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President's Notes

Hi Fellow Woodturners,

March is here in full bloom, yard work, cleaning up after the winter storms and a tool show fast approaching. There will be a sign-up sheet of the Woodworking Show held at CalExpo at this month's meeting. Please be prepared to add your name to the sign-up sheet even if you aren't going to turn. You can learn a lot from watching the techniques of others. It is also fun to meet new perspective turners and talk to them about turning and our club.

We are still in need of someone to step up and volunteer to be vice president. I am also asking for volunteers to demonstrate at our monthly meetings (turning techniques, finishing, or a special jig, etc.).

The State Fair is fast approaching and it isn't too early to be thinking of a project to enter in this year's Fair.

If you hear of trees that are coming down, don't forget to tell Don Bradway, our wood gathering chairman, about it so he can organize a group to go and pick it up.

Turn safe and I hope to see all of you at the meeting.

Russ Swenson

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

## Calendar

**Mar 23-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.**

**Malcolm Tibbetts - Segmented Turning II**

Mar 29-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Warren's house

**April 9-John Jordan Demo, Kirk Stubbs Shop**

Apr 27-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.

Bob Hosea - How To Teach Kids

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.

Neal DeVore - Natural Edge Bowls

June - Nor-Cal display at Davis Library

Jun 14-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, TBA

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.

Nick Todd - Spindle Turning

Dec 6-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Nick's house

TBA-Holiday Party, 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.

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**March Program
Malcolm Tibbetts
Segmented Turning II**

Nor-Cal Woodturners

Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center
915 27th Street, Sacramento CA
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.
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.

Welcome to the Following New Members

**Graham Allen
Mark & Debbie Cullars
Corwin Jones
Phil Manning
Sidney & Angela Moore
Brian Vagg**

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## February Program Recap

Al Snyder's demonstration of chain saw safety was informative and interesting. Al discussed chain saw maintenance, sharpening, safety equipment, good practices and safe techniques. Al also showed a video of chain saw safety and techniques. If you have any questions about using a chain saw, Al is the man to talk to!

Thanks Al for the great presentation!



## MEMBERS GALLERY....



Barry Hanna - Alabaster Bowl



Mark Cullars - Natural Edge Oak Bowl



Dave Edmiston - Pine Cone Bowl



Mets Lerwill - Sycamore Vessel  
and Baltic Birch Plywood Vessel



Herb Medsger - Spalted Sycamore Lidded Box



Perry Kesterson - Oak Bowl



Phil Sargent - Sycamore Vase



Warren Nadler - Myrtle Platter



Ron Winterton - Maple/Mahogany Plate



Will Michaud - Carved Maple Chalice



Tom Castalda - Fluted Myrtle Bowl

## John Jordan Demonstration

**Date:** Friday, April 9

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Kirk Stubbs' shop (Corner of Matson and Sylvia in Sacramento, near I-5 off of Meadowview)

**Cost:** \$25.00

**Lunch:** Bring your own, send out, or go get it.

This program is open to all turners, in our club or other clubs in the vicinity. If you are interested in attending this demo, please sign up and pay the \$25 fee at the March 23 General Meeting or send your money to **Dan Clark, 5250 Morningside Ave, Auburn, CA 95602**. You may also contact Dan via email at: [clark921@onemain.com](mailto:clark921@onemain.com). There is no limit for seating, but reservations are a must.

If you are interested in learning something new, methods, techniques, or ideas, this will be an excellent class to attend. New turners are encouraged to attend this program.



## About John Jordan

John Jordan is a woodturner from Antioch (Nashville), Tennessee. Known primarily for his textured and carved hollow vessels, John has been featured in nearly every major turning exhibition the past fifteen years.

His work has received numerous awards, and is in the permanent collections of many museums and corporations, including the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian, the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, the American Craft Museum in New York City, the Hunter Museum of Art in Chattanooga, the White House in Washington, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Mint Museum of Craft + Design in Charlotte, the Fine Arts Museum, Boston in Boston, the Detroit Institute of the Arts.

John is in great demand as a demonstrator/teacher, traveling extensively teaching at universities, craft schools, turning groups and trade shows throughout the US, Canada, the UK, New Zealand and Australia, including an annual week or two at world famous Arrowmont school of Arts and Crafts.



John's pieces are initially turned on the lathe, from fresh, green logs, using a number of techniques and tools that have evolved over the years. Each piece is then hand carved and textured, using a variety of different hand and small powered tools. This texturing process is very labor intensive, and can take as much as several days to weeks to complete. There is little room for error during this carving- one small slip can ruin the piece. A light lacquer finish is applied to most pieces, including the dyed work.

## **Thanks to Corporate Sponsors**

A special thanks to all of the companies for advertising in our newsletter and supporting our Club! Be sure to patronize them for your woodworking needs.

## Vancouver Woodturning Symposium

The Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild is pleased to announce the West Coast Roundup, an international woodturning symposium, September 10-14, 2004, in Vancouver, British Columbia. This event will cater to all levels of turning enthusiasts. The presenters are Richard Raffan, David Ellsworth, Lyle Jamieson, Jacques Vesery, Michael Werner, Vernon Leibrant, Joe Fleming and Martin Thorne. For registration and information, please contact Marco Berera (604) 274-7594 or visit their web page at [www.gvwg.ca/Symposium2004.htm](http://www.gvwg.ca/Symposium2004.htm).

Why not make this event part of a vacation to British Columbia's beautiful west coast? Spectacular scenery combined with all the pleasures of a modern multi-cultural city will make this truly a trip to remember.



## AAW Seeking Board Members

It is again time for searching out potential candidates for the AAW Board of Directors. Conscientious, clear thinking people with some time available are needed to assure the continued success of current programs and development of new ones. It is essential that they have the future of AAW at heart. Prospective candidates must have been an AAW member in good standing for the past three years. Apply for candidacy directly to the AAW home office at 3499 Lexington Ave., Suite 103, Shoreview, Minnesota 55126.

To apply, send the following to the AAW Administrator at the above address, postmarked no later than May 15:

1. A statement of intent, including qualifications and reasons for applying.
2. Letters of recommendation from two individuals who can affirm your organizational and leadership abilities.
3. A photograph of yourself.

## Woodezine.com

The following is a copy of an email message from Woodezine.com:

The new issue of our monthly Web-based woodworking magazine, Woodezine.com, has just been published. To see it, all you have to do is click on the following link:

<http://woodezine.com>

If this is the first issue you've received, it's absolutely free and there are no surprises. If you have any questions, please reply to this e-mail and I'll get back to you within a day.

For those of you who have been receiving the magazine for a while, we still need shop tips, free classifieds (you can sell anything - it doesn't have to be related to woodworking, carving or turning), and we'd love to start a humorous shop stories page!

If you're a manufacturer or distributor of woodworking, carving or turning machinery, tools, supplies or equipment, we would appreciate being included in your press releases.

If you're not interested in receiving the magazine (it's totally free and we'll never, ever bother you except to tell you when a new issue has been published), just reply to this e-mail and tell us so.

John English  
Editor, WOODezine.com



## Website-of-the-Month

Take a look at Steve Worcester's website: [www.turningwood.com](http://www.turningwood.com).

There are links to Artists on the Web, Club Websites, How To Articles, Internet Sources. I found the How To Articles to be well written and illustrated.

### 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 to let him know of available wood or your interest in gathering wood.



### Article in Woodturning Magazine

For those of you who read Woodturning Magazine, be sure to read the 'Letter from America' article on page 63 of the February, 2004, issue. The article and pictures about last summer's California State Fair exhibition are based on information provided by Mets Lerwill. Great job, Mets!



### 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. Don Bradway has volunteered to coordinate this year's schedule. He will have a sign-up sheets at the March meeting or you can contact Don at 530-878-9199 (home) or email at dbradway@pacbell.net.

### 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.



### Special Raffle at March Meeting

In addition to the regular raffle, we will also be selling tickets for a Super Nova Chuck at the next meeting.

Buy three tickets for a \$1. We will have the drawing as soon as we sell \$110 in tickets. You don't have be present to win.



### 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



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**MEETING PLACE:** *Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sacramento*

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