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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

We are well into spring, flowers are in bloom and wood turners are turning wood. At least at my house between the honey do's.

We have a President's Challenge coming up at our meeting. This time the challenge is to turn something out of plywood. The results should be very interesting.

I have good news to pass along. The club just received a check from AAW in the amount of \$800. Upon receiving a receipt for the projector we purchased, AAW will send another check for \$200. The projector, along with the other equipment items we have purchased, will make our presentations clearer and easier to see by all.

To introduce the membership to our capabilities utilizing the new equipment, Don Bradway will be doing a power point presentation on safety at our June meeting using our new projector and laptop.

I would like to remind everyone that all this is made possible by a grant from the AAW. So, it behooves us to support the AAW through membership.

A reminder, May 30th is the last date to enter the Cal Expo Creative Arts show. You can find out about it on-line at www.bigfun.org. So get your entries in.

Jerry and Lori Wade have said that they would organize our Ice Cream Social in July again. I am sure that Don Bradway will be bringing his chocolate fountain. Last year Jerry and Lori

made great banana splits.

I hope to see everyone at the May 27th meeting.

Happy Turning,
Dick

AREA GALLERYS

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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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

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)
Mar 16 - David Ellsworth demo
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

Round Robin of surface treatments.
Sonja Lemon: Colors
Phil Sargent: Beale buffing system
Herb Medsger: High gloss finishing

LAST MEETING

Norm Hinman described, with the aid of a few 'props' and a miniature chainsaw, the steps he uses to obtain turning blanks from logs or chunks of trees. Included were a few pointers on things to be aware of, and what can derive from mistakes of judgement.

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.

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

Class	Date	Time	Location	Instructor
Green Wood Turning	June 14	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

Green Wood Turning, June 14: 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. **This class is filled.** Future classes may be scheduled if interest is shown. 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 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
Norm Hinman (530) 673-5056

NEWS & NOTES

Nor-Cal Woodturners extends a warm welcome

to new members:

Oscar Benavidaz

Holly Lovvo

Nancy & Moe Sbeih

Attendance:

88 persons attended last month's meeting.

Membership:

As of May 16, Nor-Cal membership stood at:

136.

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.)

California State Fair

Be sure to mark your calendar with bright red asterisks in the squares containing Friday, August 15, through Monday, September 1. "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

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RAFFLE ITEMS

GET YOUR TICKETS!!!

Ticket sales for the **mini-lathe** began 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.

In addition, to the **mini-lathe** listed above, one of the clubs **Jet mini-lathes** will also be raffled off at the July meeting. In further addition, a second one of the clubs **Jet mini-lathes** will be sold by **silent auction**. The minimum starting bid for this lathe will be \$50.

A big apology

Your newsletter Editor, in his haste to get the mess he made during his wood harvesting demo at the April meeting cleaned up, forgot to pick up the stack of paper slips with the names of turners from the Gallery table. Therefore, no names appear with the Members' Gallery photos this month. Sorry!!

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