



Nor-Cal Shavings

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President's Message

Greetings from the president.

Well here it is September already, fall is in the air, the holidays are fast approaching.

We will be nominating a new slate of officers for the up coming year and we need your input. Elections will take place in October and the officers will be installed at our Christmas meeting. There will be no November meeting as usual.

Last week we had approximately sixteen people participate in our annual "wood cut" at California Hardwoods in Auburn. I do believe everyone left with full vehicles and smiles on their faces. If you missed it we will do it again next fall.

We have a great program planned for you this month and next, but we are always looking for volunteers for future meetings. Your input is always welcome.

Congratulations to all of you that entered the state fair and most of all, thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the demos a great success.

I hope you all have had a great summer and are turning projects for the holidays.

See you at the meeting.

RUSS

Editor's Note

There was no August 2004 edition of Nor-Cal Shavings. I was out of town for an extended period of time due to a family emergency.

Pages 4 of this issue contains the July Members Gallery pictures. Page 5 contains the July Program summary and pictures.

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Calendar

Sep 28-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.

Dan Clark - Inside-Out Bowls

October - Nor-Cal display at Davis City Hall

Oct 4-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Perry's house

Oct 9-Picnic at Westwood Park

Oct 26-Gen. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.

Nick Todd - Spindle Turning

Dec 6-Brd. Mtg., 7:00 pm, Nick's house

TBA-Holiday Party, 7:00 pm, Hart Sr. Ctr.

September Program

Dan Clark -

Inside Out Bowl

October Program

Nick Todd -

Spindle Turning

November

No Meeting

December Meeting

Gift Exchange

Nor-Cal Woodturners

Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center
915 27th Street, Sacramento CA
Between I and J Streets

General Meetings on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Roster of Officers 2004

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Dues for the calendar year are \$30 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 Barney Oldfield for more membership information.

*Newsletter deadline is the tenth of each month. All submissions should be sent to **Nor-Cal Woodturners, Perry Kesterson, 2641 Maryal Drive, Sacramento CA 95821. EMail to: pdlk@surewest.net.***

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Mentor's Opportunity

LOCATION	NAME	PHONE
Citrus Heights	Herb Medsger	916-725-3120
Davis	Charles Brownold	530-756-5010
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	Kirk Stubbs	916-428-7099
Sacramento	Leonard Klima	916-334-7218
Yuba City	Norm Hinman	530-673-5056

The Mentor program is available to new 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 for those needing help, check it out.

*Chairman

Mini Woodturning Workshops

Mini Woodturning Workshops are normally held at Bill Flewelling's shop on the Saturday following the general meeting. The workshops are for six hours, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, with a break for lunch.

A donation of \$20 is requested for the workshop. This amount will be refunded upon attendance. - No show - No refund! Signup and donation collection are at the general meeting ONLY, on a first come basis.

Your instructor is Bill Flewelling. You will be using a Jet, Fisch, or a VicMarc mini lathe. Subject matter to be covered will be given at the general meeting when you sign up.

All NorCal members in good standing will be accepted for the workshop. Ask at the general meeting for directions to the workshop.

Announcements

1. Don't forget to return books and videos to the library! Others would like to check out these items also.
2. Be sure to get your raffle tickets early during the meeting. Winning tickets are drawn during the Show and Tell portion of the meeting and posted on the white board. This saves time for all and allows those without winning tickets to leave sooner.
3. For your convenience the Club Library and Treasurer's table will be open before the meeting and during the break. Out of respect for our President and other speakers, please conduct business during these times only.
4. Bill Flewelling has Greenwood sealer for those who need it. The sealer comes in 5 gallon containers and costs \$32. Contact Bill at 530-753-2664 to make arrangements for your purchase.
5. Don't forget our Swap and Sell table at the meetings! If you bring items in to sell, please unload at the door, then move your vehicle to the street so others have room to unload. Thank you.
6. Dan Clark will have club clothing (Sweatshirts, Hats, Polo Shirts, Tee Shirts, and Mock Turtle Necks) available at the next General Meeting.
7. Don Bradway is our Woodgathering Coordinator. Call Don at 530-878-9199 (home) or email at dbradway@pacbell.net to let him know of available wood or your interest in gathering wood.
8. Instant Glue (CA) is available for sale at the librarian's table at the meetings.

Chapter Collaborative Challenge 2005

During the 2005 American Association of Woodturners Nineteenth Annual Symposium in Kansas City, KS, the Chapters and Membership Committee will again hold a "Chapter Collaborative Challenge". This event will again be in lieu of any other chapter displays at the symposium. Each AAW chapter is invited to submit one collaborative work created by as many chapter members as possible, with a minimum of six participants. The work can be any turned object, functional or not. Assembled pieces may be larger but must be shipped in the single standard box. The names of all participants must be on the work or on an accompanying nameplate. At least one chapter representative must be in attendance at the symposium to be responsible for displaying and return shipping of the entry. Chapters must specify in which one of the following three categories they wish to submit their entry:

Artistic
Mechanical/Technical
Fantasy

For the size and weight limits and additional information, go to www.woodturner.org.

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## DAVIS CITY HALL WOODTURNING EXHIBIT

The 9th Annual October Davis City Hall Woodturning Exhibit will be from Friday, October 1st until Monday, October 25th.

Bring 4 or 5 turnings to the September 28 meeting. Items will be displayed in locked cabinets on the ground floor of the Davis City Hall. The turnings will be returned at the October 26 Nor-Cal meeting. The Davis City Hall is located at 232 Russell Blvd. Parking us in the rear. For more information call Marc Gerardis at 530-756-7933 or Charles Brownold at 530-756-5010.

# MEMBERS GALLERY - JULY....



Henry Meier - Segmented Bowl



Brian Michaud - Walnut Bowl



Herb Medsger -  
Small Red Oak Vase



Mickey Razy -  
Postage Stamp Dispenser &  
Small Madrone Burl Cowboy Hat



Mets Lerwill -  
Natural Edge Maple Bowl



Kenn Womack -  
Spalted Banyan Bowl



Barry Hanna - Buckeye Bowl



Bill Flewelling - Locust 'Thing'



Glenn Robison - Natural  
Edge Walnut 'Funnel'

## July Program - Tool Techniques

We had another great program in July. Five of our members - - Mets Lerwill, Bill Flewelling, Kirk Stubbs, Hal Svenningsen and Dick Lambert - - demonstrated various tool techniques. Each of these demonstrators put on mini workshops lasting about 10 minutes each. The remaining members in the audience were divided into 5 groups that who rotated to each of the five demonstrators. These small groups were great for teaching each of the techniques. Thanks to all for participating! Great job!



Kirk Stubbs -  
Spindle, Bowl and Roughing Gouges



Mets Lerwill - Chatter Tool



Hal Svenningsen -  
Soren Berger Hollowing Tool



Bill Flewelling - Skew



Dick Lambert - Scrapers

# MEMBERS GALLERY - AUGUST....



Barry Hanna - Sycamore Vessels



Herb Medsger - Walnut Bowl with Texture Rim



Kirk Stubbs - Fluted Vase



Ron Winterton - Oak Platter



Hersh Roby - Bird Houses



Tom Castaldo - Pictures of French Horn



Gerald Pierce - Maple Cigar



Phil Sargent - Bottle Stoppers, Bowl, Ball and Goblet



Dave Edmiston - Segmented Bowl



Malcolm Tibbitts - Segmented Cribbage Board

### Spirit of Wood

Well, once again, we survived the California State Fair. For 18 days, members of Norcal Woodturners took turns demonstrating behind building 4 on two different lathes. Approx 10,000 people had an opportunity to view the Spirit of Wood in a unique and casual setting. Len Klima determined that out of 100 people who visited the gallery, 14 - 26 came on outside and visited our demo area.

We all went through 4 boxes of wood donated by both California Hardwood and by Ken Womack. (not including wood brought in by individuals) Thank you very much guys. Spinning tops and small bowls seemed to be the biggest hit with everyone. Without the generous support of Ron at Woodcrafter's, the success of the fair would not have been possible.

I personally want to thank each and every one of you for a job well done. Being the woodturning coordinator for the Spirit of Wood opened my eyes to the many various possibilities we have to further promote our craft. I look forward to working with everyone again next year. Start making those pieces now!!!!!!!

***CURTIS TARPLEY***



### Woodcut at California Hardwood Products

Dan Clark organized our annual Woodcut on September 11th that was hosted by California Hardwood Producers in Auburn. Seventeen club members used chain saws and handcarts to cut and sort logs from species including oak, elm, walnut, olive, liquid amber and eucalyptus. When members finished cutting, we loaded up our pickups with a variety of wood for our winter turning projects. The day ended with lunch provided by California Hardwood Products. It was a fun event for all those involved!



# ATTENTION NOR-CAL WOODTURNERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

## COME ONE, COME ALL

### WHAT:

The annual club picnic

### WHERE:

**Westwood Park**, Citrus Heights, (new location)  
cross streets: Butternut and Tree Leaf Way. The  
park has a covered eating area with tables

### WHEN:

**October 9th, 10am to 3pm**

Sorry - There is a map in the printed version  
which cannot be saved in the PDF version.

### THE CLUB WILL PROVIDE:

Drinks, ice, tablecloths and hot BBQs to cook on.  
We will have the club mini lathes set up, wood to  
turn and the club tools. You may bring your own  
tools and wood if you wish.

### YOU SHOULD BRING:

Food for yourself and guests, paper plates, cups  
and plastic eating utensils

### DIRECTIONS:

Take I-80 east (heading to Reno). Take Antelope  
exit, turn left cross over freeway to Lichen Drive.  
Turn right onto Lichen. Turn onto Butternut when  
Lichen turns left. After about four blocks the park  
will be on your right.

### REMEMBER

**NEW LOCATION\*\*\*\*\*NEW LOCATION**

### Message From the AAW

The following message was forwarded to the Club from Carl Voss, AAW Journal Editor:

If your Fall 2004 issue hasn't arrived yet, it should soon. All copies were mailed September 2 from Fulton, MO, and each included a 2005 renewal notice and ballot for board of directors election. Ballots should be postmarked by Oct. 21.

Chapter sages. We're hearing good things about the feature of chapter sages or mentors (pages 44-49) who are so vital to 12 AAW chapters. If more sages are nominated, we'd like to publish his or her story in an upcoming issue. Do you have a worthy candidate in your chapter for this recognition? If so, please send your nomination to Carl Voss (carlvoss@msn.com), our journal editor. The nominations should be about 200 words in length.

Chapter spotlight. In the last two years, we have published just three "Chapter Spotlights," representing a gallery of outstanding turned pieces from an AAW chapter. (See the Summer 2004 issue, page 36 for the most recent example.) So why haven't we heard from your chapter? Three publication-quality photos from three or four members would be a great addition. For more information, contact Carl Voss. Chapters represented in this gallery receive three backlist AAW symposium videos for your library.

Other journal content. We continue to have a high interest in publishing projects (primarily beginner projects or gift/production items), stories and photos of unusual chapter activities, and other items of interest for the AAW members. See the AAW website [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) for information about submitting articles.

Thanks for your continued interest in improving the journal content.

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### CLASSIFIED

*Our Classified section is available to members wishing to buy or sell turning related items on a month to month basis.*



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
- Paraffin Wax/Mineral Oil finish \$3.00
- Sorby Carbon Steel Skews \$20-\$30
- 1" & 3/4" Straight Hollowing tools \$10.00



California Hardwoods has a special:  
12" Walnut, Oak and Cherry - 15% off this month



WANTED: Mini-lathe.  
Call Dan Clark at 530-878-0931



FREE: We have two empty 55 gallon steel drums available. They are left over from the delivery of green wood sealer and make excellent burn barrels, composting holders etc. They are located at Bill Flewellings in Davis at 530-753-2664.



### Upcoming Silicon Valley Woodturners Demos

October 17 - Andi Wolfe

All demo's are \$30.00 and include a hamberger lunch. If interested send \$30.00 check payable to Silicon Valley Woodturners to:

Herb Green  
1398 Medallion Dr.  
San Jose CA. 95120.



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**MEETING PLACE:** *Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sacramento*

**MEETING TIME:** *4th Tuesday of each month - 7:00 p.m.*