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## President's Message

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A big thanks to Bill Flewelling for showing us the basics of bowl turning at the February meeting. And thanks to all who help set up and clean up at each meeting. I would also like to recognize Dale Blue for the wonderful refreshments he provides. (He has done so unflinchingly for much more than a year now.)

The President's Challenge had good participation and there were a lot of really nice decorated bowls. See the section on the President's Challenge elsewhere in this newsletter. The only disappointment was that fewer than half of the members present voted. Next time, please vote for the entries of your choice; the ones you like best. You aren't required to critically evaluate each piece, just vote for the piece in each class that you like the best for whatever reason.

At the March meeting we will be demonstrating and displaying vacuum chucks. In vacuum chucking there are basically two considerations: one is the source of the vacuum, and we will have three different ways to generate the vacuum; the other is how to connect the vacuum to the lathe, and we will have on display at least three different ways to connect to the lathe. We will also connect one of them to a lathe and demonstrate the holding power of the vacuum check. There are also a number of ways to mount the turning on the vacuum chuck, requiring different equipment. We will display and demonstrate some of these. This should prove to be an interesting and fun meeting. Last month I mentioned that I was going to the

symposium in Arizona. I did, and so did some other members of Nor-Cal: Bruce Friederich, Paul Toth, Lloyd Shaw, Tyler Hosea, and Bob Hosea. While there, at lunch Saturday, we met Gail Wheeler who has since joined Nor-Cal. The program was great, the meals were spectacular (prepared and served by the culinary arts department of the school), and the facilities were plenty adequate. Ask one of the members who went about their experience at the Arizona symposium, and plan to go to a symposium within the next year. You will be amazed what you see and learn about woodturning. You will also get to meet some big-name turners. I met with John Jordan one-on-one twice during the symposium for a total of about an hour. Among others, I also met Tania Radda and found out about comp wood. I met and talked with turners from all over the country, and had a great time. Try it, you'll like it! (I also learned the "correct" way to peel a banana while in Arizona.)

Don't forget the open shop at Bill Flewelling's shop on Saturday, April 22. Arrive as early as you like (really, not before about 8:30 or 9:00 am) and stay as long as you like. For directions, call Bill at 530-753-2664. You can never be sure what will happen there, but you can count on a lathe or two being turned on to demonstrate a tool or technique; turnings to look at and talk about; and friendly people to visit with.

Rollie

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*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@jps.net.***

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The Mentor program is available to 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!

\*Chairman

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## 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.

## CALENDAR

Mar 25 - Open Shop, Bill's shop  
 Mar 28 – General Meeting, 7:00 pm  
     Vacuum chucks - Rollie Bowns  
 Apr 1 – Mini Workshop, Bill's shop  
 Apr 3 – Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Dick's  
 Apr 7-9 – Woodworking Show, Cal Expo  
 Apr 15 – Demo, 9-4, Irene Grafert (**Canceled**)  
 Apr 22 - Open Shop, Bill's shop  
 Apr 25 – General Meeting, 7:00 pm  
 Apr 29 – Mini Workshop, Bill's shop  
 May 1 – Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Dick's  
     May 6 - Tool swap at Woodcraft  
 May 20 - Open Shop, Bill's shop  
 May 23 – General Meeting, 7:00 pm  
     Basic Bowl Turning – TBD  
 May 26 – Ca. Fine Arts entry forms due  
 May 27 – Mini Workshop, Bill's shop  
 May 29 – Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Dick's  
 June 9 – Spirit of Wood entry forms due  
 June 15-17 – Utah Woodturning Symposium,  
 Provo  
 June 22-24 – AAW Symposium, Louisville, KY  
 June 27 – General Meeting, 7:00 pm  
 Jul 1 – Mini Workshop, Bill's shop  
 Jul 3 – Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Dick's  
 Jul 25 – General Meeting, 7:00 pm  
     Ice Cream Social  
 Jul 29 – Mini Workshop, Bill's shop  
 Jul 31 – Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Dick's  
 Aug 11-Sep 4 – Ca. State Fair (Ca. Fine Arts &  
     Spirit of Wood competitions)  
 Aug 22 – General Meeting, 7:00 pm  
 Aug 26 – Mini Workshop, Bill's shop  
 Aug 28 – Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Dick's  
 Sep 26 – General Meeting, 7:00 pm  
 Sep 30 – Mini Workshop, Bill's shop  
 Oct 2 – Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Dick's  
 Oct 24 – General Meeting, 7:00 pm  
 Oct 28 – Mini Workshop, Bill's shop  
 Oct 30 – Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Dick's  
 Nov 28 – General Meeting, 7:00 pm  
 Dec 2 – Mini Workshop, Bill's shop  
 Dec 4 – Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Dick's  
 Dec 12 – Christmas Party, 7:00 pm

## Demonstrations

**John Jordan** will be at the West Bay Woodturners on April 3. For information contact Clarence Kellogg at 650-969-1799.

The demonstration by **Irene Grafert** scheduled for April 15 has been cancelled. However, she will be in the Bay Area that same weekend. Contact Denise DeRose at [denise.m.derose@intel.com](mailto:denise.m.derose@intel.com) for the date, time, place, and cost.

**Bonnie Klein** will be at the Woodcraft Store in San Carlos on Saturday, April 29, and then at the Silicon Valley Woodturners on Sunday, April 30. For information, including times, directions, and cost, contact Bud Trapp at [o.trapp@ieee.org](mailto:o.trapp@ieee.org).

**Stuart King** will also be in the Bay Area in April. On the 14<sup>th</sup> the topic will be "Coppice Crafts" and on the 15<sup>th</sup> the topic will be "Hands on history of the lathe". The cost is \$40.00 per day. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a hands-on woodturning class. The cost of the class is \$108.00. The demos and class are in Sebastopol. Contact Julian Shaw at [jdshaw@sonic.net](mailto:jdshaw@sonic.net) for information.

## March Program

### Vacuum Chucks by Rollie Bowns

Come and see various types of vacuum chucks and how they work. There are several different vacuum sources and several different ways of connecting the vacuum to the lathe. These will be demonstrated and discussed. In addition, various devices for mounting the turning on the vacuum device will be demonstrated. If you have ever wondered about vacuum chucks, come and see what they are all about.

## Woodworking Show

The Woodworking show will be held at Cal Expo again this year. The dates are April 7 – 9 (Friday noon through Sunday evening). This year's show promises to be even better than last year's show, with more tool vendors than you can shake a stick at, plenty of free classes on a wide variety of topics, and lots of woodworkers to rub shoulders with.

As in previous years, Nor-Cal will have a booth at the show. We plan to have two lathes at the booth, and need four people to run the booth. Two can turn while two talk to visitors. We would also like to have some nice turnings to display (in an area out of reach of the visitors). Then the visitors can see really nice turnings, not just the unfinished things we make at the show. Sign up with Don Bradway (530-878-9199). The signups are on a first-come-first-served basis. Those who participate at the booth get free admission to the show.

As an additional note about the show, take either a lot of self-control or a lot of money. (Another approach is to leave all cash, check books, and "plastic" at home.) There are sure to be many tools, supplies, and other "goodies" that you just can't do without.



## Davis Library Turned Wood Exhibit 2006

Plan ahead and turn an item now for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Davis Library Exhibit of turned wood. The exhibit runs from May 1 through May 23. This is an exhibit where you get to decide what you want to display. You choose three turnings you want to enter into the show (four if small). The show will not be judged, and there is no entry fee.

Here is an opportunity for all turners – beginners to advanced- to display their work. Please bring your turnings to the April 25 meeting and give them to Charles Brownold. Bring them in a bag or box, so it is easier for him to transport them. They will be returned the meeting after the show closes.



### Advertisement

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## President's Challenge

The President's Challenge for February was to make a simple bowl and decorate it in some fashion. Seventeen woodturners accepted the challenge and brought bowls decorated in quite a variety of ways. The winners, according to the vote of the members, were (first place got a \$15.00 merchandise certificate to Craft Supplies and the first three places got ribbons):



### Advanced Class:

First **Bill Flewelling**  
 Second **Hugh Buttrum**  
 Third **Herb Medsger**

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all the participants. The next President's Challenge will be held at the April meeting and will be announced at the March meeting

### Novice Class:

First **Corwin Jones**  
 Second **Hersh Roby**  
 Third **Tyler Hosea & Bob Hosea**



### Intermediate Class:

First **Curtis Tarpley**  
 Second **Alton Gay**  
 Third **Kent Nelson**


**President's Challenge entries**

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