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President's Message

Hi Everyone

Well, it's that busy time of the year. The kids and grandkids are out of school. The summer heat has arrived and I only turn wood early in the morning while my garage is still cool.

At last month's meeting our new projector was used for the first time along with our laptop computer. The new equipment worked really well. Even the folks sitting in the back could see what was going on. We have the ability to hook the new equipment up to our camera system. We are still learning how to operate the equipment, so please cut us some slack as we get it all figured out.

As most of you know, Mike Johnson has resigned his position as Treasurer on the Board due to family commitments. Mike has done an outstanding job for us, and we will really miss his input. I thank you, Mike, for all of your help and most excellent work.

Many thanks go to Dan Clark, who has volunteered to step in for Mike as Treasurer for the remainder of 2008. Dan is a past Treasurer and knows the system. Welcome aboard Dan and I am looking forward to working with you again.

The Judy Ditmer demo is coming up on August 23rd. You can turn your checks in to Katy Globus at the next meeting.

I was really gratified to see the high level of participation in the last President's Challenge. There were many outstanding entries.

This month we have our Ice Cream Social. Bring spouses, significant others, etc., all are welcome. Look forward to a fun evening. We will have 3 lathes to dispose of at the meeting. (raffle and silent auction) I will have the Rikon at the meeting. The two Jet lathes will be at Bill Flewelling's house for the winner's to pick up.

Be sure to bring in a turning (one per person) to be photographed for our calendar project. The item can be anything you have turned within the last fifty years is acceptable. The items will be photographed that night and returned. I am hoping for a lot of participation.

I hope to see everyone on the 22nd at the Ice Cream Social.

Happy Turning,

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Dues for the calendar year are \$35 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 Dan Clark 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
Auburn	Dan Clark	530-878-0931
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Davis	Charles Brownold	530-756-5010
Davis	Bill Flewelling	530-753-2664
Fair Oaks	Bob Adam*	916-961-1275
Granite Bay	Tom Castaldo	916-791-7544
Roseville	Phil Sargent	916-789-1172
Yuba City	Norm Hinman	530-673-5056

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

July 22 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM Ice Cream Social
 July 26 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 July 28 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 Aug 15 - Sept. 1 - Calif. State Fair
 Aug 23 - Judy Ditmer demo. Sacramento Machinery 9:)) - 4:00
 Aug 26 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM Russ Swenson - Rose Engine lathe
 Aug 30 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Sept 2 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 Sept 23 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM Walt Thies (Corvallis, OR) - Mushrooms, ornaments
 Sept 27- Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Sept 29 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 Oct - Nor-Cal display. Davis City Hall (13th.)
 Oct - 28 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Nov 1 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Nov 3 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Dick's
 Nov 9 - Bob Rosand demo (date unconfirmed)
 TBD - Christmas Party, Time - 7:00 PM
 TBD - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, (venue TBD)

2009

Jan 9 - Betty Scarpino demo (date unconfirmed)
 Mar 16 - David Ellsworth demo
 Fall, 2009 - Todd Hoyer and Hayley Smith demos
 (Dates not yet established)

AREA GALLERIES

(There are currently no Nor-Cal associated gallery displays in place.)

PROMOTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Judy Ditmer, renowned woodturner from Piqua, Ohio, will spend Saturday, August 23, demonstrating her skill with the gouge and the skew. She makes nicely decorated bowls, as well as many smaller items such as children's tops, candle holders, etc. This is a week-end day, so put it on your calendar and don't miss it.



(Photo courtesy Judy Ditmer website)

NEXT MEETING

The July meeting will be the ice cream social. No business will be conducted. There will be no Members' Gallery. However... three (3) lathes will be available for some persons to become owners of . Two by raffle, and one by silent auction.

LAST MEETING

Don Bradway gave (what I considered) a superb discussion, with an appropriate computer-produced slide-type show of safety do's and don'ts. In so doing, he also demonstrated how much the chapter's newly purchased projector enhances the ability of everyone in the audience to see demonstrations and other visual aspects of meetings.

NEWS & NOTES

Nor-Cal Woodturners extends a warm welcome to all new members:

Attendance:

58 persons attended last month's meeting.

Membership:

As of July 16, Nor-Cal membership stood at: **137**.

Membership Renewal

Don't forget that renewal time is here. You can mail your check to Dan Clark at:

5250 Morningside Ave, Auburn, CA 95602

or

you can bring payment to the meeting. Checks are convenient. If you pay by cash, be sure to tell him who you are, and see that he has the chance to record who you are. (Sometime he finds money laying on the table and doesn't even see who put it there.)

New Treasurer

Mike Johnson, citing additional family time commitments with their new son, resigned his position of Nor-Cal Treasurer at the June meeting. Dan Clark, a former Nor-Cal Treasurer, volunteered for nomination, and was elected by acclimation of the members present.

California State Fair

Be sure to mark your calendar with bright red asterisks in the squares containing Friday, August 15, through Monday, September 1. "Why?", you ask. Those are the dates of the **State Fair**. Well in advance of those dates, however, get those fine turnings ready and finished for entry into the appropriate categories so they can win those ribbons for you. For information, check into:

http://www.bigfun.org/fair/Competitions/competition_information.asp

RAFFLE ITEMS **GET YOUR TICKETS!!!**

Ticket sales for the **Rikon mini-lathe** began at the April meeting and continue through the July meeting (Ice cream social) when the winning ticket (it could be one which you purchased, but only if you have purchased some) will be drawn.

In addition, to the **Rikon mini-lathe** listed above, one of the clubs **Jet mini-lathes** will also be raffled off at the July meeting. In further addition, a second one of the clubs **Jet mini-lathes** will be sold by **silent auction**. The minimum starting bid for this lathe will be \$50.



Rikon lathe... in, and (almost) out, of the box

Special Interest Workshops

NorCal Woodturners would like to develop a series of workshops for its members that will allow beginner and seasoned turners the opportunity to learn new techniques through completion of hands-on projects. This is also a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience by teaching a class.

Here are the classes we are trying to schedule in the coming months.

Class	Date	Time	Location	Instructor
Off-Center Turning	June ??	TBD	TBD	TBD
Pen Turning	July ??	TBD	Mike Johnson's Shop	Mike Johnson
Segmented Turning	July ??	TBD	TBD	TBD

Green Wood Turning, Future date(s) TBD. Norm Hinman will teach a full day class on green wood turning. He'll cover preparing blanks from logs, tool sharpening and usage, rough turning, how to dry the turning, how to re-turn the dried item and finishing. Norm will be teaching this class at his shop. Future classes may be scheduled if interest is shown. Contact Norm Hinman or Mike Johnson if you are interested.

Off Center Turning, Date TBD We are still looking for someone to teach a one-day class on off-center turning. If you are interested in teaching or participating in this class. Let Mike Johnson know.

Segmented Turning, Date TBD We also need an instructor to teach a class on segmented turning. Since some segmented projects could last months, we are looking for someone to teach a project which would cover the basic techniques involved and that could be completed in one or two sessions. Much of the prep work would have to be done in each participant's own shop prior to and after each class. If you are interested in teaching or participating, please let Mike Johnson know

Pen Turning, Date July TBD. Mike Johnson will be teaching a class on pen turning. He will cover the basics of the equipment used, preparation of pen blanks, turning the blanks and finishing. He will walk participants through the construction of two different types of pens. There may be a fee to cover necessary pen turning equipment and pen kits, which the participants will get to take home with them. Let Mike know if you are interested in this class.

As interest builds for these types of classes, we will be adding more of them to the calendar. If you have any suggestions, please let Mike know.

If you have an interest in teaching or have a shop we can use, again let Mike Johnson know, he is building a list.

Mike Johnson (916) 419-4646
Norm Hinman (530) 673-5056

President's Challenge Winners

(Turning an object from plywood)

Novice



Tyler Hosea
3rd. place



Jack Shimasaki
2nd. place



Gerry Anderson
1st. place

Intermediate



Alton Gay
3rd. place



Dan Clark
2nd. place



Bob Hosea
1st. place

Advanced

MEMBERS' GALLERY



Mets Lerwil
3rd.place



Dan Clark's
inside-out
lamp



Everett
Beckwith
(Not pictured)
2nd. place



Dan Clark's
illustrative
stage of
inside-out
turning



Bill Flewelling
1st. place



Dan Clark's inside-out bowl with 8 pieces



Russ Swenson's mortar and pestle



Herb Medsger's
dye'd Walnut bowl



Dan Clark's cheese/dip platter



Mets Lerwil's
Alder box



Mike Johnson's bottle stoppers and pen



Mets Lerwil's
Walnut box




Mets Lerwil's
Pistachio enclosed vessel

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