



San Diego Woodturners

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



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This month at **SDWT**:

Turning a “Sphere Bowl” is this months demo to include discussion on proper turning technique when undertaking this type of turning.

(In-Person & Zoom)

Jeff Neff

@ Nottingham - 20 September, 2025

(9 AM - 12 Noon)

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SHAVINGS

from the Prez . . .

Thanks to Karen for running the September meeting while I was teaching in Houston. She also hauled a bunch of stuff to Waco for me for the SWAT symposium. She is awesome!

Doug Schneider's demo and classes on Basket Illusion was a huge success. I hope to see a bunch of beautiful basket illusion pieces in the Silent Auction this month. Unfortunately, I'll miss the meeting yet again...this time I'll be at the Rocky Mountain symposium in Colorado, but my trusty sidekick, Karen will run the meeting.

Sally Ault

Our demo in September will be our own Jeff Neff showing us how to make a sphere bowl. Don't miss this one!

Don't forget that the November meeting is when we vote. If you are interested in being on the board and helping keep this club as awesome as it is, please let me know. There will be several openings.

Have you even been to a symposium? If not, you really should plan to go to one. The SWAT (Southwest Association of Woodturners) was in late August and was fabulous as usual. SDWT was represented by 6 members...maybe give it some thought for next year. It will be the last week in August. Yes, its hot in Waco in August but you aren't outside much and its VERY airconditioned inside. We all wore a jacket inside the convention center. SWAT is smaller and more like family than AAW.



This years SDWT SWAT attendees: Karen Freitas, Jeff Neff, Sally Ault, Bill Broadrick, Roy Urlick, Bill Dougherty

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SHAVINGS Cont...

The next symposium that is closest to us is the Rocky Mountain symposium in Loveland Colorado. Its smaller and really excellent...they even serve ice cream at lunch!!!!

A symposium will introduce you to many new ideas and they have amazing trade shows. As you know we are all One Tool from Greatness and being able to see things in person that you usually only see online is great. You get to ask the experts questions about the tools and there is always some fabulous wood.

Septembers Volunteer of the Month is **Dan Waldburger**. Dan has taken the reins of TAV and really done an amazing job. Our 4 locations are busy every week and he has a big job just keeping the supplies distributed and all the ducks in a row. Please thank Dan when you see him for agreeing to take on this huge job and for doing it well and with a smile.

Our awesome club wouldn't be so awesome without the volunteers who make it work. There is a place for you to help too. Just let a board member know you want to help and we will find a perfect job for you. It doesn't require a lot of time...just a willingness to want to keep SDWT the best!

Speaking of a job that isn't difficult and needs a new volunteer...the DVD/Book library has been run really well for quite a while by Carolyn Jones. Carolyn is going to be in charge of machine maintenance and would love to pass on the library to a new volunteer. Please give it some thought and call Carolyn if you have questions about what it entails.

In addition, our Audio/Visual team could use some help as well. See Hal or Jerry for any questions on being a part of this team. They do a tremendous job for us.

The next **Drop-In** Saturday will be September 27. Come by and say hi. Bring something to work on or come to get help from one of the amazing mentors who are there.

Have you cleaned your shop? (I really need to!) If you have and have found anything you don't ever use or have too many of...please bring them to the meeting for the raffle or to give Dan for TAV. Even an almost used up gouge will help a new turner who is starting out.

Please be safe in your shop and bring whatever you have been working on to the Instant Gallery!

See you all at the September meeting! Be Safe. 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 - **Sep: Jeff Neff, Oct: Christen Brisepierre. Nov: Kirk Deheer**

Karen

This month Aug 16th:

This month's demonstration is on turning a **Sphere Bowl** by Jeff Neff.

Due to unforeseen health issues, our originally scheduled September demonstrator is unable to attend. We're pleased to announce that Jeff Neff will be stepping in to demonstrate his technique for turning a sphere bowl along with adding, if not providing you some ideas on embellishment to add some added appeal to your piece should you give his technique a try.

Jeff is a long standing SDWT member and experienced turner with many talents in turning various pieces and techniques he has learned from some of the great woodturners in our woodturning community. He also leads our club mentorship program should you need help in turning. Ask Jeff, as he is always willing to help members with their turning projects.

This demonstration is no exception in his sharing those techniques learned and his creativity applied in turning a sphere bowl.

See you at this month's meeting.



“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 returns September 27th 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 Month's TAV Update:

VA La Jolla: A Covid breakout caused very limited participation in August. The volunteer team still showed each week but few patients were available to turn. Word is out about TAV at VA and new participants keep showing up. When able, we get a significant number of wheelchair turners as a result of the Spinal Cord Injury clinic there.

Camp Pendleton: We have an average of 6-8 turners each week, generating roughly 35 pens. There has been a good response to our "turn 5 pens for next year's Fair and receive a specialty blank" program. There is also renewed interest in "ring making".



NMC - Balboa: Steady state of progress with volunteers and turners.



TAV Update Cont...



VA Aspire: Aspire continues with very good participation by the residents there. We have a steady stream of turners who are eager to continue to develop their skills after graduation.

Torrey Pines Gift Shop: The assortment of goods donated by our club was well received. We had 61 trees, 2 coaster sets, 3 basket illusion bowls, 1 weed pot, 41 kitchen magnets and 13 bowls. Thank you to everyone who donated their time to this effort.

The Gift Shop still has interest in building inventory, especially with the holiday season around the corner. We're looking for tops (Ray?), magnets, trees, mushrooms and maybe a couple of large trees.

Fallbrook Art Center: No news yet on turnover volume with the pens at FAC.

Volunteers: Thank you to everyone for making TAV a success. The more recognition we get, the more people want to get involved. This lightens the load for everyone.



Membership

Hello San Diego Woodturners

To All:

SDWT Membership at 194 as of end of Aug 2025.

New Members to SDWT..... In August, new members that have joined include: Kaylee May, Mathew Friedman, Policarpo Despaigne, Michelle Stein, Brandon Cariveau, Justin Hamrick, and Donald Ostertg. A warm **Welcome to our new members** and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings.

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

If you need the Password for access into the SDWT.org **members only tab** see Don or Jim for the code.

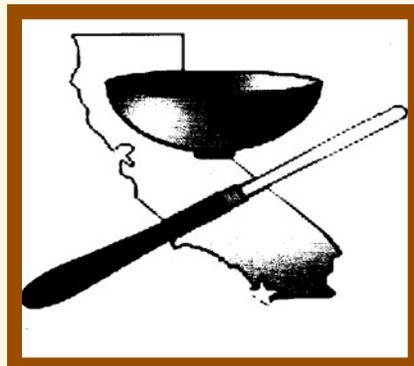
Similarly, If you're already a member of AAW Great! If not, consider joining AAW, if you think our resources are great, you will no doubt benefit from their pool of knowledge. Check them out at www.woodturner.org

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 Wolfe/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:

Doug Schneiter: Basket Illusion

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





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 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. It's an Art-form

Aug 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 Sept 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 **Sept** 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

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

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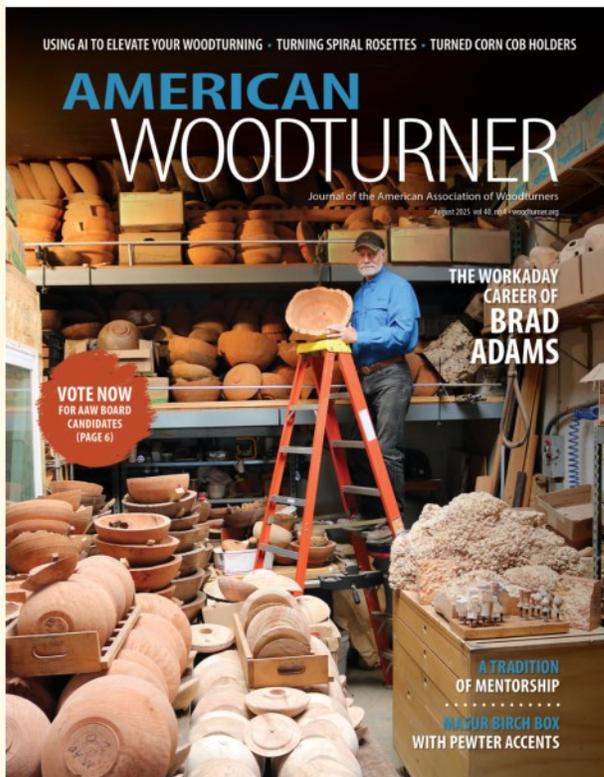
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*Due to unforeseen circumstances, Rabea will be joining us virtually.

Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium

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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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Jon Chernow, Roy Ulrich

Steve Frick, Dan Waldburger

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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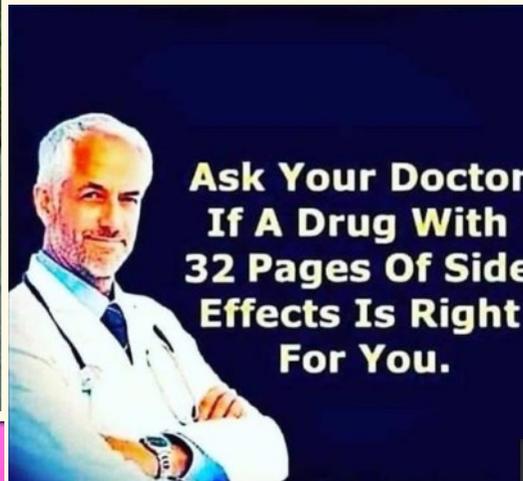
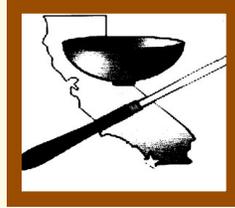
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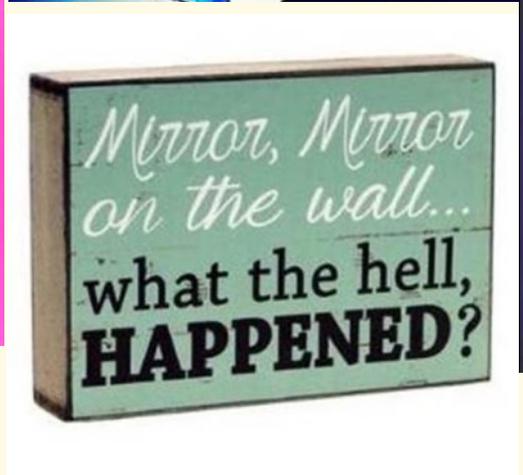


The Last Page - "Cutoffs"

(Odds and Ends)



To my children:
Never make fun
of having to
help me with
computer stuff.
I taught you how
to use a spoon.



I've done some terrible
things for money
...like
getting up early
to go to work.

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.

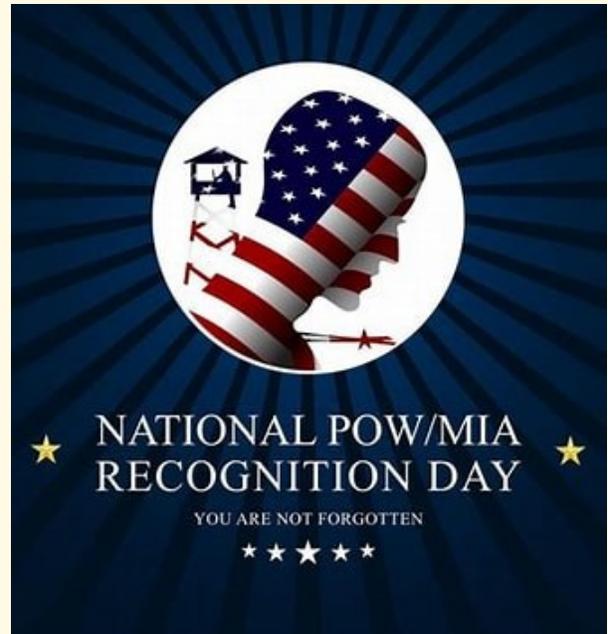
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National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed on the third Friday of September. It honors those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action.

(Friday, 19 September, 2025)

Next Event

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