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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Well, I think spring has sprung and most of us are at our lathes.

My wife, Melinda and I had the pleasure of hosting Jack Devos and his wife Ina for two nights. What a delightful couple. Since they are from Perth, Australia, we had a lot of fun with our common and uncommon language. Jack put on a most informative demonstration at Woodcraft on April 7th. There was a lot of good humor and instruction all around. If you were unable to attend this event, you missed a good one.

Our next guest turner will be Judy Ditmer, on Saturday, August 23, 2008. As yet we do not have a location nailed down. But, hope to have confirmation soon. This will be a \$30 event. Mark your calendars. We have also set up a date for David Ellsworth in 2009. More information to follow.

As of this writing, the Wood Show at Cal Expo is about to get underway. It looks like Don Bradway and all of his volunteers have things well in hand. Organizing this event is not an easy undertaking; it takes a lot of time and effort. I would like to thank everyone involved. Great job.

New President's Challenge: Turn something out of plywood. We will be judging turnings at our June meeting. Go for it. Get involved.

Our next meeting will be April 22nd. I hope to see all of you there.

Happy Turning,
Dick

AREA GALLERYS

AUBURN

Auburn residents who went to the library this month had a pleasant surprise when they found the NorCal Woodturners exhibit in the display cabinets. We had 26 items beautifully arranged, displayed and labelled. The librarians reported that there were numerous positive comments and compliments. This and the Davis exhibits are a wonderful opportunity for you to put the products of your wood turning talents on display for the world to see. Pictures of the display will be shown at the next meeting.

Dan Clark

DAVIS

The Davis Library Exhibit is set for the month of June. It will be our 19th year of displays there. Please remember to bring in turnings to the May meeting for the exhibit. The turnings will be returned at the July meeting.

Charles Brownold

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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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Granite Bay	Tom Castaldo	916-791-7544
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

Apr 18-20 - Sacramento Woodworking Show
 Apr 22 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM, Norm Hinman - Wood Harvesting
 Apr 26 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Apr 28 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 May 22-24 - Utah Woodturning Symposium. Orem (near Provo), Utah
 May 27 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM, Round Robin of surface treatments(?)
 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 Ice Cream Social
 July 26 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 July 28 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 Aug 15 - Sept. 1 - Calif. State Fair
 Aug 23 - Judy Ditmer demo. (Venue TBD)
 Aug 26 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM Russ Swenson - Rose Engine lathe
 Aug 30 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Sept 2 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 Sept 23 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM Walt Thies (Corvallis, OR) - Mushrooms, ornaments
 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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Judy Ditmer, renowned woodturner from Piqua, Ohio, will spend Saturday, August 23, demonstrating her skill with the gouge and the skew. She makes nicely decorated bowls, as well as many smaller items such as children's tops, candle holders, etc. This is a week-end day, so put it on your calendar and don't miss it.



(Photo courtesy Judy Ditmer website)

NEXT MEETING

NORM HINMAN will discuss, and show some aspects of, methods of and procedures for deriving turnable pieces of wood (blanks) from chunks of naturally occurring wood in growable form (logs). Included will be remarks about where to cut and why to cut there.

LAST MEETING

NICK TODD came to the rescue and filled in, with very little notice, for scheduled, but ailing, Norm Hinman. Nick turned a tea candle holder, a jewelry holder and a pepper shaker.



(Photos courtesy of Sonja and Bob Lemon).

Special Interest Workshops

NorCal Woodturners would like to develop a series of workshops for its members that will allow beginner and seasoned turners the opportunity to learn new techniques through completion of hands-on projects. This is also a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience by teaching a class.

Mets Lerwill taught a class on turned boxes on April 5 at his shop. The feedback we have gotten on the class was very positive. We hope those who were able to take this class will bring in their boxes to show off at the next meeting. The Nor-Cal board would like to thank Mets for a great class.

Here are the classes we are trying to schedule in the coming months.

Class	Date	Time	Location	Instructor
Basic Bowl Turning	May 3	9 am – 4 pm	Gordon Nevills Shop	Nick Todd
Green Wood Turning	May 10	9 am – 4 pm	Norm Hinman's Shop	Norm Hinman
Off-Center Turning	June ??	TBD	TBD	TBD
Pen Turning	July ??	TBD	Mike Johnson's Shop	Mike Johnson
Segmented Turning	July ??	TBD	TBD	TBD

Basic Bowl Turning, May 3: Nick Todd will be teaching a full day class on Basic Bowl Turning. He will go through the basic tools, tool usage, and tool sharpening, mounting a bowl blank, turning a bowl and finishing a bowl. This workshop will be held at Gordon Nevill's shop. There is one space available. Contact Mike Johnson or Nick Todd if you are interested.

Green Wood Turning, May 10: Norm Hinman will be teaching a full day class on green wood turning. He'll cover preparing blanks from logs, tool sharpening and usage, rough turning, how to dry the turning, how to re-turn the dried item and finishing. Norm will be teaching this class at his shop. There are a few spots still left for this class. Contact Norm Hinman or Mike Johnson if you are interested.

Off Center Turning, Date TBD We are still looking for someone to teach a one-day class on off-center turning. If you are interested in teaching or participating in this class. Let Mike Johnson know.

Segmented Turning, Date TBD We also need an instructor to teach a class on segmented turning. Since some segmented projects could last months, we are looking for someone to teach a project which would cover the basic techniques involved and that could be completed in one or two sessions. Much of the prep work would have to be done in each participant's own shop prior to and after each class. If you are interested in teaching or participating, please let Mike Johnson know

Pen Turning, Date July TBD. Mike Johnson will be teaching a class on pen turning. He will cover the basics of the equipment used, preparation of pen blanks, turning the blanks and finishing. He will walk participants through the construction of two different types of pens. There may be a fee to cover

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necessary pen turning equipment and pen kits, which the participants will get to take home with them. Let Mike know if you are interested in this class.

As interest builds for these types of classes, we will be adding more of them to the calendar. If you have any suggestions, please let Mike know.

If you have an interest in teaching or have a shop we can use, again let Mike Johnson know, he is building a list.

Mike Johnson (916) 419-4646

Nick Todd (916) 606-4013

Norm Hinman (530) 673-5056

RAFFLE ITEMS **GET YOUR TICKETS!!!**

The **drill** (angled and perfect for sanding) will be raffled off at the April meeting.

Ticket sales for the **mini-lathe** will begin at the April meeting and continue through the July meeting (Ice cream social) when the winning ticket (it could be one which you purchased, but only if you have purchased some) will be drawn.

California State Fair

Be sure to mark your calendar with bright red asterisks in the squares containing Friday, August 15, through Monday, September. "Why?", you ask. Those are the dates of the **State Fair**. Well in advance of those dates, however, get those fine turnings ready and finished for entry into the appropriate categories so they can win those ribbons for you. For information, check into:

http://www.bigfun.org/fair/Competitions/competition_information.asp

MEMBERS' GALLERY



Bob Adam's open segmented bowl of Bocote, Purpleheart and Maple



Corwin Jones' Black Locust vessel



Corwin Jones' California Pepper vessel



Mets Lerwill's four (yes, four) boxes



Mets Lerwil's clocks



Mark Stanley's Oak boxes



Phil Sargent's Alder utility bowl



Phil Sargent's Chinese Elm coned bowl



Phil Sargent's Lelandi Cypress Einged bowl



Phil Sargent's Pear wood winged bowl



Ron Coney's multiple wood bowl
(glued up from scraps.)



Tyler Hosea's pen and letter opener



Samples of rose engine lathe work
by Russ Swenson



Warren Sabin's "mystery wood" bowl

NEWS & NOTES

Nor-Cal Woodturners extends a warm **welcome**

to all new members:

Jim Forshey
Angela Oates
Chris Roberson
Arvid Sanford
Sharon Sargent
Chris Savarino
Stuart Shockley
Ray Stanek
Dwight Swaback

Attendance:

82 persons attended the January meeting.

Membership:

As of March 13, Nor-Cal membership stood at:

127.

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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