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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

The June meeting is coming up on the 24th of the month. Some of our members will be in Richmond, Virginia attending the annual AAW Symposium having a great time enjoying a very fine event.

Here at home, at our members meeting, we will have our President's Challenge. The Challenge this time is to make something out of plywood. So, put your plywood on your lathe and get to turning. Good luck to all.

A couple of weeks ago I received a letter from the City of Sacramento. They are the owners of the Hart Senior Center where we hold our meetings. Due to their budget shortfall, starting in August they will be charging rent for use of the facilities. The rent will be \$16.00 an hour. We have the facility reserved for 2 hours for each meeting. We will be charged \$32.00 per month. Since we have never been charged before and were not given notice this may occur, this expense was not on our budget for the year. But, we will work it out.

Mike Johnson is putting together a 2009 calendar for us to sell to wood turners as a fundraiser. The calendar will feature our clubs' woodturnings. So look at your turnings, past and present, and they may be featured in the calendar. Mike will have more to say on this project at the meeting. Speaking of Mike, due to family commitments, he will be unable to continue on the Board as Treasurer. We will need to find another volunteer to replace Mike. He has done an outstanding job and will be sorely missed.

We still have openings for Judy Ditmer on Saturday, August 23rd at Sacramento Machinery. The price will be \$30.00 for club members and \$40.00 for all others. Make your checks out to NorCal Woodturners and send to Katy Globis, 5520 8th Ave., Sacramento, CA 95820. This should be a very good demo and it is on a Saturday, so I encourage you to sign up.

In July we will have the Ice Cream Social, a very popular event. We will be giving away three lathes. Two of the lathes by raffle and the third by silent auction. So bring your money.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on the 24th.

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
Auburn	Dan Clark	530-878-0931
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Davis	Charles Brownold	530-756-5010
Davis	Bill Flewelling	530-753-2664
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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

June 24 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM, Don Bradway - Safety in the shop.
 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. Sacramento Machinery 9:)) - 4:00
 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

Don Bradway will give a PowerPoint enhanced discussion of safety in the shop.

LAST MEETING

Round Robin of surface treatments.

Sonja Lemon described, and showed, the steps she uses to stain and dye wood articles to enhance the grain.

Phil Sargent demonstrated the Beale system of polishing finished turnings.

Herb Medsger demonstrated his method of finishing small turnings to a high gloss.



Sonja Lemon explains some of the steps she uses in applying color to objects



Herb Medsger concentrating on getting the correct results from his method of high gloss finishing.



A few of the materials Sonja uses in her coloring techniques.



Phil Sargent demonstrating the Beale system of polishing.

NEWS & NOTES

Nor-Cal Woodturners extends a warm welcome
to new member:
Susan Jim

Attendance:
83 persons attended last month's meeting.

Membership:
As of June 2, Nor-Cal membership stood at: **137**.

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

RAFFLE ITEMS

GET YOUR TICKETS!!!

Ticket sales for the **Rikon 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 **Rikon 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.



Rikon lathe... in, and (almost) out, of the box

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
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, Future date(s) TBD. Norm Hinman will teach 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. 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

AREA GALLERIES DAVIS

The Nor-Cal Woodturners display is up and running in the Davis Library through the month of June. If you get the opportunity to visit and view it, do so. It is well worth while.



MEMBERS' GALLERY



Gary Manning's bird-house ornament of Corian



Chuck Renda's Elm platter



Charles Brownold and Bruce Friederich's Beef-wood bowl



Chuck Renda's Ash pepper mill



Phil Sargent's Cottonwood burl winged bowl on a pedastal



Barry Hanna's Walnut and Maple vessel



Barry
Hanna's
Walnut vase



Corwin Jones' Walnut bowl



Barry Hanna's Cork Oak bowl



Russ Swenson's rose engine work on handles



Jim Terrill Canary Wood pen




Dave Dolmseth's segmented bowl of
Wenge, Yellowheart, Bloodwood, Chechen(sp?)
and Ebony

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