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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Well, here it is October already. The year has really gone fast for me.

We just have our October meeting, no meeting in November and then the Christmas party on December 14th.

At the October meeting we will decide whether or not to raise the dues by \$5.00, elect officers for the 2008 Board of Directors, and have an instructive program on how to photograph your turnings.

We will be judging the President's Challenge, "something that will fit in a 10 ½ oz. Campbell's Soup can". I am hoping for a lot of participation from our membership.

We are still looking for a few members to serve on the board and to help out at our meetings. Please give some thought to volunteering your help.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our October 23rd meeting.

Happy Turning,

Dick

NEXT MEETING

October

Diana Jahns, painter/photographer from Davis, will be discussing, and demonstrating, procedures we can use to photograph our work and thus show it in it's best light. Don't miss this eye-opening event.

LAST MEETING

September

Peter Polt discussed, along with a series of slides, methods of making one's own woodturning tools. Included were the processes required to properly temper the steel. Proper tempering ensures the tool will take and hold a sharp edge but not be so hard (brittle) that breaking is a hazard. Thank you, Peter



Peter showing the use of his triangular tool

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Nor-Cal Woodturners

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

Roster of Officers 2007

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- Wood Gather:** (No-one currently.)

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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|----------------|------------------|--------------|
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| Granite Bay | Tom Castaldo | 916-791-7544 |
| Yuba City | Norm Hinman | 530-673-5056 |
| Roseville | Phil Sargent | 916-789-1172 |

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

2007

- 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

2008

(Tentative and unconfirmed)

- Jan 22 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Jan 26 - Mini Workshop, Bill’s shop
 Jan 29 - Board Meeting 7:00 PM
 Feb 12 - Jimmy Clewes demo, time and place
 TBD
 Feb 26 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Mar 1 - Mini Workshop, Bill’s shop
 Mar 3 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Mar 25 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Mar 29 - Mini Workshop, Bill’s shop
 Mar 31 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Apr ?? - Jack DeVos demo Time and place TBD
 Apr 22 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Apr 26 - Mini Workshop, Bill’s shop
 Apr 28 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
 May 27 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 June 2 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
 June 24 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 June 28 - Mini Workshop, Bill’s shop
 June 30 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
 July 22 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 July 26 - Mini Workshop, Bill’s shop
 July 28 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Aug 26 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Aug 30 - Mini Workshop, Bill’s shop
 Sept 2 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Sept 23 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Sept 27- Mini Workshop, Bill’s shop
 Sept 29 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Oct - 28 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Nov 1 - Mini Workshop, Bill’s shop
 Nov 3 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
 TBD - Christmas Party, Time - TBD

PROMOTIONS

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.



Some examples of Jimmy’s work. (Courtesy of Jimmy Clewes’ website.)

Jack DeVoe

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

MEMBER PROFILE

It's unusual in California, to meet someone who's actually from "here" but

Everett Beckwith has lived over 70 years in this part of the Sacramento Valley. He currently lives in West Sac with his wife of 35 years, Joyce, about 20 miles as the crow flies from where he was born in Woodland.

Everett left home when he was 15 or so and stretched the truth about his age to get on with a construction labor union. Apprenticeships, along with employment practices were a little different then. If he could do the work, he could have the job, and while the crane operator was eating lunch, Everett could learn how to operate a crane. He worked locally with the Operating Engineers Union as a crane operator on a variety of projects, including the State Capital and retired after 40 years.

With retirement, he began doing some general wood working with a Shop Smith. The process, expense and space required for projects were a limitation to the hobby. So in '88 or '89 he began to turn and has turned some almost every day for years. He was one of the earlier members of the Norcal group.

He likes to turn hollow vessels, and prefers a soft more natural finish to his pieces. He now works on a One Way lathe has produced hundreds of turnings including fluted bowls, deep, narrow hollow forms, large shallow bowls and larger pieces. He can turn out over 300 pieces a year. He doesn't sell his work, but displays them in home, bags them in his garage and stores them in the shop.

If you go over to Everett Beckwith at the next meeting, don't be surprised if he's not the most talkative guy. He lets his work speak for him. Although I couldn't convince him to bring any of his work to the October meeting, I think if you gave him a call, he'd be happy to share some of his experience with you.

Thanks, Everett, for an enjoyable afternoon.

Katy

NEWS & NOTES

Hal Sveningsen

We were saddened in late September when Hal passed away, leaving us with a hollow feeling of "how can that be? He was just here with us a few days ago".

Attendance:

91 persons attended the September meeting.

Membership:

On September 21, Nor-Cal membership stood at: **143.**

Cindy Drozda

On Tuesday, October 15, Cindy demonstrated her skill at making very fine finials and lidded containers. A small container from a Banksia seed pod with an exquisite finial concluded her performance.

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 October meeting)

Michael Cox has graciously donated the lathe and band saw he replaced 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.

MEMBERS' GALLERY



Dale Blue's Camphor bowl



Dale Blue's Pear wood dish



Mike Johnson's wine bottle stoppers



Herb Medsger Mulberry bowl



Dal Blue's Mahogany platter



Herb Medsger's Chinese Tallow bowl with lid



Herb Medsger's Honey Locust bowl



Dick Leytem's lidded bowl (wood not listed)



Dick Leytem's bowl (wood not listed)



Dick Leytem's bowl (wood not listed)



Herb Medsger's Persimmon vessel



Jerry Hall's natural edged bowl (wood not listed)



Jerry Hall's hollow form with natural edge
(wood not listed)



Three candle holders by Glenn Robison

Redwood

Cork Oak

Mahogany



Jerry Hall's natural edged bowl (wood not listed)

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Jerry Hall's pointers (various unlisted woods)

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