



Chips & Chatter

*SVW
Silicon Valley
Woodturners*

December 1999 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 5, 2000 at 7:00 PM

Location: CB Tool, 70 Karina Court, San Jose, CA

CB Tool is located near the exit from Hwy 101 and the Brokaw Road and 1st street junction. From Brokaw road go north on 1st street to the first stop light. That is Karina Court. Turn left (West) and go to where Karina court curves to the right. CB Tool is located on the left side of that curve.

President's Challenge: Jan: ODD thing; Feb: Name Badge; March: Sphere larger than 3"

Remember: Bring your chair and items for the "show and tell" portion of the meeting. We all learn together.

The President's Column, By Rich Johnson

Our Christmas party was a good time had by all. The food was excellent. The gift exchange was a great success also.

The staff Thanks you for your support in asking us to come back another year and "do it one more time." Our success has been with your help. We will still need your help this coming year. SVW is taking on some big projects.

We as you know will be having a lot to do for this summers "Turn-Off." We already have a few committees forming at this time and more soon to follow. SVW will need as many people as possible to participate in this to pull this off, so please sign up for one of the committees and help us.

The committees and their chairpersons are:

Host / ORG	- Rich J.
Food & Drink	- Craig T
Egg Cup	- Ron N.
Turning Team	- Jim G
Site	- Debbie B.
Vendors	- Rich J.
Lathes/Equip	- Rich J.
Badges	- Rich J.
Apparel	- Dick P.

Some of the other activities for SVW this year will be the Home & Garden Shows. We will be doing 5 shows this year. So we need to turn, turn, turn. To help get you in to it, here is the list for the President's Challenge.

Presidents Challenges for 2000:

- Jan. - Something turned that you would consider ODD!
- Feb. - A new badge, some or any part of it must be turned.
- Mar. - A sphere larger than 3".
- Apr. - Something with a Stem on it.
- May - A Mushroom.
- June - A hollow
- July - A segmented anything.
- Aug. - Something with a Lid.
- Sept. - Something with a Hole in it.
- Oct. - A Natural Edge turning.
- Nov. - Something with a handle on it.
- Dec. - Christmas Tree Decoration

Thanks for a great year! See you next year. Happy Holidays.

RICH.

Welcome to our Guest, Roy Holmberg and our New Member, Phil Raybal. Phil was a guest last meeting and has joined. Welcome and we hope you enjoyed being with us at our regulator club meeting.

Show and Tell:

We had Two members bring in their turnings for show and tell. Debbie Bress brought in a natural edge bowl made from some of the last Cherry Wood from Oslen's Orchard and eight Wine Corks which she described as being made from "Fire Wood" and some wood she bought off the Web. If you check "Ebay" under "Miscellaneous" and then under the "Tools" listing, you will find woods for wood turning. Don Bonnett brought in a very nice set of three Ebony Goblets. You wonder how they he can turn the stems so small. We are going to have to get Don and our other small turners (Bob Morelli and Marion Trentman) to demo some night. The other two items are Bud Vases. These were brought in by Dave Milligan, our Speaker for the night. If you look close, you can see the larger Bud Vase has Snoopy looking out of the knothole.



President's Challenge: (Christmas Ornament)

We had three entries for the President's challenge. The one Christmas Ornament was brought in by Rich Johnson for Harry Keller. Harry could not make it and wanted to put up one of his works for the challenge and this Ornament is to be the special raffle prize for this meeting. It is made of Kingwood with Purple Heart trim. Harry won the special prize at the last meeting. Jim Gott brought in a round hollow Ornament made of spalted maple. It also is a rattle, He left something inside. Don Bennett brought in a nicely finished Ornament made of Padauk with Cocobolo trim. A great job by all, Thanks.



During the break. The judging was based on guidelines we are trying to use for a fair comparison of the work presented. These are: Utilization of wood as a medium (20%), Shape and Correctness (20%), Technical Skill (30%), Spirit of the Theme (15%), and Artistic Impact (15%).

First Place: Don Bonnett
Second Place: Jim Gott
Honorable: Harry Keller

Next Month's President's Challenge ... An "Odd" thing!

This Month's Presentation:

This month's presentation was by Dave Milligan. Dave is a member of the International Wood Collectors Society.



Dave brought with him various samples of the different woods we would find in this area. These ranged from the common California Oaks to some of the non-native woods. He uses the Western Garden Book as one of his references. Other good books are the Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Trees, the Eastern Region and the Western Region. Another less expensive book is the "Golden Books", A Guide to Field Identification, Trees of North America. If you are really into wood identification, get R. Bruce Hoadley's Book on "Identifying Wood". If all you have is a piece of wood, with no bark, no leaves and no seeds (fruit) from the tree. It is very hard to know what that "wood" is.

OK, it's easy to figure out some of the more common woods like Red or White Oak, Redwood, Pine and the like. But can you pick up a piece of Red and White Oak and tell the difference? Red Oak has an open pore structure; you can blow through a piece of "DRY" Red Oak. I guess for our purpose, it helps to know what tree the wood came from. All the Field Guides show the Bark, leaves and seed (fruit) and then we are not quite sure! Try and identify all the California Oaks around here. Another place to try for tree identification is Cal Poly's Web Site <http://selectree.cagr.calpoly.edu/>.

Thanks Dave for a very informative presentation.

Staff Reports:

Vice President: (Ace Foster)

Speaker and Presenter for this month's presentation is Dave Milligan. Dave is a member of the International Wood Collectors Society. His presentation will be on identifying wood and in particular the neighborhood and roadside trees we use. Still working on next's month's program.

Secretary: (Rich Dege)

Sent out notices for Christmas Party with Map via Email. Called others without Email.

Called for and to open nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. A motion was made to close the nominations and present the current staff for re-election without passing out the ballot. Everybody quickly seconded the motion and so voted. A hand vote was taken and the present staff was re-elected for another year. Rich Johnson is President, Ace Foster is Vice-President, Rich Dege is Secretary, and Chuck Jorgensen is Treasurer.

Treasurer: (Chuck Jorgensen)

We have 55 paid up members to date. We had receipts of \$1.48 and expenses of \$728.07 for a balance of \$2123.10

Newsletter: (Mike Rude)

Newsletter did make it out and if you did not get a copy, please leave Mike know.

Ways & Means:

No Report (We still need someone to be Ways & Means Chair)

The Hat Man & Apparel Chairman (Dick Pickering)

We have a new supply of hats available! Only \$10 ea. SVW logos on a shirt, the Club can still have this done, need to place a minimum order of 12 to get \$16 price per shirt, 2X size is \$2 more and 3X size is \$3 more, please see or Email Dick. If member wishes to supply his or her own shirt, the charge is \$8.

Videos & Books: (Dave Auchard)

No Report, Just a lot of good videos to rent. Please remember to bring back the videos after you had them the month.

Safety Chair (Stan Silva)

No Report

Committee Reports:

The AAW Collaborative Turning for next year! Lou Gonzalez is the Chairperson for this project. Project Selection was made and we will be making a wooden Nine Cylinder Radial Aircraft engine. It is to be just like the one that powered the Spirit of Saint Louis. The trick is to size this to fit in a 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft. box.

Home and Garden Show: The shows we will be in are scheduled for: Jan. 14th – 16th at Santa Clara, March 3rd – 5th at San Mateo, April 7th – 9th at San Jose, Sept 8th – 10th at Santa Clara, and Sept 29th – Oct. 1st at San Mateo. Here's the deal; \$300 worth of turnings and we pay for the electrical charge of \$75. We pick which turnings (members donate or we may use a voucher system) The Clubs give up their commission charge, but need to take a percentage of the total sales to pay the \$75 electrical fee. (Clubs did take in about \$150 on commission charge)

Old Business:

We need a new "Ways and Means Chair person"; Please see Rich Johnson or Ace Foster if you wish to help out.

The Annual Woodturners Picnic and Turn Off: Need committee to form to put this together. We are the host club this coming year and will need "all hands" to help. We will be holding this in Santa Clara's Central Park. Need Sponsor to supply equipment (lathes). Talked about Catering the affair and to have flavors to handout to attendee's. Another idea was to have Sponsors to attend and set up booths.

Christmas Party: Thanks to Debbie Bress, we had a place for the Christmas party. It was at Harry's Hofbrau on Dec 12th Starting at 5:00 PM until closing. Everyone was to pay for their own meal and if we get 50 or more, Harry's Hofbrau will give us back our \$200 deposit. We had a gift exchange, where you get to "steal" or choose a gift. A gift may only be stolen three times. This may be a White Elephant type gift, something shop or woodworking related. Something funny, something useful, but not junk! So lets be fair and have fun. (You had to bring a gift if you wish to be in on the gift exchange).

Christmas Party Update! Since we were short the 50 people required to get the \$200 deposit back. The Attending Staff held a quick business meeting and voted to pay for the meals to bring the total to 50. For a small investment, we got most of the deposit back.

Wood Turning Classes:

Bob DiVita and Don Bonnett hold beginner woodturning classes at Bob's house. This is a closed class and you must call or see Bob or Don to get in. The idea is to provide basic instruction for new to woodturning members for three to four sessions, then you leave and others then come in.

Rich Johnson provides what is called a Boot Camp for the more experience turners. See Rich for details.

New Business:

Club Mini Lathe for use at Wood Shows, Home & Garden Show, and Club Meetings.

Motion made by Debbie Bress for Club to buy it's own Mini Lathe, Motion was 2nd. Hand Vote was taken and motion was defeated.

Motion made by Lou Gonzalez to Lease Craig Thorson's Jet Mini Lathe for \$150.00 for the next two years, with Craig to provide maintenance and storage. The Lathe will be available for all scheduled shows and for Club Demos'. Motion was 2nd. Hand vote was taken and motion passed. Craig was willing to offer the Lathe free for Club use with the same terms, but membership present, thought this would not be fair. Hence the offer of lease payment.

The Raffle:

Thanks to Ace Foster bringing in the wood. We had Eucalyptus Citriodora, Blue Gum, Monterey Cypress and Oak. The special prize was provided by Harry Keller (who won last month's prize) was the Christmas Ornament and was won by Jeff Thorson. Jeff will now be the one to come up with a special prize for next month's raffle.