



San Diego Woodturners

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



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This month at **SDWT**:

Turning an “Off Center Scoop” is this months demo to include discussion on proper turning technique when undertaking this type of off center turning.

(In-Person & Zoom)

Christian Brisepierre

@ Nottingham - 18 October, 2025. Meeting start at 0900.

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Sally Ault

SHAVINGS

from the Prez . . .

Thanks to Karen for running the September meeting while I was teaching in Houston.

Thanks to Jeff Neff for showing everyone how to make a rocking sphere bowl. I'm looking forward to seeing some versions of it in the instant gallery! Jeff often embellishes them so let's see what you come up with!

We have a lot of talented turners in our club and if you have something you would like to show the members how to make, please contact Jeff and/or Roy and get on the demo calendar for next year! Don't think you don't have anything to teach others. We all learn something from every turner...maybe we hear something described in a different way that helps you understand.

Our demonstrator in October will be Christian Briespierre from Las Vegas. Some of you will remember their wonderful store...Woodworkers Emporium. Christian and Jeri are now retired and he is doing a lot of interesting turning. This demo is a trade with their club. I went there the first weekend of October and he will come to us on the 18th. Christian is the master of creating amazing jigs to let you do things easily. He will show us how he makes a one piece scoop that can have many different handle versions. He will use the jig he makes and probably will bring some of the jigs to sell. He makes them with a CNC and they fit in the chuck.

We will be participating in the Mission Trails holiday shopping event November 15-16. The proceeds will go to TAV. We need a lot of items to sell...bowls, boxes, tops, bottle stoppers, pens... anything. People will be there buying Christmas gifts so a variety of items will be great to have for sale. Please bring anything you would like to donate to the October meeting or contact Ray Brooks to arrange for pickup. Our November meeting is the 15th so it will be too late to bring things to that meeting (but we will take them even late). One of the members of the Las Vegas club (Bryan Thompson) gave me a box of beautiful bowls for the sale! Thanks Bryan.

The Torrey Pines docent center always needs things made from Torrey Pine to sell at their gift shop...please pick up some Torrey Pine at the meeting and bring back something made from it. There is always Torrey Pine available at the meetings.



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SHAVINGS Cont...

November is election month and we need YOU to run for a seat on the board. It isn't a very time consuming job and you will be helping to make our club even better. If there are things you would like to see done differently, this is your chance to help with making it the best it can be. We also need a new Secretary to replace Jennifer. That sounds like a big job but it really isn't...just taking notes at the board meetings and sending out the minutes. We alternate meetings between in person and zoom and do a lot via a group text. The secretary even has the use of a dedicated laptop for the job.

We also need someone to take over the Raffle. Jeff has done an amazing job for years but he and Roy are taking over the VP/Programs position for next year. Give Jeff a call and talk to him about the job.

I talk about giving back to the club by volunteering all the time. Everything that happens at the club happens because someone volunteered. Please consider helping.

This month's Volunteer of the Month is Roy Ulrich. We have one of the best websites of any woodturning club and Roy makes it happen. He also manages the Abranet sales and is going to be the Co-chair of Programs next year with Jeff. He's been helping get Torrey Pine to the members to make things for the Docent center gift shop and often take the donated pieces to the shop. Whenever you look at the Website, thank Roy!

The symposia that are near us are over for the year, but I encourage you to plan now to go to either SWAT in late August or the Rocky Mountain symposium in September. I'll put the dates in the newsletter as soon as I know what they are. Both are friendly, extremely educational events and of course there is a great vendor area. Get some friends together and go!

Lastly: Our club was honored at the AAW symposium in Saint Paul in June! Our TAV program was honored with the first ever Community Service Award. Please be sure to check out the article in the October AAW *American Woodturner* Magazine! Thanks to everyone who has participated in TAV over the last 18 years! I'm extremely proud of us and I hope you are too!!!

Please stay safe in your shop and make lots of shavings! 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 - **Nov: Tom Wirsing, Dec: Holiday Party**

Karen

This months demonstration is on turning an **Off Center Scoop** by **Christian Brisepierre**

You may recall Woodworkers Emporium in Las Vegas, that has since closed down, that you may have run into our guest demonstrator and former owner on a visit or you were just passing thru and stopped by at the Emporium. Christian Brisepierre was the owner for over 42 years and has since retired but continues to have a workshop with lathes and full complement of turning tools/chucks/gouges to continue with turning at his home in Las Vegas. He joins us today to provide a demonstration on turning an Off Center Scoop.

Christian's demonstration will be in two parts:

Part One: Showing the different steps in making a holding jig for a 48mm sphere using Vicmarc jaws and HDPE material.

Part Two: Turning a 48mm sphere which will be the bowl of the scoop then using the jig just made to shape the handle and then hollowing the bowl.

Part Three (if all goes south) how to save face using the jig.

This will be a fun demonstration and one not to miss to learn about off center turning technique or just something new to try in your next turning project. See you there.

Program Note: Kirk Deheer who was scheduled for November will not be able to join us as he is having knee surgery. We are fortunate to have **Tom Wirsing** fill-in that he will demonstrate his turning of figured platters. He will also be doing a two day class (\$225) following the Sat demonstration and you can sign-up in our members area of our websire i.e. Class Sign-ups. This is a paid demo (Zoom \$20/In-Person \$25)



“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 **October 25th** 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: Louis Irvin is the new Executive Director for Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), replacing Peter Ballentine. When the elevators break down, it is difficult for Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) to get to the TAV site. Luckily the service elevator is functional. We've seen lower attendance in September but there is still great interest as seen in the photo (R).



Torrey Pines Gift Shop: The shop is under construction, so no activity this month.

Fallbrook Art Center: FAC has sold a total of three pens for TAV. This is most likely because our display was stuck in a "low traffic" area. It has since been relocated closer to the front door, so hopefully we'll see higher movement.

Mission Trail Regional Park: MTRP holds an annual craft event (see next page). TAV received two boxes of excellent products turned by Tom Christensen of Egg Harbor, WI. (Pic R) His generous donation (see photo) will complement the other fine turnings by our club.



Volunteers: Volunteering is what makes this club operate. Thank you to all past and present volunteers, and if you haven't yet, please get involved. It's rewarding, fun and lightens everybody's load.

Other Torrey Pine items Recvd for Sept





TAV Update Cont...

Mission Trails Holiday Market Place Announcement & Opportunity

SDWT has again been selected to display at the Mission Trails Holiday Marketplace! This was a highly successful event last year and we hope to do even better this year!

Our club was recently approved to display and sell our wares at the Mission Trails Regional Park Holiday Marketplace. This year the event is 2 days., November 15 and 16, 2025. In that regard we need items to sell. Any and all members are asked to turn an item or 2 or 3 or more to sell at the event. Popular last year were bowls, tops, trees, bottle stoppers, etc.. Whatever you are willing to turn and donate will be collected at the October meeting. If you cannot make the meeting and have items to donate, contact Ray for pick up. Thanks for your contributions - greatly appreciated. As usual, all donations will benefit TAV. Thanks from the TAV Team.

PS: we also need volunteers to staff the booth. We would like three for each morning, and two for each afternoon. Please note that the first date is the date of our November meeting. To volunteer or to donate items please contact Ray Brooks at:

raybonnie2709@sbcglobal.net

If you have items to donate after the October meeting, also please contact Ray Brooks and he will arrange for pickup.

Gallery-21, 2025/Opportunity to Sell Your Turnings



SDWT and its members in years past displayed and sold turned items at the Gallery 21 during the forthcoming Dec Holiday period within the Spanish Village of Balboa Park. SDWT has been extended an invitation for exclusive use of the Gallery and for its members to sell their turnings at this annual holiday event. All sales are for the benefit of the member. The event is scheduled for 2-15 December to include the Fri/Sat "December Nights" which as in years past the most busiest two evenings of the event. A reception is planned for 2 December.

Commitment depends on member interest. I will discuss more at our Oct meeting. A few details known at this time for planning:

- Hours are approx 11–4 each day, Fri/Sat-extended hours to late evening for Dec Nights.
- Members selling items will be asked to participate in the Gallery (Times TBD).
- Sale of an item: More to follow on this regarding any surcharge that may be levied and CA sales tax requirement that may be required in your pricing of an item. I'll have more on this at our meeting.
- Use of the Gallery cost to SDWT may become a shared cost with sellers as well.
- Number of items for display by an individual member—TBD
 - Items must be wood-turned items
 - More information to be provided at our meeting.



Karen Karen



Membership

Hello San Diego Woodturners

To All:

SDWT Membership at 196 as of end of Sept 2025.

New Members to SDWT..... New members that have joined - Tom and Robin Ross. A warm **Welcome to our new members** and we look forward to seeing them 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.

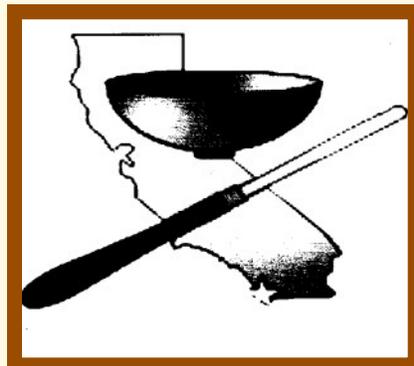
Similarly, If you're already a member of AAW Great! If not, consider joining AAW, if you think our resources are great, you will no doubt benefit from their pool of knowledge. Check them out at www.woodturner.org

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).





San Diego
Woodturners

A chapter of the American Association of Wood Turners



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:

Jeff Neff: Sphere Bowl

Doug Schneider: 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 Buddenhagen: Wave Bowls





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 Artform

Sept 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 Oct 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 Oct 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
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619-20 7-4084 (sdurbantimber.com)

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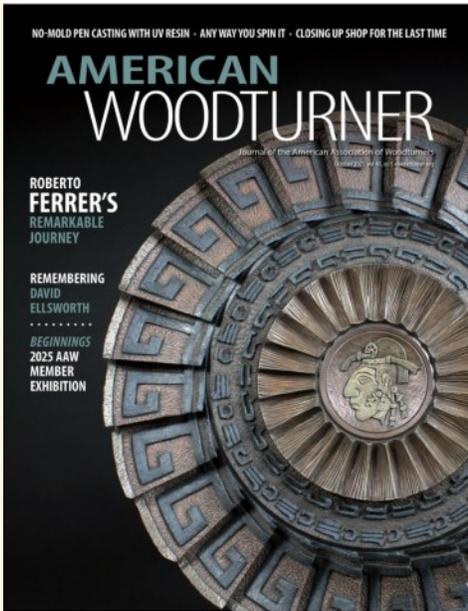
Bennett Crone Lumber and Ply-wood, Inc.

1202 Piper Ranch Rd
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(Bennetcrone.com)

Coming in November to SDWT: *Tom Wirsing*- Demonstration and Class to focus on turning Platters. His platter turnings pictured below:



AAW



Latest issue of American Woodturner sent out to AAW members. Not a member? Join today at (woodturner.org)

SDWT recvs accolades in this months *American Woodturner*: “**Community Impact Award**”. Extract below. Full article write up on the award within this months journal. Ohh Rah!!

2025 AAW Chapter Award Recipients

As local chapters continue to innovate and make more substantial impacts, AAW wants to shine the spotlight on their efforts with two distinguished awards.

- **The Chapter Community Impact Award** recognizes chapters that have demonstrated a strong commitment to community service, outreach, and positive societal impact. Chapters shared inspirational stories about the programs they implemented to go above and beyond for their communities. This year's winner developed a program called Turn-Around-for-Veterans (TAV). Launched in 2007 by five veterans of the **San Diego Woodturners** (SDWT), this project

supports returning servicemembers through the healing art of woodturning. Offering free weekly sessions at four San Diego-area locations, including VA hospitals, TAV teaches veterans to turn pens and more, with safety and accessibility at the forefront. Run by 40+ SDWT volunteers and supported by donations, the program features adaptive tools and modified lathes for veterans with physical limitations. Since expanding to Veterans Affairs Hospital La Jolla, TAV has served 224 participants in just six months, earning praise for fostering purpose, skill, and connection.

- **The Chapter Communications Excellence Award** honors chapters that demonstrate

effective, creative, and innovative communications through email newsletters, websites, social media, marketing campaigns, and video content. Nearly a dozen chapters provided impressive submissions. This year's winner, **First State Woodturners**, has excelled in disseminating information, educating, and entertaining their members and non-members, and promoting the art and craft of woodturning through compelling and creative communications.

Following are first-hand descriptions of those chapters' outstanding efforts. Congratulations to both the San Diego Woodturners and the First State Woodturners.



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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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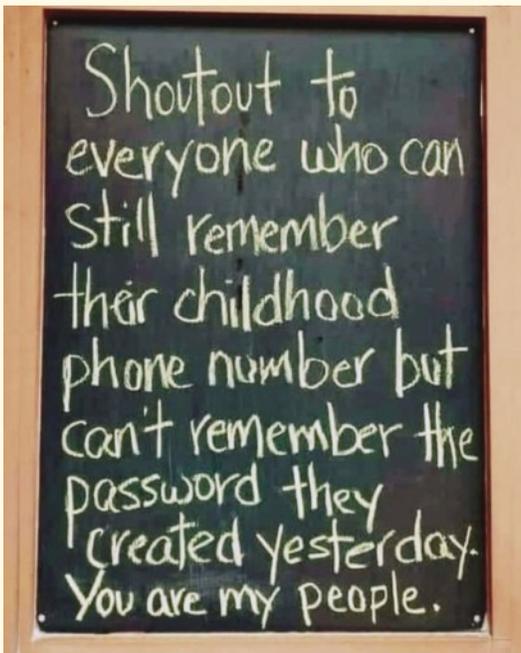
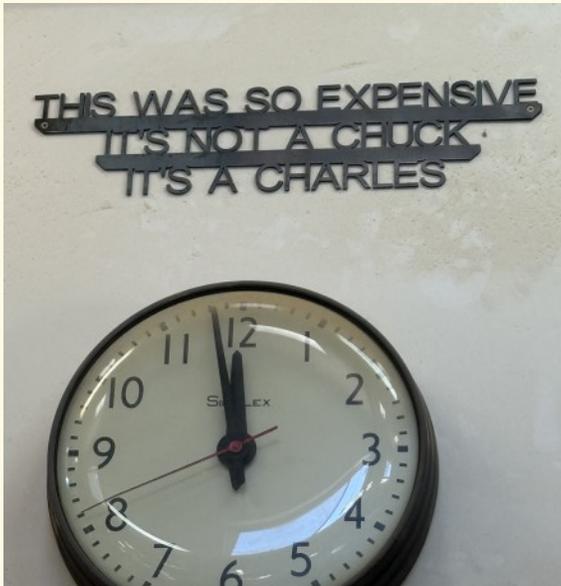
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The Last Page - "Cutoffs"

(Odds and Ends)



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

October 18th, 2025

“Off Center Scoop”

9 AM until 12 Noon

Nottingham Arts Center, San Marcos

(In Person & Zoom)