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President's Message

Can we do better? Obviously the answer is yes. Can you do more? Again the obvious answer is yes. But then it gets down to when, how, and what. When I passed around the clipboard for volunteers, Phil Manning and Chris Smith signed up. I'm thankful for two, but we need more if we're going to make this a more vibrant club. They will need some help. As you get more involved with our club, I think you will also understand why I've enjoyed this fine organization. Dwight Rutherford also volunteered to be a member-at-large board member. Another member volunteered to be on the board, but didn't meet the criteria of our bylaws of being a club member for 1 year. I'll try to get him involved in the club in other ways so he can gain experience on what our club is all about.

And, we have plenty of opportunities to be involved. Although there are just a few openings left for the David Ellsworth demonstration on March 17th, we will have more if the club desires more. Also in April (I believe) the Woodworking Shows will be visiting Sacramento and we'll need plenty of volunteers to cover our booth for 3 days plus the setup and take down. If you want to see what another club is doing, the Sequoia Woodturners will be having a family picnic and wood turn-off on April 25th in Clovis. More information on this will be available at our Feb. meeting.

Also it is time to think about the Utah woodturners symposium or the AAW national symposium. It is always nice to get a few groups together to attend these events. For those of you newer members or for someone who has never

attended these events, I'll try to have a 'short' discussion at our Feb. meeting to discuss these events I will pass the clipboard around at the February meeting. I would like to see even a closer relationship between our members. I want to encourage the formation of small skill/project groups that will give us incentive to improve our skills on the items we feel comfortable turning or the willingness to help teach each other a better way to reinvent the wheel! My goal is to facilitate groups of 4, 5, 6 or whatever is convenient to organize to meet on a possible bimonthly basis to undertake a turning task that is meaningful to that small group. Rotating between shops of each member, over a period of a year or so, you could learn from each other. Examples of projects could be making pepper mills, kaleidoscopes, candle holders, skew projects, whatever. Then attempt what you were shown, and after a couple months, present to the general membership what you have accomplished as a group. I'll ask such things on the questionnaire what size groups you could accommodate, skill level, days that you could (See **Pres. Message** on page 5)

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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 Dan Clark 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.***

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.

Mentors

LOCATION	NAME	PHONE
Auburn	Dan Clark	530-878-0931
Christmas ornaments, Cheese and Cracker Plates		
Citrus Heights	Herb Medsger	916-725-3120
Miniatures, Hollow vessels & Embellishments		
Davis	Bill Flewelling	530-753-2664
General turning of most types, Natural edge		
Fair Oaks	Bob Adam*	916-961-1275
Segmented vessels		
Granite Bay	Tom Castaldo	916-791-7544
Christmas Orn., Natural edge, Texturing & Boxes		
Roseville	Phil Sargent	916-789-1172
Natural edge vessels, General Turning		
Yuba City	Norm Hinman	530-673-5056
Basic Bowl, Basic Spindle and Natural Edge.		

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

AREA GALLERIES

SHOW OFF!!

OK, all of us like to get praise and show off our stuff. Well, here is your chance. The club is featured in two glass locked display cabinets at the Auburn library for the month of March. If you want your stuff to be seen by others and know there will be a lot of "Ooohhhhs and Aaahhaas" then bring your turned items to the February meeting. Dan Clark (at the Treasurer's desk) is in charge of accumulating all the display items, arranging them in the display cabinet and returning them to you at the March meeting. It helps getting them back to the correct person if all your items are signed.

Dan Clark

ROSTER

If you are not getting your newsletter it may be that your address or email address has changed. Notify Dan Clark (at the Treasurer's desk) if you are not getting your newsletter.

CALENDAR

2009

Feb 24 - General meeting, 7:00 PM Dan Clark -
Inside out turning

Feb 28 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop

Mar 2 - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00
meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J

Mar 17 - David Ellsworth demo 9:00 - 4:00
Woodcraft Supplies Inc.

Mar 24 - General meeting, 7:00 PM, Round
Robin of processes and methods.

Mar 28 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop

Mar 30 - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00
meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J St.

Apr (TBD) - Sacramento Woodsorking Show

Apr 28 - General meeting, 7:00 PM

May 2 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop

Apr 4 - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00
meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J

May 14, 15, 16 - Utah Woodturning Symposium
Orem, Utah

May 26 - General meeting, 7:00 PM

May 30 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop

June 1 - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00
meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J

June 23 - General meeting, 7:00 PM

June 26, 27, 28 - AAW Woodturning Symposium,
Albuquerque, NM

June 27 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop

Date TBD - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00
meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J

July 28 - General meeting, 7:00 PM Ice cream
social

Aug 1 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop

Aug 3 - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00
meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J

Aug 25 - General meeting, 7:00 PM

Aug 29 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop

Aug 31 - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00
meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J

Sep 22 - General meeting, 7:00 PM, Walt Thies?

Sep 26 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop

Sep 28 - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00
meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J

Sep 22 - General meeting, 7:00 PM, Walt Thies?

Sep 26 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop

Sep 28 - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00
meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J

Fall - Todd Hoyer and Hayley Smith demos
(Dates not yet established)

Oct 27 - General meeting, 7:00 PM

Oct 31 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop

Nov 2 - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00
meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J

Dec - Christmas party? Date and time TBD

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 payment of \$20 is required for the workshop. Signup and payment are at the general meeting ONLY, on a first come first served 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.

We need your help. We're looking for some nice wood, tools you no longer use or a little turning piece you'd like to donate to the Club. Every even numbered month, starting in February, we will have a raffle to raise funds for the club. You can help by bringing something to the meeting. Each person who donates something will get a ticket for the special Participation Raffle to be held in the fall. Thank you in advance for bringing some nice item for our raffle.

The Raffle Committee could use one or two more people to man the table and sell tickets. We only will be doing 5 raffles this year so it's not a big commitment. This is a nice, easy way for you to give back to the club. If you can help call Chris Smith at (916) 930-0922 or email chrisandjulia@sbcglobal.net today.

PROMOTIONS

David Ellsworth

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Demo for Nor-Cal Woodturners

Woodcraft Supplies on Folsom Blvd.

David is very well known for his thin-walled hollow turnings. He began doing this when he had to make his own bent tools with large, long handles and would sit astride the bed of his lathe to hold them with both hands and arms to keep them steady.



(Courtesy David Ellsworth web site.)



(Courtesy David Ellsworth web site.)

NEWS & NOTES

Nor-Cal Woodturners wishes to welcome

new members:

Gerry Anderson

John DePiazza

Read Harrison

Nick Jarrell

Craig Milliron

Bret VanRaalte

Tony White

Attendance:

The January meeting held sway for a total of

91

Membership:

As of February 15, Nor-Cal membership stood at:

79.

Membership Renewal

Membership dues are due. Only about 75 of the 140 2008 members have signed up for 2009.

There is too much fun and knowledge to be had, so don't miss out. Sign up now with Dan Clark at the Treasurer's desk. Cost for a year of fun is \$35 or about \$3 per meeting. Now, where else can you find a bargain like that?

LAST MEETING

Dick Lambert described, explained and displayed examples of how he accomplishes the "barley twist" features of the turnings in which he specializes. (Photos on page 5)

For further **information** about this technique, see below for reference material:

Title: Techniques of Spiral Work

Author: Stuart Mortimer

Publishing info: Linden Publishing Inc.

3845 N. Blackstone, Fresno, CA 93726

tel# 800-345-4447

You might be able to acquire thru AAW or Amazon.com, etc.

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meet, willingness to be the leader of your group, etc. My name will on the list. If the survey comes back showing no interest, I'll drop the concept, but I'd like to see even one group get started this year.

But this I know, I wouldn't have become the turner I am, without the commitment of Bill Flewelling. Bill probably wouldn't have become the great teacher he is without the help of Everett, and each of us can look to someone else that got you involved in turning. But as one person told me, my life revolves around the fine people I've met and gotten involved with through turning. One of the demonstrators that I met at Provo said, "When I came to one of these symposium, I realized that the rat race I was involved with had to end". He fortunately was at the stage of life where he could change. He sold his 'rat race' business and turned to woodturning. He said he felt like he had received a new lease on life.

It is the new friends we make, the satisfaction we get from creating, the better outlook on life we get from doing something we really enjoy that is so special about being a woodturner.

Corwin Jones

NEXT MEETING

The February meeting will feature Dan Clark showing us how to do the "inside-out" turning he has become famous for. It promises to be a program one should not miss seeing.



Outside stage



Inside stage

President's Challenge for March The Birds and the BEES!!!!!!!

Here we are, barely 1 month into winter and what am I thinking about? Springtime in March. Yes, I'm going to give you a couple months of advance notice on the next challenge. And for springtime, what is more exciting then talking about the birds and the bees!!! Now you have to be real careful if you try to turn a bee around, and we know we'd rather turn the chicken on the rotisserie, so that leaves me with what came either before or after the chicken, which by my thinking, it must be the egg. Yes the next challenge will be to turn an egg, and as practice makes perfect, let's see how many eggs we can turn that will fit inside the largest egg, with the consecutive eggs fitting inside the previously turned egg. The last turned egg can be solid, otherwise the eggs need to be in box form. The maximum egg size must be within the confines of a rectangular cube shape of 2 inches by 2 inches by 2.75 inches. Yes, I measured some chicken eggs to come up with those numbers and ratio. As usual 3 categories of competition, but in this case most eggs within the confines noted wins as long as they fit inside the next larger egg. Have fun, and if you wish, you may color or decorate your eggs. And no scrambled eggs allowed.

Corwin



Intermediate point of Barley Twist project.

End point of Barley Twist project.



President's Challenge Winners



Novice

First and second place winners
Chris Smith and Phil Manning.

MEMBERS' GALLERY



Dale Blue's Ornamental Pear vase.



Intermediate

Third, first and second place winners
Ron Winterton, Corwin Jones, and Chris Fuchs.



Dale Blue's Ornamental Pear vase.



Advanced

Second and first place winners
Bill Flewelling and Everett Beckwith



Dale Blue's Ornamental Pear vase.



Dan Clark's (Juniper?) bud vase.



Phil Sargent's Cork Oak bowl



Dan Clark's candle holder.



Phil Sargent's Cork Oak bowl



Phil Sargent's Chiquapin chip and dip tray



John DePiazza's Walnut bowl. Cracks filled with pigmented epoxy.



Tom Castaldo's Bristlecone Pine box.



Tom Castaldo's Maple Tippy top(s)



Tom Castaldo's Maple ornament.



Ted Young's Redwood burl lidded vessel.



Tom Castaldo's Cherry ornament.



Vincent Cleek's candy dish ornament hanger




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