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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

We had a full house watching the Jimmy Clewes demo yesterday, 31 folks! All I can say is wow. If you couldn't attend this demo, you really missed out on a chance to learn some great techniques. Jimmy made a promise to me that he would return next year and will reserve a weekend date for us. I will be looking forward to his return.

David Ellsworth will be here March 17th. We will probably have another full house for this demo, so sign up early. We were unable to accommodate the people on the waiting list for Jimmy Clewes, so again sign up early. We already have two guys from the Reno club signed up and paid for David's demo.

This month we have our youngest member, Tyler Hosea, demonstrating for us at our meeting. Tyler represents the future of our woodturning family and our club. I hope we all have the opportunity to encourage him and thank him for taking the time to demo. AAW will be notifying us about our grant application sometime in March, so an announcement will be made as soon as we know the outcome.

Membership renewal time is now, so don't forget to renew your membership for 2008.

There have been some revisions in our website while undergoing construction. There is now a "letter from the President" stating information about our club, who our board members are and how to contact them, a link to print out a membership application, and a link to access our

past and current newsletters. Check it out at www.norcalwoodturners.org.

Don't forget to bring your checkbooks to the next meeting to sign up for David's demo.

I hope to see all of you at our February 26th meeting.

Happy Turning,
Dick

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Nor-Cal Woodturners

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Dues for the calendar year are \$35 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 Mike Johnson for more membership information.

*Newsletter deadline is the tenth of each month. All submissions should be sent to **Nor-Cal Woodturners, Norm Hinman, 302 Peck Ave., Yuba City, CA 95991. E-mail to: nhinman@jps.net.***

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Mentor's Opportunity

LOCATION	NAME	PHONE
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Davis	Charles Brownold	530-756-5010
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Roseville	Phil Sargent	916-789-1172
Yuba City	Norm Hinman	530-673-5056

The Mentor program is available to 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!

*Chairman

Mini Woodturning Workshops

Mini Woodturning Workshops are normally held at Bill Flewelling's 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. 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.

CALENDAR

Feb 26 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM Nick Todd
 Mar 1 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Mar 1 - 31 - Auburn Library display
 Mar 3 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 Mar 17 - ~~David Ellsworth~~ (?) demo, 9:00 - 4:00
 Woodcraft 9523 Folsom Blvd.
 Mar 25 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Mar 29 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Mar 31 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 Apr 7 - Jack DeVos demo, 9:00 - 4:00
 Woodcraft 9523 Folsom Blvd.
 Apr 18-20 - Sacramento Woodworking Show
 Apr 22 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Apr 26 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Apr 28 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 May 22-24 - Utah Woodturning Symposium.
 Provo, Utah
 May 27 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 June - Nor-Cal display. Davis City Library
 June 2 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 June 20-22 - AAW Symposium. Richmond, VA
 June 24 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 June 28 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 June 30 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 July 22 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 July 26 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 July 28 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 Aug 2 - Judy Ditmer demo. (date unconfirmed)
 Aug 26 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Aug 30 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Sept 2 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 Sept 23 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Sept 27- Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Sept 29 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 Oct - Nor-Cal display. Davis City Hall (13th.)
 Oct - 28 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Nov 1 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Nov 3 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 Nov 9 - Bob Rosand demo (date unconfirmed)
 TBD - Christmas Party, Time - 7:00 PM
 TBD - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, (venue TBD)

2009

Jan 9 - Betty Scarpino demo (date unconfirmed)
 Fall, 2009 - Todd Hoyer and Hayley Smith demos
 (Dates not yet established)

PROMOTIONS

(Cancelled - Cancelled - Cancelled)

David Ellsworth

On March 17, David will demonstrate his methods of hollowing a vessel and of turning a bowl. He has been described variously as (more or less) the grandfather of hollow vessels. Early photographs of him working on hollowing a vessel showed him sitting astride the ways of his lathe and grasping the tools across his lap with both hands (and arms). Many of his pieces were fashioned from wood with missing areas due to severe weathering, rotting, etc.

His demos tend to be quite exciting, as well as informative. Don't miss this event.



Hollow vessel

(Courtesy: David Ellsworth website)
(At print-time, David's demo is canceled, due to emergency surgery. A substitution may become available.)

Jack DeVos

On April 7 2008, Jack DeVos, from Australia, will honor us with a demonstration of his woodturning style and technique.

LAST MEETING

Bruce Friederich, A charter member of Nor-Cal Woodturners, presented an array of processes he has developed, and uses, to embellish some of his turnings. Over the years, beginning not long after this chapter was chartered, he began to experiment with various ways of decorating his turnings. Not content to leave a bowl 'just turned', he sees beyond the lathe and gouge, and looks to other tools and processes. His descriptions of how he approached some of his ideas and brought them to life were fascinating to listen to. It was an evening of surprises and intrigue.



A sampling of Bruce's carving repertoire



Bruce's basket weave vessel

NEXT MEETING

Tyler Hosea will be demonstrating his methods of making various toys for kids. Such items as checkers, chess pieces, tops, bowling pins, ball in the cup, Yo-Yo, etc. will be shown.

MEMBERS' GALLERY



Dan Clark's
"Rising Sun"
of English
Walnut



Barry Hanna's Black Locust bowl



Barry Hanna's Black Walnut bowl



Barry Hanna's Maple bowl



Herb Medsger's Black Locust lidded vessel



Dan Clark's
Christmas
ornaments



Phil Sargent's Leland Cypress winged bowl



Phil Sargent's Aromatic Cedar bowl



Phil Sargent's Blue Oak bowl



Tom
Castaldo's
Christmas
ornaments



Phil Sargent's Leland Cypress bowl



Ted Young's
Camphor
hollow vessel



Corwin Jones' closed bowl



Corwin Jones' vessel



Corwin Jones' hollow vessel



Mike Johnson's pens

Deer antler

Irish bog Oak with Mammoth ivory

MEMBER PROFILE

When folks talk about retiring and not having a thing to do they are not talking about turners. One of our new members, Dave Brown has a lot of new things to do. He's newly retired, new to woodturning and new, this year to the Club.

Dave worked as an aquatic biologist spending the last 15 years of his career working in the Delta. He has picked up some great pieces of wood and other articles of interest in his travel around the Delta such as a boar's tusk, a variety of animal skulls, and, a lot of beautiful stones, which he has polished. He has filled some of his bowls with these stones to create a beautiful effect.

His shop is small and crammed with wood, projects, and a variety of mementos of the past and other interesting found objects. Like a lot of turners and wood workers, he makes the space he has work for him. If he needs to use the table saw, he opens the door of his shop, made from salvaged lumber, and pulls out his saw, practically onto the sidewalk. When the door of his shop is open he can easily chat with neighbors as they walk by. Dave's a local, having lived in Davis and Sacramento, and currently resides in the River Park neighborhood of Sacramento. He was first introduced to woodturning in high school and still has his first piece. For him, retirement allows him to focus more time on some old and new hobbies. He typically spends 1 day fishing each week, and 1 day a week down on the Delta visiting old and new haunts. He hopes to become a more proficient wood turner and hopes belonging to Nor-cal

will help him progress more rapidly than he would on his own.

It was wonderful to go to his home, meet one of his daughters and look at all the interesting stuff he's gathered. I enjoyed getting to know Dave a bit better. Lets all give a big welcome to Dave Brown!

News Flash!!! The first 3 members of the Nor-cal group that come to me with Dave's answer to these questions will get a prize:

Why do they say, "*Still* waters run deep down in Dave's part of the Delta?"

What found object in Dave's back yard might his wife Mary not consider a find?

AUBURN GALLERY

The Auburn library is having their annual display of wood turning all the month of March. This display has been greatly appreciated and has generated many comments and compliments. Please bring one or several articles that you would like displayed to the February meeting.

They will be placed on display in a locked glass cabinet and returned to you at the March meeting. Dan Clark is in charge of collecting, displaying and returning the articles.

Dan Clark

NEWS & NOTES

Nor-Cal Woodturners extends a warm **welcome** to all new members

Attendance:

96 persons attended the January meeting.

Membership:

As of February 7, Nor-Cal membership stood at: **103.**

Membership Renewal

Don't forget that renewal time is here. You can mail your check to Mike Johnson at:

3114 Guadalahara Way, Sacramento, CA 95833
or

you can bring payment to the meeting. Checks are convenient. If you pay by cash, be sure to tell him who you are, and see that he has the chance to record who you are. (Sometime he finds money laying on the table and doesn't even see who put it there.)

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