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President's Message

In a time of need, I really appreciate those that stepped forward to help out last month. Dick Lambert continues to be a big help with getting the equipment trailer to our February meeting. Hildegard Fortier and Gerald Pierce stepped forward when assistance was requested in the kitchen with refreshments. Several members helped to replace supplies to our storage cabinets after the meeting. Our new raffle committee did a good job, and we'll try to smooth out any rough spot prior to the next raffle. Also thanks to those that donated wood and other items to the raffle. We had a wider selection of wood than we've had in some time and that can only come from the commitment of the member donors. Every little bit makes for a better club. Although our board was chosen this year in a rather haphazard way, I couldn't ask for a better board. A big thank you to the board and all the other volunteers and donors.

We had 13 members sign up to start a skills/projects group(s). I'll have the sign up list available at the March meeting for other members to sign up if they desire, then we'll try to get those groups organized and operational soon thereafter.

Members who have not paid their dues for this year, be aware that you are now delinquent. I'd rather not have to discuss dues, but to rent a meeting space, put on demonstrations, maintain our equipment, add to our library resources, provide refreshments, pay for a web site, etc., we either need to assess dues or have a rich uncle or create more raffle income, etc. etc.

For now, the history of this club has dealt with this challenge through the dues assessment route. Other clubs, social and otherwise, have approached this in various ways. . If you have a better way, contact a board member or

attend a board meeting. Other turning clubs have other approaches which we could try if we were ALL committed. One club has an auction of members' turned items, which then goes toward the support of the club. Supposedly it is very successful, but the key is that ALL members would need to make a firm commitment to that kind of approach.

Now, as to our March general membership meeting, we plan to reverse the order of doing some things. First, we plan to have the members gallery first. And rightly so I believe. You have displayed some truly beautiful pieces over the last few months. And several people would like to give that portion of our program more attention. We hope not to need to rush through that portion of our program. Let's make this into a real discussion of the challenges you overcame or the suggestions you could give to another member should they try a similar piece. The sharing of ideas and techniques is what we need to promote within the club.

Because of the nature of this month's President's challenge, we do not need to have a vote. Remember, it's the (**Continued** on page 4)

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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.***

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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

There are no Nor-Cal gallery shows running at this time.

The **Davis Library** display will run during the month of **June**. Remember to bring your pieces for that show to the **May meeting**. Also, remember to have your name prominently, and securely, on the bottom of each piece.

Two Nor-Cal members, Barry Hanna and Norm Hinman, have turnings on display at the **Sacramento City Library** through **April 19**.

ROSTER REMINDER

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

- 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 24, 25, 26 - Sacramento Woodsorking Show Cal Expo Pavillion
- Apr 28 - General meeting, 7:00 PM Sharpening Round Robin.
- May 2 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
- May 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 - Davis Library Gallery display
- 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
- July 6 - 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
- 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

There are currently no special programs scheduled.

The Sacramento Woodworking Show will be held in the Pavillion at Cal Expo April 24, 25, 26. Sign up with Don Bradway to help at the Nor-Cal booth. We need folks to turn, explain turnings or just explain what the chapter is about.

LAST MEETING

Dan Clark showed us the process for accomplishing “inside out” turnings. He has produced some exciting items such as lamp bases and vases as well as unbelievably delicate ornaments. Some of his pieces have so much of both internal and external material removed as to be almost non-existent. They are not tiny, but one almost needs magnification just to see them.



A “work in progress”. The “inside” has been done and the four pieces reversed to do the outside



Some finished products.

NEWS & NOTES

Nor-Cal Woodturners wishes to welcome new members:

Midi Haws - Sacramento
Steve Sizelove - Live Oak
John Whiteaker - Yuba City
 and returning member
Neal DeVore - Lincoln

Attendance:

A total of

82

persons attended the February meeting

Membership:

As of March 3rd, Nor-Cal membership stood at:

96

Membership Renewal

Membership dues are due. Only about 95 of the 140 2008 members have signed up for 2009. There is too much fun and knowlege 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?

NEXT MEETING

The March meeting program will be a “Round Robin” with four members showing us how they do their “special” things. It will be an evening of secrets revealed. Such procedures as how fine finishes are produced, embelishments are accomplished and surface treatments are done.

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most eggs wins in each division. We'll have the contestants in each group come to the front of the room, remove one egg at a time from their project, the contestant with the most eggs wins. Can't win without entering at least one egg. Then we'll have a general question or comments time period when you can ask the officers about the direction the club is going or simply suggestions

you'd like your board to consider. If there are no questions or comments, we'll assume everything is going exactly the way you want it to go. Then we'll have our usual break, followed by a round robin of mini demos showing techniques that we feel may be useful to our members. We'll divide the attendees into roughly four equal groups, each group will observe one 10 to 12 minute session and then upon an announced change time, we'll rotate in a clockwise direction around the room until you've been to each mini demo.

As for future monthly demos, if you or someone you know can put on a demo, please give us a heads up. I've had a recent request for a demo on THREAD CHASING. Do you know someone in our club that can give a beginning demo on the subject? If not, maybe you're the one to become the club expert on the subject.

And don't forget to sign up with Don Bradway to help out at the April Woodworking Show at Cal Expo. Several of our current members were introduced to our club through a similar type of event.

And don't forget, you won't enjoy the satisfaction of turning without getting out in the shop. Have fun!!!! Corwin Jones

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

Wouldn't You Like To Know??

Starting immediately (like ...right now) this space, or one very similar to it within the confines of the **Nor-Cal Shavings**, will be available for, and devoted to, whatever answers become available from other Nor-Cal members (or "outsiders" if they happen to arrive) to any questions (pertaining to woodturning or Nor-Cal issues, of course... we don't do Hollywood stuff) you wish to ask. Your Editor (me) will accept questions via e-mail, telephone, US Postal Service, personal contact or even by grapevine if clear enough. I can be reached at:

e-mail: nhinman@jps.net
Telephone: 530-673-5056
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Answers will be printed in this space (as space allows, of course), along with the questions, when and if they are received. Both questioners and answerers may remain anonymous if they wish. So crank up your "curiosities", and get the questions rolling.

Norm Hinman
Editor

Just in from Craig Milliron in response to a forward I had sent out regarding metal leaf sizes: "Norm

Our business sells thousands of books of precious metal leafs and foils, from four of the world's largest manufactures, per year. All of our manufactures of gold leaf have a sheet size of 3-3/8" x 3-3/8". Other rare, precious metals, such as palladium and platinum, have the same or slightly smaller sheet size. Silver leaf is larger at 3 3/4" x 3 3/4". **(Continued on page 8)**

MEMBERS' GALLERY



Neal DeVore's Sycamore bowl with pyrography



Richard Prima's Chinese Pistacio bowl



Herb Madsger's Sycamore compote



Gordan Nash's "Fish" bowl



Richard Prima's Manzanita bowl



Dick Lambert's Maple platter.



Glenn Robison's Redwood boxes



Corwin Jones' "State Budget Process" off-center turning. (Nuts anyone?)



Dick Lambert's Maple bowl



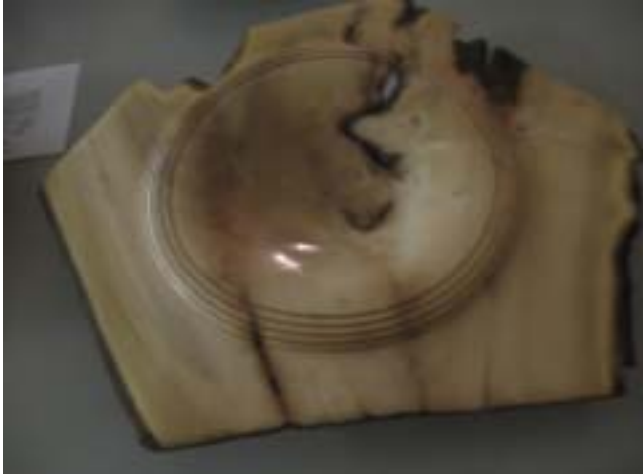
Tom Castaldo's Mistletoe Walnut bowl.



Gordon Nash's 'Railroad' bowl



Tom Castaldo's Eucalyptus vessel



Phil Sargent's English Walnut winged bowl



Phil Sargent's Chinquapin closed vessel.



Phil Sargent's curly Redwood bowl



Don Bradway's Oak burl platter.



Phil Sargent's Redwood burl bowl

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Silver and gold foil is considerably thicker than leaf and its sheet size is what gold leaf is. Inexpensive metals, such as copper and imitation gold and silver have larger sheet sizes. Our copper is 5½" x 5½". There may be other manufactures that make their sheet sizes different. I thought this important so people won't think, based just on sheet size, the real thing is an artificial metal."

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