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THE SILICON VALLEY WOODTURNERS

COMING UP!

Monthly Meeting:
August 1

Home and Garden
Show
August 17-19



Mike Rude gets a handle on rolling pins.

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Mike Rude presented samples of his rolling pins, followed by a demonstration of how he constructs them, which also included a turning demonstration on Rich Johnson's lathe. Some of the points Mike mentioned were:

Use dry, hard hardwood, 2 ½ inches thick. Wood with small pores is best. Mike arranges pieces to construct a color pattern. The wood is 14 inches long. He glues the wood together in sections of five, set on a diagonal. He uses Titebond II and dries the pieces over night. Mike uses mineral oil and melted bees wax for a finish. If the piece is NOT going to

be used for cooking he seals with a thin coat of tung oil. Mike showed how he makes the "free handles" which are very important to the working operation of the rolling pins.



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PRES SEZ



This year's annual SVW picnic event was a great success. Everyone had a great time; the food was also very good with "NO LEFT OVERS". The turning contest brought out some great pieces. The best of show went to a person that thought his turning was a bad mistake and should be tossed. The 2 x 4 contest brought out a few projects that were creative, innovative and fun. The \$100 was well deserved.

Martin and Pat Pidgen (international turner from England) were here for a two-week visit. Martin did a demo for the sawdust session that produced a couple of bowls that we all enjoyed. Another turner with another way of turning. This might have been a preview for next year because he will be coming back. He is interested in doing a few full demos for the bay area clubs. Stay tuned. It was fun to hear some of the things he makes and the quantities. For example he makes doorstops and light pulls by the thousands. He and Pat when they are home work more than 12-hour days to turn and fulfill orders. They ship all over Europe and have a tough time keeping up. The doorstops and pulls sell for £5 (\$10 us). I cannot imagine how the two of them can pull it off, that many items over and over.

Michelle & I (& Jackie) took them on one of my e travelin' (435 mile) adventures. We went to Colombia state park, Sonora, Jamestown, Yosemite

and then Chukchansi Indian casino for the Buffet and the penny machines. We all had a ball. They also were here for and participated in our first Garden Railroad open house / tour. More than 50 people came to see the trains run and our layout. We really enjoyed their visit and are looking forward to the next time.

I have posted the sign ups for the Home and Garden show 8/17 – 8/19 at the Santa Clara County fairgrounds. Joe tells me he will place us in the same place as last year. It was at the doorway to Gateway hall. This was a great location for us, the entrance to one of the vendor buildings. If you are interested in participating you better get signed up. We will have a Home and Garden Sawdust Session on Aug. 8th. This is a way to see and learn how we sell our turnings at the Home and Garden Shows.

SVW has been invited to participate the next open house for the San Carlos Woodcraft store on Sept. 28th & 29th. We will be given a booth with a lathe to demo Woodturning from 9 – 5 each day. I will post a sign up sheet on yahoo. This is an event to Show off SVW as a club and get some more members. Last year we had a great time. There were a lot of vendors to see and some of the local woodworking clubs.

What is your "A" turning?

Rich

Next month...

Join us Wednesday, July 1st, at 7 P.M., at Rich Johnson's Woodturning Center in San Jose.

Rich's Center is located behind his home at 14979 Joanne Ave., San Jose. From Hwy. 680, take the McKee Road exit East about 1.5 miles to Toyon Ave. Turn left and go 0.6 mile, turn right onto Joanne Ave.

Bring your chair and items for Show and Tell. We all learn together.

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE: STARTS WITH "A"



Doorstops by Martin Pidgen

President's Challenge and Show & Tell

STARTS WITH "J"

Clockwise from top left:

Rich Johnson displayed a **Juniper** hollow form, Becky Frisbee brought Mulberry **Junk jar** with a **Jalopy** button inlaid in the top, Harry Levin showed his **Jagged** edged burl bowl, Herb Green had his **Jacks** sculpture, Jim Gott's item was called a **Joist juxtaposed** in a bowl, Dick Pickering displayed several **Jewelry** bracelets, Michael Batek showed his **Jagged jigger** for July and his **James junior javelin** makeup project for June, Charlie Belden bought some **Jiggling, juglan, jugs**, Brian Butler made **Jars and jugs** from his wood pile, Mike Rude showed of his **Jewelry** bracelets, David Feind brought a **Jam** chuck he made for his bowl. Jack Todd showed a **Jagged natural** edge olive bowl.



Show and Tell

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Tony Bryhan brought a large bowl turned from Oak and finished with his patented steel wool ebonizing solution.

Michael Wiley brought a new “Chuck and Duck” Longworth style chuck. It comes in three sizes, costs \$200, made of aluminum.



Brian Butler showed his Candlestick made from junk pile wood, finished with tung oil.



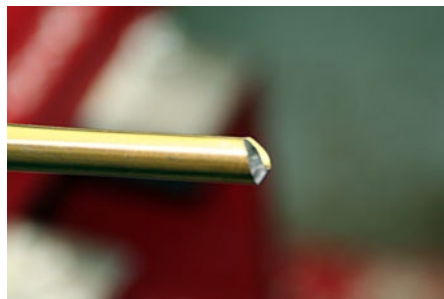
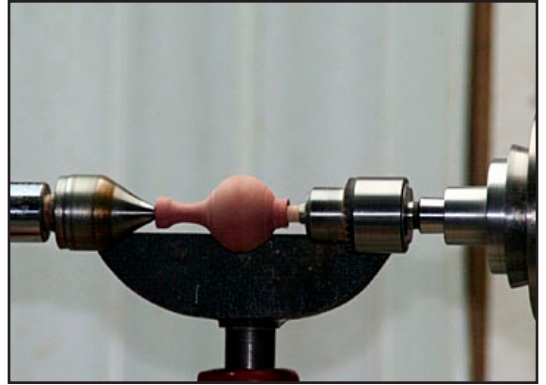
SVW Summer Picnic



Guest Demonstrator Martin Pidjen



Martin is a production turner from England. His signature pieces are doorstops and light pulls. He turns mostly exotic woods which he buys and sells by the ton. He turns his pieces in such large quantities that he has to use lathes with duplicators for the rough shape and then does the finish cuts and sanding. His final cuts are smooth so his sanding is held to a minimum. Martin demonstrated turning a diamond shaped bowl.



CLUB NOTES



Best of Show by Jack Todd

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 smaller 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 here. In particular, we need:

- Volunteers for shop tours
- Volunteers to present at meetings
- Members to write up their profiles for the newsletter

• Short articles for *Chips & Chatter*
Please volunteer to Rich Johnson and help make our activities happen.

Sharing Knowledge

MEMBERS: Please contribute your expertise to our newsletter. The editor will help you get your article ready if need be. Deadline is the 12th of the month.

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

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 Lloyd Frisbee to join this list.

Rich Dege	(408) 272-8122
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Phil Roybal	(408) 255-4789

Join Silicon Valley Woodturners

Want to join a great group of turning enthusiasts in an atmosphere of sharing and camaraderie? Become a member of Silicon Valley Woodturners.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month. See page 2 for details. Drop in at any meeting and check things out. To join, contact Rich Johnson (see listing at the right).

Learn more about our club on the web at www.svwoodturners.org.

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RICH JOHNSON (PRESIDENT)

We have set the following demos:

- October 14 Cindy Drozda
- November 11 Alan Stirt
- March 2008 Ellsworth at BAWA

Others being considered are: Bill Hunter, Will Smith, Betty Scarpino, Haley Smith, Todd Hoyer, Michael Lee, and Kay Foster.

Our demonstrators are scheduled for a full day. Bay Area Woodturners combines the demo with their monthly meeting. Meeting first, then the demo. We can attend their demos.

JOHN WHITTIER (VP/PROGRAMS)

October program will be presenting by Jim Gott, on making turned Christmas Ornaments. Members are encouraged to bring in ornaments they have made in the past, to show.

CRAIG THORSON (TREASURER)

Treasury reports are available to members. See Craig.

AL GORE (LIBRARIAN)

The club library Library has a new book; "Guide to Work Holding" by Fred Holder.

DICK PICKERING (APPAREL)

Hats are now available at \$10 each. Be sure to wear your SVW insignia when you work shows such as the Woodworking show as an SVW staffer.

BECKY FRISBEE (SUNSHINE)

Let Becky or Lloyd know if a club member needs a get-well card, a new-member info packet, or some other contact from the club.

Other Business

Hartville Tools is offering 20% member discounts if we pass along our club roster. If you don't want your name released, put your name on the opt out list in the database section of our Yahoo group site.

Comments on the American Association of Wood turners (AAW) Symposium in Portland, Oregon:

Jim Gott's impression was that it was well done, and better than the Pasadena show for workshop set-up. Could have had vendor opportunities open more and longer. Vendor opportunities were at the same time that the workshops were running. The Instant Gallery was also open during that same time period, as a result there was not a lot of time to view the Instant Gallery or peruse the vendor booths. The Auction raised \$100,000. The collaborative piece by the late Frank Sudol and Binh Pho sold for over \$30,000 and another piece sold for over \$20,000. Alan Stirt did not come as scheduled so his workshops were cancelled.

Tony Bryhan: Commented that the Japanese turners were "under-whelming" and were a disappointment. Tony "really liked" the Alan Mailland workshop and went to it twice. Alan makes "hook tools" and uses them on pieces from 500 lbs to a couple of lbs.

Tony also commented on the "Robust lathe" as "not well thought out" and "disappointing". It was similar to the Vicmarc, but he likes the Vicmarc better.



For Sale at RJ's WTC

Martin Pidgen Door stops \$10

5 gal anchor seal \$60

Thin parting tools \$20

Logging/Fishing gloves \$3

FOR SALE



Even Roy wants to know...
How did you do that?

Rich Johnson's
Woodturners' Boot Camp
Learn the basics, from chainsaw
to polish. An all day class. Book
available. Sign up now. (408) 254-
8485.

August 17 - 19

Home and Garden show
Santa Clara Fairgrounds

September 28,29

Woodcraft, San Carlos
Open house

October 14th

Cindy Drozda

November 11th

Allan Stirt



CALENDAR



IRONMAN

Ironmen are those who complete all 12 President's Challenge projects for 2007. Those who meet the challenge are awarded distinctive IRONMAN name badges. A green bar in the chart below 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 overlooked your President's Challenge entry somehow, e-mail Lloyd at bigguy95124@yahoo.com.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Batek, Michael												
Belden, Charlie												
Bryhan, Tony												
Butler, Brian												
Cohen, Howard												
Fiend, David												
Frisbee, Becky												
Frisbee, Lloyd												
Geren, Ron												
Gott, Jim												
Green, Herb												
Johnson, Rich												
Jones, Barb												
Levin, Harry												
Overmire, John												
Pickering, Dick												
Roybal, Phil												
Rude, Mike												
Sayed, Ayman												
Sealy, Ard												
Thorson, Jeff												
Todd, Jack												
Vaughan, Glenn												
Wiley, Michael												
Wittier, John												

IRONMAN RULES

- Entries must not have been shown before.
- If you miss a month's Challenge, you may bring it to a Sawdust Session, or to the following meeting.
- If you bring a make-up Challenge to a meeting, you must also show the current month's Challenge piece.

2007 CHALLENGES

August With an "A"