



# San Diego Woodturners

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



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## This month at **SDWT**:



**Turning a Highly Figured Wood Platter/ Bowl is this months demo to include discussion on his cutting technique and finishing.**

**Tom Wirsing**

**@ Nottingham - 15 Nov, 2025.**

**Meeting start at 0900.**

**(9 AM - 3 PM)**

**\$25-In-Person/\$20 Zoom**

**Register On line via sign-up link in the Members Only Tab or Pay at the door.**

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Sally Ault

## SHAVINGS

from the Prez . . .

We were treated to a great demo on scoops by Christian Briespierre from Las Vegas. Christian and I traded demos to bring some variety to both clubs. I had a great time at his club. Christian showed us his technique for making a jig that could be used for different-sized scoops, and the blank can be moved to create an exciting curve at the end of the handle. You can watch the demo again via the SDWT website members-only link...along with well over 100 excellent demo videos that will remind you of things you saw and now have forgotten how to make. Thanks to Roy for our amazing website.

I know some members purchased (or won in the raffle) some of Christians jigs, so I hope to see some scoops at the November instant gallery.

We are really fortunate to have Tom Wirsing coming in November. He is a master at making gorgeous platters from highly figured wood. Tom is a past president of the AAW and has been a huge supporter of clubs all over the world. He has demonstrated all over. The 2-day class sold out almost immediately with a waiting list. This will be an all-day demo including lunch. The cost is \$25 (or \$20 on zoom). I have discovered that almost every club where I have done an all-day demo has charged a lot more than we do so enjoy it while we can keep the cost where it is.

I would really like to see more members come to the all-day meetings. There are only 3 a year, and they are always amazing turners. You would pay several thousand dollars to travel to a school to take a class with them or to a symposium to watch them.

I spoke on Saturday about the importance of volunteering to keep our club at its best. We have no paid workers...we depend on volunteers. Please consider finding a way...even a minor job like bringing goodies to add to Steve's Refreshments, or coming early or staying late to help with the chairs. Our club is only as good as our members make it!

Please keep your ears and eyes open for trees coming down (you all know the sound of a chainsaw). We haven't gotten much new wood this year. Chad depends on people telling

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## SHAVINGS Cont...

him when they hear of a tree that will be taken down. Our wood sales are a wonderful resource for our members but the trees don't tell us when they are coming down...we need you to do that! Contact Chad or a board member with the information.

This months volunteers are Frank Clark and Rob Irving...or treasurer team. They are doing a lot of work and the team approach is working well. When you see either of them, please thank them. They put in a lot of hours.

The holidays are coming really quickly. As I type this there are only 66 days left until Christmas. Karen is hard at work arranging a place for you to sell your work in Spanish Village for the first 2 weeks of December. Its been years since we did this and it was very successful in the past. Roy has sent out a form for you to show your interest...please fill it out. Spanish Village is crazy busy with shoppers as the holidays approach and the first weekend is December nights... sales will be off the charts. Get into your shop and start creating! Your friends already have your stuff...start selling it and make some money to buy new tools! We are all one tool away from perfection.

The Torrey Pines gift shop needs as many pieces as they can get made from Torrey Pine. It is a really great resource for TAV so please make something for them. You can bring it to a meeting or contact Dan Waldburger and he can arrange to get whatever you have to give him. There will be an election at the November meeting. Almost half the board is either terming out. Leaving the board for personal reasons or are up for re-election. We will have a good slate to choose from but if you aren't at the meeting, your voice wont be heard!

Jeff and Roy will be taking over as VP/program chairs as a team. Jeff has found a great replacement to take over the raffle...His name is Marshall Geller and he is a fairly new member. Please introduce yourself when you buy lots of raffle tickets. Remember that the club does not subsidize the raffle. All the money collected for tickets is used to buy more treasures for the next meeting. If you have a tool or a gadget that you don't use, please bring it and give it to Marshall...one persons trash is another treasure (just please be sure it works)

Make lots of shavings and be safe in your shop!

**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 - Dec: **Holiday Party**

**Karen**

This months demonstration with **Tom Wirsing** is on turning a highly figured platter (see pics below).

He Notes: **"Turning bowls and platters on my wood lathe brings life to my love of wood. Imagine the pleasure I receive from mounting a piece of timber on the lathe and turning it into a form with flowing curves, beautiful color and figure, a satin finish, and an alluring feel. I particularly love turning large platters and bowls, which, like the antiques I grew up with, will become heirlooms enjoyed by many generations to come."**

**Come and see one of the best in Woodturning at this months Demo.**

Tom will also be teaching a 2-day class on Sunday, 11/16 & Monday, 11/17 at 9AM to 3PM. The class will be showing his cutting technique and his special way of finishing one figured 10" platter. The 2-day class is \$225 with all wood and lunch provided. **The class is currently full** but one can sign-up on the wait list should a vacancy occur.



**Demonstration Pre-Register via our members web link at [SDWT.ORG/](https://SDWT.ORG/)"Zoom Meeting-Sign-up for paid demo & payment processing." (\$25 for In-Person/\$20 for Zoom).**

# “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 November 22nd at Nottingham

*Participants must be members of San Diego Woodturners Club (SDWT) in good standing. Members under the age of 18 years may participate with parental permission and a parent or guardian must be present.*

**Safety is ALWAYS a Priority!**

**Questions: Email at [Dropin@sdwt.org](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:** Busy days at VA La Jolla, with 41 participants for this month. With the new hospital wing opening soon, we're looking for a new TAV location on campus. The first suggestion yielded an area too small with no storage space. The search continues.

**Camp Pendleton:** Something must be in the air since participation has doubled at WWB-West this month. This is great news that our efforts there are recognized and appreciated.

**VA Aspire:** Busy days at Aspire too. Two recent graduates were gifted a complete lathe setup with tools and accessories. We hope to see them continue to pursue wood turning excellence.

**NMC - Balboa:** NMC had 72 participants in October! Maybe it's because holiday season is upon us?

**Torrey Pines Gift Shop:** The reserve center is closed for the foreseeable future, but please continue to make turned items that we will put into storage for when they reopen. Big movers are mushrooms, kitchen magnets, trees and bowls. Thank you to everyone who donates to this effort.

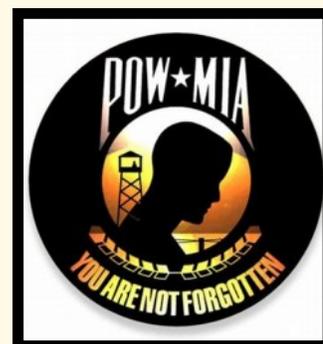
**Donations:** We received a nice donation from Leif LeLoup of La Jolla. Included was a small lathe and turning tools as well as some Black Acacia and New Zealand Christmas tree blanks.

**Mission Trail Regional Park:** Ray Brooks has numerous bowls and other turned items for the fair. This should be a great 2-day event.

**Volunteers:** Thanks to all our volunteers for making TAV and SDWT a success. We couldn't do it without you!



**TAV Salutes:  
Nov 11th, 2025**





**A Special TAV Salute to the Navy & Marine Corps Veterans and Service Personnel. 250 Years of Service to our Nation! Ooh-Rah!**



**Happy Birthday Marines—  
November 10th, 2025**





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](mailto:raybonnie2709@sbcglobal.net)

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

**Still Opportunity to donate items or assist at the booth. If you have any items, pls contact Ray at the above email address.**

# 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.

Update:

1) To reserve a spot, go to our Members Only link of the SDWT website and go to "2025 Holiday Sales Project Sign-up" link.

2) Participation requires standing a shift(s), go to our Members Only link of the SDWT website and go to "2025 Holiday Sales Shift to sign-up."

3) More details at the Nov meeting.

A Great Opportunity.

**Karen**



# Membership

**Hello San Diego Woodturners**

**To All:**

**SDWT Membership at 196 as of end of Oct 2025.**

**On the Horizon: 2026 Annual Membership Renewal.....**

**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](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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## 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:

**Christian Brisepierre:** Off-Center Scoops

**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





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: .

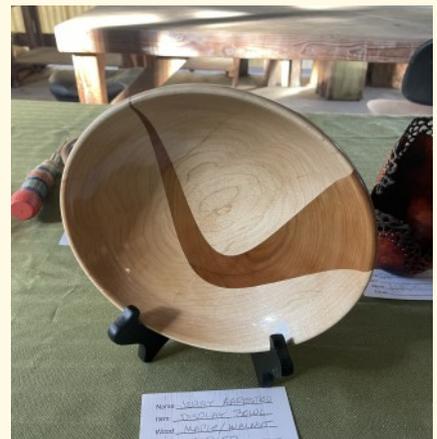
I wish to thank the many who have provided and assisted with Wood Resources. It is the Club and its members who benefit in having wood resources available at a nominal cost. Always needed, but a need none the less towards help in this area for hauling wood when it becomes available and/or helping in the wood lot. Let me know if you can assist in this manner.



Chad

Stacking Wood. It's an Artform

# Oct 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.

**Marshall Geller - 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 Nov 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 **Nov** 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

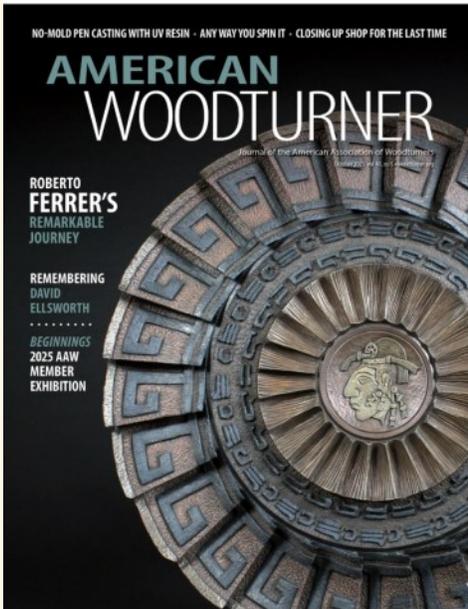
2243 Mountain View Dr.  
Escondido, CA  
(760) 743-6923

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

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



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

# 2025 SDWT Board Members and Committees

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Steve Frick, Dan Waldburger

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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](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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November 27th, 2025

## Next Event

November 15th, 2025

**“Platter’s”**

9 AM until 3 PM (Approx)

Nottingham Arts Center, San Marcos

**(In Person & Zoom)**

**\$25 In-Person(includes lunch)/ \$20 Zoom**