



CHIPS & Chatter

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THE SILICON VALLEY WOODTURNERS' NEWSLETTER



*May your turnings be many and your catches be few.
May the wood slice like butter as you peel with the skew.*

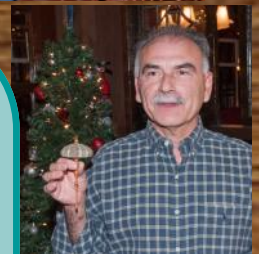
*May your curves all be true as you master that form.
Your designs bring out beauty that's distinct from the norm*

*Let the finish be silky as you show off the wood.
Be proud of your product, you did best that you could.*

*Let your passion for turning create gifts that are treasures.
And let the holiday season bring joy and great pleasures.*

Happy Holidays!!

Paul T. Rygaard



Mike's Message

It was great to see all who attended our Christmas party at the Old Spaghetti Factory this month. My condolences go out to several who noted they could not attend, for various reasons. We had a good time for you, as well. The Yankee gift exchange is always fun, and this year was no exception. I had my eye on a gift to steal, but I was distracted (filling in for Jim Gott behind the camera) and got flustered and forgot to steal when my ticket was pulled. Somebody got to keep a very nice urchin ornament is all I have to say. But I'm happy with my gift certificate and I don't think there were any real losers in this exchange. Nice gifting job! Sorry you missed your first Christmas party, Jim, but thanks for being cool and collected behind the camera for the rest of the year.

It is that time of year when everyone is required to look back and assess the year. I think it is a rule. Although we will miss the hospitality our founding father, Rich Johnson who has moved to Los Banos, and we rather seamlessly transitioned through the TechShop San Jose for a couple meetings, and found a new home with Santa Clara High School. We had and continue a good relationship with the TechShop, and thank them for taking us in, and we look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the school. We have helped draft an Educational Opportunity Grant request for the school to apply to AAW for \$1500.

We are also working on how to facilitate woodturning instruction with Jason Fery, the shop teacher. We are also drafting an EOG request for SVW to help secure A/V equipment to make viewing woodturning demos an enjoyable and informative learning experience. We have been working closely with West Bay Woodturners to look for ways we can work together, and co-hosting the wildly acclaimed demos by David Ellsworth and Mike Mahoney are products of this collabo-

ration. More ideas are in the works. Dennis Lillis has served up demonstrations from Merryll Saylan, Ray Key, Mirka Abrasives, Corwin Jones, Barry Uden, Mike Shuler, as well as several of our own members.

The Shop Tour, and Picnic returned this year. I don't know how close we were to the Mystery Spot, there were reports of flying saucers at the picnic. Gordon Patnude spearheads our FREE (if you return it in a month) DVD lending library of woodturning topics. John Whittier held 2 wood fests, from which nobody was allowed to leave without at least some refreshments, food, and his patented "Penalty Wood". Bob Gerenser has improved the Chips and Chatter newsletter, adding Trees from the Bay Area; Columns from Colin Mackenzie which enlighten and entertain us; reports from the Utah, SVW and Segmented Woodturning Symposiums over the year; as well as a treasure trove of tips, tricks and useful information. Wow, what a year!

Well next year is shaping up to be a good one as well, as demos from Jason Breach from England in May, and Glenn Lucas from Ireland in September are in the planning stages. Stay tuned. We also have more work to do with Santa Clara High School, and to help the kids learn to appreciate woodturning. Did I mention that SVW membership dues are due?

Happy Holidays, Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2015.

Mike



President's Challenge Review

Alternate
Chucking



Complimentary
Pieces



Mushrooms



For The Shop



Inlays



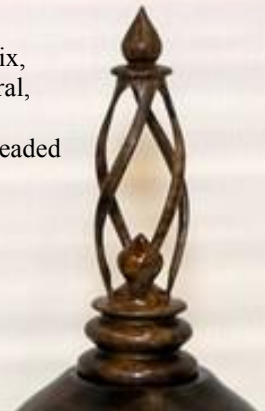
Different Model Lathe



Collaborate/Teach



Helix,
Spiral,
or
Threaded



Not Wood



Lidded Box



Sphere



Square Bowl



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Demonstrators & Presenters

2014

January



February



March



April



May



June



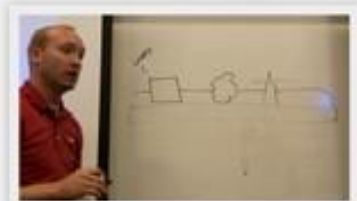
July



August



September



October



November



December



MEMBERS

2015 SVW President's Challenges

Month	Challenge	Description	Source
January	One Tool	Turn a piece using only one cutting tool (once mounted on the lathe). Pick a tool (bowl gouge, spindle gouge, bedan, skew, parting tool, etc.) No sanding, and no finish.	JG
February	Rude Osolnik	Make a pair of candle stick holders in the style of Rude Osolnik. His design is simple, yet elegant and subtle. http://rudeosolnik.com/	DP
March	Inside/outside	Inside/Outside turning is a technique where four square pieces of wood are held together temporarily and turned, then the pieces are rotated, glued together, and then turned again.	MM
April	Winged	Safely turn a winged piece. Some important things to learn from this challenge are the technique and finesse needed to make controlled fine, light bevel supported cuts on thin intermittent wings and the importance of sharp tools. This will help in every aspect of your turning. Learn and use correct safe techniques at all times	BH
May	Stemmed organic	Turn an organic form, such as an apple or a pear, with a stem. Goblets do not naturally occur in nature.	GP
June	Embellish	Embellish a turning with one or more techniques, not limited to: dye, paint, pattern, texturing, chatter work, carving, or pyrography.	MM
July	Faceplate w bead/cove	Using a faceplate, turn a piece incorporating at least one bead or one cove.	BH
August	Undercut Rim	Make a vessel with the rim noticeably smaller than the maximum inside diameter of the piece.	BH
September	Twice-Turned	Rough-turn something from green wood, allow it to dry, and then finish turn the piece. The drying process takes a while so start on this early in the year so it can dry.	JG
October	Purely Sculptural	Turn a piece with no real or perceived practical function.	CB
November	Treen	Treen, literally "of a tree" is a generic name for small handmade functional household objects made of wood. Treen is distinct from furniture, cabinetry, clocks and cupboards. Before the late 17th-century, when silver, pewter and ceramics were introduced for tableware, most small household items, boxes and tableware were carved from wood.	DR
December	Holiday Ornament	Turn an ornament for the holidays. (Due in November)	PR
Picnic	Wall Hanging	No part of the turning, display or stand for the piece touches the floor or sits on a table. Must fit in and be delivered in a supermarket size brown paper bag for anonymity. The piece must be unsigned or have blue tape covering signature. Judging will be by people's choice voting of picnic attendees, two vote per member family maximum, to win \$100 prize.	ML

Coming Attractions 2015



**Jason Breach
in May**



**Glenn Lucas
in September**



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CLUB NOTES

SVW Needs YOU

2014 Silicon Valley Woodturners Officers, Staff, Volunteers, and Contacts

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 Bob Gerenser to volunteer and help make our activities happen.

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Sharing Knowledge

MEMBERS: Please contribute your expertise to our newsletter. The editor will help you get your article ready if need be. Deadline is one week after our club meeting.

OTHER WOODTURNING CLUBS: You may use materials in this newsletter for the benefit of other turners. Please credit Silicon Valley Woodturners and the newsletter month and year for any material you use, and mention our web site: www.svwoodturners.org. Note that if we've flagged an article as having been reprinted from another source with permission, you must secure that same permission in order to use that material.

Volunteer Instructors / Mentors

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.

- Jim Benson (831) 475-5615
- Jim Gott (408) 265-9501 sharpening, design, natural edge bowls, boxes, goblets, tool control, you name it. Anything but segmenting.
- Rich Johnson (209) 710-8795 all type to turning support available from beginner to professional.
- Mike Lanahan (408) 926-9330 Pepper Mills, Segmented, and Shaving or Makeup Brushes.

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 2014	January Mushroom	February Alternate Chucking	March Square Bowl	April Sphere	May Collaborative/Teach*	June Not Wood	July Inlay	August Complimentary Pieces	September Helix, Spiral or Threaded	October Different Model Lathe	November Lidded Box	December For The Shop	Picnic Flying Disc
Alias, Johnny													
Benson, Jim													
Drysdale, Chris													
Gerenser, Bob													
Gott, Jim													
Green, Herb													
Havens, Brian													
Johnson, Rich													
Jones, Barb													
Keogh, Gary													
Lanahan, Mike													
Landon, Scott													
Lillis, Dennis													
Mackenzie, Colin													
Moody, Marcus													
Patnude, Gordon													
Peck, Greg													
Ryan, Doug													
Sayed, Ayman													
Schmida, Tom													
Studley, Raf													
Towe, Keith													
West, Milton													
Westfall, Dick													
Wittrock, Oscar													
Whittier, John													
Zavala, Pete													

For a more detailed description of the 2014 President's Challenges, go to:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SVWoodturners/files/Forms/>

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.
- Entries may only be shown for one challenge.

Woodturning Symposia 2015

Florida Woodturning Symposium, January 9th – 11th, 2015
2015 TAW Symposium, Franklin, TN, January 30th–31st, 2015
Alaska Woodturners Association Woodturning Symposium, Anchorage, AK January 25-26, 2015
Oregon Woodturning Symposium, Albany, Or, March 6th-8th, 2015
Totally Turning 2014, Saratoga Springs, NY March 28th-29th, 2015
Utah Woodturning Symposium 2014, Orem UT May 14th-16th, 2015
Southern States XV Woodturning Symposium, Cartersville GA May 15th-17th, 2015
AAW 29th International Symposium, Pittsburgh, PA June 25th-28th, 2015
Woodturners of Olympia Symposium, Olympia, WA, July 25th, 2015
SWATurners Symposium, Waco, TX August 21st-23rd, 2015
16th Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium, Loveland, CO September
Turning Southern Style XXI Symposium, GAW September 18th-20th, 2015
7th Annual Wisconsin Woodturners Expo, Eau Claire, WI October, 2015
Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild, Harrison, IN, October 9th-11th, 2015

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Silicon Valley Woodturners Membership Application

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John Whittier, 961 W. Latimer Ave, Campbell CA 95008

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(s): _____

Membership*	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



home: _____ mobile: _____

Email _____ Website _____

Lathe(s): _____

Next Meeting...

Join us Wednesday, January 7th,
@ 7:00 P.M., at :

Santa Clara High School Woodshop

3000 Benton St, Santa Clara, CA

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November's Program: Brian Havens sprouts wings!

January Member's Challenge:

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