for Map/entry point). Our booth is inside the door on the right of the Design in Wood exhibit building. If there are questions, mine and Jon's email address and phone number are in the Member Directory of our Members Only Tab of the SDWT.ORG web site.

**Steve Frick - Fair Coordinator**

**Jon Chernow - Co-Coordinator**



# Member-"Chips"

## Hello San Diego Woodturners

Our roster this month comes in at **216 members**.

**Badges are coming!!!** I sent a blast a little bit ago, asking if anyone needs a replacement badge, it's been so long since we got together regularly, that some people have misplaced their old ones. Anyway if you need one, they're \$7 and you'll need to let me know by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> at the latest, along with the preferred spelling of your name.

Your club is doing its best to get back to normal during these challenging times and we appreciate your patience. Feedback as to areas we can do something better is welcome, just reach out and let us know.

If you're already a member, consider also 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](http://www.woodturner.org). Consider an affiliate membership if you want to just try it out.

If you have any questions or you think you might be missing club emails. Let us know either in [SDWT Members](#) or [membership@sdwt.org](mailto:membership@sdwt.org)

Thank you,

**Esther Assemat (Membership Committee Chair)**

**Questions:** Contact me at [Membership@sdwt.org](mailto:Membership@sdwt.org)



*San Diego*  
**Woodturners**

A chapter of the American Association of Wood Turners



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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](http://www.sdwt.org)) for our meeting time and location. If you have any questions, please contact

us at ([info@sdwt.org](mailto:info@sdwt.org))

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://www.sdwt.org)

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## “Safety Note from AAW”

From the AAW Safety Committee

### Fractal Burning Kills; AAW Reiterates the Dangers



The AAW Board, through its Safety Committee, wants to re-emphasize the dangers associated with the process known as Lichtenberg, or “fractal,” burning, an embellishing technique that uses high-voltage electrical current to burn patterns on wood. This often unsafe, life-threatening practice has once again surfaced in the news and on social media, following a two-victim incident in April 2022.

In 2017, the AAW Board of Directors voted to ban any fractal-burning demonstrations and equipment sales at AAW-sponsored events. The ban prohibits displaying fractal-burned pieces at any AAW-sponsored event and promoting the practice via articles in AAW publications. Sadly, since the AAW Board adopted its policy on fractal burning in 2017, there have been thirty-three reported deaths directly attributed to fractal burning, and an unknown number of injuries and close calls.

#### Learn About the Hidden Dangers

Fractal burning poses a significant hidden risk of electrocution. It speaks volumes that there are no UL-rated fractal burning units commercially available. Many of the YouTube videos that show how to build these devices at home do not adequately address the inherent safety concerns. Many users think they are being safe, but the number of serious injuries and deaths says otherwise.

To learn more about what makes fractal burning dangerous, [visit the AAW website](#). This webpage lists known deaths, the AAW’s official position on fractal burning, as well as other resources.

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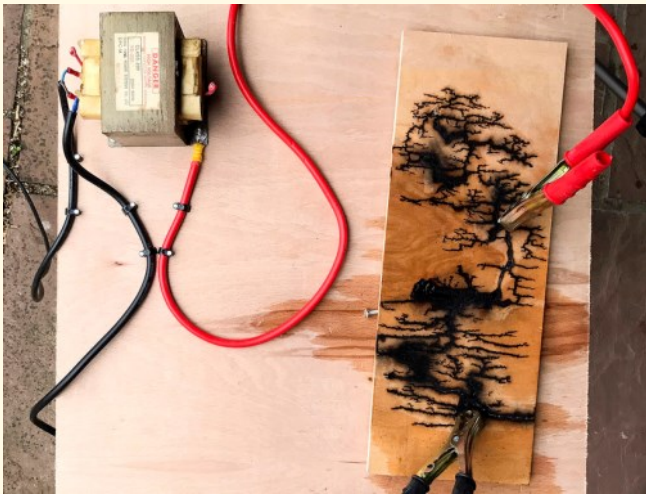
As a Side Note to the above; SDWT supports the above policy which was published in our May 2018 NL edition (go to NL archive).

SDWT Policy Endorsement stated:

***“It is the policy of the San Diego Woodturners (SDWT), and as a member chapter of AAW; that we fully endorse the AAW policy statement regarding fractal burning and similarly prohibit it being used at any SDWT event, demonstration, or featured in any written or digital form of communication of SDWT except for warning against its use.”*** ■

<https://www.wpr.org/fractal-art-wood-burning-electrocution-marathon-county-wisconsin>

## Marathon County couple died by electrocution while making 'fractal burning' wood art



Ref: Wisconsin Public Radio article of 22 April, 2022

By Rob Mentzer

Two people in Marathon County were electrocuted while they were engaging in a wood-art practice called "fractal burning." Their deaths are calling attention to the risks of the practice, which has spread on social media, and which experts say cannot be practiced safely by home woodworkers.

Tanya M. Rodriguez, 44, and James K. Carolfi, 52, were found dead in their rural Marathon County home on April 6 when firefighters responded to a house fire there. The Marathon County Sheriff's Office identified the deaths as "[suspicious](#)" and investigated the scene for signs of arson and homicide. Following a weeklong investigation by local authorities and the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory, on Thursday Chief Deputy Chad Billeb said during a press conference that the two had died in their garage from electrocution by the electric current they were using to burn fractal patterns in wood. The house fire then started as a result of the same current.

"It's a very dangerous process," Billeb said, that involves using jumper cables to run a high-voltage electric current from a disassembled microwave across a piece of wood. "You can see the potential danger that's there, when you're working with something like the power supply to a microwave."

(Fractal Burning article continued)...

At least [33 people have died as a result of fractal burning](#), according to the American Association of Woodturners, which has sought to educate people about the extraordinarily high risks of the practice. Those who've died include new hobbyists and experienced woodworkers alike, and even in one case "an electrician with many years of experience working with electricity," according to the AAW's website.

A man in Michigan's Upper Peninsula [died in July](#) as a result of the practice. In Wisconsin, a [Rock County man died in 2020](#) after he got interested in fractal burning because he had watched videos about it on social media.

There are hundreds of such videos on YouTube, TikTok and other video-sharing sites. They include videos of people who used home microwaves as a power source and others who use a car battery. Some offer cursory safety warnings; some do not.

The intricate patterns burned into the wood as the electric current passes over it can resemble a bolt of lightning or the branches of a tree. They're sometimes called "Lichtenberg figures," and they're observed in other electric discharges, including the [scars left on people who are struck by lightning](#).

Phil McDonald, executive director of the AAW, said the organization adopted a strong recommendation against fractal burning beginning in 2017 after seeing a "proliferation" of social media tutorials instructing people on how to use "extremely high-voltage transformers to create their own home-based fractal burning systems."

"I believe that's probably been the largest contributing source to the individuals who are being injured and dying from this," McDonald said. "The equipment can't be made safely, and the real issue here is that there are not enough safeguards once those home-based systems are built to ensure that they can be operated safely."





## From the SDWT WEBMASTER

Be sure to also catch the "Show & Tell" during the Social Time and the informative Business meeting before the DEMO. Esther added a Premeeting Show at the beginning of social time recording that you do not want to miss.

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.

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

**Dave John: Trembleurs**

**Jeff Neff: Half Bowl**

**Todd Raines: Oval Box**

**Tom Edwards/Working with other than Perfect Wood**

**Sally and Karen/ "Dirty Pour" & Bowl**

**Emiliano Achaval / Calabash Bowl**

**Mike Mahoney - Various Turning Topics/Q&A**

**Trent Bosch - Faceted Hollow Form**

**Eric Lofstrom - End Grain Bowls**

**Michael Dresdner, Wood Finishing for Woodturners**

**Turning Finials, Cindy Drozda**

**Turning a Box w/Pewter, Pat Carroll**





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](mailto:GotWood@sdwt.org)) .



Looking for some wood for your next turning project. Look no further than your Club wood lot at Nottingham Center for the Arts. I'll be available at our next in-person meeting the 23rd of April to cut your special piece of wood to your size specified and wood selected. **Obtain some Torrey Pine wood for turned items for TAV.** Wood is priced at a reduced cost for member donation. Thanks for your support.

**I will be at the Wood Lot the 18th of June. Stop on by before the meeting.**

I am also looking for **Volunteers** for the Wood Crew around the lot and for picking up wood around the County when opportunity presents itself. All for the benefit of you the members. I would very much appreciate your assistance and Thanks ahead of time. My contact info is in the Members Only Tab of our SDWT Web site (Member Directory).

**P.S. Speaking of Volunteers, I surely can use some help with clean-up of the Wood Lot come July 9th. Weed wackers and some rakes/shovels needed for starters. More in the June NL but let me know on the 18th if you can help out.**

All for Now.....Chad

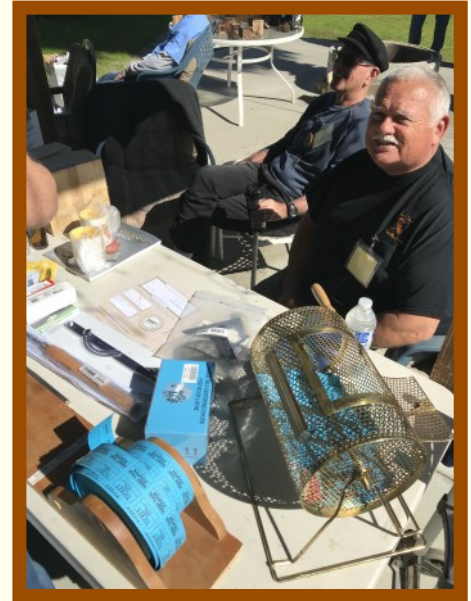
## Raffle

The Raffle program has returned at Nottingham. Ticket Price remains the same and I will have various items on hand to Raffle for those attending at our next in-person meeting.

In addition, if you're looking for some help, our mentors are available to answer questions. Give them a call (Phone # via Member Directory).

Be safe in you shop and otherwise.

**Jeff Neff - Raffle Committee and Mentor Chairman.**



## From the DVD & New Book Library

Hi All

**New** to our library of wood turning DVD's is the establishment of a Woodturning Book Lending Library to compliment our DVD's on woodturning. Donations of **Woodturning Books** to enhance our knowledge library on wood turning is sought from you the members.

Book donations are to be woodturning related. If you have some books that you are thinking of discarding, consider a donation to SDWT and bring to one of our subsequent in-person meetings.

Check-out and in process for books will be similar as for DVD's with (2 book (max) check out and return the following meeting).

See you then and be sure to stop by to check out our collection of woodturning books at our next in-person meeting at Nottingham.

**Carolyn Be Safe.**

**Just a reminder to members who may have a book or DVD checked out; we have a few overdue and request that they be returned so others may enjoy as well. Thanks.**



## 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  
619-207-4084 ([sdurbantimber.com](http://sdurbantimber.com))

### American Furniture Design

Ben Matte Tung Oil can be purchased here

2243 Mountain View Dr.  
Escondido, CA  
(760) 743-6923

### Bennett Crone Lumber and Plywood, Inc.

1202 Piper Ranch Rd  
San Diego, CA 92154  
619-661-0667  
([Bennettcrone.com](http://Bennettcrone.com))

## ***Southwest Association of Turners Symposium***

“Education through Demonstration”

August 26-28, 2022

Registration is Open: [SWATURNERS.ORG](http://SWATURNERS.ORG)

# AAW Virtual Demonstration's

**AAW** posts on their website for members ([www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)) via the "Watch Live Demonstrations Online: via **AAW's remote demonstration (IRD's) event calendar Tab**: Here's a listing for quick reference of the forthcoming Line-up: (Fee typically required and sign-up required):

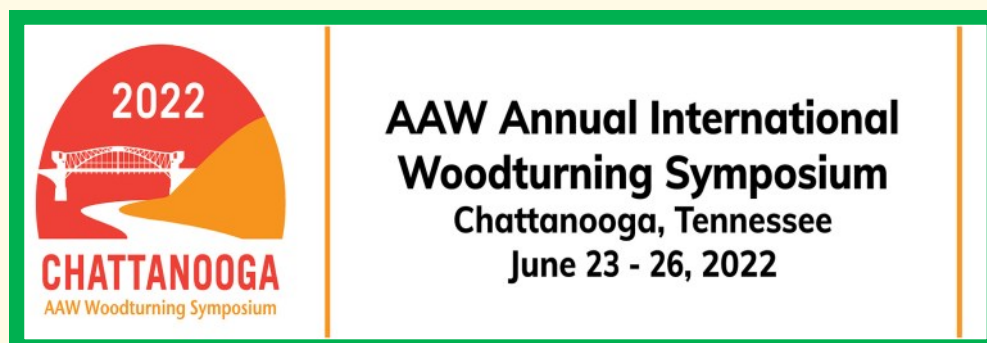
## AAW Virtual Events:

June 4th: 2022 Virtual Women In Turning (WIT) Exchange Presentation of Projects  
Saturday, June 4th, 2022, 3 PM eastern time Registration required.

Continue to check the AAW site "Virtual Remote Events Tab" for updates on IRD's

## Other sites to check-out:

- Virtual Woodturning Demo's with Trent Bosch. Ck his site at [virtualwoodturningdemos.com](http://virtualwoodturningdemos.com)
- Cindy Drozda has various IRD's. Ck her site at [cindydrozda.com](http://cindydrozda.com)
- San Diego Fine Woodworkers ([SDFWA.org](http://SDFWA.org)) provides various on-line demo's. Ck them out as well as view other items that may be of interest
- [CRAFTSUPPLYUSA.com](http://CRAFTSUPPLYUSA.com) continues the beginning woodturning series by Kirk Deheer. Go to [craftsupplyusa.com](http://craftsupplyusa.com) and tap on the "woodturning 101 video series". Other demo's to see as well on the website. ([go to YOUTUBE and type Craftsupplyusa101 in search block](#)) Most recent video (#9) is turning a **Goblet**.

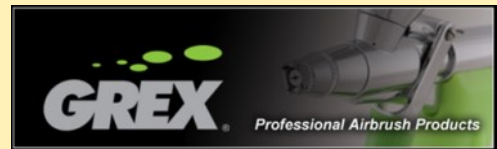




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Private Stock acrylic paint



**Joe carries all Grex Air Tools, featuring:**

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AG 368 Angle Grinder and Carving Tool



Learn more about the above products and see Joe's Gallery at [Airbrushingwood.com](http://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.



Mike Durlak, manager of the San Diego Rockler Store, is offering the San Diego Woodturners this exclusive discount coupon. Valid only at the San Diego location on Claremont Mesa Blvd, this coupon gives each SDWT member 20% off one item (with exclusions as noted).

The coupon (shown below) is valid for one use only per members HOUSEHOLD and the member must show their current SDWT membership card.

Mike is very supportive of our club and willing to continue the discount program as long as it is not abused.

Be sure and give Mike a big smile and hearty thanks when you redeem your coupon.

**\*\* 20% OFF \*\***

ONE ITEM

SAN DIEGO WOODTURNER Member



**Coupon Required for Discount, No Exceptions**

**EXPIRES 06/19/2022**

Coupon may be used ONCE! Does not apply to previous purchases. Power tools excluded. Sale items excluded. Discounts may not be combined. Discount Restricted Items Excluded. Sale prices can not be adjusted to use coupon .(Showing current year SDWT Membership Card required). When in doubt, ask Mike.

\*\*\*\*\***Coupon WILL NOT be Honored past the Expiration date**\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\***ONE COUPON PER MEMBER HOUSEHOLD ONLY**\*\*\*\*\*

# 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](http://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](mailto: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





# 2022 SDWT Board Members and Committees

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**Contact Information for Club Officers, Board and Committee members is available on the SDWT.org website within the Members Only Area. (Membership Directory) and above email addresses.**



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# The Last Page - “Cutoffs”

(Odds and Ends)



Turners Expo in Anaheim, CA, July 2nd and 3rd. More Info at [socalturnersepo.com](http://socalturnersepo.com)

## NOTTINGHAM ACCESS

For access to the Nottingham Arts Center contact Terry Sullivan via e-mail ([go2tms2@gmail.com](mailto:go2tms2@gmail.com)). A voice message may additionally be left at the number listed in the member directory. Include the day and time you wish to arrive as well as the purpose of your visit. You must have approval from Terry or his representative for access to the facility.

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

## San Diego Woodturners (SDWT)

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19 June, 2022

**Next Demo Event:**

with **Mike Jackofsky**

**18 June 2022:**

**In-Person Meeting w/Zoom**

**\$10 fee for In-Person Attendee's**

**(Includes Lunch for In-Person)**