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President's Notes

Hi Fellow Woodturners,

Hello everyone. If you were lucky enough to be able to see John Jordan's presentation, congratulations. John put on a very informative session stressing the basics, keeping it simple, just relax and enjoy the journey. When developing your project, keep the line and form smooth and flowing. Above all keep your tools sharp. If you take a class from John and you want to ask him a question about a technique he will tell you to go back and sharpen your tool try it again and then come ask him the same question. John stresses sharp tools above all! Thank you John for an outstanding presentation.

Don't forget to be prepared to sign up to be a demonstrator at the woodworking show. If you don't feel comfortable enough to be a demonstrator, sign up to be a proctor. I hope you all have had a great month, see you at the meeting.

We can always use demonstrators at our club meetings, please call me if you would like to demo some evening.

Russ Swenson

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

## Calendar

**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., Noon, 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 Westwood 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
Bob Hosea
How to Teach
Woodturning to Kids**

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.***

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Mentor's Opportunity

LOCATION	NAME	PHONE
Citrus Heights	Herb Medsger	916-725-3120
Davis	Charles Brownold	530-756-5010
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

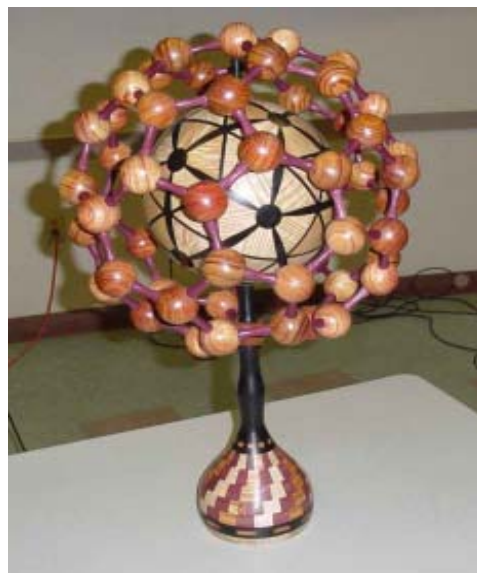
1. Don't forget to return books and videos to the library! Others would like to check out these items also.
2. Be sure to get your raffle tickets early during the meeting. Winning tickets are drawn during the Show and Tell portion of the meeting and posted on the white board. This saves time for all 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. Don Bradway is our Woodgathering Coordinator. 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.
8. Instant Glue (CA) is available for sale at the librarian's table at the meetings.

March Program Recap

Malcolm Tibbitts finished the Power Point presentation that he started at the October meeting. He began by reviewing some of the material from the first session and continued with some additional discussion of assembly methods, forms and turning suggestions.

Malcolm also brought one of his recent pieces, shown below. The outer structure is called a Buckyball, or Buckminsterfullerene, which is based on a carbon-60 molecule. The 60 atoms are arranged like the vertices of a truncated icosahedron. An icosahedron is a regular polyhedron with 20 faces. The inner structure is geodesic dome.

Thanks Malcolm!



CLASSIFIED

Our Classified section is available to members wishing to buy or sell turning related items on a month to month basis.

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

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

Huscavarna Model 55 Chain Saw — Like new / excellent shape. Compression release for easy starting . 18 inch bar. 2 chains. Carry/ storage case. \$260 Call Alton Gay, 530-669-5938, altonandpeggy@earthlink.net

MEMBERS GALLERY....



Barry Hanna - Natural Edge Sycamore Bowl



Hersh Roby - Ball Jar Lid



Bill Flewelling - Spinning Wheel



Kent Nelson - Lidded Contrainer



Henry Meier - Gold Leaf Vessel



Phil Sargent - Walnut and Maple Vase



Warren Nadler - Maple Burl Bowl

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**Davis Library Display**

The Yolo County Library-Davis Branch will be hosting an exhibition of our turnings during the month of May. There is room for about 40 turnings in 4 locked glass fronted cabinets. This is the 15th year that we have shown the members' work to the many admiring library patrons and staff. Please bring 2 or 3 turnings (4 or 5 if they are small) to the April 27 meeting. Please write your name and the wood used on the bottom of your turning so that we can make display labels. All members are encouraged to enter turnings. This is a display of our club's work - and not a juried or judged show. We will return the items at the meeting on June 22. The Davis Library is located at 315 East 14th Street in Davis. For more information, please contact Charles Brownold at 530-756-5010 or Marc Gerardis at 530-756-7933.

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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.

John Jordan Demonstration

John Jordan came to Kirk Stubbs' shop on April 9th and put on a great demonstration. John's lively and informative presentation was well received by the 30+ attendees. Before John started turning, he gave lots of advice about preparing the lathe for use. This included lubricating the arbor, banjo, and ways, Then he sanded the surface of the tool rest and lubricated it to give a smooth surface for fluid movements of the bowl gouge. John spent the rest of the morning demonstrating his technique for turning a hollow vessel. After a short lunch, John showed how to use an air nozzle to quickly remove the 'free' water from the walls of the vessel, thereby reducing the chance of cracking and staining. John finished up with a lengthy discussion of various texturing techniques, including the use of various wire brushes, power carvers and hand carving tools.



John had a very limited supply of turning tools for sale at the demonstration. To contact John (or his wife Vicki), go to www.johnjordanwoodturning.com or call 615-941-1247.

A special thanks to Kirk for hosting this event! Your contribution was greatly appreciated.

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**Special Raffle at April Meeting**

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

Tickets are \$1 each. We will have the drawing as soon as we sell \$110 in tickets. You don't have to be present to win.




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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.**