



# Nor-Cal Shavings

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## President's Notes

Hi Fellow Woodturners,

Greetings, I hope you all had a happy Valentines Day.

The board met at my house on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. We discussed numerous subjects and are working on finalizing dates on our yearly calendar.

This next months program on chain saw safety looks to be a very important and timely. Chain saw safety is not only for the operator of the saw but for all of the people working around the operator of the tool. Spring is fast arriving and yard work needs to be done, engines need to be serviced and chains need to be sharpened. Lets all have a safe year.

We still need people who would be willing to demonstrate turning at the up coming woodworking show at Cal Expo. We also need teams of two or three people to take our passion for turning to the community in the form of demos, to schools, scouts, or community centers. We will also be calling on you to demo at local tool store open houses and sale days.

I am looking for Nor-Cal members to demo at our monthly club meetings, either as an individual or as a team. Please contact me either at a meeting or at home.

We sincerely want to thank those of you who have donated to our raffle table, businesses and individuals alike. If you have an extra chunk of wood or two to donate please share, it always makes the raffle interesting.

See you at the meeting.

*Russ Swenson*

## Calendar

Feb 24-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.  
Mar 1-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Nick's house  
Mar 23-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.  
Mar 29-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Warren's house  
Apr 27-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.  
Apr 30-May 2 - Woodworking Show at CalExpo  
May 15-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Carl's house  
May 25-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.  
June - Nor-Cal display at Davis Library  
Jun 14-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Bert's house  
Jun 10-12-Utah Woodturning Symposium, Provo, UT  
Jun 22-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.  
July-Nor-Cal display at Auburn Library  
Jun 28-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Dick's house  
July 23-25-AAW Annual Symposium, Orlando, FL  
Jul 27-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.  
Aug 2-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Dan's house  
Aug 20-Sep 6 - Display and demo at State Fair  
Aug 24-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.  
Aug 30-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Perry's house  
Sep 28-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.  
TBA - Woodcut at California Hardwood Prod.  
October - Nor-Cal display at Davis City Hall  
Oct 4-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Dick's house  
Oct 9-Picnic at Rusch Park  
Oct 26-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.  
Dec 6-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Nick's house  
TBA-Holiday Party, 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.

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### FEBRUARY PROGRAM

**Al Snider**

**Chain Saw Safety**

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**March Program**

**Malcolm Tibbetts**

**Segmented Turning II**

## Nor-Cal Woodturners

Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center  
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Between I and J Streets

General Meetings on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

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*Dues for the calendar year are \$30 per member and \$10 for spouse (if they desire to join).*

*Commercial memberships are available for \$50 per year. This membership includes yearly advertising in the newsletter. Ads are to be business card size and may be changed from month to month. Contact Treasurer Barney Oldfield for more membership information.*

*Newsletter deadline is the tenth of each month. All submissions should be sent to **Nor-Cal Woodturners, Perry Kesterson, 2641 Maryal Drive, Sacramento CA 95821. EMail to: pdlk@surewest.net.***

*Proprietary names which may be included herein are for information purposes only, and no endorsement of any particular product or supplier mentioned or criticism of others not mentioned by Nor-Cal Woodturners is implied.*

## Mentor's Opportunity

LOCATION	NAME	PHONE
Citrus Heights	Herb Medsger	916-725-3120
Davis	Charles Brownold	916-756-5010
Davis	Bill Flewelling	530-753-2664
Elk Grove	Mets Lerwill	916-686-5312
Fair Oaks	Bob Adam*	916-961-1275
Granite Bay	Tom Castaldo	916-791-7544
Sacramento	Kirk Stubbs	916-428-7099
Sacramento	Leonard Klima	916-334-7218
Yuba City	Norm Hinman	530-673-5056

The Mentor program is available to new members who have questions about turning, Nor-Cal programs, and to get a better 'feel' for the club. Check in with the Mentor in your area and get acquainted!

There is a Mentor signup sheet at the front of the room for those needing help, check it out.

\*Chairman

## Mini Woodturning Workshops

Mini Woodturning Workshops are normally held at Kirk Stubbs' shop on the Saturday following the general meeting. The workshops are for six hours - 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, with a break for lunch.

A donation of \$20 is requested for the workshop. This amount will be refunded upon attendance. - No show - No refund! Signup and donation collection are at the general meeting ONLY, on a first come basis.

Your instructor is Bill Flewelling, with Kirk Stubbs assisting. You will be using a Jet, Fisch, or a VicMarc mini lathe. Subject matter to be covered will be given at the general meeting when you sign up.

All NorCal members in good standing will be accepted for the workshop. Ask at the general meeting for directions to the workshop.

## Announcements

1. Don't forget to return books and videos to the library! Others would like to check out these items also.
2. Be sure to get your raffle tickets early during the meeting. Winning tickets are drawn during the Show and Tell portion of the meeting and posted on the white board. This saves time for all and allows those without winning tickets to leave sooner.
3. For your convenience the Club Library and Treasurer's table will be open before the meeting and during the break. Out of respect for our President and other speakers, please conduct business during these times only.
4. Bill Flewelling has Greenwood sealer for those who need it. The sealer comes in 5 gallon containers and costs \$32. Contact Bill at 530-753-2664 to make arrangements for your purchase.
5. Don't forget our Swap and Sell table at the meetings! If you bring items in to sell, please unload at the door, then move your vehicle to the street so others have room to unload. Thank you.
6. Dan Clark will have club clothing (Sweatshirts, Hats, Polo Shirts, Tee Shirts, and Mock Turtle Necks) available at the next General Meeting.
7. The Lake Tahoe Festival of Fine Arts show will be held July 3-5, 2004. Exhibitors must submit application before May 14. For more information, call Peggy Thompson at TAP (530) 542-3632, email at tahoearts@aol.com or visit [www.tahoeartsproject.org](http://www.tahoeartsproject.org).
8. On Saturday, March 20, Jerry Kermode is offering an Advanced Seminar in Wood Turning. Hours are from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M at his home studio in Sebastopol. The day will begin with a brief review of Jerry's beginning woodturning class, followed by demonstrations of advanced between center and faceplate turning. The main focus will be on multi-axis spindles, turning a ball, natural edge bowls, burl turning and bowl stitching. During the end of the program there will be a chance to take part in hands on turning on Jerry's seven lathes. For information or to register for the seminar please call or email Jerry or Deborah Kermode at 707-824-9893 or [debjer@earthlink.net](mailto:debjer@earthlink.net).

## February Meeting President's Challenge

The President's Challenge at the February 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be Hand Spun Tops. Here's a President's Challenge that everyone can participate in. The rules are very simple - make a Spinning Top out of any wood. The Top can be any size, contain only wood and must be hand spun with no mechanical assistance. Each participant will spin their Top on a plate provided by the club. Awards will be presented for the Top that spins the longest and for the best looking Top. All entries will be eligible for both awards.

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### Welcome to the Following New Members

**Gerry Anderson**  
**Bill Davidson**  
**James Makarczyk**  
**James McMaster**  
**Ken Merrill**  
**Samual Parrish**  
**Gerald Pierce**  
**Peter Polt**  
**Fran Russo**  
**Frank Stolten**

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### Reminder - Please see Dan Clark, Treasurer, to pay your 2004 Dues

## MEMBERS GALLERY....



Dennis Brown - Canary Wood Bowl



Herb Medsger - Compote with Wire Inlay



Frank Norling - Lidded Box



Kirk Stubbs - Threaded Box



Warren Nadler - Bocote Bowl



Mark Stanley - Walnut Box



Mets Lerwill - Miniture Walnut Vessel



Will Michaud - Ornament



Malcolm Tibbetts - Checkers and Holder in foreground (to match chess table shown at State Fair). Large Roundabout made from six indentially sized bowls.

## January Program Recap

Barry Hanna put on a great demonstration of the use of the shear scraping technique to reduce the need for sanding.



After completing the shaping of the turned object, Barry does a final light cut with edge of his bowl gouge. The edge of the long bevel is held nearly parallel to the object at approximately 90 degrees to the surface and lightly pulled across the surface in a drawing motion. This drawing motion is used to remove minor ridges and grooves on the surface. The cut should produce fine sawdust. Care should be taken to not use this technique to shape the object. Thank you Barry for sharing this useful technique with the club!

### School Outreach Program

Last year, the club applied for and was awarded an AAW Educational Opportunity Grant. The monies received were used to pay for tools to be used by the club to teach members and non-members about woodturning. Many of us were exposed to woodworking and woodturning in high school shop classes. Sadly, due to budget constraints and other priorities, many high schools do not offer these experiences to students.

This is where you can help. Last fall, Dan Clark and Dick Lambert contacted the shop teachers at Colfax and Auburn High Schools to arrange demonstrations for the students. They took one of the club's Jet mini lathes to the schools and put on demonstrations that were very well received by the students. Dan and Dick are anxious to share their experiences, suggestions and encouragement with club members who are willing to share their woodturning knowledge with students at your local high school. For more information, please call Dan at 530-878-0931 or Dick at 916-484-1666.



### Volunteers Needed For Demonstrations

The club occasionally receives requests for woodturning demonstrators for special events at local tool supply stores and other similar venues. These requests are sometimes made with insufficient lead time to request volunteers at our general meetings. Those of you that would like to be contacted to participate in these events should ask Russ Swenson at 916-363-5816 or email [rbswenson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rbswenson@sbcglobal.net) to place your name on his list of demonstration volunteers. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.



### Club Bylaws

For your convenience, the Club's Bylaws can now be found on the Club's web page. There is a link to them on the Main Menu.

### The Woodworking Show Demos

Once again, the club will put on woodturning demonstrations at The Woodworking Show at Cal Expo. The show starts on Friday, April 30, and continues through Sunday, May 2. We need club members to demonstrate on the two mini lathes that we will have in our booth. We also need volunteers to meet and greet attendees. This will include explaining what the turners are doing, answering questions, and sharing information about our club. Russ Swenson will have sign-up sheets at the February and March meetings or you can call Russ at (916) 363-5816.



### CLASSIFIED

*Our Classified section is available to members wishing to buy or sell turning related items on a month to month basis. Please give your ads to Perry at the meeting, mail them or Email.*



California Hardwoods has a special:  
12" Walnut, Oak and Cherry - 15% off this month



Nick Todd has the following items for sale at the General Meetings:

- Mineral oil - Two liter bottles \$5.00
- Bee's Wax/Mineral Oil finish \$4.00
- Paraffin Wax/Mineral Oil finish \$3.00
- Sorby Carbon Steel Skews \$20-\$30
- 1" & 3/4" Straight Hollowing tools \$10.00



Instant Glue (CA) is also available for sale at the meetings.

### **Wood Gathering**

Don Bradway has volunteered to coordinate wood gathering for the club. If you know of a hardwood tree that needs to be cut down or is down and needs to be cut up and hauled away, call Don to let him know the information. Don will then contact those members that have expressed an interest in obtaining wood to coordinate a time for everybody to meet and work together to gather the wood.

Please call Don at 530-878-9199 (home) or email at [dbradway@pacbell.net](mailto:dbradway@pacbell.net) to let him know of available wood or your interest in gathering wood.

### **Davis Library Display**

The Yolo County Library-Davis Branch will be hosting the 15th annual exhibition of our turnings during the month of May. Please bring 2 or 3 turnings (4 or 5 if they are small) to the April 27 meeting. All members are encouraged to enter turnings. This is a display of our club's work - and not a juried or judged show. For more information, please contact Charles Brownold at 530-756-5010 or Marc Gerardis at 530-756-7933.



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**MEETING TIME:** *4th Tuesday of each month - 7:00 p.m.*