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President's Message

CHANGE, CHALLENGE, PATIENCE IN 2009

We will be ushering in the new woodturning year with several changes. One of the biggest is the large turn over in officers and board members. This can be good from the standpoint of the enthusiasm I've seen from our new board members, it can be a challenge that we don't have as much experience of the intricacies of running the club, and consequently it may require a little extra patience from you the members. We have some things we'd like to do differently, a few challenges that will require the club to change, and the ability to laugh at ourselves a bit when things go haywire.

And most of all, we need to say thank you to last years board members, those that will continue with activities that we count on, such as the library, the refreshment committee, the organizer and the volunteers to man the woodworkers show, and I can go on and on. So please when you see one of our volunteers, please tell Bill, Don, Dick, Norm, Dan, Dale, Nick, our numerous volunteers, and the list goes on and on how much you appreciate their efforts. Pat yourself on the back! We have a good club, and I've been proud to be a member for a few years. I think those of us that volunteered for the board had various reasons to do so, but underlying our motive was to see a better club, and most of all we didn't want to see the club cease to exist.

Among the changes dictated by the City of Sacramento is an increase in rental fee for our meeting location. Yes it is a doubling in cost, but realistically it is still a good deal. Another change that I was just informed of is that that we cannot expect them to open the facility until 15 minutes before our rental time which begins at 7 P.M.

That does give a different significance to the word challenge. It will mean that we'll need more help to get going at 7!!!!!! Look at what YOU can do to help us meet this challenge. Please reserve the driveway for our refreshment committee, our equipment committee, etc. to park and off load. This might affect your expected arrival time because like many of you, I'd like to visit with other members. Maybe we'll need to socialize outside if the weather permits prior to the meeting. With respect to the rental fee, we'll try to take care of that with better raffles (which translates to more ticket purchases on your part) and an enlarged raffle committee to collect raffle prizes and an increased emphasis on you to contribute more and better pieces of wood. We will also periodically auction off the turnings donated by our day long demonstrators. We will give advance notice on auctions. We will emphasize raffles on even numbered months, have presidents challenges in odd numbered months, special contests to replicate the turnings or ideas presented by our day long demonstrators as appropriate, (See **Pres. Mesg.** on page 3)

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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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Mentors

LOCATION	NAME	PHONE
Auburn	Dan Clark	530-878-0931
Christmas ornaments, Cheese and Cracker Plates		
Citrus Heights	Herb Medsger	916-725-3120
Miniatures, Hollow vessels & Embellishments		
Davis	Bill Flewelling	530-753-2664
General turning of most types, Natural edge		
Fair Oaks	Bob Adam*	916-961-1275
Segmented vessels		
Granite Bay	Tom Castaldo	916-791-7544
Christmas Orn., Natural edge, Texturing & Boxes		
Roseville	Phil Sargent	916-789-1172
Natural edge vessels, General Turning		
Yuba City	Norm Hinman	530-673-5056
Basic Bowl, Basic Spindle and Natural Edge.		

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

Stepping up to the plate

When you're asking for volunteers to help out, one really appreciates those that step up to a given task. Yes I'll miss some of you that deserve credit, but hopefully you'll let me know such that I can include you in the next list. But for now, I say thank you to the following. :) Dale Blue-refreshments :) Nick Todd-library ++ :) Gary Manning-Webmaster :) Phil Sargent-Members Gallery Coordinator :) Don Bradway- special events volunteer coordinator :) Ron Winterton - electronics assistance :) Craig Barton - glue sales :) Bill Flewelling - Turning instruction :) Dick Lambert - helping with the transition :) AND our board - what haven't I asked for help with from you. When we get all of you contributing, we should each feel a part of our club. Remember, give me suggestions as to what you want. I'm not very good at reading minds.

Corwin Jones

CALENDAR

2009

- Jan 27 - General meeting, 7:00 PM Dan Clark -
Inside out turning
- Jan 31 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
- Feb 2 - Board meeting? (date unconfirmed)
- Feb 24 - General meeting, 7:00 PM Dick Lambert
Barley twist embellishment
- Feb 28 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
- Mar 17 - David Ellsworth demo
- Mar 24 - General meeting, 7:00 PM
- Mar 28 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
- Apr 28 - General meeting, 7:00 PM
- May 2 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
- May 26 - General meeting, 7:00 PM
- May 30 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
- June 23 - General meeting, 7:00 PM
- June 27 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
- July 28 - General meeting, 7:00 PM
- Aug 1 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
- Aug 25 - General meeting, 7:00 PM
- Aug 29 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
- Sep 22 - General meeting, 7:00 PM, Walt Thies?
- Sep 26 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
- Fall - Todd Hoyer and Hayley Smith demos
(Dates not yet established)
- Oct 27 - General meeting, 7:00 PM
- Oct 31 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
- Dec - Christmas party? Date and time TBD

Thank you Dale Blue

**for your diligence, timeliness and hard work in
making sure the coffee and goodies are ready
for the member to enjoy at break time.**

**A big thank you goes to **Craft Supplies,
USA** for their generous assistance in helping
us to affordably acquire items for our club
raffles.**

**Remember to mention this, and thank them
when you order your tools and other items
from them**

Pres. Mesg. (Continued from Page 1)

and in general try to continue to have lots of fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We'd also like to devote more time to discuss the members gallery. Many of us would like a more detailed discussion of the challenges you faced in your turnings, suggestions for change, and the challenge to become better turners. Speaking of the members gallery, you may recall that we had an outstanding gallery at the October meeting but no time for evaluation to give credit to the turners. Please feel free to bring those turnings back for a showing at the January meeting as well as others you have turned in the three months since.

And we have one other sticky issue that will challenge us in 2009! It is not appropriate to discuss the issue in detail here so that will be presented at the January meeting. I'm looking forward to the challenges of 2009. Here's to a great year of turning!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Corwin J. Jones

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.

PROMOTIONS

David Ellsworth

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

**Demo for Nor-Cal Woodturners
(Probably) at Woodcraft Supplies on
Folsom Blvd.**

David is very well known for his thin-walled hollow turnings. He began doing this when he had to make his own bent tools with large, long handles and would sit astride the bed of his lathe to hold them with both hands and arms to keep them steady.



(Courtesy David Ellsworth web site.)



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NEWS & NOTES

There are no new members of record since the last newsletter.

Attendance:

The number of persons attending the Christmas party meeting is unknown as of this printing.

Membership:

As of January 17, Nor-Cal membership stood at: **141.**

Membership Renewal

Don't forget that renewal time is approaching. 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.)

President's Challenge for January:

A box, at least partially turned, with at least some red involved, and also some heart-shaped symbolism.

AREA GALLERIES

(No displays currently in place)

LAST MEETING

The November-December meeting was the annual Christmas party/potluck dinner. Gifts were exchanged among those that wished to participate. A small showing of turnings were displayed. It was a fun evening, and enjoyed by all those who attended.

NEXT MEETING

The January meeting (27th) will feature Dick Lambert showing us how Barley Twists are accomplished.

Members' Gallery

(No Members' Gallery this month.)

IMPORTANT MEDICAL REPORT

DR: Good morning, what's your problem?

WT: I don't have a problem, but it's my wife! She thinks I have a problem. And....

DR: Well at your age, we hear this all the time.

WT: Oh no Doctor, it's not what you're thinking, this is much more serious.

DR: Okay, I don't do this often, but I'll listen!

WT: Well my wife, not me, thinks I'm losing it. You see, I can't throw away any piece of wood, no matter how small, and well, she thinks I'm going crazy, losing my marbles, whatever. I've got wood pieces, big and small, all over our house. I'm even putting some in the attic, and some real pretty pieces under the bed.

DR: You know, I read about a few cases like this in my latest medical journal. Actually it was written by a doctor that had the same type of problem, excuse me, affliction, hang up, whatever. We really don't have a good medical term for it.

WT: So I'm okay?

DR: Hard to say, but there is a group that does meet to help you out in these kind of situations.

WT: Does it meet in secret? I haven't heard about it. Is it like AA? Do they just use first names? I don't know about this.

DR: Well, the article said it was a real friendly group and they do go by first names. It was something like AA but longer. Let me try to recall. AAA, no, ABC, no, ADA, no, AMA, I'll get there, it was in the A's,.....ARA,AAU, oh yes AAW.

WT: And they can help me? Where do I go?

DR: I think they have a chapter in Sacramento from what the doctor wrote.

WT: Well I'm not exactly from Sacramento, will they let me into their secret meeting.

DR: I don't believe the meetings are secret, but not everyone knows about them. Why I understand they have members from Yuba

City, Roseville, Davis, even one member from Lake Tahoe. Some members have 100's, maybe 1000's of pieces of wood!

WT: A member comes from Tahoe! Does he have a real bad problem to come that far?

DR: I've heard he's fairly normal, but it is rumored he put 88,888 pieces of his wood together!

WT: Boy, I'd say he does have a problem. I don't know if I can even count that far.

DR: Well. I'm not sure he can either! But that is the rumor.

WT: How does he do it?

DR: He'll glue 2 pieces together, then 2 pieces to 2 pieces, then 4 pieces to 4 pieces, finally making rings of 16 to 20 pieces, then 6 to 10 rings together to make a bigger piece, than a whole bunch of bigger pieces together, finally he uses a calculator to see how many he has and then if it isn't some magic number he's imagined, he'll glue some shavings or small sticks together between pieces and WALLA! —just as he planned— 88,888 pieces!

WT: Wow, I'm glad I don't have that big of a problem! But what do I do with my small collection of wood, after all my wife tells me it is TIME to do something about IT!

DR: I think they have a guy in Davis that can teach you how to make something round out of your pieces of wood. It might be good therapy for you. In fact I wished I could go with you, I'm tired of dealing with these insurance companies, legislators, lawsuits, etc. Look up AAW on the internet, see what you can find, and come back in a few months. I want to know how you're doing! Just make another appointment on the way out.


Authors note: Any resemblance of characters to anyone you might know is purely coincidental. Stay connected to see how WT's followup appointment goes. Will he get better, will he make anything, what could possibly go wrong? Will he get rid of any wood?

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