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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

What a busy time for me since my last President's message.

We started out with a well attended Ice Cream Social. The club gave away three lathes; two by raffle and one by auction. I think that everyone went home full of ice cream and good cheer.

I have had to back away from turning this last month as August 15th was my 70th birthday and a very big party was held to celebrate this milestone. Needless to say, a lot extra work was done around the house. We had about 75 friends and relatives over.

We will have had Judy Ditmer here in town on August 23rd at Sacramento Machinery. I anticipate good participation from our membership. She has a lot to show us and I know that I am eager to learn.

The August meeting is when we will have to start lining up members to run for positions to serve on the Board. If you have an interest in helping run the club, now is the time to step forward. A club like ours is only as good as those who are willing to donate their time and effort, so please step up. My two years as President has been very rewarding to me. There were some sad moments, the passing of Hal Svenningsen, Burt Fortier and Dick Krause.. Besides the job of President, other happy rewards were the making of new friends, meeting and talking with our visiting demonstrators and other clubs we collaborated with, and of course working with your Board to find ways to better the club experience. Any "job" on the Board of Directors can be most

rewarding.

So, may all your cuts be true and your sanding time short.

Happy Turning,
Dick

AREA GALLERIES

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

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Nor-Cal Woodturners

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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
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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

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)

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

Russ Swenson will hold sway with a discussion of and display pieces showing what can be done with a rose engine lathe. We have all admired work of this nature. Now come and learn how it is done.

LAST MEETING

JULY'S MEETING was our annual ice cream social. Fun was had, ice cream was eaten and enjoyed, lathes were raffled and auctioned off and photos were taken of fine turnings for the Nor-Cal calendar. Oscar Benavidas was high bidder for the auctioned lathe.

NEWS & NOTES

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

Attendance:

61 persons attended last month's meeting.

Membership:

As of July 28, Nor-Cal membership stood at: 137.

Lathe Raffle

Congratulations to **Jo Nelson** and **Holly Luuvo**, winners of the two lathes raffled at the July meeting.

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.)

California State Fair

Be sure to attend the California State Fair, which is currently running and will continue through Monday, September 1. By all means visit the Crafts exhibits and see the fine work done in woods by our youth and our 'more mature' folk.



Another Black Walnut tree ready to be taken down. This will most likely occur sometime in October. If interested, let either James Terrill or Norm Hinman know. The size is similar to the one in these other photos.

Turlock Wood Harvest

Three woodturners (James Terrell, Bill Mundy and Norm Hinman) and one Walnut tree.



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	Date ??	TBD	TBD	TBD
Pen Turning	Date ??	TBD	Mike Johnson's Shop	Mike Johnson
Segmented Turning	Date ??	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.

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