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## **President's Message**

TOO!!!!!!!!!!!!

Out of the various 2's, two, to, and too, I think I am most concerned when I hear, see, or realize that a "too" is coming my way. Too much knowledge, too few ideas for a President's message, too much bad news, too few attendees, too many complaints, too many simple requests, too many bylaws, too few volunteers, too little time, too few tools, too much junk, too much stuff, too little space, too little wood, quickly followed by too much wood, and quickly followed by a realization of too little really good wood!!! So here I've been sitting for too long because I have too few good words of wisdom to write a really too good of a message to get everyone too enthused for the future such that I can eliminate the too many worries that I might have for the immediate future. (If you're confused, so am I. Send in the shrink!!!)

I remember how happy I was to bring home my first turned bowl and my wife realized it was a 'BOWL'. Now some of my turnings get the response of 'What is it'? Of course my response is, 'It's a work of art!' Okay so my wife is kinder than that guy that yells out it's a piece of junk from the halls of congress only to receive the most icy stare the world has ever seen from a S.F. representative. (Any similarity to recent events is purely coincidental!!!)

Okay, so what's my point! The more I learn about turning, the more critical I become. Those things that I was happy with aren't nearly as ideal as I once thought.

The balance is off, it's off center, it's too tall, you needed to cut a more perfect blank of wood to start with, you chose the wrong orientation. Life just might be simpler if I was an idiot!!!! Okay, I realize I left myself open to comments, like you're making a good case for being one by what you're writing.

We had an outstanding demonstration on Sunday Sept. 13 by Todd Hoyer and Hayley Smith. Very informative and thoroughly enjoyed by the attendees. Ted Young and Norm Hinman again did a stellar job of getting things coordinated. But I'm dumbfounded as to why we didn't have better attendance. Nice for those of us there, but why not a sell out? I'll leave that to those of you smarter than I am to explain that one too me.

The WOODWORKING SHOW will be at the Sacramento Convention Center on Nov. 13, 14, and 15th. Will we have enough volunteers to man a booth for 3 days?

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## Nor-Cal Woodturners

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## Mentors

LOCATION	NAME	PHONE
Auburn	Dan Clark	530-878-0931
<b>Christmas ornaments, Cheese and Cracker Plates</b>		
Citrus Heights	Herb Medsger	916-725-3120
<b>Miniatures, Hollow vessels &amp; Embellishments</b>		
Davis	Bill Flewelling	530-753-2664
<b>General turning of most types, Natural edge</b>		
Fair Oaks	Bob Adam*	916-961-1275
<b>Segmented vessels</b>		
Granite Bay	Tom Castaldo	916-791-7544
<b>Christmas orn., Natural edge, Texturing &amp; Boxes</b>		
Roseville	Phil Sargent	916-789-1172
<b>Natural edge vessels, General Turning</b>		
Yuba City	Norm Hinman	530-673-5056
<b>Basic Bowl, Basic Spindle and Natural Edge.</b>		

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

**Will Michaud**, former Nor-Cal member living near Colfax, showed us his method of hand-chasing threads in wood turnings. He set up his own Carbatec lathe to work his magic. His method follows that of threading expert Alan Batty of England. Will offered many hints and valuable fine points of the method.



## NEXT MEETING

The program for the September meeting will feature **Walt Thies** who will talk on jigs, gadgets and turning aids. Walt visited us last year and demonstrated how to make mushrooms. If you made any mushrooms please bring them in for show and tell.

# CALENDAR

2009

- Sep 22 - General meeting, 6:45 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, 6:45 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

2010 (Tentative?)

- Jan 4? - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00  
meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Jan 26 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM  
Program 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.

## 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!!!!

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**"THANK YOU"**

## SACRAMENTO MACHINERY!

A big hand goes to **Roy Takamoto** and his crew at Sacramento Machinery Company at 729 W. Del Paso Road. Their help to us in hosting the Todd Hoyer and Haley Smith demonstration on Sunday, September 13, could not have been better.

By the way, they now have an extensive array of woodturning tools. Be sure to check it out!

## NEWS & NOTES

### Attendance

76 attended the August meeting

### Membership:

As of August 13th. Nor-Cal membership stood at:  
127

### Tool Swap

Hello Corwin,

Please spread the word about our tool exchange coming up on October 10th at the California Hard-woods parking lot. [see address below.]

Bring tools to exchange and wood working ideas for our great sales on lumber that will be in the parking lot for sale. We have cut a lot of new wood lately and you will want to see the amazing slabs and mantle material also. Hot dog stand here for food and drinks.

We hope to see you here. between 9:00am and 4:00pm

Thank you

"Cisca"

Francisca Suverkropp

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## CHAPTER GUIDANCE

### Are you interested???????????

Are you interested in helping in the guidance of the club? We have a nominating committee that is headed up by our librarian, Nick Todd. Should you like to run for office, be on the board of directors, or just have questions about the various positions, Nick is the chairman and will do his best to answer your questions, or he will get you in contact with someone that has had prior experience doing the various tasks. Think about it, new fresh ideas are welcome. Also next year the board plans to institute an expanded committee structure so you may also look at those committee assignments. And, if you don't like the way things are going, organize an entire slate of new directors for the board.

### DAVIS CITY HALL DISPLAY

It is time to be preparing for, and making items for, the Nor-Cal Woodturners' display in the Davis City Hall. You will bring them to the September meeting. Bill Flewelling will collect them, and they will be on display from shortly after then until just before the October meeting. You will receive them back at the October meeting. Hey!!! All of you turners... Novice, Intermediate, Advanced... This is a display of what we **do**. Not what just a few **can do**. Preferably not over 12" diameter or high, due to shelf height at City Hall.

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### Greenwood Sealer

Greenwood sealer is available. Be sure to notify **Bill Flewelling** (530-753-2664) at least **one week in advance** of when you want it.

**Pres. Message (cont. from page 1)**

Should we man a booth for 3 days? Will we have 'TOO' few members step forward to spread the load so the past volunteers won't get 'TOO' burned out to do it again the next time we are asked to demonstrate?

I said last year that I've had too much fun with this organization to see it discontinue for lack of leadership. I just hope that you feel that way TOO, when it comes to volunteers for officers, board of directors, and committees for the coming year. This year's board feels that it must be mandatory next year for every member to be a volunteer on some committee if the club is to survive. If you don't want the club to take that direction, I suggest you get a new slate of officers to replace the current board of directors. We do have a nominating committee that you can call to let your feelings be known. I've had an outstanding board to work with this year, but for various reasons, some will need to be replaced. However, I know from what they've said, we can still count on them to be outstanding volunteers for our club. We need a few more to replace them, and then the committee structure hopefully will spread the workload for next year.

With that I bid to each of you a healthy to-do!!! And see you at the general membership meeting.

Corwin

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**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.

**Charles Brownold.** A man who almost never said "no" to a request for help. When he did say "no" there was always an important, and very logical, reason. Never because he didn't have the time or was too busy or just didn't want to.

I first met Charles at the January 1989 meeting of the Nor-Cal Woodturners. I had read a notice, placed by a Charles Brownold, in the Sacramento Bee about a woodturning club meeting at Nemi's Electric Tool Company in Citrus Heights. I attended, and joined.

During the next nearly five years seldom did a week go by without Charles and/or I showing up at the other's house for some reason or another. Usually on our bicycle, and sometimes just to visit for a few minutes. Sometimes he wouldn't be home so I would visit a minute or two with Dorothy. Sometimes I wouldn't be home so he would visit with Diane.

When Charles wasn't home, I pretty much knew that he was at the Davis Library doing some repair job or fabricating something that would make life easier or better for the staff or the library patrons. Or he was out delivering Meals on Wheels to homebound people. Much of his time, not just spare time mind you, but time, was spent doing things for others just because they needed to be done and because he could.

Throughout his years in Nor-Cal Woodturners he maintained rapport with the Davis Library staff and with the 'powers' at Davis City Hall that allowed our chapter the privilege of having an annual display in each venue. For many of those years he almost single-handedly collected the works from the members, set up the displays and returned the works to the owners.

There was no funeral for Charles because he had donated his body for medical research. Even in death, he continues to do what he can for others.

(Editor)

## MEMBERS' GALLERY

### *AUCTION - AUCTION*

**October** will be a “raffle” month again. In addition to the regular raffle, there will also be an auction of two, yes two (2), turnings made by internationally known turners while demonstrating their skills for our chapter.



The first is a hollow vessel made from Plum wood by **David Ellsworth**.



The second piece will be a tea light made by **Bob Rosand**.



Ted Young's square Carob vessel



Ted Young's Elm teapot



Ted Young's Walnut spirit vessel



Ted Young's Elm bowl



James Terrill's Walnut bowl and two stoppers



Phil Sargent's She-oak platter



Tony White's Carob bowl



Phil Sargent's Olive bowl



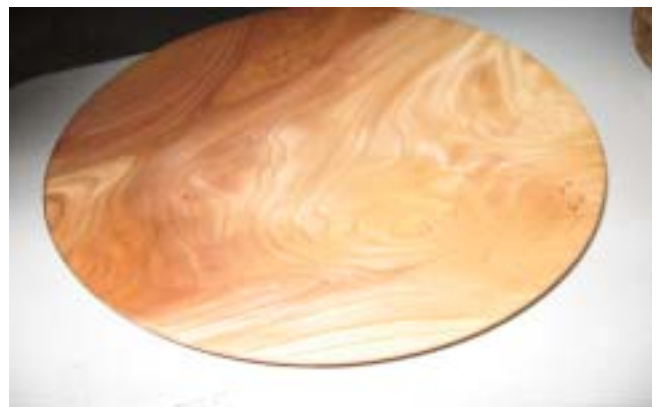
Phil Sargent's Honey Locust/Mistletoe bowl



(Unidentified turner and material)



Craig Milliron's Walnut bowl



Phil Sargent's Eucalyptus platter



Martin Harris' Walnut vessel



Martin Harris' Walnut bowl



Dan Clark's Eucalyptus bowl



Dan Clark's Silk Tree bowl



Martin Harris' Eucalyptus 'thingy'



Herb Medsger's Hackberry hollow vessel



Martin Harris' natural edged Mulberry vessel



Perry Kesterson's Tan Oak bowl



Perry Kesterson's Red Elm bowl



Will Michaud's ornament with loose rings



Ken Martin's Oak bowl



Perry Kesterson's Liquidamber bowl



Ken Martin's Walnut bowl



Brian Michaud's Red River Oak box



Will Michaud's ornament with loose rings



Will Michaud's Maple chalice



Tom Castaldo's "Four small pieces"



Jay Richens' Cedar spindle



Tom Castaldo's Acacia bowl



Barry Hanna's Ash bowl



Jay Richens' Walnut platter



John De Piazza's Walnut bowl



John DePiazza's Ash bowl



John DePiazza's Mulberry bowl



Henry Meier's eight segmented vessels.  
Maple burl, Birds-eye Maple and Buckeye  
with pen blank deco rings

### 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:

e-mail: [nhinman@hughes.net](mailto:nhinman@hughes.net)  
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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

As of this writing, no new questions have been submitted. No new answers or responses to previous questions have been received.


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