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President's Message

The entry deadline for the Spirit of Wood at the California State Fair is fast approaching. The entry forms are due no earlier than May 28 and no later than June 9. The information and forms are available on the web. Go to www.bigfun.org, click on competitions, and scroll down to Creative Arts. Spirit of Wood is in the Creative Arts competition. There are only three classes this year for woodturning: vessel; segmented; and any other. The entry fee is \$8.00 per item.

For those interested, we will have entry forms at the May meeting. We will also help you fill them out, and will deliver the entry forms to the fair office if you would rather not mail them.

Thanks to those members who helped at the Carvers Show on May 6 and 7. In addition to the demonstrators, a number of Nor-Cal members stopped by to chat. Saturday Bill Flewelling and Dale Blue demonstrated, and Sunday Hal Svenningsen, Gerry Pierce and Bill Flewelling demonstrated. In addition to seeing the turning demonstrations, those who attended the Carvers Show were able to see some great carvings and other hand work.

Be sure to stop by and visit the Davis Library where turnings by Nor-Cal members are on display. This is the 17th year that the show has been put on at the Davis Library. It is quite well received by the library and its patrons.

Rollie

Announcements

For the June meeting the President's Challenge will be to make a turning with wood burning on it. Turn any item (bowl, hollow form, platter, etc.) and do whatever wood burning design or picture you want to do. We will have the usual three classes (novice, intermediate, and advanced) and the winners will be selected by vote of the members.

At the May meeting we will raffle a wood burner (like the one we raffled earlier in the year). Be sure to buy your tickets. The wood burner will be raffled at the May meeting regardless of the total ticket sales.

Beginning with the May meeting, we will use forms instead of a single sign-up list for the Members Gallery. Fill out one form for each item (name, item, wood, comments) and put it with the item. This will help Norm when he does the newsletter.

April President's Challenge Winners

At the April meeting there were actually two challenges: a sphere with a minimum diameter of 5 ½ inches, and a bowl at least 5 inches in diameter and at least 2 inches high. In both cases the lightest item won. There were four entries in the sphere challenge, with the lightest weighing in at 28.3 grams. There were seven entries in the bowl challenge with the lightest weighing in at 7.3 grams. (Admittedly, the definition of "bowl" was stretched a bit by some challengers, but that is part of the challenge.) The winners for the sphere challenge were: 1st – Rollie Bowns, 2nd – Alton Gay, 3rd – Bill Flewelling.

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Nor-Cal Woodturners

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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 Perry Kesterson for more membership information.

*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

May 23 – General Meeting, 7:00 pm  
 May 26 – Ca. Fine Arts entry forms due  
 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 22 - Binh Pho  
 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



Bill, Rollie and Alton

Sphere challenge winners



Dan, Corwin and Charles  
Bowl challenge winners

## May Program

### Sharpening, Burning and Evaluation of Wood Turning

The May program will consist of three segments. In the first segment the Wolverine sharpening jig will be demonstrated. We are not specifically endorsing the Wolverine jig, but are demonstrating its use because that is the jig many members have and because that is the jig that Nor-Cal owns. If you demonstrate at a function for Nor-Cal (like the Woodworking Show or the Carvers Show) or attend a Saturday session, that is the sharpening jig you will use. It is important that members know how to use the Nor-Cal sharpening jig so that they can use it safely. Also, we can always use some brush-up training on sharpening.

In the second segment, we will look at some slides of some woodturnings that have been decorated or enhanced by wood burning. These wood burned woodturnings are by some of the best wood burning turners currently practicing the art.

In the third segment, we will discuss a set of criteria used in designing woodturnings. We will focus on the design elements of “curves” and “transitions”. As part of the discussion, we will look at some slides of some hollow forms and evaluate them based on these two design elements. (Note: none of the turnings to be discussed were made by members of Nor-Cal.) Come and join in the discussion. It should prove to be informative.

### April President's Challenge Winners (Continued from page 1)

The winners of the bowl challenge were: 1<sup>st</sup> – Corwin Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Charles Brownold, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dan Titzel. Thanks to the participants and to the membership for their patience while the weighing was being done.



Nick's Redwood platter



Malcolm's Mind Game



Glenn Robison's spalted Pine vessel

Alton Gay's spalted Buckeye hollow vessel



Barry's Multi-axis Maple Bowl



Bill Flewelling's colored Maple burl vessel

Salmander Bowl



Jerry Hall's Madrone Natural edge bowl



Glenn Robison's Oak vase



George Neal's tapered vessel

Jerrt Hall's Natural edge Mesquite bowl



Alton Gay's Maple burl bowl



Rollie Bown's "star" hollow spheres



Rollie's  
"Toy"



Dave Peck sawing a  
cutout for a marquetry  
demonstration piece

Bob Hosea's  
table leg  
candlestick



Bowl with  
Marquetry



Marquetry in a  
Frame



Challenger's  
Bowls

Marquetry on a  
chalice



Challenger's spheres


**April's meeting demonstration**

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