



CHIPS & Chatter

THE SILICON VALLEY WOODTURNERS' NEWSLETTER



About Finishes

December 5th Holiday Dinner



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Jim Gott, Dennis Lillis and Mark Koenig presented their views and personal techniques for finishing turnings. The main topic was what finish(s) to apply to utility bowls, those that are used to hold or serve food. Jim and Dennis ap-

pear to have developed near identical systems where they apply a coat of wipe on poly, wipe the coat dry and leave the finish basically only in the pores. They repeat this process a number of times; sanding or steel wooling between coats, the number depends on the wood species.

This provides a durable finish, but does not develop a surface film, which could fail in use. Dennis recommends "Howards Butcher Block Conditioner" as a user applied rejuvenator to be used when the bowl looks thirsty.



Dennis read a passage from one of Fletcher's finishing books where the author describes the often confusing and contradicting naming convention, or lack of, that the finishing manufacturers employ.

Mark came armed with a stack of Material Data Sheets referencing the popular finishes we use. There is a laundry list

of chemicals, many with unpronounceable names that combine to produce today's finishes.



The President's Turn

Thankful

I am sitting here on the day before thanksgiving, and pondering what the club should be thankful for.

The first thing that comes to mind is the members of the club. What a great group!! I really enjoy being part of a group of like-minded fun-loving folks that are so willing to help each other out. The craft of woodturning may have brought me to the club, but the people are what has kept me there.

I am also thankful for the 'doers' in the club. So many of the club members generously give of their time skills and in many cases, their money to make the club an organization that works for everyone.

Whether a volunteer position, an elected position, or just someone that steps up when a call for help goes out, these are the guys that make the club work.

We should also be thankful for our venue. When Mike and John arranged for us to use the school shop, I don't think any of us realized how fantastic the opportunity really was. It is turning out to be a better location than any of us could have asked for. It a great spot for meetings and demos, without the shop and associated lathes, we could not do things like the turn-n-learns. Furthermore, the relationship with the school has given many of us a change to give back to the community.

Of course, we should be thankful for the craft of turning! Without that we would not be a club. For me it is a creative outlet and perhaps even a therapy. I find that after a session of turning, I might be physically tired, but I am always excited about what I have done and just feel better about 'the world'. I am also thankful to have a craft that allows me to give truly personal gifts that others will enjoy.

Holiday Dinner

December's 'meeting' will be the holiday dinner and gift exchange. (I am also thankful that Joe stepped up to the plate to set this up! :)

The location is at The Blue Pheasant Restaurant 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd (west of 85 exit) Cupertino, CA 95014 (<https://www.bluepheasantrestaurant.com>)

The party is always a lot of fun and I hope to see you there!!

Every good turn deserves another!

Paul



2018 Calendar of Events

January	February	March
Meeting: Wed. the 3rd	Meeting: Wed. the 7th	Meeting: Wed. the 7th
President's Challenge:	President's Challenge:	President's Challenge:
Turned Name Badge	Thin Walled Bowl	Lidded Box/Peppermill
Program: Dennis Lillis	Program: Mark Koenig	Program: Cindy Navarro
Green Thin walled Bowl	Lidded Box/Peppermill	Reconstructed Utensils
		Rudy Lopez 3/10
April	May	June
Meeting: Wed. the 4th	Meeting: Wed. the 2nd	Meeting: Wed. the 6th
President's Challenge:	President's Challenge:	President's Challenge:
For the Kitchen/not bowl	Top	Coloring a Turned object
Program: Sharpening	Program: Top Night	Program: Sanding
Turn-N-learn		Turn-N-learn
	Trent Bosch 5/19	
July	August	September
Meeting: Wed. the 11th	Meeting: Wed. the 1st	Meeting: Wed. the 5th
President's Challenge:	President's Challenge:	President's Challenge:
School Donation	a Bowl for Aesthetics	Collabotate/Training
Program: Jim Rodgers	Program:	Program: Jim Gott
Concepts of Design	Compare and Critique	Nat.Eg. Bowl/platter
	Picnic 8/14	Sam Angelo 9/9
October	November	December
Meeting: Wed. the 3rd	Meeting: Wed. the 7th	Meeting: Wed. the 5th
President's Challenge:	Challenge: Calabash	President's Challenge:
Nat.Eg. Bowl/platter	Program: Finishing	For the Holidays
Program: Dennis Lillis		Program:
Calabash		Christmas Party

Meeting Minutes - November 7, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Paul Rygaard at 7:00 p.m.



Visitors: Two visitors who will join club

General announcements:

- **CA GLUE** — **Tom Kenyon**, Now has **black** glue. Get in touch with Tom.
- **Anchor Seal 2** — **John Whittiewr and Dennis Lillis**, Let them know so can bring to a meeting .

Staff Reports:

- **Membership dues** — **Joe Martinka** — Invoice for dues will be mailed to club members. Some invoices were handed out at this meeting. Students can join free.
- **Outreach** — **Gordon Patnude**, Pen report: Sixty pens tonight, approaching 300. Will give to Woodcraft Saturday or Sunday. Best number of pens to date. *Thanks to all!*
- **Programs** — Mark Koenig, For 2019, members can give requests. Announced Bowls of Courage.
- **Woodmeister** — **Jerry Galli** — Forty live trees being cut down. Large diameter. Plum, eucalyptus, podocarpus, elm, maple
- **Christmas Party** — **Joe Martinka** — sign-up sheet passed around. Gift exchange at the party.
- **AAW Scholarship Program** — **Paul Rygaard** — Training classes back east. Each AAW club can nominate members to receive a scholarship. Paul to send out email describing the program. The SVW member will be announced at the Christmas party.
- **Nominations for 2019 Board Members** — Gordon announced the nominations for President (Ray Hari), VP (Mark Koenig), Treasurer (Joe Martinka), Secretary (Greg Peck). Nominations were seconded and then approved by members at the meeting.

September President's Challenge & make-ups — “Calabash Style Bowl” and “For the Holidays”

- *See the Member and their work in the President's Challenge photo section of this Newsletter.*
- Raffle** — Raffle tickets drawn for ten pieces.

September Show and Tell —

- *See the Member and their work in the Show & Tell photo section of this Newsletter.*

Break

Presentation — Finishing

Meeting adjourned

President's Challenge

"Calabash Style Bowl (November) and For the Holidays (December)"



Bob Gerenser —

Calabash Style Bowl

Ironbark eucalyptus turned green. Finish is EVMO/BW *.

For the Holidays

Ironbark eucalyptus bowls for (our) traditional holiday snack. Finish is EVMO/BW *.

Collaboration/Training—Sept

September make-up.
Tutored by Jim Gott on TB hollowing rig, visualizer and

*

EVMO/BW =
Extra Virgin
Mineral Oil/
Bees Wax

Donate to HS



Joe Martinka —

Calabash Style Bowl

Mountain ash. Finish is walnut oil.

Collaboration/Training— Sept

September make-up. Worked with Dennis.

Spalted maple. Finish is walnut oil.

Mike Lanahan —

Calabash Style Bowl

Sycamore turned green and allowed to move. Carved and embellished with milk paint. Will sit nicely in a lap when filled with pop corn.

For the Holidays

Inside out ornament with Christmas tree inside.

Collaboration/Training — Sept

The teaching occurred on all 3 of the Turn & Learn sessions for which I mentored.



Gordon Patnude —

Calabash Style Bowl

C-Cubed [carob calabash creation]. Carob form with outside ring. Incomplete: Needs more sanding; Temporary finish is shellac.

For the Holidays

Silver maple calabash. Incomplete due to bottom tear out. Will repair/remodel.



Johnny Alias —

Calabash Style Bowl

Spalted maple. Finish is Wipe-On Poly.

For the Holidays

Character as a bottle stopper. Carved and painted.



President's Challenge

"Calabash Style Bowl (November) and For the Holidays (December)"



Milton West —

Calabash Style Bowl

Acacia from back yard.
Finish is 50/50 followed
by Wipe-on Poly.



Pete Zavala —

Calabash Style Bowl

Osage orange, 5"x12". Finish is
Wipe-On Poly.

For the Holidays

Sea urchin ornament. Globe
with ebonized black walnut
finial, carved.



Ray Hari —

Calabash Style Bowl

Birch from Gordon's
garden.

For the Holidays

Ash bird cage with rare
bird inside. Bird was
turned.



John Whittier—

Calabash Style Bowl

Olive root ball.
Finish is Wipe-On Poly, buffed.



Steve Balsbaugh —

Natural Edge Bowl — October

Magnolia—BK Gold



President's Challenge

"Calabash Style Bowl (November) and For the Holidays (December)"



John W. Fox —

Calabash Style Bowl

Magnolia. Finish is Wipe-On Poly

Natural Edge Bowl/Platter— October

Black walnut. Finish is Salad Oil Finish

Collaboration/Training — Sept

Spalted . Ash. With Mark K.

Design Focus — August



Colin Mckenzie—

Calabash Style Bowl

Wood is unknown.

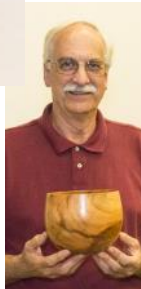
Finish is Tung Oil



Mark Koenig—

Calabash Style Bowl

Carob. Finish is Salad Bowl Finish.



Albert Yi —

Calabash Style Bowl

Spalted birch. Finish is shellac and walnut oil.



Brandon Rapp —

Calabash Style Bowl

Magnolia.



Ayman Sayed —

Calabash Style Bowl

Walnut, umeke style.

For the Holidays

Maple & African blackwood.

Natural Edge - October

October make-up.



President's Challenge

"Calabash Style Bowl (November) and For the Holidays (December)"



Jim Gott —

Calabash Style Bowl

Claro walnut. Finish is lacquer.



Larry Thomas—

Calabash Style Bowl

Juniper. Finish is Salad Bowl Finish.



Kevin Lee —

Calabash Style Bowl

Birch. Finish is Boiled Linseed Oil.

Maple. Finish is shellac.

For the Holidays

Two snowmen. Finish is shellac.



Steve Damon —

Calabash Style Bowl

Partially done.



Show & Tell

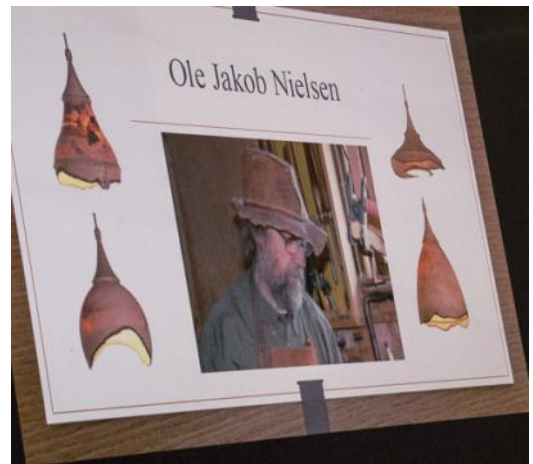


Donate to HS

Bob Gerenser —

Plate or Platter

Ironbark eucalyptus. Finish is Extra Virgin Mineral Oil/ Beeswax.



Joe Martinka —

Video Presentation

Ole Jakob Nielsen, *Woodturning in the Faroe Islands*. Denmark islands in the North Atlantic., above UK.



Jerry Galli —

Maple Bowls

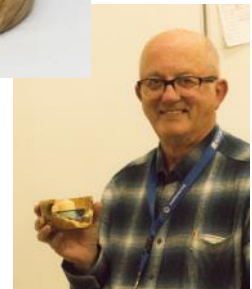
Cored two bowls from single bowl blank. Finish is Doctors High friction Polish. Wood from a lady at Oregon Symposium.



John Whittier —

Candle Bowl

Olive root ball. *An oopsie*. So it became a candle holder. Finish is Wipe-On Poly, buffed.



John W. Fox —

Wine Bottle Stoppers

I have ~250 corks at home. So, more bottle stoppers.....



Show & Tell



Tom Schmida —

Two Bowls

Cedar post wood. Blackened in BBQ, covered with coal. Finish is Salad Bowl Finish.



Albert Yi —

Fish Priest

Walnut. Walnut oil darkened the wood, sealed with shellac, then 15 thin



Mark Koenig —

Two Platters

Ash. Reactive metal rim, and metal flake rim.



David Vannier —

Platter and Bowl

Maple and ash. Got at Dennis' wood event.



Ayman Sayed —
Walnut Hollow Form
Textured Bowl



Show & Tell



Barb Jones —

Bowl

Cedar. **It's a small world** - Mckenzie Chocolate story of many years past., brought to the now. Bowl given to Barb by a friend who saw the bowl full of chocolate at the Mckenzie Chocolate store. Barb used to go there all the time.



Larry Thomas —
Quick Change Chuck
Infinity Chuck



IT'S PARTY TIME



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The turners below have graciously offered to open their shops to help members who want to learn to sharpen, try something new, or master a technique that just doesn't seem to be working. We all love to share. You just have to ask.

Willing to help? Contact Mike Lanahan to join this list.

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Gordon Patnude, gppatnude@comcast.net, (408)267-6789 Pen Turning and general turning questions.

John Whittier: whit10506@aol.com, (408)761-3941sharpening, design, natural edge bowls, boxes, goblets, tool control, you name it. Anything but segmenting.

2018 IRONMAN

Ironmen are those who successfully complete all 12 President's Challenge projects for the year. Those who meet the challenge are awarded coveted and distinctive IRONMAN name badges. A blue bar in the accompanying chart means that person has completed the project for the month indicated. You needn't be a great turner, you just need to participate. Make something in our Challenge theme and bring it to the next meeting.

Editor's Note

If I've somehow overlooked your President's Challenge entry, send me an e-mail at bob.gerenser@sbcglobal.net

President's Challenge 2018	January Turned Badge	February Thin Walled Bowl	March Lidded Box or Peppermill	April: Kitchen Not a Bowl	May Top	June Coloring a Turned Object	July School Donation	August Bowl design	September Collaboration or Training	October Natural Edge	November: Calabash	December: For the Holidays
Alias, Johnny												
Balsbaugh, Steve												
Fox, John W.												
Galli, Jerry												
Gerenser, Bob												
Gott, Jim												
Hari, Ray												
Jones, Barbara												
Koenig, Mark												
Lanahan, Mike												
Lee, Kevin												
Lillis, Dennis												
Mackenzie, Colin												
Martinka, Joe												
Patnude, Gordon												
Plemins, Dave												
Rapp, Brandon												
Sayed, Ayman												
Schmida, Tom												
Thomas, Larry												
West, Milton												
Wittrock, Oscar												
Zavala, Pete												

For a more detailed description of the President's Challenges, go to:

[https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SVWoodturners/files/Presidents Challenge/](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SVWoodturners/files/Presidents%20Challenge/)

IRONMAN Rules

- There are twelve challenges listed for the year and in order to qualify for Ironman you must show, by the end of the year, that you have completed all twelve challenges.
- Challenge entries should be shown at the meeting corresponding to the challenge schedule.

SVW NEEDS YOU!

It takes more than the officers and program chairs to make our club function at its best. If your name's not in the column at right, we still need your help in other ways to manage some of the club's activities. This is a HELP WANTED ad, and we need you to respond. There are always things that need doing. In particular, we need:

- Volunteers for shop tours
- Volunteers to present/demonstrate at meetings
- Members to write up their profiles for the newsletter
- Short articles or Tips & Tricks for the *Chips & Chatter* newsletter

Please contact Mike Lanahan to volunteer and help make our activities happen.

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Silicon Valley Woodturners Membership Application

Please print and mail with a check payable to SVW for \$35* individual (\$45* family) to:
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Current Member of AAW? Yes ___ No ___

Member-ship*	Renewal	2 nd Quarter April - June	3 rd Quarter July - Sept.	4 th Quarter Oct. - Dec.
Individual	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$10
Family	\$45	\$35	\$30	\$15



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Next Meeting...

Join us Wed. Jan. 2nd @7:00PM
Santa Clara High School Woodshop
3000 Benton St, Santa Clara, CA
It is right across the street from the Baptist Church sign, and just past (coming from Kiely) a No Entrance sign.

Nov.Program: TDB

Nov.Challenge: We'll see

Dinner before the Meeting:
Watch for email update



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