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President's Message

Okay, so you want all the answers? Yes, no, I'm not sure, maybe, say that again, it's an opinion, flip a coin, it's what works for me, etc. Our April meeting is going to be focused on sharpening our tools. And the few things I do know is (1) that you can only do your best work when your tools have a really sharp edge, (2) my tools are never as sharp as they should be, and (3) it is probably the most controversial subject within the field of woodturning that I have tried to master.

What speed of grinder? 1725 RPM or 3450 RPM? Okay, I'll compromise with a variable speed half way in between. To hone or not to hone? Okay I'll hone part of the time. What grit wheel should I use? 36 or 100 or compromise at 80? And what material should the wheel be made of? What is the safest way to hold your tool while sharpening? Heavy touch or light touch?

6" or 8" grinder? I would definitely say 8", the wheel will wear down to 6" soon enough, then sell your 6" wheel to someone saying it's almost a brand new 6" wheel!!!! Jig or no jig? Who said we were going to dance?

Yes, we're going to try to give you some answers at our April meeting, but in reality most of the answers will be opinions that the person giving the opinion is absolutely sure about because it works for them.

We will have Bill Flewelling, Norm Hinman, and Nick Todd behind a grinder in sequence to try to do their best to help us out! Also Ted Young is chairing an effort to put together a handout on various aspects of sharpening, web site locations and a bibliography of source material, etc. Obviously, we also want you to come with your questions to make this an

interactive evening. Don't be afraid to give them a hard time, of course in a friendly manner. We're here to learn, but it will require some effort on your part also.

As for future meetings, we have Floyd Norling lined up for May to talk about bottle stoppers, a fall meeting will be presented on thread chasing, and more topics as they come up.

Other good news includes the fact that Gerald Pierce has agreed to serve as the historian and as a member-at-large board member. And Dick Lambert will also be a member-at-large board member. I think he's demonstrating the importance of the past president's experience by setting a great example to not abandon the club when he has so
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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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Miniatures, Hollow vessels & Embellishments		
Davis	Bill Flewelling	530-753-2664
General turning of most types, Natural edge		
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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(s) in your area of interest (or geography) 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. This year's display will be special... it will be number **20!**

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

- 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 Floyd
Norling, Bottle stoppers.
- 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
Board nominations.
- 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
Board election.
- 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.

The Raffle is a Winner

The raffle at the February meeting was a big success. We raised money for the club and there were great prizes for over 25 winners. Much of the success is due to you, the club members. You brought in some nice wood to raffle off. You can help again this month. Our next raffle is April 28th. Bring some more wood and be a winner. Anyone who donates to the raffle table gets a ticket for our Participation Raffle in the Fall.

Raffle Rules

The Raffle Committee is new to this process so thanks for your patience last time. It will be better this month! The way it works is we will be selling tickets through the break. After the break we will pull tickets and number them in the order we draw them. We will write the ticket numbers in order on the white board. After the meeting, you bring your ticket up and exchange it for one with a number written on it. You choose your prize **IN THE ORDER DRAWN**. Please don't take a prize until it is your turn. Any questions; just ask us at the raffle table.

PROMOTIONS

There are currently no special demonstrations 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

A Round-Robin of favorite processes/methods was set up in the four corners of the meeting hall. **Ted Young** showed his use of the Beale system for buffing. **Dan Clark** demonstrated a number of different procedures for holding a 'reversed' bowl or vessel for finish turning the foot or base. **Nick Todd** discussed, and demonstrated methods he uses to finish the surface of vessels, including applying materials and polishing. **Corwin Jones** demonstrated his methods of using specifically ground tools for shear scraping to attain a surface requiring less sanding.

NEXT MEETING

The April meeting will provide you with all the information you could possibly want or need to make sure you always have razor sharp turning tools with bevels ground to the perfect, ideal angle. Bill Flewelling, Nick Todd and Norm Hinman will demonstrate their own particular methods of obtaining their favorite grinds on some of the tools turners use to do their work. Notice, please, the use of the terms "**own** particular methods" and "**favorite** grinds". No-one will be espousing any method or any shape of grind as being **THE** ones that anyone else should use. Just showing the ones that work for them.

Ellsworth Demo Challenge

For those that attended the Ellsworth demonstration, remember that we're having a special challenge among ourselves to turn something related to what we learned from the Ellsworth demonstration. You choose what was significant to you and turn a sample of that for display to the club members. We'll add it to the show and tell portion of our program.

NEWS & NOTES

Nor-Cal Woodturners wishes to welcome

New Members:

Dale Chabino - Stockton
Chester Russell - Lodi

Attendance:

A total of

81

persons attended the February meeting

Membership:

As of April 1st., Nor-Cal membership stood at:

104

Your Editor was saddened to
learn of the passing of
Doyle Anderson

Membership Renewal

Membership dues are due. 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?

Wouldn't You Like To Know??

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:

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Answers will be printed in this space along with the questions. Both questioners and answerers may remain anonymous if they wish.

Norm Hinman
Editor

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much to provide pertaining to what has and has not worked over the recent past.

We've had several people volunteer to help Don Bradway to man the club's booth at the April 24-26 Woodworking Show at Cal Expo. Thank you even if I don't know who all of you are at this time. And again, thanks to Bill for last months class on turning. He reports he had a good group to work with. I've heard of several people (including the author) spending some time at Norm Hinman's this past month.

April is also a raffle month, so bring some nice pieces of wood to share with other club members, other items to donate to the raffle that could use a second home, and get your raffle tickets early. And as an added bonus in the future, we hope to start selling 'Special' raffle tickets to find new homes for items turned at the all day demos that have been in storage until now. The money from the 'Special demo raffle' can go toward the needs of the club, such as the cost of future demonstrations. We will display the item to be raffled in the future with a photo in our newsletter as well as having it on hand at club meetings for your evaluation. Bring your items for the member's gallery. After all, that demonstrates to our members and guests what we are all about. And keep those shavings flying!
Corwin

President's Challenge for May

As promised, I'm giving you 2 months notice for the next president's challenge. Our treasurer, Dan Clark, did a nice presentation at our February meeting on inside out turning (although I missed the significance of inside out turning vs. outside in turning). So, let's show Dan what we learned and make an inside out turning. As usual, three levels of competition. I've already heard from a couple of our board members that it is more of a challenge than one would expect, so let's give that a try. Good luck and have fun.

Corwin Jones

March Challenge Results

Novice



1st. Place: Chris Savarino (8 layers)



2nd. Place: Peg Sullivan (3 layers)



3rd> Place: Nick Jarrell (2 layers)

Intermediate



Tied for 1st. Place: Bill Barkley (7 layers)

Advanced



1st. Place: Corwin Jones (14 layers)



Tied for 1st. Place: Ted Young (7 layers)

MEMBERS' GALLERY



Tied for 1st. Place: Chris Fuchs (7 layers)



Dan Clark's Eucalyptus vase



Dan Clark's Koa vase



Dan Clark's Juniper vase



Dan Clark's Walnut vase



Dan Clark's Mahogany vase



John DePiazza' bowl and tops



Dan Clark's Maple vase



Glenn Robison's Walnut vessel



Ted Young's Liquidamber "Ellsworth hollow form"



Jo Nelson's polyester resin bottle stopper



Ted Young's Sycamore and Ebony lidded bowl



Herb Medsger's Olive hollow vessel with pedestal



Ted Young's Olive and Ebony vase



Phil Sargent's Redwood bowl



Dick Lambert's Christmas ornament



Phil Sargent's Bunya-Bunya bowl



Dick Lambert's candlestick



Phil Sargent's Tulipwood bowl



Phil Sargent's Redwood winged bowl

Greenwood Sealer


Greenwood sealer is available. Be sure to notify Bill at least **one week in advance** of when you want it.

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