



# San Diego Woodturners

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

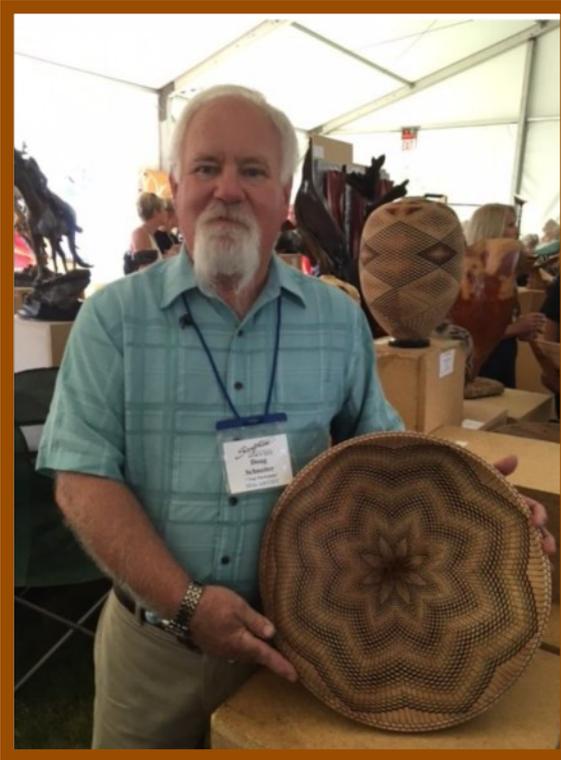


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## This month at **SDWT**:

**Basket Illusion turning is this months demo to include discussion on design with this type of turning. All Day Demo: (In-Person \$25 Members/\$35 Non-Members) (Zoom - \$20).**

**Lunch provided for In-Person attendees.**

**Pre-Register in Members Tab or pay at the door.**

### Doug Schneiter

**@ Nottingham, 16 August, 2025**

**(9 AM - 4 PM)**

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**Sally Ault**

## **SHAVINGS**

from the Prez . . .

I am so grateful that we have a great team keeping our club moving along!

I was out of town teaching for the July meeting...and my VP - Karen, was also out of town, so co-treasurer Frank Clark volunteered to run the meeting for me. Thank you Frank! I have been told that you did a great job! Thanks to Joe Fleming for his demo on airbrushing. Joe is a great resource for our club.

The fair was a rousing success with gross receipts of \$20,500. At the next meeting hopefully Steve will have the final number after expenses. Great work to all who volunteered their time and skill in our booth. The big disappointment was the mediocre turnout of woodturners in the Design in Wood exhibit. I'd like you all to start working now on something to enter next year. When you make a piece you are proud of...don't give it away or sell it! Save it for next year and enter! Do not second guess your work. We are our own worst critics. Enter some pieces...thousands of people will see it and you have the opportunity to sell it if you would like. If you are unsure about a piece, ask one of the mentors or someone whose opinion you value for a critique. Please let's have an impressive showing next year. It's not about winning (although that's nice)...it is about participating and encouraging others who might be interested in woodturning.

Our amazing Carolyn Jones has designed and built a protective cover for the controller on our club lathes. The lathes get packed in tightly in storage and when they are transported the switches become vulnerable to damage. Carolyn is a great example of the teamwork that makes this club great. She saw a problem and solved it! **Thank you Carolyn!**

The club raffle is another great resource for the club. The team of Jeff, Maryanne, and Roy are going to be taking over the VP- program chair position next year as Karen will have finished her term. We need someone (or several someone's) to take over the raffle. Talk to Jeff about what is involved. And don't forget to always buy raffle tickets. Have you noticed that you don't win if you don't have any tickets? All the proceeds from the ticket sales goes back into getting cool stuff for the raffle. No club money is used. Jeff has been doing the job for a very long time and has done a great job. **Thanks, Jeff.**

This month's volunteer of the month is **Jon Chernow**. Jon does everything. He was Steve's right hand during the fair...making sure everyone remembered their shifts. He is often found helping Jeff at the raffle, helping Roy with Abranet and is willing to help with whatever anyone needs. He is a dedicated TAV volunteer at Camp Pendleton as well. Next time you see Jon, thank him for all he does for our club.

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## SHAVINGS Cont...

Has anyone ever told you about a tree coming down? Please be sure to let Chad know so he and the wood gathering team might be able to get some of it for the club. Chad can use all the help he can get so if you have a truck or a large car, are able to paint seal, maybe even use a chainsaw...please contact Chad and volunteer to be on the wood committee. It's an amazing resource that very few clubs have but it takes work and you are needed !!!!

Our next meeting is an all day meeting including lunch so there is a charge of \$25 for in person & Non-members pay \$35. \$20 for zoom. Doug Schneider will show how he does the beautiful basket illusion pieces. You can skip the line and pay online ahead of time. Go to our "Members Only" link on our SDWT website....followed by going to the "ZOOM Meeting-Signup for paid demos..." and pre-register Or you can pay at the door (exact amount preferred).

Doug is doing a 2 day class **BEFORE** the demo and there may still be a spot left (check our SDWT website: Class Sign-ups).

There is a change to the September demo. Unfortunately Partick Trimm who was scheduled had to cancel so Jeff Neff will show his emerging bowl turning technique and some embellishments to take it to another level.

See you all at the August meeting! Be Safe.

**Sally**

Recent Torrey Pine Turned items turned in for the Torrey Pine Reserve Gift shop



## 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 - **Sep: Jeff Neff, Oct: Christen Briseperre. Nov: Kirk Deheer**

**Karen**

**This month Aug 16th:**

This month's demonstration is on **"Basket Illusion"** by **Doug Schneider**.

Doug started woodturning many years ago as a wee lad in high school and still has some of those first projects. Since then he has hopefully improved his skills and techniques during his career of teaching in schools from Jr. High to University, stretching from Iowa to New Mexico and Colorado. He has given demonstrations across the U.S. at symposiums, workshops and other venues. He loves to teach and welcomes new opportunities.

He is a long time member of AAW and the Rocky Mountain Woodturners.

His work reflects his appreciation and respect for the natural beauty of wood through his minimalistic approach and accentuates the natural colors, grain patterns, and characteristics of the timber, without too much embellishment competing with those strengths.

Doug was with us back in March of 2019 and returns to San Diego to reintroduce Basket Illusion work to SDWT. Like last time, his is a demo not to miss to learn this technique and expand one's creativity in woodturning.



# “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.

**“NO Drop-In for Aug”**

**Drop-In returns September 27th at Nottingham**

The forthcoming June focus on support for the Fair, the Drop-In mentor team is taking a pause but will be returning in July. If you need some mentoring help, check out our Club Mentors via our Website, (Menu pull down and within About—Mentors).

*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](mailto: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 Month's TAV Update:**

**VA La Jolla:** TAV celebrated our 1st anniversary in quiet fashion with the usual contingent of Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) and Paralyzed Veterans Association (PVA) clients. Thanks to the wonderful support of the hospital admin folks, TAV continues to thrive here. (Wheel Chair Vet taking a turn at the VA Hospital ®))

**VA Aspire:** Aspire had one graduate this month who was eligible for and applied to the TAV grants for a one-year SDWT membership as well as a complete woodturning package. This package includes a lathe, tools, accessories and kits for the graduate to continue development of his woodturning skills. The gifted lathe came from combining parts from two decommissioned lathes, one from storage and the other from Nottingham. We now have zero decommissioned lathes other than the small Shop Fox lathes that were donated by Ernesto.



**NMC - Balboa:** NMC was gifted many blocks of Spectra-Ply (thank you Sally) that are undergoing transition to pen blanks.

**Torrey Pines Gift Shop:** The docents at TPGS were ecstatic when they saw the many bowls and trees that so many of you brought to the last meeting. Thank you all for your time and dedication to this effort. Special thanks to Ray Brooks for his outstanding finishes. As a result of that finish, Ray's bowls command a "special" price. Bowls, trees, kitchen magnets and mushrooms are in high demand at the gift shop. We have a wonderful arrangement with TPGS.

**Fallbrook Art Center:** Under new management with Executive Director Karen Trapane, TAV is back in business with Fallbrook Art Center. We have an assortment of wood "slimline" and acrylic "cigar" pens on display for purchase. If you find yourself in the area please stop by and say hi to Karen or Linda Aviles at the front desk.



## TAV Update Cont...

**Camp Pendleton:** The Back To School event took place on Friday Aug 2. The Pendleton TAV group of volunteers set up and delivered another successful presentation of woodturning skills. Thank you for representing SDWT and TAV so well!



The Camp Pendleton TAV team with Team Lead (L) Jon Chernow, Bill Wallin, Dave Alspatch, Dan Lyle, Dave John and Fred Wilson with the New Bn Commander— LtCol D. C. Sagerholm (center (r)/Blue Shirt).





## TAV Update Cont...

Camp Pendleton: The Back To School event candid pics....



**Volunteers:** The volunteer community is key to the success of TAV and for SDWT in general. As the saying goes, “many hands make for light work” and we sincerely appreciate the donations of time and material for the continued success of this organization. Another saying goes “idle hands are the devils workplace”, so don’t hesitate to get involved, no matter your skill level. We can teach the necessary skills to be successful. Thank you



# Membership

**Hello San Diego Woodturners**

**To All:**

**SDWT Membership at 188 as of end of Aug 2025.**

**New Members to SDWT.....** In June, we welcomed new members Ray Quest and Marshall Geller. In July, we welcomed Alex Herrera, Peter Tobias, and Stephen Fuller as new members. August, Ed Baize. Both Alex and Stephen are TAV members. Welcome to all and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings.

**Membership:** Checks for membership (made out to SDWT (note annual Dues \$50) and mail to our new address at **SDWT, 1220 Rosecrans St #233, San Diego, CA 92106** or provide your check at our next meeting.

**New Password** for 2025 for access to our members only area of our SDWT website has been 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.

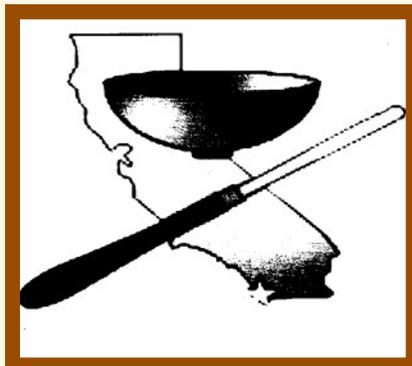
Similarly, If you're already a member of AAW Great! If not, consider joining AAW, if you think our resources are great, you will no doubt benefit from their pool of knowledge. Check them out at [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)

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](mailto:info@sdwt.org)

Thank you,

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





*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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

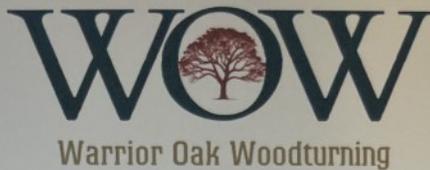
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# New Shop Build - Open House



An Open House for SDWT members was held by Ernesto July 20th, 2025 of his new shop in Fallbrook. Over a 1000 sqft and a work in progress in regards to set up but ready to hold wood turning classes and instruction by him. In fact he was holding a class the following day. A shop equipped with Powermatic lathes and a couple of others along with other support equipment.

SDWT wishes Ernesto much success on his woodturning venture and in his new shop! Ooh-Rha!!



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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:** Air Brushing

**Sally Ault:** Bird Houses

**Pete Campbell:** Embellishment

**Don Owen/Carolyn Jones:** Flowers & Reindeer

**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



**Robert Nichols:** Tea Pot and Drop (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](mailto:GotWood@sdwt.org)) .



### Wood Resource Update: .

I 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.

# July Instant Gallery Displayed Items



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## 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 Aug 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 **Aug** 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](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



# 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](http://sdurbantimber.com))

## American Furniture Design

Ben MatteTung Oil can be purchased here

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

## Bennett Crone Lumber and Ply-wood, Inc.

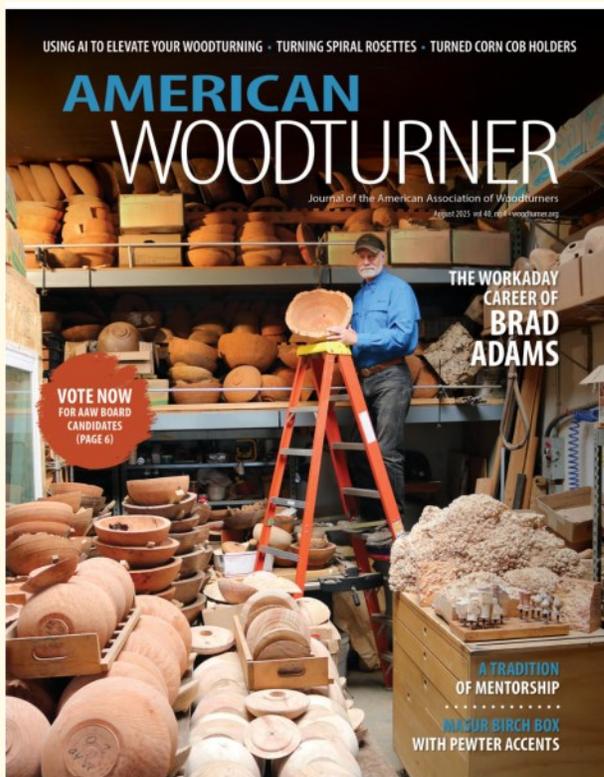
1202 Piper Ranch Rd  
San Diego, CA 92154  
619-661-0667  
([Bennettcrone.com](http://Bennettcrone.com))



Ernesto presented his winning Design in Wood Piece at a recent San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association meeting with its members. Congrats on the award and recognition.



# AAW



Latest issue of American Woodtuner sent out to AAW members. Not a member? Join today at

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

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Jon Chernow, Roy Ulrich

Steve Frick, Dan Waldburger

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### Instant Gallery

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# The Last Page - "Cutoffs"

(Odds and Ends)



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WACO, Texas - 22, 23,24 August, 2025

**Cindy Drozda • Rabea Gebler\* • Nathalie Groeneweg • Ashley Harwood  
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\*Due to unforeseen circumstances, Rabea will be joining us virtually.

rmwoodturningsymposium.com for more info

## NOTTINGHAM ACCESS

For access to the Nottingham Arts Center contact Terry Sullivan via e-mail ([go2tms@outlook.com](mailto: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.

# San Diego Woodturners (SDWT)

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## Next Event

**August 16th, 2025**

**“Basket Illusion”**

**9 AM until 4 PM (approx)**

**Nottingham Arts Center, San Marcos**

**(In Person - \$25 & Zoom \$20)**