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Vice President's Message

Corwin is on vacation and I volunteered to write the "Vice Presidents Message".

Last fall, we were told the club would fold if volunteers didn't come forward to join the board of directors. Some of us accepted that challenge and we have been working very hard to provide interesting programs and address the concerns of our members. Our past president, Dick Lambert stayed on the board as member at large and several other board members remained in their positions, providing important continuity. Due to the efforts of the new Board, we have been successful so far, based on the positive feedback we have received. However, we need your participation to continue making our meetings fun, informative, and successful as we continue planning activities for the rest of the year and beyond. In order to ensure a smooth transition next year, a nominating committee has been formed to prepare a slate of candidates for the election this fall of next year's Board.

If you like what the Board has done so far this year and want us to continue, we need you to pitch in. We plan to create standing committees that will conduct the business of the club. With enough volunteers, the committees will ensure smooth operation without overburdening any individual member. In future meetings, we will be describing the planned committees so that you can decide which ones you want to join. Regular attendance is not a requirement - you can help occasionally when you are available. When you renew your membership next year, you will have the opportunity to specify which committee(s) you want to join. Our goal is to have everyone participate as a committee member. Remember, this is your club and the more you get involved,

the more you will get out of it.

The raffles have been a great success, providing winners with lots of wood to take home and turn into works of art. June is raffle month again; you can expect more wood as well as great tools in the raffle. You will also have an opportunity to meet the club's mentors, who will select wood from the raffle table and tell us what they would do with it - how to mount it, what shape to turn, how to finish, etc. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. The club is fortunate to have many mentors who want to help the members improve their skills but some of them feel like the Maytag repairman, waiting for you to call. Their names and phone numbers are listed in the newsletter. Now that you know who they are, call and arrange a get-together. Traditionally, the July meeting is an Ice Cream Social. This is a reminder that we will be doing a few other things at the Ice Cream Social Meeting in July besides eating ice cream. July is an odd month and that means President' Challenge. The President's July Challenge is making an ice cream cone to scale 1:1.

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Roster of Officers 2009

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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

LAST MEETING

Floyd Norling held our attention with a presentation of his processes and procedures for making the fine stoppers he does. His display of finished pieces was awe-inspiring indeed.

NEXT MEETING

Several, or all, of the Nor-Cal Mentors will present their insights to deciding how to approach a section of a log, or piece of wood, to obtain the results they might wish to get from it. Hear from them how many different kinds of items a single piece of wood might contain. In addition, learn how one might mount such a piece on the lathe in order to achieve the desired results.

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

- 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 13 - Todd Hoyer and Hayley Smith demos?
 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
 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

May Pres. Challenge winners Novice



Martin Harris
1st place

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.



View of inscription on bottom of Corwin Jones' African Sumac bowl. Within the central ring is a very nice drawing of a growing bush with leaves and blossoms.

May Pres. Challenge winners Intermediate



Chris Fuchs (center), 1st. place; Bill Barkley (left) and Ted Young (right), tied for 2nd place.

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:

Robert Anderson
Dennis Patzer
Andrew Sylvester
Mike Spanbauer

Attendance

71 attended the May meeting

Membership:

As of June 2nd. Nor-Cal membership stood at:
119

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?

Greenwood Sealer

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

May Pres. Challenge winners Advanced



Dan Clark (left) and Bill Flewelling (right), tied for 1st. place; Corwin Jones (center), 2nd place.

Vice Pres. Message: (Continued from Page 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. If you wish to simulate some ice cream in your cone, that's okay. You still have a month to work on it. We have seen participation in the Presidents Challenge increase and expect a record turnout.
Ted

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!!!!

David Ellsworth Demo Challenge



Corwin Jones (second from left), 1st. place; Chris Fuchs (right), 2nd. place; Bob McClurg (left) and Ted Young (second from right), tied for 3rd place.

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

I remember reading about a CAD design program for woodturners. Do you have any information about this, can you point me in the right direction?

- #1: My band saw blade cuts to the left. I have shifted the blade back on the wheel but this does not correct the problem. Solutions?
- #2: The banjo on my lathe sticks as it slides forward and backwards. It slides sideways without difficulty. Wax on the ways does not seem to help. Solutions?

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.

MEMBERS' GALLERY



Jay Richens' open vase



Peg Sullivan's Cocobolo goblet



Jay Richens' square-edged bowl.



Chris Krohn's Olive burl bowl



Jay Richens' natural edged, warped bowl.



Chris Krohn's "Firewood" bowl



Chris Krohn's Black Walnut bowl w/brass inlay



Bob McClurg's Cocobolo bowl



Corwin Jones' African Sumac box



Corwin Jones' Carob bowl



Corwin Jones' Walnut/Ash funnel with plug



Corwin Jones' African Sumac bowl



Phil Sargent's Plum vessel



Corwin Jones' Trash Wood "plum"



Phil Sargent's English Walnut multiple vessel



Ted Young's mushrooms



Glenn Robison's Camphor Olla



Ted Young's Eucalyptus bowl



Ted Young's burl vase



Barry Hanna's (?) bowl



Tom Castaldo's Claro/English Walnut graft vase



Herb Medsger's dyed Sycamore bowl



Herb Medsger's bleached Walnut bowl



Malcolm Tibbetts' "Martin's Dream"
Segmented turning

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.



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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