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President's Message

WHAT DOES ONE SAY?

Sometimes topics come fairly easy, other times I have to search for a topic. I've been stuck on a topic for a few days now, BUT the big problem for me has been to search for the correct words to properly express how I feel or some of you might be feeling now. The topic is the untimely passing of our past club president 'Russ Swenson' and just what does one say to uplift our spirits. By the time this arrives, several of us will have attended his service, said our goodbyes, and reflected together some of our memorable experiences with Russ. Russ was our club president about the time I joined the club. I admired him for serving as our club president, tried to encourage us to keep things going, and motivating our club. I admired the fact that he had spent a career trying to teach our youth a little about woodworking, and for those that were there to learn, I'm sure he had a profound effect on their attaining a love of wood like many of us have. For me, the best single event relating with Russ was when several of our club members shared a dinner table at the Utah Woodturning symposium in 2008. The lively banter about the table was entertaining and one of those unique opportunities to get to know someone better. After that dinner, it was just easier to communicate with Russ. I knew a bit more about him. He was supportive of our club, being the go to guy when we needed to request the use of the classroom at Woodcraft. He was pleasant to deal with, always had safety on his mind, and had the answers when you asked why or what is better. I could trust his wisdom. I am sure there are several of our members

that knew Russ much better than I did. You were more fortunate than I was. But I am thankful for what I did learn from Russ. Also I'm thankful that we have those kind of teachers that can make a lasting impression on their students. In the end, we all only can leave to this world the thoughts, ideas, techniques, wisdom, and teaching that will pass on to others for eternity. Russ did his share. For that we can all say thank you. Russ had a positive impact on many!!!! Looking back to our July meeting, I received several positive comments with respect to the MEMBERS GALLERY. Thanks go to you for making that one of our best showings in several years. People seemed really pleased to see all the quality pieces. We had ample time to discuss the items, giving you proper credit for the current pieces as well as some from the past. I think it is well worth repeating in the future. And the ice cream crew did a great job, thanks to Sonya Lemon's leadership. My grandchildren enjoyed each trip back to the line for more ice cream.
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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
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Miniatures, Hollow vessels & Embellishments		
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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(s) in your area of interest (or geography) and get acquainted!

*Chairman

LAST MEETING

July brought us the annual "Ice Cream Social". In addition to the delicious ice cream (and the various fixin's) we were treated to an outstanding Members' Gallery. A total of 45 pieces found their way to the table. The Ice Cream Cone Challenge elicited excitement. The auctioning of two turnings by out-of-area professional turners Jummy Clewes and Judy Ditmer brought in some very welcome funding for chapter activities.

NEXT MEETING

Will Michaud, former Nor-Cal member living near Colfax, will show us his method of hand-chasing threads in wood turnings. This is a really neat method of attaching a lid to a turned box. .

ROSTER REMINDER

If you are not getting your newsletter it may be that your address or email address has changed. Notify Dan Clark (at the Treasurer's desk) if you are not getting your newsletter.

CALENDAR

2009

- Aug 25 - General meeting, 6:45 PM, Will Michaud - Hand chased threads.
 Aug 29 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Aug 31 - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
 Sep 13 - Todd Hoyer and Hayley Smith demos?
 Sep 22 - General meeting, 6:45 PM, Walt Thies - "Jigs and Gadgets"- Turning aids. Board nominations.
 Sep 26 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Sep 28 - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
 Oct 27 - General meeting, 6:45 PM Board election.
 Oct 31 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
 Nov 2 - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
 Dec - Christmas party? Date and time TBD
- 2010 (Tentative?)**
 Jan 4? - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
 Jan 26 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM Program TBD

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 payment of \$20 is required for the workshop. Signup and payment are at the general meeting ONLY, on a first come first served 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.

(Pres. Message: Cont. from page 1)

Makes life easier for the grandparents. Melinda Lambert made sure they had ice cream to eat before anyone else. Another reason for me to thank Melinda and Dick for their assistance this year.

REMEMBER, we have a club demo coming up on Sept.13th. Lets make this a sell out!

President's Challenge for September

Keep it square or at right angles !!!

For the novice and intermediate turners, start off with a square block approx. 8" by 8" with max. depth of 3" and turn a round bowl inside but maintain at least a portion of the square corners of the original block. (i.e. to play fair, don't start with a round bowl and cut it square on a band saw or with a sander). Typically this is referred to as a square bowl. It is harder to put into words than to see a picture, but if you need additional information, ask someone. You may glue pieces of wood together to get to the block form specified. Have fun!

For the advanced turners, I'm going to give you an additional 1" of depth to work with, i.e. 8" by 8" by 4". No it is not because I've already got something glued up with those dimensions, but I'd like to see your imagination run wild. (Like making a Jimmy Clewes type lidded box.) I know we have lots of advanced turners in this club. I challenge you to show our newer members what this club is really capable of turning if we put our minds too it. Remember, it's that challenge of showing the world what can be done, that encourages the newer members to strive to be better. I'd like to see at least 10 entries in this category!

Besides, since we don't meet in November, this will be the last President's Challenge for the year. Let's make a good showing!!!!

NEWS & NOTES

Nor-Cal Woodturners wishes to welcome

New Members:

Berdena Anderson

Jerry Brown

Stephen Fillo (returning member)

Attendance

72 attended the July meeting

Membership:

As of June 24th. Nor-Cal membership stood at:

127

The Raffle

Remember, this is raffle month!!!

Yes, it is raffle time again. We've had two recent wood gathering trips so hopefully some of that will show up on the raffle table along with some other wood pieces that you're willing to share for our club raffle. We will 'try' to speed up the raffle, so keep that in mind and preview the items on the raffle table. More on this at the meeting. We encourage you to share your wood collection with others so this event can continue to be the successful.

And, now is the time to start making/donating soup bowls. Martin will explain more about this but check out our web sight. Martin has made some major improvements on our web site. Give us some feedback, both pro and con, so we can meet your needs. Kudos to Martin!!!!

Also, the members gallery is always dependent upon you, the turner. See you August 25.

Greenwood Sealer

Greenwood sealer is available. Be sure to notify Bill at least **one week in advance** of when you want it.

CHAPTER GUIDANCE

Are you interested???????????

Are you interested in helping in the guidance of the club? We have a nominating committee that is headed up by our librarian, Nick Todd. Should you like to run for office, be on the board of directors, or just have questions about the various positions, Nick is the chairman and will do his best to answer your questions, or he will get you in contact with someone that has had prior experience doing the various tasks. Think about it, new fresh ideas are welcome. Also next year the board plans to institute an expanded committee structure so you may also look at those committee assignments. And, if you don't like the way things are going, organize an entire slate of new directors for the board.

DAVIS CITY HALL DISPLAY

It is time to be preparing for, and making items for, the Nor-Cal Woodturners' display in the Davis City Hall. You will bring them to the September meeting. Charles Brownold will collect them, and they will be on display from shortly after then until just before the October meeting. You will receive them back at the October meeting.

State Fair

August 27th will be Nor-Cal Woodturners' Day in the Creative Arts Building at the California State Fair. Eight Nor-Cal members (2 or 3 at a time) will be staffing the demonstration area that day. A Vic-Marc mini lathe will be set up there for display and explanation purposes only. No turning will be done as there will also be many textile items on display (No dust or wet spray.)

July President's Challenge results

MEMBERS' GALLERY



First place in Novice category
Chris Fuchs



Dick Lambert's irregular edged 'flat' bowl



Dick Lambert's other irregular edged 'flat' bowl



First place in advanced category
Corwin Jones



Henry Meier's Cocobolo & Maple bowl



Henry Meier's Maple & Cocobolo bowl



Ted Young's Eucalyptus vessel



Henry Meier's Walnut & Maple bowl



Ted Young's natural edged Walnut bowl



Henry Meier's Cocobolo & Maple bowl



Ted Young's Eucalyptus and turquoise bowl



Ted Young's mushrooms



Tony White's Oak burl bowl



Ken Martin's candle holder



Dan Clark's square Rosewood bowl



Dan Clark's square Maple burl bowl



Martin Harris' Dogwood vessel



Dan Clark's square Maple bowl



Martin Harris' Carob bowl



Dan Clark's square Palm bowl



Martin Harris' Carob vessel



Phil Sargent's Big Leaf Maple burl plate



Phil Sargent's winged Yew bowl



Herb Medsger's lidded vessel



Herb Medsger's laced miniature



Herb Medsger's Buckeye burl hollow vessel



Phil Sargent's winged Maple bowl



Herb Medsger tinted Ash vessel



Phil Sargent's winged Olive bowl



Herb Medsger's White Birch vessel



Jay Richens' Sycamore bowl



John Alexander's lidded box



Corwin Jones' California Pepperwood vase



John Alexander's legged box



Corwin Jones' Pepperwood vessel



Jay Richens' Olive bowl



Corwin Jones' small African Sumac bowl



John DePiazza's small Walnut vessel



Corwin Jones' Carob bowl



John DePiazza's Walnut bowl



Corwin Jones' Walnut(?) hollow vessel



John DePiazza's "projects in progress"



Corwin Jones' natural edged closed bowl



Herb Medsger's Birch vessel



Corwin Jones' bowl



Corwin Jones' bowl



A well-filled Members' Gallery table



Corwin Jones' bowl



Chris Fuchs' Hickory segmented bowl



Chris Fuchs' Hickory segmented bowl

Wouldn't You Like To Know??

Your Editor (me) will accept **questions** via e-mail, telephone, US Postal Service, personal contact or even by grapevine if clear enough. I can be reached at:

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Answers will be printed in this space along with the questions. Both questioners and answerers may remain anonymous if they wish.

Norm Hinman
Editor


As of this writing, no new questions have been submitted. No new answers or responses to previous questions have been received.
(Ed.)

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