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President's Message

Pulling in the Same Direction

It was nice to attend the AAW meeting in Albuquerque, and especially nice to realize we had 9 or more of our members in attendance. Hopefully they will share with you some of their experiences. Next year it will be in Hartford, Conn.

As for pulling together, it was extremely generous of Ted Young to write a very well thought out Vice President's message for last month's newsletter. Ted has been a really good assistant this year and is a real team player. His experience with another chapter in So. Calif. has been very helpful in giving the board insight into how things can be improved or how they can be seen from a different perspective. I've been really pleased with the way our board has pulled together for the past 7 months. Ted is correct in stating that we need more participation to pull together. A small contribution of time, ideas, and efforts really helps the entire club. If you have an idea for club improvement, send us an email, or drop us a note, or attend a board meeting, AND also sign up for a committee assignment or just volunteer. We're still looking for a wood gathering coordinator!!!!

And if you haven't looked at our latest revision of the web page, take a look. Martin Harris has made some major improvements. This is where we could use several people to help improve, maintain, brainstorm the content of our web page. Just having experienced people with good ideas about the pros and cons of topics to include would be helpful. As an example, as the club president, I get almost daily commercial sources of wood sales that someone is promoting. I could either forward them all to you and you could wade through more spam, or we could list the sources on our web page IF a web page

committee felt it would be beneficial to our club to access the information on our needs and time schedule. I'm personally against getting caught up in just sending everything I get to everyone in the club. I guess being part of the spam filter is my job. Speaking of pulling in the correct direction, a big thank you should again go to Sonja Lemon for coordinating the July ice cream social. Those things don't just happen automatically. It was most appreciated by me specifically when I could make one simple call, get a pleasant voice on the other end of the line to say, "yes, I will be happy to do it again, NO BIG DEAL." Sonya, IT IS A BIG DEAL to me!!!! I'd be up to my elbows in ice cream before the first serving if I had to arrange everything. As Sonya stated, it always just kind of happens. That means others must, and do, pitch in that evening (others being members, significant others, and ice cream lovers) to make it happen. And remember, we're trying to make this July meeting a bit more than just eating ice cream and socializing, although that also will be important. We'd like a bigger than normal MEMBER'S GALLERY such that we can show
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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

Several of the Nor-Cal mentors described how they would "attack" a piece of green wood which each of them had chosen to discuss. Their comments led to an evening of lively questions and answers.

NEXT MEETING

The July meeting has, for several years now, been referred to as "The Ice Cream Social". This year, however, it has been planned to be more like a combination regular meeting and ice cream social. There will be no demonstration type program. There will, however, be the usual Members' Gallery, preferably enhanced, the July President's challenge, and the auctioning of two items made by professional turners during demonstrations for Nor-Cal Woodturners.

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

- 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, Will Michaud - Hand chased threads.
- 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 - "Jigs and Gadgets"- Turning aids. 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

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.

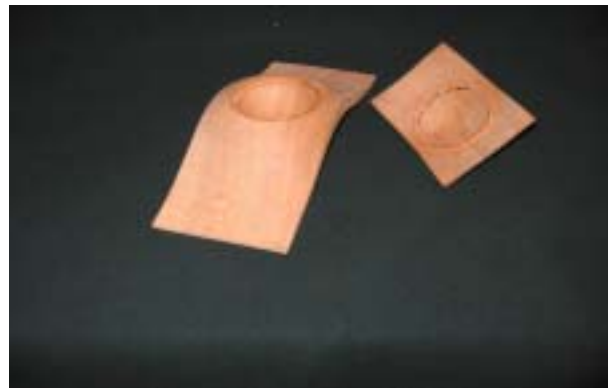
Your instructor is Bill Flewelling. You will be using a Jet, Fisch, or a VicMarc mini lathe. Subject matter to be covered will be given at the general meeting when you sign up.

All NorCal members in good standing will be accepted for the workshop. Ask at the general meeting for directions to the workshop.

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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our guests a good example of the things we make. Bring some of your favorite pieces to display. Remember if you choose not to talk about your display, there is a box to check on the form to so indicate. We will respect your wish if checked. We'll also have the auction for two demonstrator items, plus the President's July challenge of a turned ice cream cone.

And finally, thank you to the mentors for last month's panel discussion. From the sounds of things, it was well received and should be repeated in the future.

Corwin

NEWS & NOTES

Nor-Cal Woodturners wishes to welcome

New Members:

Clay Cook
Arthur Fuller
Pat Glenn
Brian Jones

Attendance

76 attended the June meeting

Membership:

As of June 24th. Nor-Cal membership stood at:

124

Welcome!

Nor-Cal Woodturners extends a welcoming hand to visiting fellow woodturners Curt Rush of Danville, Illinois, and former Nor-Cal member Jose Pantoja who now resides in Woodlinville, Washington.

State Fair

August 27th will be Nor-Cal Woodturners' Day in the Creative Arts Building at the California State Fair. Eight Nor-Cal members (2 or 3 at a time) will be staffing the demonstration area that day. A Vic-Marc mini lathe will be set up there for display and explanation purposes only. No turning will be done as there will also be many textile items on display (No dust or wet spray.)

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!!!!

President's Challenge for September

Keep it square or at right angles !!!

For the novice and intermediate turners, start off with a square block approx. 8" by 8" with max. depth of 3" and turn a round bowl inside but maintain at least a portion of the square corners of the original block. (i.e. to play fair, don't start with a round bowl and cut it square on a band saw or with a sander). Typically this is referred to as a square bowl. It is harder to put into words than to see a picture, but if you need additional information, ask someone. You may glue pieces of wood together to get to the block form specified. Have fun!

For the advanced turners, I'm going to give you an additional 1" of depth to work with, i.e. 8" by 8" by 4". No it is not because I've already got something glued up with those dimensions, but I'd like to see your imagination run wild. (Like making a Jimmy Clewes type lidded box.) I know we have lots of advanced turners in this club. I challenge you to show our newer members what this club is really capable of turning if we put our minds too it. Remember, it's that challenge of showing the world what can be done, that encourages the newer members to strive to be better. I'd like to see at least 10 entries in this category!

Besides, since we don't meet in November, this will be the last President's Challenge for the year. Let's make a good showing!!!!

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

Answer to last month's question concerning bandsaw blade "running": A couple of possible solutions to the question concerning a band saw problem:

First suggestion - If the teeth on a blade are dull on one side the blade will lead to the other side.

Second suggestion - Remove the blade, turn the blade inside out and reinstall the blade inside out with the teeth pointing up. Then using a sharpening stone, first round the back side of the blade, then hold the stone against the teeth on each side of the blade while the machine is running. Remove the blade and turn the blade to its normal cutting side and reinstall the blade. This will eliminate making tight turns, but you will be amazed at how well the blade will cut because you have removed some of the set on both sides of the blade.

Question: I have made a copy of an Ellsworth sharpening jig but I can't seem to get a decent Ellsworth grind on my 1/2" Crown bowl gouge. I'm wondering if I've made the rod too long on my Ellsworth-style jig. Can anyone tell me just how long it is on the genuine article?

MEMBERS' GALLERY



Bill Flewelling's Carob vessels



Modern wood art by Phantom Turner



Bill Flewelling's Cork Oak vessel



Bill Flewelling's upside down turning



Jose Pantoja's Yew goblet



Dan Clark's Madrone burl square bowl



Jose Pantoja's Maple & Purple Heart bowl



Craig Milliron's green Oak bowl



Jose Pantoja's Rhododendron closed vessel



Craig Milliron's Black Walnut bowl



Jose Pantoja's Black Walnut vessel



Curt Rush's bracelets



Herb Medsger's carved White Ash vessel



Dan Clark's Eucalyptus award



Herb Medsger's dyed Oak vessel



Dan Clark's Eucalyptus award



Herb Medsger's Oak vessel



Dan Clark's Maple award



James Terrill's bottle stoppers and base



Phil Sargent's Oak winged bowl



Jay Richens' dyed Oak bowl



Jerry Brown's toothpick holder



Jay Richins' Maple hollow vessel



Jerry Brown's (Walnut?) bowl



Bill Barkley's Oak bowl



Phil Sargent's 3 axes bowl



Phil Manning's Walnut crotch bowl



John De Piazza's spalted Maple bowl
(unfinished)



Bill Barkley's Eucalyptus bowl



Bill Barkley's Persimmon bowl

Greenwood Sealer

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

SPECIAL NOTE FOR CLARIFICATION!!

Please note that the names of those people that worked the woodworking show in Sacramento have been entered on a ticket for the participation raffle to be held in October for the Rikon lathe. Nick Todd has assured me that he has entered each of the volunteers once. Other chances for a ticket, which are usually given out at the time of the event, which you must then fill out and give to Nick, include the members gallery, the presidents challenge, donation of wood or prizes for the bimonthly raffles, and other special events as they come up.

Also, if you would like to enter an item into the members gallery, **BUT PREFER NOT TO GET UP IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE**

MEMBERSHIP, there is a check box on the entry form stating that you do not wish to speak. We would like to announce your name so proper credit can be given to the person that did the turning. That also allows a person that has a question about it to contact you privately for your input.

Corwin

From a Mentor

As a teacher I was thrilled to see all the woodturners that attempted inside-out turnings. All of your demonstrators hope that they stimulate some interest and cause you to expand your woodturning experiences. From the response, I feel honored and proud that more than several of you attempted this interesting variation of woodturning. The results were amazing. You guys went beyond the teacher!

Congratulations.


Dan Clark

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