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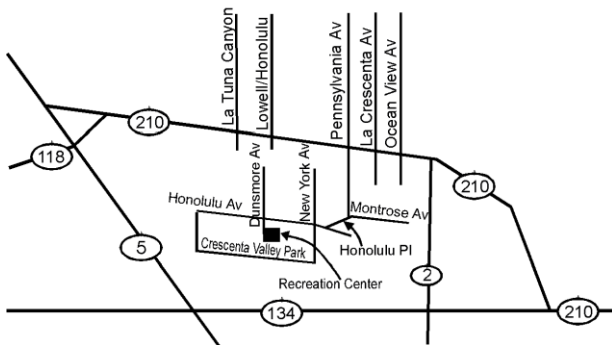
NEXT MEETING

August 11, 2013

Sunday August 11, 2013
2:00 p.m. Sharp

HOW TO FIND US

Crescenta Valley Regional Park
Recreation Center
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SUNDAY MEETING

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

August 11, 2013

Challenge: **Candle Holders**

Presentation: **Thread Chasing- Pete Carta**

President's Message

I was very excited when I got home from our July meeting. First we had many new members, 6 if my memory is any good, at the meeting. This is great as it shows that there is a continuing interest in woodturning



and proves that our efforts in the community are paying off. Second we had a very good turnout for the challenge, with many very fine bowls on display. Then, after break, **Chris Durkee** made a very good presentation on how to make a Doughnut Chuck. He also showed how to use it to make a coffee scoop. Thanks **Chris!** It is very satisfying to see the Guild growing and different members taking part by making challenge pieces and presentations. Our upcoming meeting will be just as exciting: The Candle Holder challenge is wide open to many creative approaches. Then after the break **Pete Carta** will put on his running shoes and make his presentation on thread chasing. For those of you who have not chased threads, it can be very aerobic and exciting, especially when you are not in proper form. Since we are past the midpoint of this year, let's look ahead. It is time to start preparing for the yearend. Please think about what you could do to help the Guild out in the coming year. There are many places where you can help to share the load of making our meetings and events happen. We will also be looking for ideas for the challenges and presentations for next year's calendar. If you find you have any free time in the summer heat, it is also not too early to start planning and making your Holiday Ornaments and gifts. I have had a few good

suggestions on ways to improve our members' skill levels. I would really like it if I could get a few more ideas on the list. By our next meeting I will have set the date for our tool making and sharpening day. I think that we might also be able to have one or two turning workshops prior to the end of the year. I hope that you all can find some time in your busy summer schedules to turn a few pieces of wood. Keep practicing and most importantly remember to practice safe turning.

Bill

Challenge

We had a very good turnout for the challenge this month and had competition in every category. We started off in the Novice category with **Mike Toth** and his bowl turned from Brownheart with a Walnut oil finish.



John Janssen brought in two bowls. The first was turned from Ash and finished with wax. The second was a segmented bowl turned from nine different species of wood and finished with Minwax Polyurethane.



Norm Leduc also brought in two bowls. The first was turned from Yellow Birch and finished with walnut oil. The second was turned from Cedar and finished with boiled linseed oil.



Harry Thy brought in three bowls. The first was turned from a Maple Burl and finished with carnauba wax. The second was turned from Cherry and the third was turned from Madrone Burl, they were both finished with French polish.



Willie Hamburger was the winner in the category with his Ironwood 6 inch bowl with a lacquer finish. The void was filled with crushed turquoise.



In the Intermediate category we started off with **Steve Cassidy** who brought in a bowl turned out of Orange with a friction polish finish.



Henry Koch was the winner in the category with his beautiful Curly Maple bowl. It was finished with a water based urethane.



Bill Clark brought in a natural edge bowl turned from mystery wood and finished with an oil poly.



In the Advanced category we started off with President **Bill Loitz** with his natural edge mystery wood bowl finished with oil.



Lou Hansen brought in a 5 7/8 inch bowl also turned out of mystery wood. It was finished with lacquer.



Carey Caires brought in two mini bowls and a pedestal box. The bowls were turned from Olive and the box was turned from Black and white Ebony. They were finished with Mylands and orange wax.



Carl Christensen brought in three "layered" bowls turned from Cocobolo, Birch and veneers. They were all finished with Maloof oil finish.



And the winner in the category was **Pete Carta** with his Oak end grain bowl. He also brought in a Maple burl bowl. Both were finished with wax.



He also was compelled to share his “ugly” bowl turned out of Fig. It had no finish yet.



John Janssen brought in a Maple burl lidded box that was finished with Minwax poly.



Willie Hamburger brought in a 5 inch bowl made from scraps of formerly turned pepper mills. It was finished with Lacquer.



Show and Tell

There was a nice variety for our show and tell section. We started off with **Ron Shaffer** and his very large Mesquite platter. It had a band of crushed turquoise around the edge and voids were also filled with turquoise. It had a salad bowl finish.



Lou Hansen brought in a segmented apple. It had 14 layers out of approximately 14 different woods and was finished with lacquer.



Bill Hahn brought in a pen and a bottle stopper that were both turned from Cherry. Both had a friction polish finish.



Pete Carta brought in a bowl turned from Podocarpus with a wax finish.



And we finished up with a teleidoscope and a kaleidoscope from **Bob Coleberd**. They were turned from multiple woods and finished with polyurethane.



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2013 CALENDAR

Meetings:

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8

Challenges:

September- Hollow forms

October- Mushroom

November- Holiday ornaments and gift boxes

Presentations

September- **Bill Loitz**- Acrylic color under leaf

October- TBD

November-TBD

Presentation

We had a very good presentation by guild member **Chris Durkee** this month. It was a sort of 2 for 1 deal. He showed how to make a donut chuck and a coffee scoop that can be held in the chuck. **Chris** gave us a very comprehensive five page handout, complete with color photos, with step by step instructions. His presentation was accompanied by a donut chuck that was completed and several completed scoops. **Chris** then donated the chuck to the library for members to check out and then use to make one for themselves.



The scoops were made from various species and then had a small mother of pearl inlay at the end of the handle. Sources for the inlay were listed in the handout. The idea for this project was from an article that appeared in American Woodturner, the AAW publication, in the August 2012 issue. The end of the presentation was wrapped up with some final thoughts such as; put masking tape on the scoop handle when it's in the chuck to act as a safety flag to protect your hand and fingers. And he also brought up different design ideas for the scoop like wood burning or chatter work.



Eli Avisera Demo

We had another informative demonstration by **Eli Avisera** from Israel on Sunday June 23rd. He made his signature bird and then his interesting long



spindle that is tear drop, bottle and goblet repeating down its length. He then turned a bowl, a "lady" pen, a lidded box, an off center square and finished up with a scoop. A full day with lots of tips and good commentary on what was going on. **Eli** taught a one day class to some of our members at **Bill's** house on Friday the 22nd and then was a featured demonstrator at the AAW Symposium in Tampa. It was a busy week for him!



Finishing Thoughts

Welcome to new members **Jim Schopper**, **Rick Setina**, **Jay Reidy**, **Rene** and **Taleen Abrahamyan** and **Harry Thy**,

The price of our *Anchor Seal* has gone up to \$12 a gallon now but that is still a very reasonable price. You can pick it up at the meeting from **Katherine Sutherland** back at the library table. If you want more than a gallon or two then send **Bill Loitz** an email or give him a call and he will bring extra.

Some input from our Librarian **Katherine Sutherland**: President **Bill Loitz** purchased 2 sets of AAW booklets for the library. Each book contains selected readings from the *American Woodturner* and includes the following topics:

- Safety for Woodturners
- Learning at the Lathe
- Practical Woodturning Projects
- Lathes and Turning Tools

We also have *Segmented Bowls for the Beginning Turner* by **Don Jovag** which will be available on the library table next month. **Bill** is also in charge of creating DVDs from our demos and he knows that we are eagerly awaiting the latest from **Eli Avisera**. Hopefully he will make a few copies (please, **Bill**) and we will let everyone know when they are available. If anyone has suggestions for books or DVDs that we should add to our library, please let us know.