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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Well, here it is, we only have September and October meetings, the Christmas party and then a new year begins.

With that said, it is time to nominate officers for 2008. We have two positions on the board that will be vacant and have had no nominations submitted. These two positions are Librarian and Member-at-Large. Of course, members can run for any and all board positions. So, please give some thought to being on next year's board.

I really enjoyed Hal's deep hollowing presentation. Thank you, Hal, great job.

The Malcolm Tibbetts demo at Woodcraft on Sept. 8th was excellent. We had 28 member's show up to enjoy a wonderful demonstration, and did we ever get our money's worth. The demo lasted from 9am until 5pm. If you were unable to attend you missed out on a great woodturning experience.

Here are some of our upcoming turner demo plans. At the September meeting Peter Polt will be showing us how to make our own tools. At the October meeting Diana Jahns will be showing how best to photograph our turnings. Big name turners: Cindy Drozda is scheduled for a day long demo at Woodcraft for us on October 15th and then on February 12th, 2008, Jimmy Clewes will be coming to town for a demo. We are hoping to line up David Ellsworth in March, 2008. Then, we have Jack Devos scheduled for April 7th, 2008. Jack is a world-renowned turner from Australia. As you can see your board has been busy.

The majority of the big name turners charge \$700 to \$900 for a day, plus travel. This is the reason I have asked for a dues increase of \$5 a year. The dues

increase will be discussed at the next general meeting and voted on at the October meeting. The \$30 we charge to attend a demo by these turners rarely covers the entire cost. The choice is yours. The board is also working on a projector system for our meetings to improve the visuals for all attending, not just the front row.

Don't forget the President's Challenge! Turn something that will fit into a 10 3/4 oz Campbell Soup can.

Happy Turning,
Dick

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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 Mike Johnson 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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Mentor's Opportunity

LOCATION	NAME	PHONE
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Davis	Charles Brownold	530-756-5010
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Yuba City	Norm Hinman	530-673-5056
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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

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

Sep 25 – General Meeting, 7:00 pm Peter Polt
 Sep 29 – Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Oct 1 – Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Dick's
 Oct 15 (Mon.) - Cindy Drozda demo,
 Woodcraft Supply. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Oct 23 – General Meeting, 7:00 pm Diana Jahns
 “Photographing Your Work”
 Oct 27 – Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Oct 29 – Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Dick's
 Dec 14 - (Friday) Christmas party, 7:00 pm
 Date TBD - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's

NEXT MEETING September

Peter Polt Making a triangular point tool

Peter will discuss the ins 'n outs of making your own triangular point tool. Many of you have no doubt watched Alan Batty use one. Now see how to make one.

LAST MEETING August

Hal Sveningsen Deep hollowing the easy way

Hal showed us many of his special tools that he uses for hollowing deep vessels with limited openings.

Hal explaining the proper use of the tools he uses in his deep hoolowing.



MEMBER PROFILE

Irvin Anderson

When you grow up on a ranch in Texas, there's one thing for certain, the tumbleweeds grow, the snow falls and the wind blows. Every year the dried up tumbleweeds would accumulate along the fence line, and Irvin Anderson's dad would get rid of them by burning. Sometimes the fire would get away from him and some of the fence posts would burn too. Well, as a teenager it was Irvin's job to replace the partially or completely burned posts with new cedar fence posts.

After a while he thought about what he could do with all the left over cedar and started turning lamp bases that he sold around town. Eventually, Irvin moved out to California and worked as a Union Millwright all over northern California. He and his wife Doris, who have been together about 30 years, live in South Sacramento and are now one of the few original owners of a home in their neighborhood. He has dabbled in oil painting and ceramics, and would like to do more painting.

About 20 or 25 years ago, he walked in to a Woodcraft store to pick up something and decided to sign up for the Slim Line Pen class. He never looked back. He truly enjoys the exotic woods he uses and is familiar with many different woods from Southeast Asia, China, Australia, Africa and South America. He turns pens, bottle stoppers, money clips with wood inserts, perfume pens, key chains with compartments for toothpicks, cash or medicine, and the handles for magnifying glasses. Some of the pieces contain several types of wood. He figures he now spends about 3 to 4 hours a week turning. Despite the fact he is retired from the Millwright Union he jokes that to make ends meet not only does he have to stand on the corner

selling pens and pencils, he has to make them too!

He and his brother Doyle Anderson, another club member, have a booth each year at Apple Hill to sell their pieces. As a new member to Nor Cal, only joining this year, Irvin remarks on the kindness of Nor Cal members by mentioning a fellow wood turner who brought him a box of wood when they met at one of his sales.

I really enjoyed meeting Irvin, meeting his wife and looking at the exotic woods he's collected and how he's used them in his turning. Thank you Irvin

Katy Globus



Examples of Irvin's work on page 5



NEWS & NOTES

Attendance:

80 persons attended the August meeting.

Membership:

On August 20, Nor-Cal membership stood at: 141.

2007 Autumn Art Studios Tour

Phil Sargent's turnings will be on display in his home at 328 Cody Ct. in Roseville. The dates are November 9th - 11th, from 10:00 AM till 5:00 PM each day. Don't miss it!

Get Your Tickets!!!

(To be raffled at September meeting)

Michael Cox recently upgraded his studio with the purchase of a new, bigger and better lathe and bandsaw. (Congratulations Michael!) He has graciously donated the ones he previously employed to Nor-Cal Woodturners to be raffled.

The lathe is a Central Machinery model, 12" swing by 36" between centers and swiveling headstock. It includes a revolving tail center, a 12" tool rest and a 6" faceplate.

The bandsaw is a Sears with a 12" throat and 6' cut capacity. The head tilts for angle cuts.

Tsam Lerwill

Mets Lerwill's brother, Joral Lerwill, whom we all knew as Tsam, passed away Thursday, September 13. Many of us will remember Tsam as a person with a constant smile of friendliness. He always came to meetings with an imaginative turning or some innovative idea or tool to make our turning easier. He will be missed

MEMBERS' GALLERY



Malcolm Tibbetts' "Fortitude" of Banksia seed pod and Ebony



Rollie Bowns' White Oak wooden spoons



Phil Sargent's natural edge Birch bowl



Phil Sargent's bowl on a pedestal



Phil Sargent's vase



Mike Johnson's pens



Rollie Bowns' "The Big Squeeze"



Bruce Friederich's Claro Walnut salad bowl



Rollie Bowns' carved Walnut bowl



Bruce Friederich's Claro Walnut bowl



Bruce Friederich's Mixed Wood bowl



Glenn Robison's Madrone vase



Bill Flewelling's Honey-locust turning with an internal turning



Dale Blue's Sycamore platter



Bill Flewelling's Honey-locust multi-centered turning



Kenn Womack's Natural-edged Maple Bowl



Dale Blue's six bird-house ornaments



Kenn Womack's Oak burl bowl



Kenn Womack's Rosewood bowl



Jim Terrill's bowl with lid



Tom Castaldo's Walnut bowl



Two lovely pens by unknown turner



Jim Terrill's Madrone burl bowl



Ted Young's two Camphor bowl

PROMOTIONS

Cindy Drozda

October 15 - Cindy Drozda, an extremely talented turner from Boulder, Colorado, will demonstrate her prowess with the skew and the gouge for the Nor-Cal Woodturners. This will be held at Woodcraft Supply, 9545 Folsom Blvd. She will begin at 9:00 AM and go to 4:00 PM with a break for lunch



Ted Young's Hummingbird feeder



Phil Manning's bowl of (perhaps) Walnut wood



Corwin Jones' African Sumac vessel



Cindy Drozda's lidded vessel with a 'trademark' finial. (Photo: courtesy Cindy Drozda website.)

Jimmy Clewes

Tuesday, February 12, Jimmy Clewes, world renowned turner from England will be in Sacramento to demonstrate his turning techniques for Nor-Cal Woodturners. At this point, the exact venue has not been determined but we are hoping to secure the use of the classroom at Woodcraft Supply on Folsom Blvd.

Jack DeVoe

In April, 2008, Jack DeVoe, from Australia will honor us with a demonstration of his woodturning style and technique.

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