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President's Message

Okay. So how should we start off the year 2010? How about with a big Bang! Okay. So now I have that out of my system, what comes next?

First, a reminder that this is the last meeting that we will be collecting bowls for the River City Community Outreach Program. Our vice president, Ted Young, is challenging everyone individually that he will match the maximum number turned in by anyone as his donation. Now that's a challenge that I admire, and the type of commitment that I really appreciate. Ted has really come through for this club this past year, so make sure you thank him for his efforts. And how about last year's secretary Martin Harris and the work he's done on our website. And Martin will continue improving our website this coming year. Thank him also for his coordination of the bowl collection program. Now do I need to remind you further, but PLEASE bring at least one bowl as your contribution to a worthy event.

Looking back to December's social, we had a number of nice gifts exchanged. The dinner was excellent. The social time seemed to be enjoyed by those in attendance. I tried to give Dick Lambert a hard time. His wife Melinda seemed to encourage me and indicated afterward that Dick is used to it. And Dick as usual was a good sport!! True, the event was not as well attended as some in the past. Was it the weather, or disinterest? Even a cold day here sure beats the weather that is occurring in much of the nation right now, so I'm not blaming the weather! Hopefully you've been doing some turning over the past 3 months as I'm counting on you to have a better than usual Members Gallery for the January meeting. Otherwise you might be stuck with listening to me more than you want. Also we'll need your entries for the President's challenge for the subsequent President's

(Member's) Challenges. For details, review the criteria in our previous newsletter. And, need I remind you, it is dues paying time again. Please send those in, so it can make our Treasurer's (Dan Clark's) job a bit easier and such that you might save a bit of your time by standing in line to pay your dues. And speaking of dues, our treasury reserves stayed about the same from last year to this year. Plus or minus maybe 100 dollars; however we did start off 2009 with a few more club assets in the form of a lathe (that was given away for the participation raffle) and a few more raffle prizes (turning tools) that will need to be replenished this year. We (all of us) need to continue to seek raffle prizes or donations from various sources. Woodcraft is giving the club a monthly \$25 dollar coupon for the coming year. When you visit them, please let them know you're from our club and that you appreciate their support. Also Woodcraft and Sacramento Machinery need to be thanked for letting us have club demonstrations at their facilities. Craft Supplies also gave me a number of coupons for their business, that will be used for prizes as the need arises. After the last Woodworking Show, Kirk DeHeer also gave the club a copy of his 2009 DVD by the title
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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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Miniatures, Hollow vessels & Embellishments		
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General turning of most types, Natural edge		
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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

The previous meeting/gathering consisted of the annual Christmas potluck. Your Editor was unable to attend, so there is little to report except what I have heard from several members who did attend. Their comments indicate a successful event making for an enjoyable evening.

NEXT MEETING

Free commentary by the members about how they feel the chapter has been going, should be going and how they would like it to go. An opportunity to suggest/develop committees and become a member of a committee or committees of your choice. Be sure to attend and be heard.

CALENDAR

2010 (Tentative?)

- Jan 26 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- Feb 1 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) 3410 Westover St, North Highlands (McClelland)
- Feb 23 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Phil Sargent: Natural edged crotch platter
- 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
Round Robin of tips and methods.
- 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

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'Sharpening Demystified' which will be placed in our library. It is 1 hour 42 minutes in length. I anticipate it will be one of our more popular videos to check out, so invite a few fellow turners over to see it with you, and then get it back to the library in one month so others will have a chance to check it out. As the cover states, it is "a complete and concise guide to sharpening your woodturning tools." Now for the January meeting, come with a commitment to sign up for some committee effort. We need to spread the workload and commitments out among the membership. Working together, we can proceed ahead. See you Tues. January 26, same time, same location. Corwin Jones

Treasurer's Report

Fellow woodturners. The Nor-Cal club is in good shape financially. In 2009 we took in \$6,880 and spent \$6,524. We start 2010 with \$3,892 in the bank. Thank you for your support.

Dan Clark
Treasurer

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

NEWS & NOTES

Attendance

?? attended the December meeting (count not available)

Membership:

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

On January 4, 2010 paid-up, non-lifetime, membership stood at 6

Mini Woodturning Workshops

Due to medical and family circumstances the Mini-workshops are suspended until further notice.

Empty Bowls

Empty Bowls Event - Last Chance to Contribute

January 24th is the last chance to donate bowls to the [River City Community Services Empty Bowls Luncheon](#).

So get turning and support a good cause. See the website for details.

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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)

Steel Hardening and Tempering Class

A group of ten Nor-Cal Woodturners attended a class directed by Phil Manning and hosted by Craig Milliron on Saturday January 9th. We each had a chance to individually bring a piece of O-1 steel drill rod up to proper temperature and color before quenching the rod in oil and then tempering the rod appropriately. We then either sharpened the item into a skew or point tool. Some made more than one tool, others got some excess rod to take home to try the process out at home. Craig's facility was perfect to handle the group, especially as it is equipped with ovens for tempering, etc. The event went very smoothly as it was the first time Phil and I had organized one of these events. We limited the class size to a total of 10 which proved to be a very workable group. We also brought a few turnings to review and to remind us of what we need the tools for. I have asked the attendees to bring the tools fabricated to the January general membership meeting for show and tell. Hopefully they will have had time to attach turned handles by then also. I currently have a short list of others that wanted to take the class this time, but were not among the first ten to sign up. Should others in the club be interested in doing this, I'll set up a sign up sheet for a future event. That, of course, implies that Phil would be available and that we'd again have a willing host. I think all attendees agreed that the \$20 was well spent for supplies and the educational value of the event. It always amazes me of the talent we have within our club, we just need to make the combined efforts to assist one another in our passions. Again, I thank Phil and Craig and all the attendees. Corwin Jones

ATTENTION!!!

LIBRARY MATERIALS

Please be sure to return any library materials (Books, Videos, DVDs, etc.) you have out. Check around your home for any items you may have forgotten about over the holiday period.

Trailer Storage Dilemma

The club needs your help to resolve where we can store the club trailer between meetings. The board is ultimately the one that will decide what to do with the trailer, but for now, any and all suggestions we receive from the membership will be appreciated. As you probably know, the trailer is where we store the club lathes, club grinder, extension cords, club tools, etc. It is hard to have demonstrations at club meetings without a lathe. But then where do we store it? The wisdom of previous club members/board/interested parties was to have the trailer pulled to the meetings, unloaded, reloaded, maintained, and stored at someone's personal property. As of now, we are looking for that SOMEONE that will take on that responsibility. Ideally, one person could handle the task, but practically it would be nice if we would could share this responsibility between several. One task is to find a suitable storage location, a second task is to pull the trailer to the meetings, a third task is to maintain the equipment, insure that all parts are properly stored, insure that the equipment is working, insure an orderly trailer such that several people would know where things are located, and periodically clean up the interior (make it ship shape). The storage location would ideally be relatively secure and in near proximity to where we use the trailer for our meetings.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AND

SUGGESTIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This is a call to all members on how we can resolve this challenge. Talk to any board member with your suggestions. Give me a call if you can help out in any way. If we can't find a better solution, our demonstrations may be few and far between. If we have to 'Rent' commercial storage space, that could have a major impact on our budget. Now is a time for several to step up to the plate and help the club out. Corwin Jones, Nor-Cal President 2010

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???????

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