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President's Message

IT IS ALL YOUR FAULT!!!!!!As for successful recent events, between SAW (Sacramento Area Woodworkers),

My wife, a first grade teacher, hears that daily in her classroom. In fact maybe we hear that daily if we listen to our elected officials (does that imply they are acting like first graders?), it was all the previous President's fault for the mess we're in. Makes me wonder, if George was never born, would it still be his fault because he wasn't born?? Okay, so the challenges we will face in 2010 are the fault of the club president we had in 2009. Sounds logical to me! By the way, who was our club president in 2009? I hope you didn't re-elect him again!! If we would have answered all our challenges in 2009, there would be none to address in 2010. But as they say, the 'devalued' buck stops here. I had a great board to work with in 2009, and I'm anticipating another good board. BUT, we cannot let BURN OUT destroy our club. Anybody that has been in a volunteer organization always sees those individuals that do above and beyond the call of duty, and then they're gone. HAD IT UP TO HERE, is a usual response. I don't want to let that happen to Nor-Cal but it might if you expect TOO MUCH out of TOO FEW. Expect a new emphasis on committee structure and committee volunteers for 2010. I can't force you to sign up, this is after all a new, all volunteer army of woodturners.

By the way, we're having John Jordan here in March for a turning demo. We are working on a couple others so sign up and make the

events successful for the club. As for successful recent events, between SAW (Sacramento Area Woodworkers), Nor-Cal Woodturners, and a few assorted volunteers, we turned over 100 pens for our troops recently at the Woodcraft store. We kept 7 lathes going most of the time. Chuck Renda, James Terrill, Chris Smith, Gary Manning, Chris Fuchs, and yours truly and maybe one or two that I forget were involved from our club. I felt good about doing it at the time, a little sore (tired) the next day, but a few more volunteers would have been appreciated.

The Woodworking Show on Nov. 13, 14, and 15th was an overall success, but not without more challenges than I'd like to mention. If you were scheduled at a time that had excess help, I'm sorry, but in general it was about right. We faced challenges of the flu, unexpected physical ailments, surgeries, no shows, a short notice of the event, previously planned commitments by some of our regular workers, new show owner requirements, new venue location, etc., etc.

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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@hughes.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		
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Segmented vessels		
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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

Nick Todd demonstrated his method of making a screw-driver handle.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 8, will be the annual Nor-Cal Christmas party. See page 4 for particulars.

CALENDAR

2009

- Oct 27 - General meeting, 6:45 PM
Board election. Nick Todd Demo
- Oct 31 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
- Nov 2 - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Nov 7 - Pen-turnathon at Woodcraft. 9:30-5:00
- Nov 13-15 - Woodworking Show. Sacramento Convention Center
- Dec 8 - Christmas party. (It's a Tuesday!!)
- Dec 14 - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J

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
- Feb 1 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Feb 23 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- Mar 1 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Mar (?) - John Jordan Demo. Date TBD
- Mar 23 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- Mar 29 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Apr - 27 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- May 3 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- May 25 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- May 31 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- June 22 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- June 28 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- July 14-Aug 1 - California State Fair
- July 27 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD

- Aug 2 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Aug 24 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- Aug 30 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Sept 28 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- Oct 4 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Oct 26 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- Nov 1 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Dec (?) Christmas party? Date TBD

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

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

NEWS & NOTES

Attendance

?? attended the October meeting (count not available)

Membership:

As of November 6th. Nor-Cal membership stood at: 128

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.

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.

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.

Pres. Message (cont. from page 1)

. If I listed all the great help I received and what they did for me(us) it would dominate the newsletter. I hope to adequately recognize them at the next general membership meeting. I think the thing that pleased me the most though was the willingness of newer members to pull together with a few of the older veterans. I have a new respect for those of you that helped, and thank you more than words will ever relate.

For the new year, I hope you will continue to bring in your turnings for the member's gallery. The club raffle (bring wood and donations) will be in 'even numbered months', and the President's (Member's) Challenges will be in 'odd numbered months' and we will try to present speakers to give you a few tidbits on turning. And of course, the important social factor of getting to know each other better or renewing acquaintances should not be underestimated!!!! Whether 2010 is better than 2009 on a national scene is up to someone else, but as for Nor-Cal Woodturners, where we go, what we accomplish, and our club outlook, **THAT IS UP TO US!**

DECEMBER SOCIAL, POTLUCK DINNER, AND GIFT EXCHANGE

At our last general membership meeting, the response of the membership was to keep the Nor-Cal December Social event of a Potluck Dinner followed by a Gift Exchange as it has been done in the recent past. As a reminder of the event, which is on **Tuesday, December 8**, with an expected dinner start time of approximately 7 P.M. at our normal meeting location, we will divide the dishes as defined below. For newer members or first time attendees, you need to bring serving utensils for your dish (spoon, spatulas, forks), the club will provide drinks and plastic eating utensils (i.e. if you want something better, bring it) and paper plates.

.Main course dishes in the past have been meat dishes, chilli, vegetable dishes, lasagna, casseroles, etc., etc. Salads run the entire range of fruit salads, lettuce salads, etc., and deserts are deserts, cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, etc. Remember some sugar substitute deserts are appreciated by more members and spouses then you might realize. But please identify them as such if you will. We've all been to pot lucks so bring your (or your spouses) speciality. Remember spouses are invited, it is a family event but bring food proportionate to how many come. The club plans to augment the meat area by purchasing either turkey, chicken, ham, which is yet to be fully decided. I enjoy potlucks, hope you do likewise. And the social gives us a chance to visit with other members and their spouses. It also gives our spouses a chance to put a face with a name. I know my wife and I especially value the dinner one year when we were blessed to have Charles Brownold, a true gentlemen, to share a table with others.

The dishes are to be divided as specified below. If you have some speciality from a area you are not listed for, bring your speciality plus the dish you're supposed to bring. I guess one year, almost everyone brought deserts, which didn't make for a very nutritious dinner, so that's why we specify. We try to rotate the dishes by the starting letter of your last name. (And don't try one of those first grade tricks of changing your name to get to a different portion of the alphabet. My wife is all too familiar with that when it comes to lunch for her first graders. I think I'll have her dismiss you to go to the dinner line by who is showing the best manners and with the brightest smiles!)

MAIN DISHES: A - L

SALADS: M - R

DESERTS: S - Z

THE GIFT EXCHANGE

Note that you can come to the dinner without being involved in the gift exchange. But if you do not bring a gift, you will not be given a ticket to the gift exchange. The wrapping is critical. The object must fit inside a nondescript BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAG that is stapled shut. Hand the closed grocery bag to the gift receiver. They will issue you a raffle ticket. It is your responsibility to hang onto your ticket and your responsibility to receive the ticket when the gift is turned in upon your arrival. There will be no shaking, peeking, lifting, smelling, of the gifts after the gift is turned in. The gift SHOULD BE something you have turned (this is a turning club) or definitely something of comparable value to a woodturner or their spouse. Obviously the emphasis here is on turning. After the dinner, we will draw out the numbers of the raffle items. Bring your ticket forward for comparison to the drawn ticket, and then go to the gift table to pick the brown bag of your choice that is still remaining. Again, no lifting, the first bag touched by you is yours. Good luck!! I've seen some beautifully turned items that one can add to their collection. The tradition is to open the gift, identify who it is from, and describe the wood, etc. if appropriate.

NEW YEAR CHALLENGES

The president's challenge for January 2010 will take on a bit of a different format than some in the past. Some members requested a sample of what the President's challenge should be, or an idea of how to make it. And as my continuing effort to make this club into what you want it to be, here's is the challenge for January 2010. Make anything that you think would be a good President's Challenge! Write up the rules that you feel participant's should abide by. Usually a few simple rules is all that is needed.

. Examples, color, type of turning, embellishment, size, type of wood, no limits, very wide limits, and judging criteria. Make an example of what you feel would fulfill your criteria. And show it off in January. We will have three classes again, novice, intermediate and advanced. Prizes will be awarded in each class (assuming there is an entry) on a vote of the membership. Since we will need four challenges for 2010, I will have a committee select from all levels a fourth item in addition to the three class winners for our 2010 President's Challenges. Since they won't be my suggestions, should we rename it the MEMBER'S CHALLENGES???????

CLASS ON HARDENING AND TEMPERING STEEL DIRECTED BY PHIL MANNING

Our member, Phil Manning will be heading up a class on hardening and tempering steel on Jan. 9, 2010. The class will involve a demonstration of the steps needed to harden and temper steel such that we might use the process to make some speciality turning tools for our use. We will have O-1 round stock steel available in various diameters to make point (pyramid) tools plus another type of simple tool. The class will be at my house (Corwin Jones) so the class size will be limited to the first 8 that sign up and send us a check for the cost of materials, which we now estimate to be around \$20. We will repeat the class if we have an excess of signups. I have a jig set up to grind the excess material off the rod prior to hardening, and for subsequent sharpening. As of now, the class will be in Stockton, unless someone volunteers a more central location, but remember I regularly drive from Stockton to Sacramento. On my last return trip, the road was still open between Sacramento and Stockton also.

Auburn Library Gallery

Oohs and Aahs. That is what your turned piece will hear at the Auburn library in January. To hear that, your piece needs to be on the shelf on display. **Dan Clark** will be happy to collect your piece at the Christmas dinner, and put it on display. They will be returned at the February meeting. Don't let your first turning or your masterpiece be neglected. Put it on display. This is for beginners and experts.

Woodworking show



Corwin
Jones



Phil Manning

MEMBERS' GALLERY



Barry Hanna



Bill Flewelling



Bill
Flewelling



Corwin Jones



Bill
Flewelling



Corwin Jones



Craig Milliron



Dan Clark



Craig Milliron



Dan Clark



(un-named)



Glenn Robison



Holly Lovvo



Glenn Robison



Jay Richins



Jim Terrill



Herb Medsger



Jim Terrill



Jim Terrill



Phil Manning



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