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PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Hi Fellow Woodturners,

The last couple of months have been good to us, and to top it off, the last day of the Woodworkers Show we were donated another new mini lathe.

We are going to start the Mini Turning Classes on May 31st with two classes. Eight to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. We will try to hold the classes on the Saturdays following our General Meeting. Sign-up will be at the General Meeting only.

The Woodworking Show was a great success for us. I want to thank all the turners and greeters who volunteered and helped us at the show. We should get a lot of new members judging by the number of visitors to our booth.

Bring your parking ticket to the next meeting and get your reimbursement.

We need turning teams for our educational program so see Russ Swenson and get your name on his list.

The executive Board has approved the purchase of a small enclosed trailer for storing and transporting our lathes, monitors, etc. If you know of a good used one, please let us know.

Come out to the meeting on the 27th. There's always something to learn from the demo's.

Kirk

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS....

Ludwig Hintze - El Dorado Hills

Bryan Purdon - Orangevale

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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 Barney Oldfield for more membership information.

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CALENDAR.....

May 27, Gen Mtg, Hart Sr Ctr, 7:00 p.m.
May 31, Mini Workshops, 8:00 -Noon & 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
June 2, Bd Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Stubbs' Shop
June 24, Gen Mtg, Hart Sr Ctr, 7:00 p.m. June 27-29, 17th Annual AAW Symposium, Pasadena
July 7, Bd Mtg, 7:00 p.m. Stubbs' Shop
July 22, Gen Mtg, Hart Sr Ctr, 7:00 p.m.
July 26, Trent Bosch Demo, Stubbs' Shop
July 28, Bd Mtg, 7:00 p.m. Stubbs' Shop
Aug 15-Sept 1, Calif State Fair, Cal Expo
Aug 26, Gen Mtg, Hart Sr Ctr, 7:00 p.m.
Sept 8, Bd Mtg, 7:00 p.m. Stubbs' Shop
Sept 23, Gen Mtg, Hart Sr Ctr, 7:00 p.m.
Sept 29, Bd Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Stubbs' Shop
Oct 4, 1st Annual NorCal Picnic
Oct 24-25, Mike Mahoney Workshop
Oct 28, Gen Mtg, Hart Sr Ctr, 7:00 p.m.
Nov 3, Bd Mtg, 7:00 p.m. Stubbs' Shop
Dec 15, Bd Mtg, 7:00 p.m. Stubbs Shop

MENTOR'S OPPORTUNITY....

LOCATION	NAME	PHONE
Citrus Heights	Herb Medsger	916-725-3120
Davis	Charles Brownold	916-756-5010
Davis	Bill Flewelling	530-753-2664
Elk Grove	Mets Lerwill	916-686-5312
Fair Oaks	Bob Adam*	916-961-1275
Granite Bay	Tom Castaldo	916-791-7544
Sacramento	Leonard Klima	916-334-7218
Yuba City	Norm Hinman	530-673-5056

The Mentor program is available to all members who have questions about turning, Nor-Cal programs, and to get a better 'feel' for the Club. Check in with the Mentor in your area and get acquainted!

There is a Mentor signup sheet at the front of the room during the meetings for those needing help, check it ut.

* Chairman

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

1. The MultiClub picnic will be held at Vasona Park in Los Gatos this year on June 1st. This will be potluck - bring your own meat if you want. More information later, but reserve the date!
2. Be sure to get your raffle tickets early during the meeting. Tickets are drawn during the Show and Tell portion of the meeting and posted on a board. This saves time for all and allows those without winning tickets to leave sooner.
3. Rollie Bowns, Librarian, would like members to preview the new books we purchase and give a book review and/or show a turning from the book. Let Rollie know if you are interested.
4. Bill Flewelling has Greenwood Sealer for those in need. The sealer comes in 5 gallon containers and costs \$32. Contact Bill at 530-753-2664 to make arrangements for your purchase.
5. We have a members only Swap & Sell table at the meeting. Unload vehicles from the parking circle by the door, then move your vehicle to the street so others have to room to unload.
6. Our Club picnic is scheduled for October 4, at Rusch Park in Orangevale. Mark your calendars now to reserve the date!
7. The Mini Workshops are open to AAW members only. The first workshop will be held May 31, with 2 sessions - 8-12 and 1-5, and will be held at Kirk Stubbs shop. We are asking a \$10 donation for a session.
8. It is not too soon to be thinking about a turning you can make for the Christmas gift exchange.

Gallery Warning...

Fine Woodworking of Carmel in Carmel, CA owes monies to a number of woodturners/ woodworkers for items sold in their store and appears to have no intention of ever paying them. This appears to have been going on for sometime. If you are owed money by this store, please contact the Carmel Police Dept., Attn: Officer Robert Melton, P.O. Box 600, Carmel, CA 93921 with your information and documents as they may be investigating this as a case of fraud. Some are owed several hundred dollars, and others over \$1000. No matter what you are owed, if you are owed money by this gallery, please report it. The more victims reported, the more likely this is to go to the district attorney for handling.

To all others, please boycott this gallery until they clean up their business practices.

THE DAVIS AND AUBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY EXHIBITS

Here is a challenge for the Nor-Cal Woodturners. Both of the above exhibits are scheduled for July 1st thru July 21st. The challenge to the club members is to supply enough fine turnings for two exhibits in the same time span.

Please bring six turnings (8 if they are small) to the June 24th meeting. We will divide the turnings between the two locations - returning all of them to you at the July 22nd meeting.

The Davis Library has room for about 40 turnings in 4 locked glass fronted cabinets. This is the 14th year that we have shown the members work at this location and always to many admiring library patrons and staff.

This will be the 4th year for the Auburn Library exhibit. We have room for about 35 turnings in two locked glass cabinets. It is so much fun talking to people as I set up, that I am tempted to stay there everyday!

If you wish to see these exhibits, call Marc Gerardis or Charles Brownold for the Davis location and hours. For the Auburn details, call Dan Clark.

.....*Dan Clark and Charles Brownold*

CAL EXPO WOODWORKING SHOW

Twenty six people helped make our booth at the Cal Expo Woodworking Show a success! Some turned, some talked!!! There were many people who stopped and asked questions about turning and the club. Many expressed an interest in attending meetings, some were just impressed with what they saw.

Many thanks to our volunteers for their time and effort in the booth, some of whom worked all three days: Bill Flewelling, Charles Brownold, Sonja Lemon, Barney Oldfield, Bruce Friederich, Tom Castaldo, Ron Winterton, Jose Pantoja, Dale Blue, Dan Clark, John Hale, Nick Todd, Kirk Stubbs, Dick Lambert, Will Michaud, John Alexander, Jerry & Lori Wade, Barry Hanna, Russ Swenson, Hersch Roby, Bob Adam, Herb Medsger, Hal Svenningsen, and Dorothy Brandon!

THANK YOU!!

Trent Bosch Demo

Trent Bosch is again scheduled to give a demo at Kirk Stubbs' shop, corner of Matson & Sylvia, Sacramento - the date is **July 11**. (Snow should not be a problem at that time as it was earlier this year!)

Signups are being taken at the meeting or send the information to **Barney Oldfield, 11170 Meadow Brook Dr, Auburn CA 95602**, along with a check for **\$25** to cover the cost. Be prepared to pay the **\$25** when you sign up at the meeting!

You may either bring your own lunch, send out, or go get it.

Trent will talk, discuss and demonstrate on: How to prep wood, different grinds, what is good form?, carving, bending, sandblasting, different surface treatments, how to cut wood for best figure, and wood selection.

All levels of turners - beginner to advanced - will get something from this demo!

MEMBERS GALLERY

Bill Flewelling opened the members gallery by showing a very nice spiked ball in the cube-in-a-cube design on a stand; 2 ornaments of Almond, Cocobola, and Orange; and a turkey call of plastic, slate, and wood! The turkey call works great!



Jose Pantoja showed a Maple plate, a top for his grandson, a Cherry box with Ebony top, Oak and Sycamore 'flowers' (natural edge goblet), and 2 natural edge bowls of Ash and Birch. One bowl was turned green then dried and turned to finish, while the other was turned dry.



Phil Sargent showed 2 Sycamore burl bud vases and a nice Elm bowl with chocolate swirls in it.



Richard Leytem showed 3 very nice bowls: a Walnut bowl, Oak burl, and Spalted Tan Oak.



Jim Barter showed a small turned oil lamp with a stone mounted on one side. Can be used as a night light. He also showed a beautiful New Zealand Christmas tree bowl which had a very 'soft' grain pattern! A Red Beech burl bowl with a 'notch' on the edge. They were finished with Shella wax and Shell Cream.



Bob Hollingsworth showed a small Camphor bowl that was finished with sanding sealer and 3 coats of urethane oil, a yellow wood bowl with Bloodwood rim, a natural edge bowl and a Purple Heart segmented bowl (turned with help from Bill and Len). The Purpleheart started out with a Maple center and didn't look right. Making it all Purple Heart did the trick.



Gordon Nash showed a most interesting segmented bowl! It has 2 trains on tracks circling the diameter.



Barry Hanna showed a natural edge Sycamore bowl finished with sanding sealer. This bowl was turned very wet and warped a little in the drying process.



Marc Gerardis showed a Conifer bowl finished with sanding sealer, briwax, and buffed. He also showed 2 bowls turned from the same Walnut branch; 1 was natural edged and the other turned from the opposite direction. He used Charles vacuum chuck for turning the feet.



Woodworking Show Pictures



Bob Adam and Herb Medsger demonstrating their skills at the lathes. Bill Flewelling and Charles Brownold also command attention.



Spectators rapidly disappeared when we wanted to take pictures of them at the booth.



BOOK REVIEW...

John Hale gave the book review this month from a book by Chris Stott - *TURNED BOXES 50 designs*. He also showed this Seattle Tower Box (pattern in the book) which is a very interesting design and made from multiple woods! The first part of the book deals with tools, techniques, woods, finishing, and design. The second section shows color pictures of the boxes and how to mount and turn them with the adjoining page giving specs for the process. The last section is a Gallery selection of noted turners. A very good book for those who like to make unusual boxes.



Russ Swenson presented the second portion of the program. His subject was turning wet wood natural edge bowls.

He discussed various methods of green turning - rough turn and let dry, or turn to finish. Various methods of drying wood were mentioned - in a bag, microwaving on defrost setting, etc.

Using a circle template on the bark side of the blank when bandsawing was brought up. Safety first requires that the blank have a flat side to the BS table when cutting. A single screw or nail through the center of the template is all that is necessary to hold it in place.

The bark side is then mounted to a screw chuck with the tail stock securely against the 'bottom' of the bowl. At this point, make sure the wings and dips of the bowl are even in the chuck. Moving it around at the tail stock end should put you in the right spot. The outside is then shaped with a 3/16" tenon on the bottom. Russ cuts from the bark edge to the tenon. The blank is then reversed and the inside cut - also from the bark to the inside. This preserves the bark, hopefully! By using the tip of the gouge and undercutting just a little, the gouge won't skate, and the bevel will ride on the ridge.

APRIL PROGRAM RECAP

Our April program was two fold with Kirk Stubbs showing us how to make wooden spoons. After turning the spindle shape for the spoon and cutting it in half the long way, he chucks the bowl portion in a wooden collet with one 'finger' of the collet shortened enough to allow the handle of the spoon to hang free. The collet has a pipe band clamp to secure the bowl portion. This is then secured in a 4 jaw chuck and finish turned. The handle is finish shaped with a power sander.



The bottom of the bowl is left a little thick and the outer edge is turned to the desired thinness and hand sanded - with the lathe off. The reason for this is to keep the piece from oscillating when thin. Finish the inside bottom and reverse the turning on a stub of wood with tail stock drawn up to hold it secure and finish off the bottom. Use a piece of leather, rubber, or anything that won't slip on the stub.

Then came the piece de resistance! Russ showed off his latest 'rabbit ear' turning and explained how he did it. It takes extra clamps, duct tape, masking tape and nerves of steel to keep the 'ears' from flying off!

Thanks to Russ and Kirk for a most informative program. I'm sure a number of members rushed home to try out these processes!



Russ turning the outside of a green bowl blank.

Showing the tool he used to hollow the 'rabbit ear' piece.

below: The natural edge bowl Russ turned, minus the bark - it came off in the turning process!



INTERESTING WEB PAGE..

The following web page is a must for all our turners. Go to the Central New England Woodturners page: www.CNEW.org, then to Tips Techniques and Projects. There you will find a wealth of information on turning projects with detailed instructions and photos on weed pots, inside out turning, wooden hats, birdhouses, long stem goblets, mushrooms, spalting techniques, making tool handles, finishing skills, sharpening tools, jigs and gismos, sawing logs for bowls, vacuum chucking, microwave drying and segmented turning. Check it out!

.....*Bob Adam*

CALIF. STATE FAIR...

The California State Fair is just around the corner! The Spirit of Wood will be presented in building 5, Exposition Center. The building will be shared with the California Living/California Arts and Crafts.

There will be 2 divisions: Novice (beginners) and Advanced. Ribbons will be awarded in all classes. Advanced class will be awarded prize money, 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$75, 3rd - 50, and HonorableMention \$25.

There will be more information when I hear from our Spirit of Wood chairman....

Things you should know now....

1. Entry fee is now \$7.00 per item.
2. Number of entries possible is now up to 3 per person.
3. Entry receipt date is now July 11.

There have been some beautiful turnings on our Members Gallery table this year. Let's see some of those in the Spirit of Wood display!!

CLASSIFIED

Our Classified section is available to members wishing to buy or sell turning related items on a month to month basis. Please give your ads to Sonja at the meeting, mail them or Email.



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For Sale: Rockwell 6" jointer. Needs some electrical work and a small amount of reassembly. **Free** to the first interested party. Call Gene Kelly at 916-485-2374 or my cell phone 916-698-1129.




Nick Todd has the following items for sale at the General Meetings:

- Mineral oil - Two liter bottles \$5.00
- Bee's Wax/Mineral Oil finish \$4.00
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