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President's Message

Tomorrow will be better or is it a point of view!!!

As I sit here watching the rain come down, the trees sway from side to side with the wind, one can only think that tomorrow will be a better day. Better for whom? Better for what? Well the people cutting broken branches will be busy. The auto body shops will have additional work from accidents either from reckless drivers or falling tree parts. Some woodturners will be out collecting and cutting up trees parts to turn into the perfect art object. The rain will help replenish the water reserves. I know I was busy yesterday trying to get several things in from the outside to protect them from the rain. I was supposed to write this yesterday, but other things took precedence.

Will our club be stronger tomorrow than it was last month? I know we have several tasks ahead, none of which is greater than improving the club. You have a chance to step forward and let your actions dictate where this club goes. The election will be held. Officers and board members will be selected. And hopefully the club will move forward. I was really impressed with the joint turnings displayed at last month's meeting. What magic did they have then that we haven't shown the last few years? I've heard various explanations! Most are very reasonable explanations, but returning to our heyday (before I was a member of Norcal) will require a new commitment from many of us. Or should we disband and form two or three smaller clubs? You decide!!!!

In the meantime, we'll try to move forward. We have an election to hold. We

have a request to help Woodcraft at their troop open turnathon (a very worthy effort in my opinion). We need to collect items for woodturning displays. We need members to volunteer for the Woodworking Show. We need to decide whether to have a December gift exchange and what kind of social function to have in conjunction with that event if it is held!!!!

We handed out a survey at last month's club meeting. Yes, it is always nice to read positive comments. It is a challenge to make changes when no suggestions are made. Growing up, my dad always said, don't complain unless you can do something about it. And dad was really good at figuring out a few additional chores on the farm for me to take care of the complaint that bothered me so much. He'd give me some chores with rather vague timetables, like clean out the barn the next day we have an Easterly wind. When that day came and went without me cleaning the barn, the next day when we'd have a
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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@hughes.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		
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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(s) in your area of interest (or geography) and get acquainted!

*Chairman

LAST MEETING

Walt Thies from Corvallis, OR presented us with an outstanding discussion of many of his tips, problem solvers, and home-made jigs for making life easier for the woodturner. Many of his items (tools) solved problems for very little financial investment, that could also be solved by purchasing a similar item (tool) for a very great financial investment. I (your Editor), for one, prefer the former method (small investment) when-ever possible.

NEXT MEETING

Nick Todd will demonstrate his method of making a screw-driver handle.

CALENDAR

2009

- Oct 27 - General meeting, 6:45 PM
Board election. Nick Todd Demo
- Oct 31 - Mini Workshop, Bill's shop
- Nov 2 - Board meeting, (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Nov 7 - Pen-turnathon at Woodcraft. 9:30-5:00
- Nov 13-15 - Woodworking Show. Sacramento Convention Center
- Dec 8 - Christmas party.

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
- Feb 1 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Feb 23 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- Mar 1 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Mar (?) - John Jordan Demo. Date TBD
- Mar 23 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- Mar 29 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Apr - 27 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- May 3 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- May 25 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- May 31 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- June 22 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- June 28 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- July 27 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD

- Aug 2 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Aug 24 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- Aug 30 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Sept 28 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- Oct 4 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Oct 26 - General Meeting. 6:45 PM
Program TBD
- Nov 1 - Board Meeting. (6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting) Denney's 3rd. & J
- Dec (?) Christmas party? Date TBD

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.)

NEWS & NOTES

Nor-Cal Woodturners welcomes new member

Jerry Goss

Attendance

79 attended the August meeting

Membership:

As of September 23rd. Nor-Cal membership stood at: 129

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.

Treasurer's Report

The club is in good financial shape. We started the year with \$3,536.15 in the checking account. We have received \$6,627.04 in income and our expenses have been \$5,606.72. This leaves us with \$4,556.47 in the checking account to finish the year and start 2010 with a positive balance.

Dan Clark Treasurer

Greenwood Sealer

Greenwood sealer is available. Be sure to notify **Bill Flewelling** (530-753-2664) at least **one week in advance** of when you want it.

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.

Pres. Message (cont. from page 1)

good strong Westerly wind, I'd be told to clean out the barn today!!! You see the barn door was on the West side. It was not fun getting that 'stuff' blown back into your face!!! I learned some wisdom from my dad that I respect to this day!!!

Do we have any chores to do today? Where are you positioned. One such comment on our survey made me stop to try to figure out what are they trying to tell me, or the club, or our officers and board of directors. That question was "Have you read the club bylaws lately?" That answer is very simple, "YES" and in fact I can add, more time was spent on the subject of bylaws than anyone on the board cared to do. We are not the first board recently to have wrestled with this issue. Nor will we be the last! We had the problems of finding conflicting bylaws, bylaws that haven't been lived up to by the letter of the law for SOME TIME. Some terminology in the bylaws were impossible to understand. Maybe we'll have an entire new slate of people that will jump up to lead our club into the land of milk and honey and I won't have to worry about it any more. Realistically, the bylaws still need to be updated, but it will not happen prior to this election. In the meantime ALL PRISONERS WILL BE REHABILITATED AND RETURNED TO THEIR LOVED ONES, WHO WILL ACCEPT THEM WITH OPEN ARMS. If you believed that, I won't go any further!

In the meantime, enjoy your club. Turn in all your participation raffle tickets (those are the ones with your names on them) prior to the drawing for the lathe at the October General Membership meeting. Bring some soup bowls for the club commitment of 100 bowls. See your club website for details. Bring wood for the club raffle (the generosity of the wood gathers is much appreciated). And above all, bring items for the members gallery (without doubt the most popular portion of our meeting).

Nick Todd will be our speaker. Nick has been an active contributor to our club. Let's let him know how much we appreciate his efforts. My job has been much more satisfying this year because of our board members Nick, Ted, Dan, Martin, Norm, Dwight, Gerald, and Dick and the numerous volunteers that will be recognized another day.
Corwin

Have you ever considered organizing a woodturning display for any public display? What would be the hardest part? How about publicizing the need for our club to volunteer their works for display? Easy? Hard? We tried to do that for the current display that is going on at the City of Davis. For our latest collection effort, we had an inadequate number of items to properly represent the many fine turners in our club. What does this mean? We can't turn, or we're not doing all we can to help out. If we're going to promote woodturning, our club, or your own turnings, we need to get the word out to our region by any means possible. So where or why did we fail? Okay so some of us may have forgotten even though you'd marked it down. I don't know all the reasoning, but it seems like we could make it easier on those members that are putting together a public display whether it be Davis, Auburn, or wherever. Do you have any ideas? I hate to see/hear the frustration of those putting in lots of effort because more of us won't put in a little effort to help them out.

In light of our most recent effort, I proposed to the current board that we designate a collector and keeper of YOUR turnings (one or two) for a finite time (say a year) that will have items available on short notice for display either at Davis or Auburn. The turning does not have to be your favorite turning, or even in your top 10, but something that would be for the good of the community. After a year, sooner if you need it back sooner, you could contact the CLUB KEEPER for its' return at the next club meeting. Maybe this isn't a perfect solution, but we need to improve on our present system.

Just last week I had a call from the Yolo County Library system to see if we would continue with the display that Charles Brownold (with the help of many others) had organized. She indicated our turning display was one of the most popular of their monthly displays. We're scheduled for June 2010 for a repeat presentation for what will now be 20 plus years. And before that, Dan Clark will need items for the Auburn area. Does your community have a desire for a display? Have you asked? Will you help out? Who will volunteer to be the CLUB KEEPER? This could be a committee effort, but we need volunteers!!!! Either call me or email me to get more details.

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AUCTION - AUCTION

October will be a regular “raffle” month again. The next raffle month, after October, will be **February**, 2010. In **February**, in addition to the regular raffle, there will also be an auction of two, yes two (2), turnings made by internationally known turners while demonstrating their skills for our chapter. The September Newsletter mistakenly stated that these two items would be auctioned in October. That was an error on the Editor’s part.



The first is a hollow vessel made from Plum wood by **David Ellsworth**.



The second piece will be a tea light made by **Bob Rosand**.

President’s Challenge



Novice
1st Chris Smith 2nd Bill Barkley



Intermediate
1st Dale Blue 2nd Perry Kesterson
3rd Chris Fuchs



Advanced
1st Ted Young 2nd Corwin Jones

MEMBERS' GALLERY



Jay Richens' Walnut vase



Phil Sargent's lidded bowl of Papaya, Amboyna and Ebony



Jay Richens' Walnut fruit bowl



Phil Sargent's Papaya bowl



Phil Sargent's Black Oak bowl



Ron Nagy's urn of Redwood, Maple and Walnut

DO SOMETHING FOR THE TROOPS!!!!

Reserve Sat. Nov. 7th on your calendar for a worthy cause. That is when Woodcraft is having their annual Pen Turn-A-Thon for our troops. Give a little time to help out. I've been to the event on more than one occasion and it is always well run by Woodcraft, but I'm always concerned that so few from Nor-Cal show up to help out. So you say you've never turned a pen, or it's not your thing, but Hey why not show up, give your support, assemble a few pens, and maybe watch enough to say "I can do that!" I can lend a hand. **SO CAN YOU!!!! AND NEXT YEAR YOU'LL BE IN THERE TURNING LIKE A PRO.** And you might just learn something while there such as, a new friction finish to use. After all, compare a few hours of your time to the DAYS, MONTHS, YEARS that our troops are giving to us. I hope to see you there. The event starts at 9:30 A.M. and runs until 5 P.M. And in the process, support Woodcraft. They help our club out by providing demonstration space when we have a demo during the week. Any questions, give me a call, or better yet, send me an email to show me that you've read this AND that you'll stop by to help out.

Corwin Jones

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Woodworking Show

The Woodworking Shows will be in Sacramento on Fri. Nov. 13 through Sun. Nov. 15. Yes, that will be twice this year, but I do not control their schedule. But looking into the future, the shows are not scheduled here next spring as they have been in the past. When they will be here again, I do not know. But, we need help to take care of our booth. The Woodworking Shows have given us about twice the space we normally have. We plan to set up a display case of our works and maybe actively turn some soup bowls for the River City Community Services Empty Bowls Luncheon. But our success depends on having enough volunteers. At the Sept. meeting, I passed around a sign up sheet. Thanks go to those that did volunteer, but considering that at least 50% of our membership was not at that meeting, can some of you volunteer? Please!!! Or some of you that didn't sign up, have you reconsidered, looked at your calendar and realize that maybe you can volunteer a few hours, a half day, or a day. It is a good way to get involved, get to know a few more of our members, and become a more active member. If so, give me a call (209-951-4622) or send an email to Jones.Corwin@comcast.net to sign up. Note: The show in Nov. will be at the Sacramento Convention Center, not at Cal Expo. The sooner I get a response, the easier it will be for me to coordinate the schedule with the show people.

Corwin Jones



Craig Milliron's vessel



Richard Prima's Valley Oak bowl



Ron Nagy's bowl of Maple and Walnut



Richard Prima's Valley Oak candle holder



Richard Prima's Valley Oak bowl



Ted Young's mushrooms



Bill Barkley's Cherry bowl



Dale Blue's Sycamore bowl



Dale Blue's Pecan plate



Dale Blue's plate



Dale Blue's vase



Dale Blue's Pecan plate



Dan Clark's ornament



James Terrill's Walnut bowl



Barry Hanna's Walnut bowl



James Terrill's Walnut bowl




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