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## President's Message

The Weakest Link!!!

Okay, so don't everyone stand up and point your finger at me at the next meeting!!!

The saying goes, a chain is no stronger than the weakest link! On the farm, if you could find that weakest link, tie the chain in a knot at that point and get by until it finally broke and you could replace that link! I'm so glad that our club doesn't function as a chain, but rather we have several dedicated people working in 'nearly' parallel efforts to work as effective as we can. I thank you, the members for your vote to allow us a couple more directors on our Board of Directors. I also thank Chris Smith and Craig Milliron for stepping up to the task. Also John DePiazza was back and walking good after a little hip repair. All three livened up our most recent Board of Directors meeting and volunteered to take on more active roles. John will be the liaison between the equipment committee freeing up Ted Young to have a larger role with the programs committee. Chris and Craig bring lots of valued experience to the board and we look forward to their positive input. Chris Fuchs will be handling the logistics of the president's challenge on the opposite months he's not working with Dwight Rutherford and crew on the raffle. Jay Richens will be calling our general membership meeting to order before and after the break. In timeliness of getting the meeting started, I probably was the weakest link, as I'd get to visiting with someone and before I knew it, I was late. Jay will also be the focal point for anyone that needs to make an announcement during the meeting, whether that be an officer, a board member, or other members. Brett Van Raalte, from our glue sales table, was also at the board meeting. He gave us some worthwhile ideas of other ways to enhance the products we might have available there. By the

way, all members are welcome at the Board Meetings, just let us know if you have an issue you'd like to address or if you'd like to witness what we do; we'll make room for you to attend. As Gerald Pierce reserves the room for our meetings, please let him know if you'll be in attendance, the issue you'd like covered and we will try to be properly prepared. I'll serve as backup to Gerald if he isn't available to handle your request.

As for accolades, what about the job of our treasurer. Dan Clark reminded me that just the forms for new members and renewals from last month would probably take him about 4 hours to get on the computer. That's 4 hours in addition to the time for other correspondence and board meetings related to the club. No wonder his emails to me are always short and concise (or is it because that's only how much information one can get on an Rx sheet?). Did anyone ever consider volunteering to assist our treasurer? Good training and a good back up for the club would be two reasons in addition to being kind to Dan. You'd think we have several doctors in our club from the penmanship on the membership forms.. A second person at the treasurer's desk would allow the time to review the information for readability and completeness. It would be a job that would be most helpful during the renewal time period.

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## Nor-Cal Woodturners

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## Mentors

LOCATION	NAME	PHONE
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<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>		
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, and/or problems with, 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!

## Mini Woodturning Workshops

A workshop will be held at Norm Hinman's shop Saturday, March 27. Up to three turners... 3 full-sized lathes available. **Sign up at the meeting.**

*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@yahoo.com***

*Proprietary names which may be included herein are for information purposes only, and no endorsement of any particular product or supplier mentioned or criticism of others not mentioned by Nor-Cal Woodturners is implied.*

# CALENDAR

2010

- Mar 20 - Steel hardening and tempering class.  
Arrow Springs in Shingle Springs.
- Mar 23 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM  
Dale Blue will discuss his Pedastal boxes. Jay Richens will do the same for his decorative bowls.  
President's Challenge: Make a Handle.  
Auction of pieces by David Ellsworth and Bob Rosand.
- Mar 29 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Apr - 27 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM  
Tips and jigs for easier problem solving.  
Raffle.
- May 3 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- May 5 - Super Wednesday at Craft Supplies USA
- May 6-8 - Utah Woodturning Symposium, Orem, Utah
- May 25 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM  
Program TBD  
President's Challenge: Make a Box.  
Auction of pieces by Cindy Drozda and Bob Rosand.
- May 31 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- June 22 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM  
Program TBD  
Raffle.
- 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 (Ice Cream Social?)  
President's Challenge: Turn a Utility Item.  
Auction of pieces by David Ellsworth and Bob Rosand.
- Aug 2 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Aug 24 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM  
Program TBD.  
Raffle.
- Aug 30 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J

- Sept 28 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM  
Nomination of Officers.  
Program TBD.  
President's Challenge: "Bowling Gone Wild".  
Auction of pieces by David Ellsworth and Jimmy Clewes.
- Oct 4 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Oct 26 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM  
Election of Officers.  
Program TBD.  
Raffle.
- Nov 1 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Dec (?) Christmas party? Date TBD

## LAST MEETING



Phil Sargent demonstrating how he turns a natural edged crotch bowl.

We were treated to a fine example of turning a natural edged crotch bowl. Phil explained his steps as he progressed through the project. Questions from the audience were answered as he worked. Since this type of project has a lot of "missing" areas, relatively high lathe speed is called for.

## NEXT MEETING

Dale Blue will discuss how he makes his pedastal boxes. Jay Ritchens will discuss the steps involved in making his decorative bowls.

## NEWS & NOTES

### Nor-Cal Woodturners welcomes

#### New Members:

(No new members this month)

#### Attendance

68 attended the February meeting.

#### Membership:

On March 9th. Nor-Cal membership stood at:

74

### 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. For the near future, at least, if you need some you may have to go to Bill's house to pick it up.

#### 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)

## Notes from the Library

New arrivals:

A Reverence For Wood by Eric Sloane (B457A & B457B) This is an entertaining and educational book about wood and its role in the development of American life and culture. There is a wealth of information regarding the characteristics of wood including a very useful discussion of wood movement. These two copies of this book were generously donated to the library by Ray Stanek.

American Woodturner on CD (DVD145, DVD146, & DVD147) This is a 3 CD set that contains archival copies of the American Woodturner, the Journal of the American Association of Woodturners. These CDs are for use on your PC. The first CD contains Volumes 1-8, published from 1986 through 1993. The second CD contains Volumes 9-16, published from 1994 through 2001. The third CD contains Volumes 16-21, published from 2002 through 2006. Not all material within an issue is included. Dated material such as the calendar, board election, auctions, most advertising, etc., is not included. A cumulative index is included on each CD.

Sharpening Demystified by Kirk DeHeer (DVD143) This DVD contains a complete and concise guide to sharpening your woodturning tools. This video has something for every turner at every skill level. Subjects covered include: setting up your grinder, choosing a wheel, dressing the wheel, accessorizing your grinder, techniques for hand sharpening and jig sharpening various types of tools, and hand sharpening a chain saw. This DVD was generously donated to the library by Kirk DeHeer.

### **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.

## Auction

Two pieces, a hollow vessel by David Ellsworth and a tea light by Robert Rosand, will be auctioned during the **March** meeting. Plan to bring plenty of cash or your checkbook with you.



David Ellsworth's hollow vessel

Robert Rosand's tea light



## Raffle Ticket Quandary

What happened to the free raffle tickets for the members gallery?

At the last general membership meeting, it was brought to my attention that we weren't giving out free general raffle tickets for those having entries in the Members Gallery! A detail that I wasn't cognizant of, nor was I fully aware of the history of how that was handled. After the discussion at the meeting, I called some people for their input, from those passing out ticket to reviewing it at the board meeting. The challenges of passing out the tickets and keeping everything straight and not giving two tickets to one presenter and none to others was addressed, but not fully resolved. Also the general concept for the participation raffle which seemed to help increase the volume of wood brought for the general raffle, the board's desire for hopefully increased participation in the president's challenges, etc. were discussed. Also your stated desire for MORE prizes for the Participation raffle was discussed. We all like something for nothing, but in the club there is no free lunch that I've been aware of. It comes from our dues. One board member suggested a coupon for a chuck to be given 3 times a year. My calculator kicked in and could see 200 to 250 dollars times 3 quickly comes to 600 to 750 dollars rather quickly. Our budget isn't programmed for that without a

significant dues increase, or a RICH Uncle!!! Next option, seems to be to divide xxx dollars by y raffles and give a coupon purchased at one of our local supporters, such as Woodcraft or Sacramento Machinery, both of which allow us to use their facilities for our demos. The board suggested that we pass the decision on to you. We will present 3 options for you to consider at our March 2010 meeting. Along with any decision that involves passing out general raffle and participation raffle tickets, there will be the request to have a few additional volunteers trained to do the distribution such that it is done consistently from meeting to meeting. Notice I said consistently, the issue of fairness is for you to judge and let us know your thoughts.

**Corwin, on behalf of your board**

## Dues Notice

Dues are now past due!

We are slightly ahead of last year's membership as a result of renewals and new members! That is the good news, but the other challenge is to get the remainder to renew in a timely fashion. If tradition means anything, the end of March has been the traditional time to end the grace period for paying dues on time. Obviously our club welcomes your renewal or new membership at any time of the year, but relative to rosters, mailing lists, email lists, etc. it is imperative for our efficient operation to get the majority in now. One fact that has escaped some members' realization is that the club requires each member to fill out a membership form each year. That includes those of you that think you are exempt from dues because you have personally witnessed the concept of 80 candles. We need the details. We don't like to send emails or letters to wrong addresses, and people do move and change phone numbers. Even the names of significant others change for some. I don't like to say hello Mary if it is now Jane, or if Tom is now Hector. I can stick my foot in my mouth enough without that additional concern. Besides, it's nice to see you wearing a badge because you're a member that I may or may not recognize, but at least the badge serves as a crutch for this tired mind of mine.

And when you fill out those forms, please take the time to PRINT the information legibly. Jones was always pretty easy for me to spell, although my wife received a thank you letter from a first grade parent with that misspelled this week. Makes her wonder if she can ask the parents to help their first grader with the spelling lesson. I guess that's why teachers need lots of patience with children. But as we all know, how we say, or pronounce words is also confusing. I have been puzzled for several years now on the correct pronunciation of my first name. As a child my folks always said (or at least that's what I heard) was phonetically 'core one'. It wasn't really until their passing that I got to thinking about it and asked several relatives and they agreed I was 'core one'. But my name is Corwin and should rhyme with Darwin so I'm trying to teach this old dog to say 'core win'. And either is fine, as long as I'm not called anything worse. Or worse yet, late to dinner. Thanks for your continued membership and support!!!

**Received by Martin Harris:**

**“My business is in Angels Camp, CA and I am looking for turners in my area to turn pens for me. Any ideas?**

**Thanks.  
Lynn A. Bartlett  
Owner  
Sierra Hills Stone  
(209) 736-4497”**



**MEMBERS' GALLERY**



Tom Castaldo;s natural edged Maple burl bowl



Tom Castaldo's natural edged Maple burl bowl



Tom Castaldo's Walnut and Cherry percussion piece



Jerry Thomas' spalted Maple ulu bowl with rim to hold while chopping



Gary Manning's  
bird house ornament  
of Yew, Olive and  
Pink Ivory



Martin Harris' Oak bowl



Martin Harris' Oak bowl



Gary Manning's Pistachio bowl



Martin Harris' Oak bowl



Dale Chabino's Walnut crotch bowl



Tony White's small  
box of Apple and  
(unknown) wood



Tony White's small box of Apple wood



Jay Richins' spalted Maple burl vase



Phil Sargent's long stemmed natural edged bowl of Walnut burl



James Terrill's tea lights: One of Walnut and one of (unknown) wood



James Terrill's Plum bowl



Jay Richins' Lignum Vitae lidded box



James Terrill's Oak bowl



Kevin Hinman's Maple bowl



Kevin Hinman's Walnut bowl



Kevin Hinman's Osage Orange bowl



Ted Young's Walnut lidded vessel



Ted Young's natural edged Carob bowl



Martin Harris' winged Apricot bowl



Phil Sargent's Chinese Elm salad bowl



Bob McClurg's Maple bowl



Craig Milliron's Redwood vessel (from a table that Tony white should have kept.)



Corwin Jones' lidded hollow vessel with turned and carved finial and stand



Glenn Robison's Peanut bowl of Blue Spruce and the Sunday Funnies

**LATHE FOR SALE**

42-24 Powermatic lathe  
 3 HP variable speed motor  
 Contact: PHIL SARGENT  
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 One year old. Retail for \$1200. Asking \$900.  
 Call Steve: 530/695-2720



Phil Sargent's natural edged wing platter of Manzanita burl

**Lathe for sale**

Delta 12" gap bed  
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