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President's Notes

Hi Fellow Woodturners,

Greetings to all. I hope you all have recovered from the woodworking show. It was a lot of fun talking to new people who have an interest in turning. I hope we see some of them at our meetings in the near future.

Thank you to all of the members who helped with set up, demonstrating and clean up at both the woodworking show and the carver's show.

We have a great meeting planed for this month on natural edge turning. Hope to see you there.

Russ Swenson

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## Welcome to the Following New Members

Jerry Hall  
Robert Sackett

## Calendar

May 25-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.

Neal DeVore - Natural Edge Bowls

Jun 14-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Sonja's House

Jun 10-12-Utah Woodturning Symposium, Provo, UT

Jun 22-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.

Finishing Techniques

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.

Converting Logs to Turning Stock

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.

Making Christmas Ornaments +

Christmas Ornaments & Gifts Show-n-Tell

Aug 30-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Perry's house

Sep 28-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.

Dan Clark - Inside-Out Bowls

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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May Program
Neal DeVore
Natural Edge Bowls

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.

Roster of Officers 2004

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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	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.

The Woodworking Show Demos

Once again, we had a great time at the annual Woodwork Show that was held in Buildings A & B at Cal Expo. This year's Show was April 30 through May 2. Many club members helped make our booth a success!

Some members put on demonstrations using the Fisch and Jet mini-lathes and answered questions. Other members met and greeted visitors interested in woodturning and the club. Many visitors expressed an interest in attending meetings, some just enjoyed watching the curls come off of the wood.



Many thanks to all of our volunteers for their time and effort in the booth, some of whom worked all three days. Those who participated had a great time. Thanks to everybody that helped!



This is a great annual event that you don't want to miss. Next year's show will be April 15-17. Their website is: www.thewoodworkingshow.com. Be sure to bookmark the site and check it in the fall.

MEMBERS GALLERY....



Barry Hanna - Oak Vases



Glenn Robison - Natural Edge Walnut Bowl



Bob Adams - Segmented Platter



Gordan Nash (Visitor, Former Member) -
Segmented Wine Goblet



Dorothy Brandon - Pen, Pencil &
Letter Opener



Jim Barter - Slate Lazy Susan



Kenn Womack - Small Spalted Oak Box, Mushroom, Vase and Scrap



Tyler Hosea-Small - Goblets and Snowman



Mark Gerardis - Walnut Boxes



Will Michaud - Bleached Bowl



Phil Manning - Small Oak Bowl



Will Michaud - Vacuum Chuck

Wanted: Vice President

Nor Cal Woodturners is still searching for a Vice President. The following is the description of the duties of the Vice President, as found in the Club's By-Laws:

- i. Shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
- ii. Shall perform any duties that might be assigned to him/her by the President.
- iii. Assist the President to develop and plan programs for the membership that meet the Board's objectives and goals.
- iv. Implement the Board's programs and plans.
- v. Assist the President as required
- vi. Develop plans for programs March to February inclusive
- vii. Publish coming programs at least three months in advance.
- viii. Develop and implement special programs as required March to February.
- ix. Attend Board meetings and general meetings.

Officers must be a member in good standing of Nor Cal Woodturners and the AAW for at least one year prior to election. If you are interesting in filling this important position, please contact Russ Swenson.

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## **Upcoming Silicon Valley Woodturners Demos**

June 19 - Soren Berger  
August 7 - Neil Scobie  
October 17 - Andi Wolfe

All demo's are \$30.00 and include a hamberger lunch. If interested send \$30.00 check payable to Silicon Valley Woodturners to:

Herb Green  
1398 Medallion Dr.  
San Jose Ca. 95120

## **Spirit of Wood California State Fair**

This year's Spirit of Wood exhibition/competition will be held at the California State Fair, August 20 through September 6. The Spirit of Wood has evolved into a distinctive addition to the California Creative Arts competition replacing their Woodworking Competition. The entries compete for cash and other awards including the prestigious California State Fair "Golden Bear" trophy awarded to the "Best of Show" recipient, and the "Bear Track" trophy awarded to the "Creative Excellence" recipient.

Entries are limited to California Residents. Items that were displayed in previous "Spirit of Wood" exhibits are not eligible for entry this year.

Competition in this program showcase the talents of California residents, 18 years of age and older, in the area of wood working. This traditional competition will be judged using the American System of Judging.

**Entry forms and fees must arrive on or before June 11, 2004.** Actual entries are due on or before July 10, 2004.

Mail entry forms to:  
Spirit of Wood / Mets Lerwill  
P. O. Box 698  
Elk Grove, CA 95759.

Entry forms may also be mailed or hand delivered to the California State Fair Entry Office at 1600 Exposition Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95952 on or before 4:30 p.m. on June 11, 2004.

Entry Fees:  
\$8.00 per item entered (fees must be included with the entry forms)  
Entry fee checks must be made payable to the "Spirit of Wood".

For more information and entry forms, please go to [www.nettraditions.com](http://www.nettraditions.com).

## April Program Recap

### Teaching Children Woodturning

For those who were interested in teaching their children and grandchildren to appreciate woodturning, this was a very good program. Bob Hosea had his two boys, Tyler and Camden, as examples of how to help children learn how to stand and hold tools at the lathe. The boys stood on a box to reach the proper height at the lathe. Bob stood behind them and held the tool with them, showing proper technique, motion, and stance.



When his boys were first learning, Bob let them sand projects to get used to the feel of the wood. He emphasized letting the child develop at their own pace; simple projects are best to start



with. The adult should mount the project in the lathe with the child assisting. For hollows, like goblets, use a forstner bit until the child is ready for inside turning.

Thanks, Bob, Tyler, and Camden for an interesting program.

## 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](mailto:altonandpeggy@earthlink.net)



Older Delta Wood Lathe with cast iron stand. 36" between centers, 12" swing over bed. 1/2 hp motor, #82710. Asking \$200. Antelope area. Call 916-721-8989.



Woodworking equipment for sale. Call Doc Eaton at (530) 271-075.

- Craftsman Table Saw - \$175.
- Delta Side Kick Chop Saw - \$250.
- Delta 12" Portable Planer - \$175.
- Delta Lathe, variable speed - \$1,500.
- Tools and adapters for Delta Lathe - \$1,000 (Cost in excess of \$2,500)



## Library


If you have any suggestions about a good woodturning book or video that you think should be added to the club library, please see Dick Lambert at the next meeting.

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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.*