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NEXT MEETING



May

Note: meeting is one week early due to Mothers Day!

Sunday May 7th 2000 2:00 p.m. Sharp Crescenta Valley Regional Park Recreation Center (See Map on Page 3) □

PRESENTATION

Vacuums Chucks by Bob Devoe



CHALLENGE

Square Edged Bowls

Try your hand at this fun challenge. □

LAST MEETING

Bill Haskell conducted the meeting. He asked all first time visitors to introduce themselves and tell where they are from, they're turning experience and what kind of lathe they had. We had three new people and we welcomed them. He asked them to sign in and complete their info so we can get them on our mailing list.

He reminded us of the **Irving Lipton Collection** tour on June 13th, Tuesday, at 7:00 PM and urged interested people to sign up. Dan Hogan reported on the Old Pasadena Summer Fest and got a number of volunteers for various jobs. **Bill Kelly** spoke about the Maritime Museum Boat Project and our interest in turning belaying pins out of wood that the boat builders will supply. More on this later as this project develops. **Bob Barnes** and **Bill Kelly**, the assembly captain, reported on the **Fire Engine Collaboration Project for 2000**. We then went to our Square Edged Bowl Presentation by **Don Comer**. **Don** spoke of the techniques of doing square edged bowls and showed several he had made. He passed out a tip sheet and the presentation was excellent. Thanks Don.

Jim O'Connor won the candleholder challenge with his excellent hollow twist piece. Judges were Harry Chittick and Ed Hotchkin.

Belated Report on Spindle Turning Workshop By Don Comer

I got my act into gear too late for last month's newsletter but I thought those members who missed both the **Spindle Turning Workshop** on March 25 and the subsequent meeting would like to hear how it went.

I feel kind of sorry for those of you who were unable to make it to the **Spindle Turning Workshop**. We had about twenty-five attendees. I think that all the members who did make it will agree with me that we had a wonderful time. **John Tarpley** gave an excellent demonstration and we all learned something, I'm sure. **John** brought two **Vicmark** mini-lathes and **Steve Dunn** brought his brand new **Jet** mini-lathe. **John** started with a discussion of the general capabilities of the mini-lathes and some of the pros and cons of the two different makes. Then he demonstrated basic cuts used in spindle turning, explaining various techniques as he went along.

After **John** had completed his demo, we split up into three groups and took turns practicing what we thought we needed the most. There was a whole lot of skew work going on, and some pretty fancy bead turning too. Getting the point of that gouge down into the crease between beads is a lot trickier than it looks like at first glance.

I want to thank **John** for giving the demonstration and both him and **Steve** for bringing the lathes. Having three lathes available was a big plus. I'd also like to thank the guys and gals that hung around long enough to clean up and put away the tables and chairs. That took a big burden off of **Jackie's** and my shoulders.

Happy turning, **Don**.



John Tarpley doing his stuff. Picture by Don Comer

VERY VERY IMPORTANT

All Hands:

The Pasadena SummerFest Show badly needs your finished turning projects for display.

Please bring your best (2-5) pieces to the May meeting and get them to Dan Hogan. We are relying on you!

Thanks,

Dan Hogan



SHOW AND TELL

Ralph Otte showed a nice ash bowl.

Cal Elshoff had a platter made from a Madera floor tile (it's a maple fiber composite material) and a homemade, nine inch capacity, steady rest- for his Delta lathe. Very nice

Pete Carta showed his "short" long stem goblet 41/2 inches tall of walnut and a lidded box of rock maple with a lacquer finish. Both are very nice.

Linda Emery brought 2 redwood burl candleholders and 2 black acacia boxes. Good turnings.

Bill Haskell had a hollow vessel of purpleheart that came from a scrap of ship's keel wood. It has an ebony lip, carved band and wire burned lines, and a hollow vessel of California live oak that was rescued firewood. All very handsome stuff.

Carl Stude showed a copper candleholder metal spinning with hammer finish. Well done.

Jim O'Oconnor showed his triple hollow twist candleholder. It won the challenge - enough said.

Al Sils had a beautiful redwood burl vase with inlaid fused silver. Just great work.

Amos Thomson brought some of his wood hats of big leaf maple finished in lacquer. Nice Nice.

Curtis Thompson showed his Irish top hat of Brazilian pepper and a wide brim top hat of mystery wood. Both hats are still work work in progress. Very neat stuff.

Yo Takimoto brought 2 carved dishes, one in Sequoia wood and one in a Japanese wood plus 2 carved wooden spoons. Quite beautiful.

Sam Echols had a beautiful cedar candleholder with lacquer fininsh.

Wes Hall showed a plethora of great pieces. 4 bowls of unknown wood Deft finish, 1 bowl of red alder, Deft finish and 9 pens of various wood also finished in Deft.

Al Sils had 3 acacia bowls and a maple bowl. His work is always extraordinary.

Don Comer had a candleholder of silver maple, 5 inches in diameter and finished in lacquer. Very fine.

2000 GWG CALENDAR

SUNDAY MEETINGS (start at 2PM)

Meetings usually consist of announcements, a feature presentation, Challenge, Show & Tell, and wood raffle.

- June. 4 GWG Meeting Wall Thickness Measuring by Bill Nelson and Goblet Challenge.
- July 9 GWG Meeting Green Wood Turning by Dave Holzberger and Segmented Piece Challenge.
- Aug. 13 GWG Meeting Finishing Techniques by Pete Carta, Bill Nelson and Don Comer. Challenge to be announced.
- Sept. 10 GWG Meeting Elements of Design by Kevin Wallace and Plate/Platter Challenge.
- Oct. 8 GWG Meeting and Round Ball Challenge.
- Nov. 12 GWG Meeting Presentation to be announced and Xmas Ornaments Challenge.
- Dec. 10 GWG Holiday Affair /Auction auctioneer to be announced.

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS (start at 9AM)

May 13 None due to workload from Pasadena Fair and AAW Chapter Challenge. We highly recommend you attend the Marcolongo demo at the Orange County Woodturners

Jun 17 Chris Stott English turner

Jul 15 Ornamental Turning by Dave Wiggins at his workshop

Aug 13 Faceplate Basics by Dan Hogan.

Sept 16 Round Balls turning by Don Comer.

Oct 14 To be announced.

Nov 25 Hollow Vessels by Steve D'Arc.

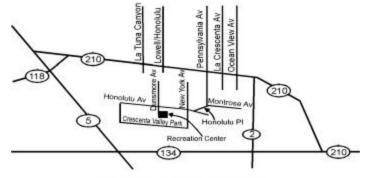
Dec None

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jimmy Murillo, Paul Nielsen, Yo Takimoto We're glad to have you aboard! □

HOW TO FIND US

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HOW TO FIND US ON THE INTERNET

- (1) At our Web page http://www.woodturners.org, and
- (2) An e-mail List for Q&A and Information exchange within GWG at (turnings-subscribe@onelist.com). If you have any questions please e-mail Harry Chittick at newspro@att.net or call him at 818-789-5290 evenings.

President's Column

An awful lot is going on with the Glendale Woodturners at this time, some might say too much. However, I think the kind of activities that are in process provide a good measure of the energy and talent our organization and its members possess.

Dan Hogan is busy arranging all the details and coordinating the various activities and member involvements to make our venture into the Old Pasadena Summer Fest a real highlight event for us. It portends to be an exciting event where we can showcase our talent and bring woodturning as an art form and craft to the

community. I hope you get a chance to see our display and demonstration at the event this Memorial Day Weekend.

The AAW chapter collaboration challenge project headed up by Bob Barnes and Bill Kelly is picking up real steam as we head down the stretch. A number of our members are doing some really exciting work that will, I believe, result in a phenomenal piece by which we will be truly amazed. All parts are due complete by our next meeting (May), and the assembled piece is planned to be on display at our June meeting, before being sent to Charlotte, North Carolina for the Symposium starting June 30th.

Bill Kelly, at our last meeting, introduced us to an interesting project whereby we will have the opportunity over the next year or so to turn parts (such as belaying pins) for two brigantine ships being built in San Pedro by the Los Angeles Marine Institute. Bill told us about the purple heart log the ship builders brought up from Guiana, South America that was 4 foot square by 80 feet long. What a chuck of Purple Heart! This log was cut in two to make a keel for each ship. Bill brought in several cut offs from the keels and he showed us some of the pieces he and I turned from this wood. You will hear more on this activity in the future, after we get through the two undertakings mentioned above.

I guess one could say there is little opportunity for moss to grow as the Glendale Woodturners Guild rolls along.

Bill Haskell

PRESS RELEASE: CALIFORNIA CLAY 2000

The opportunity Los Angeles has been waiting for. California Clay 2000.

Experience art and nature in full bloom as the glories of spring burst forth at the Los Angeles County Arboretum. Southern California's American Ceramic Society presents the work of 50 ceramists on June 17-18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia (Baldwin exit from the 210 Freeway).

Entrance to show included in Arboretum admission; ample parking. For more information: Arboretum 626 821 3222.

For Sale

- 1. Lobo Dust Collector Model DC-102 3 HP1 PH 2600 CFM. Very powerful, 4 bag model, 4" ducts. Nearly brand new. Asking \$375.00
- 2. Hitachi 15" Chopsaw good condition \$300.00.
- 3. Lobo Band Saw 24" Model BS-0242 cutting capacity 11¾x 23, 3 HP, 3 PH motor 2000, 2800 FPM, Foot Brake, 24 x 31½ Table. Full commercial quality. Nearly brand new. Asking \$1500.00.
- 4. 1800s pedal powered grinder. Still works, has a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft x 3" wheel. Great conversation piece or to sharpen an ax. I am asking \$150.00 or best offer

Contact: John Taylor (818) 241-5556 Johnataylor@aol.com

Sorby RS2 Lathe and Stand

Spindle 1" 8 thread, 24 inch between centers, 3/4 hp 5 speed - 250 to 2400 rpm 13 inch swing over bed rotating

headstock and accessories for large outboard turnings. Original purchase price \$2000

Used less than 6 mo. - will sell for \$1200 and finance if necessary.

Contact Ed Hotchkin (626) 795-7726 or edhotchkin@aol.com



Don Comer teaching the Sharpening Workshop Picture by Harry Chittick



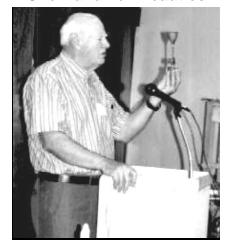
Ed Hotchkin and Harry Chittick judging the candleholder challenge



Bob Devoe selling wood raffle tickets



Show and Tell Beauties



Bill Kelly center stage with his goblet



Cal Elshoff showing Steam Engine Parts Pictures by Kathlene Sutherland

