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President's Message

WHAT WOULD YOU WRITE?????

What would you write for this column given the chance? And what would the title be? Consider these titles "Getting to know you!", "Getting to know us!", "Getting to know each other!", "The hurrier I go the behinder I get!", "This is the most friendly organization I've ever belonged to!", "Woodturners are sure hard to get to know!", "Reaching out....." or "reaching in.....". I guess that's what my high school English teacher used to do for entertainment in my small Nebraska community when I was growing up. Come up with some crazy title and then laugh at what the students would come up with.

These are all topics I've heard mentioned this past month directly or indirectly as associated with our chapter of woodturners. One issue that we faced last month was to get set up in short time for the program. As our equipment must be connected in the correct sequence and to the right outlets, it doesn't just fall into place. It takes time. Ted said he had several people offer to help (note: our designated equipment manager is gone for a few months) but if he stopped to teach someone what to do, he just got further behind! The old 'the hurrier I go the behinder I get syndrome'. Ted has consequently come up with a chart to help in the set up process. But then that means we need to get a standing committee trained to help set up equipment. But that then says we need to 'get to know you' such that we might be able to 'twist your arm' (gently of course) to be on that committee. So please 'reach out to us' and let us know where you can help!

And along the lines of "getting to know you, us, each other" comes the question of how?

Over the few years that I have been a member of the club, I still recall my first meeting when Barry Hanna obviously could recognize I was a newcomer and began by telling me a little about the club (I believe that is called reaching out), how there were lots of good turners to get guidance from, but if you have a problem or need help JUST ASK!!!! I think that still holds true, JUST ASK if you need some help, we'll try to find someone within the club that can help.

I asked one member at the woodturning show, "what do you see that our club needs most, or how has it changed over the years as the club has grown". The answer was the lack of social time that we need to get to know each other. OBVIOUSLY, a club of 20 members vs. 100 plus members is a different challenge. BUT does that mean we shouldn't try? How do we add that into a two hour time period that already is very busy. One thing the board is considering is to add ½ hour to the rental time of our meeting. (Fifteen minutes before and fifteen minutes afterward.) Our board needs to get (Continued on page 5)

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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(s) in your area of interest (or geography) and get acquainted!

*Chairman

AREA GALLERIES

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!**

Auburn Library

We received the following thank you letter from the Friends of Auburn Library. "Dear Nor Cal woodturners, Once again we want to thank you for sharing your beautiful wooden art crafts. Everyone at the library enjoys your yearly display. We know it takes time and energy to do this, so thank you, thank you, thank you. Sincerely Ann Fain"

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

- 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 and Auction of demo's pieces
- 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 April 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 June 23rd. 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.

LAST MEETING

Bill Flewelling described, and demonstrated, how he keeps his turning tools sharp. He demonstrated the use of a well-known manufactured jig and explained how it can be used to obtain the desired angle of grind on various turning tools.

Norm Hinman showed his free-hand method of grinding various tools.

Nick Todd explained, and displayed, how honing the cutting edge will improve the sharpness of tools.



Bill Flewelling showing the use of a sharpening jig

NEXT MEETING

Floyd Norling will speak about his methods of making wine-bottle stoppers. Some of his masterpieces will be on display. Floyd will explain how they became masterpieces.

H-E-L-P

Those of you who would like to assist in setting up the audio-visual equipment prior to meetings are asked to let such be known to a board member. Having several members 'trained' to assist would expedite getting set up, and help us to get meetings started on time and with fewer glitches.

NEWS & NOTES

Nor-Cal Woodturners wishes to welcome

New Members:

Jay Richens

Membership:

As of April 28th., Nor-Cal membership stood at:

109

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

Pres. Message: (Continued from Page 1)

to know you. We are so busy getting ready for the meeting after the doors open, that there is very little time to talk about your concerns. If the board is to be responsive, we need to listen, and not appear to be 'unfriendly' when we're being pressed to get ready for the program. Honestly, the majority of the members 'that I know' is the result of attending Bill's Bowl classes. Since I was such a slow learner, I kept going back. After several classes of sharing each other's wood shavings, visiting at lunch, or ducking bowl fragments together, I got to recognize the face of several of you. Part of the process of getting to know each other is spending time together. And as far as 'reaching in....', how can one properly thank someone like Carl Kent for reaching into his stock of wood and bring down several loads of wood to share with the membership. Or how about those of you such as Norm Hinman or Bill Flewelling who have taken their time to help teach someone to turn a bowl. Along those lines, Ted Young, Martin Harris, and yours truly are volunteering to teach basic turning techniques on a one on one basis to the truly novice. Yesterday I helped a new member just identify tool types, discuss scraping vs. cutting, basic sharpening, etc. Hopefully we both gained from the experience. It took me back to thinking about what are the most basic steps of beginning woodturning. Earlier this month, another member and I spent a day together talking about how to turn a box. We must realize there are some elementary hurdles that new turners must get over before we send them off to turn a bowl. If you see a new member or visitor, reach out and offer some assistance. And if you want assistance, I repeat: **JUST ASK**. I would hope that each of you could respond with the statement "this is the friendliest organization I've ever belonged to". It takes a concerted effort!!!!

Corwin

President's Challenge for July

We will be doing a few other things at the Ice Cream Social Meeting in July besides eating ice cream. One of which will be the President's July Challenge of making an ice cream cone to scale 1:1. You choose your cone, either sugar or waffle, try to duplicate it out of wood on your lathe. Embellish it with lines, etc. to the best of your ability, and let the membership judge your creation. If you wish to simulate some ice cream in your cone, that's okay. See what we can come up with. Appropriate prizes will be given, depending on club budget and what we may have available. Never can tell, you might win all the melted ice cream we have left over!!!!

Ellsworth Demo Challenge

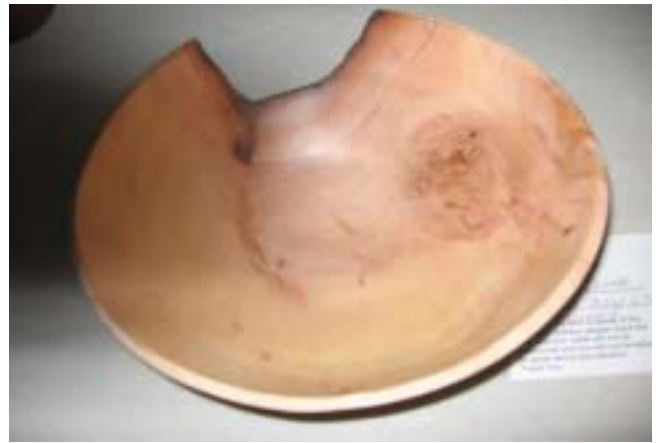
For those that attended the Ellsworth demonstration, remember that we're having a special challenge among ourselves to turn something related to what we learned from the Ellsworth demonstration. You choose what was significant to you and turn a sample of that for display to the club members. We'll add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

Greenwood Sealer

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

MEMBERS' GALLERY







Nor-Cal Woodturners' Art Auction

At the July meeting two turnings made by professional demonstrators will be sold by live auction. Don't miss out on your opportunity to bid on and own one of these pieces.

One is a lidded box by **Jimmy Clewes**. It is the piece he refers to as "**The Finger Cutter**". It is actually a lidded box with wings. He made it for his demonstration for Nor-Cal Woodturners on February 12, 2008. He mounts a rectangular piece, and turns the lathe to its' high-est speed. The process sounds like standing next to the local airport.



Wood Gathering Coordinator

It has been noted, and the Board agrees, that a Wood Coordinator is needed to oversee the disseminating of information about the availability of wood from local sources. This person need not be a 'harvester' him/herself, but would receive the information from whatever sources present themselves. The Coordinator would then check on the specifics of the wood source and verify such things as species/kind, size of wood, amount available, location, suitability of location and ease of removal. He/she would then contact members of Nor-Cal with a brief description, collect names of those interested, and arrange a date, etc., for the actual removal. If interested, please contact a board member.

The second piece is an elegant small bowl done by Judy Ditmer when she demonstrated her work for Nor-Cal Woodturners at Sacramento Machinery on August 23 2008.






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