



CHIPS & Chatter



Happy Thanksgiving



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THE SILICON VALLEY WOODTURNERS' NEWSLETTER

COMING UP!

- Olive Hyde Show 11/30
- Holiday Party 12/5
- Next Meeting 1/7/2013

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**Jim Benson -
Airbrush Techniques**

By Colin Mackenzie

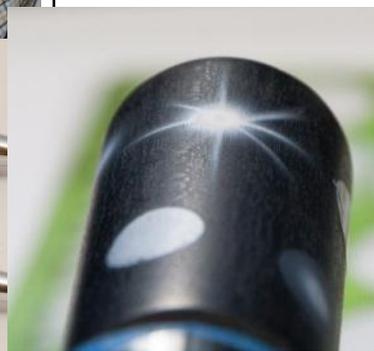
Jim is not new to the art. He has a long history in the use of the airbrush and visitors to his home and workshop will be dazzled by the many examples of his work on display as framed art. Most of his work is featured on flat surfaces but during the evening he showed how the airbrush might enhance the 3D wood-turned piece. Like any good demonstrator he made it



look easy. Besides his demonstration of basic skills he had many examples of the various kinds of airbrush available from the cheap to the expensive but he made the point strongly that it is not the price of the equipment that is important but the basic skills of the operator. Jim also gave us an outline of the history of the airbrush, which is surprisingly recent.



The whole event was greatly advantaged by Richard Scott's painstaking work on the cameras and the effort that he uses in setting up and dismantling the video frames and equipment. Continued on page 12



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Tom Wirsing Demo



Tom performed a demonstration November 9th of how to turn a perfect platter and perfect bowl from highly figured wood, which are very susceptible to tear out problems. Tom's solution is an arsenal of carefully shaped CPM-10V steel scrapers with an unconventional negative rake grind on CBN wheels, sharpen often, and scrape with a delicate touch. Without a very good surface before sanding, you can't get rid of any tear-out without introducing ripples in the figured wood because of the different sanding rates of the random grain orientation. Tom uses highly figured,

dry blanks, mounted on a large faceplate with hardened steel screws for maximum stability as he shapes the outside of the platter or bowl.

Tom grinds his scrapers with a 20 degree bevel on both sides, which makes it look like a stubby skew. He then uses a marker to mark the top bevel so he will know where the burr is being formed. Once the grind gets too asymmetrical, he flips it over and sharpens from the other side. He says the CBN wheels are needed to get the best sharpness on the CPM-10V steel because they will grind through the vanadium/carbide particles while conventional wheels dislodge the entire particle, leaving a rougher surface. Continued on page 14

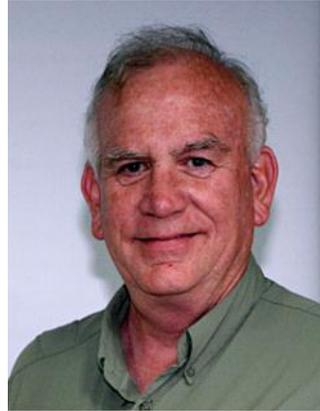


Message From the President

By Ard Sealy

I am pleased to congratulate our officers for 2013: President -- Bob Gerenser, Vice President – Colin Mackenzie with assistances from Lonnie Hurst, Treasure – Grant Beech, and Secretary – Dick Westfall. There will be several opportunities for members to fill in some of the chairman positions for next year as well, Ways and Means, Librarian, and Apparel and perhaps a few more. If you are interested in one of these positions please contact Bob Gerenser.

Colin Mackenzie has asked for suggestions for club meeting programs for next year. Please contact Colin with topics you would like to see next year.



Still no information from the IRS on our tax exempt filling.

The Holiday party is set for December 5th at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Bob Gerenser has established a data base on the Yahoo Group site, please sign up ASAP. I suggest early sign up as there could be a cut off that would result in limiting attendance to only people that have signed up.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Holiday Party.

Have a great Thanksgiving,

Ard Sealy

Holiday Party

The Holiday Party will be held at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 51 North San Pedro Street, San Jose on Wednesday, December 5th, which is our regular meeting night. As always, members and spouses, or significant others, are invited to attend. We will be ordering off the menu, so there should be something to please everyone. Here is a link to the menu: <http://www.osf.com/dinner-menu>.

Once again, we will be having a "Yankee Swap" gift exchange with the three steal limit. It works like this: If you bring a wrapped gift, you



get a numbered ticket, when your number is picked; you get to choose a gift from the gift table. You un-wrap the gift you chose and decide whether to try to keep it, or swap it for someone else's gift. The third holder of a gift lays claim to that gift, it cannot be stolen again. After all the numbers have been picked and gifts chosen, the person who got the first pick gets to swap.

The theme of the gifting is "From the Shop or For the Shop".

We have a room reserved, but I need a head-count in order for the restaurant to know how many settings they need to place. There is a "Holiday Party Dec. 5th" [Sign-up Sheet](#) in our Yahoo Group under the "database" heading.

Bob

Next Meeting...

Join us Wednesday, **January 7** (the **FIRST** Wednesday of the month), at 7 P.M., **The Eagle Aerie, 1036 Lincoln Ave., San Jose, CA 95125**, located between Willow and Coe on the East side of the street. There is parking on both sides of the building, on the street and across the street from the funeral home.

Bring items for **President's Challenge, Show & Tell, and Eagle Aerie Donation**. We learn by sharing.

President's Challenge: for January to be announced at the Holiday Party, and reported in the December newsletter..

Please register your entry online ([Yahoo Groups Database](#)) no later than 4:00 PM the day of the meeting to be eligible.

Program: Brian Havens will demystify multi-axis turning.

Brian will address the two elements that **multi-axis turning** adds beyond single-axis turning, demonstrate how varying those elements effects the results, and show that the results can range from simple and practical to complex and whimsical.

For those who would like to get together for dinner before the meeting, we have been going to Jake's of Willow Glen. They're a pizza place, but also have a large selection of sandwiches, wraps and salads. Check them out at www.jakesofwillowglen.com. Jake's is located a short walk, just two blocks, south of the Eagle Aerie, on the same side of Lincoln at: 1074 Lincoln Ave. We start showing up at Jakes at 5:30 PM.

CHECK IT OUT

From the SVW Library

Changing of the Guard

By Phil Roybal

This will be my last article as club librarian. I've enjoyed building and marketing the library, but the pressures of my start-up company are great enough that I don't have



time to do it right anymore, so I'm passing on the torch. This is an important job and



one that offers great benefit to the club, so I hope my successor will tackle it with ideas and energy.

Over the past two years I've organized our library to offer more of what members wanted and make better use of our resources. This included:

- Selling off all printed materials and tools
- Using sales proceeds and the Library budget to add 39 DVD's or E-books to the library
- Creating a database of all library materials

- Replacing generic DVD wrappers with the original DVD artwork where possible
- Soliciting members for input on what DVD's we should acquire
- Publishing a monthly review of one of our DVDs

Now it's time for new hands on the oars. Meanwhile, find a DVD on something you want to learn about, and check it out, in the SVW Library!

Phil



Coming Attractions

January: Brian Havens. Brian will address the two elements that **multi-axis turning** adds beyond single-axis turning, demonstrate how varying those elements effects the results, and show that the results can range from simple and practical to complex and whimsical.

February: Patrick Sullivan M.D. He will be taking about **accidents in the workshop** and their treatment. He gave a similar talk at the St. Paul AAW meeting he has slides so only video from a computer will be needed.

March: Lonnie Hurst. Bangle bracelet and jewelry

April: Chuck Nowark. Designing a bowl for the log at hand.

President's Challenge
November "For the Kitchen"

TURNING OUT



Ard Sealy - Rolling Pin
 made of several woods fin-



Bob Gerenser - Un-Natural Edge Salad Bowl, Ash, Block Oil finish



Brian Havens - Bad Luck Rolling Pins; Maple/Walnut; Boiled Linseed Oil + Beall Buff



PVC pipe and 50:50 finish



Colin Mackenzie - Pastry matt container for the kitchen. Black acacia,



Herb Green - egg cup, walnut, 50/50 finish



Jim Benson - Salt bowl with scoop Spectrally,EEE,mylands high friction



John Whittier - Fruit Bowl walnut with textured rim finished 5 coats of Wipe on Poly sanded with 600 grit paper between coats.



Johnny Alias - Australian blood wood Pepper grinder, Finish with sanding sealer and 50/50.



Marcus Moody - Walnut handled nut cracker & red gum mortise & pestle . Both finished with butcher block oil.

Lonnie Hurst - Coffee Scoop, mystery wood, wipe on poly and buff



Mike Lanahan - Slotted Maple Spoon, wipe on poly finish.



Rich Johnson - Turkey Baster, Tulipwood, RJ finish





Tom Schmida - Pepper Mill, Maple burl, 50/50, wax



Joel Smith - no details provided



James Baker - Chopping board made of California olive wood. The knife was purchased in Alaska and is an Eskimo uloo.



President's Challenge
December "Holiday Purpose"

TURNING OUT



Ard Sealy - Christmas Tree, mahogany unfinished



Bob Gerenser - Holly Day Plate, European Beach, African Mahogany, Laser Engraved, Wipe-on poly over Seal-coat



Colin Mackenzie - Seam press to allow a seam to be easily steam ironed black acacia with 50:50



Dick Westfall - Decorative Snowman, Fir, Paint



Herb Green - holiday bowl, oak burl, Tung oil



Johnny Alias - Mahogany holiday rolling pin, Finish paint and 50/50



TURNING OUT Continued



Lonnie Hurst - Inside Out Ornament, mystery wood, canary wood, co-cobolo, wipe on poly and buff



Jim Benson - x-mas tree bottle stopper. Airbrushed acrylic finish



Marcus Moody - Inside out ornament, mango wood, wipe on poly finish.



Mike Lanahan - X-mas Tree Stand, from pepper tree wood, ash, walnut and maple, finished with wipe on poly.



Rich & Michelle Johnson - Table decoration Snowman Myrtle, clear deft with added parts



Joel Smith - No details provided.





Brian Butler - Chess board on the top of an oak wine barrel, with chess pieces turned from Champaign corks.

Eagle Aerie Donations

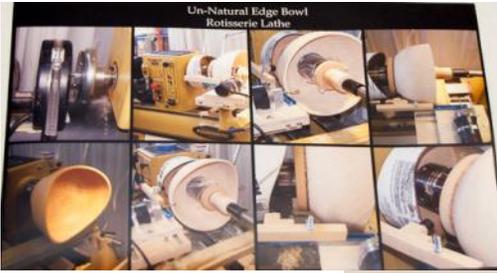


Ron Geren - Walnut bowl finished with Wipe On Poly.



Howard Cohen - Christmas ornament (No photo)

SHOW & TELL



Bob Gerenser - Rotisserie Motor driven lathe and the Un-Natural Edge Bowl



Brian Havens - Crotch-Winged Bowl; Spalted Crabapple?; Precat-Lacquer



Jim Benson - showing the fluting jig used for the prior month's challenge. It mounts on the lathe bed, and a router rides on top.



John Whittier - Ash salad bowl 15 inches diameter and 6 inches high 2 coats of General salad bowl finish



Ron Geren - Spalted mystery wood pot hollowed with custom/homemade hollowing tools. Finished with Sat-in Wipe On Poly.



Lonnie Hurst - Make up for President's Challenge - Root ball center piece, mystery wood from Charlie Belden, 7 coats

lacquer on specific sections
Tagua nut lidded container, with wenge highlights, and lid contains deer antler, cedar, beetle nuts, and blackwood finial finished in wipe-on poly and buffing
Maple Vase with gloss poly on some sections and 50/50 on the majority of the vase with granulated rock on the bottom
Make Up President's Challenge - Fluted toothpick holder. Mystery wood with wipe on poly and buffed.
Make up President's Challenge - Platter with handles, marble cutting surface, and glass dome. Finished with salad bowl finish.



Shop Visit

Glenn Krueg's Shop



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 Ard Sealy (see contact list), or just complete the application form below and mail with check to Grant. Learn more about our club on the web at www.svwoodturners.org.

Silicon Valley Woodturners Membership Application

Please print and mail with a check payable to SVW for \$35* individual (\$45* family) to:
Grant Beech, 1273 Carrie Lee Way, San Jose, CA 95118

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(s): home: _____ mobile: _____

Email _____ Website _____

Lathe(s): _____

Current Member of AAW? Yes ___ No ___

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



Jim Benson - Airbrush

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The demonstration ended with a round of hearty applause and gratitude from the audience of 30 members and guests. There is no doubt there is much more to be demonstrated by Jim in the future.



Meeting Minutes

By Colin Mackenzie

The November club meeting was promptly called to order at 7 p.m., November 7th 2012.

After greetings and guest introductions the topic of the election of the 2013 officers was addressed. Additional nominations were asked for, at which time Craig Thurston withdrew his nomination for Treasurer. A motion to close nominations was moved and seconded. A vote of the slate of nominees was called, and passed with the election of President -- Bob Gerenser, Vice President -- Colin Mackenzie with assistances from Lonnie Hurts, Treasure -- Grant Beech, and Secretary -- Dick Westfall. The demonstration part of the meeting started immediately. The demonstration featured our own Jim Benson giving us an expert demonstration in the use of the airbrush. See a detailed description, starting on page 1.

Following the demonstration there was a short break followed by the President's Challenges for November and December. There is no formal meeting for December as a Christmas Party is planned at The Old Spaghetti Factory in San Jose for the December meeting, with spouses invited to also enjoy the exchange of gifts.

Following the President's challenge the Show & Tell took place. This again showed that the talent of many members of the club who continue to innovate and fill gaps in our expertise that we never knew were missing.

President Ard appealed for a new volunteer to transport the trailer from storage to meetings and its return. Joel Smith volunteered to take charge of the trailer for now.

A call to the floor for volunteers as demonstrators next year resulted in filling programs for the first four months of 2013.

We are still in need for programs for the rest of the year. Many of you our members have many talents that have never been demonstrated to the group or haven't been demonstrated for some time. Please contact Colin Mackenzie about leadings at club meetings during the rest of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. following a very successful meeting.

Guests/Visitors:



Amir Bakhtiari - Visiting Rich Johnson, from Torino, Italy.



No information recorded.

Tom Wirsing Demo

Turn a Perfect Platter or Bowl, continued from page 1.



Although diamond is a harder material than the

product made by Swiss Industrial Products, re-coats and dries for up to 6 or more coats. He also share the multiple modifications/ accessories he has made/ added to his grinder, which looks like a Stewart



- Details**
- I am left-handed
 - Big Leaf Maple (*Acer Macrophyllum*)
 - Fine figure, tight grained, beautiful, brittle, tears-out easily
 - Cut with gouge, smooth and fine-tune with scraper
 - Only the burr on a negative-rake scraper cuts cleanly. When the burr is worn away, the scraper does more harm than good. Sharpen frequently!
 - No sanding
 - Repeat questions



cubic boron nitride, it is less durable and a more fragile abrasive. For his scraping clean-up cuts, Tom moves the scraper to provide a fresh part of the burr, and re-sharpens the scraper so often the grinder doesn't come to a full stop. He starts sanding at 120 to 180 grit, and has an unconventional finish. He soaks his bowls and platters in Deft Oil (a tung oil

Batty commercial.

SVW and West Bay jointly hosted Tom on Nov. 9th at the Bridge Church in Los Altos. Tom donated the proceeds over his travel costs to the AAW to help cover the San Jose Symposium losses. For more information on Tom and his turning, go to his web site: <http://www.thomaswirsing.com/>



and Verathane mixture) for about a day, wipes them off and dries in a home made 100°F dry box. He then rubs the coat down with an abrasive wool



Tips & Tricks

“Let there be Light”

by Glenn Kreug



One of the truisms of woodturning is we can't seem to get too much light at the lathe to help us see the detail of what we are doing. Glenn Kreug has found some LED flood lights, which at merely 15 watts, produce a light intensity of 1500 lumens at a very close to sunlight 6000 K color temperature. The flood light



bulbs are very heavy, however, and most gooseneck fixtures won't hold them up. Glenn hangs them from the ceiling right where they are needed, and has a switch conveniently located right above the lamp. He tried other brands, but like the bulbs from Tmart.com, and they are about \$20.60



from:

http://www.tmart.com/E27-15W-1500LM-6000K-Part38-Highpower-White-Light-Spotlight-Silver-85265V_p157658.html

Got a slick Tip or Trick you'd like to share? Have a problem for which you need advice?

Submit or request a Tip or Trick to this section to MikeLan@aol.com

FOR SALE

Homelite Chainsaw with a 24" bar and plastic case. It was serviced and tuned up in August and has been run through less than a tank of gas since. \$50.00 and it is yours. Ard Sealy, asealy@pacbell.net, Cell: 916-871-4626

Rockler Box Joint Jig for Sale -

Rockler Box Joint Jig, used a couple of times and is on sale at Rockler for \$60 recently, was originally about \$85. Will sell for \$40. Contact Lonnie Hurst, e-mail: lonnie@woodsynthesis.com



1 inch from 4" to either 12" or 20", depending on the set. 4"-12" set (shown), \$14, or the 4"-20" set, \$20. Contact John Whittier for details. (408) 379-3722 jwhit10506@aol.com

Turning Smocks, SVW colors. \$30 (SVW patch not included). Contact John Whittier for details. (408) 379-3722 jwhit10506@aol.com



Woodstock Magnetic Jointer Knife Setting Jig (new \$45) - will sell for

\$25. Contact Lonnie Hurst, e-mail: lonnie@woodsynthesis.com



Bandsaw Cutting Round Disk Sets,

numbered, with center holes— Select a disk size appropriate to the size blank you want to bandsaw from a log, and secure it to the log through the center hole to the log with a wood screw, and cut outside the disk with the saw for an optimally sized and shaped turning blank. These sets of 1/4" thick MDF disks increment by



Place an add for those pesky tools you don't use anymore, just laying around the shop taking up space.
E-mail MikeLan@aol.com



Woodcraft Pen Maker's Drilling Vice (new \$55) - will sell for \$30. Contact Lonnie Hurst, e-mail:

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CLUB NOTES

2012 Silicon Valley Woodturners Staff, Volunteers, Contacts

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 or Tips & Tricks for *Chips & Chatter*

Please volunteer to Ard Sealy 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 (408) 254-8485 all type to turning support available from beginner to Professional.
- Mike Lanahan (408) 926-9330 Pepper Mills, Segmented, and Shaving or Makeup Brushes.

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.

President's Challenge 2011	January <i>found on a desk</i>	February- cracks or bark, not natural edge	March <i>Bird House</i>	April with finial	May- with legs (not glued on)	June Pierced	July Nut Dish	August <i>Back to School</i>	September - a Tray <i>(not a plate or platter)</i>	October <i>Fluted</i>	November <i>for the Kitchen</i>	December Holiday purpose	Picnic - Turned from picnic challenge wood
Adkins, Dean													
Alias, Johnny													
Baker, James													
Beech, Grant													
Benson, Jim													
Bradford, Denver													
Broadhead, Sharod													
Butler, Brian													
Frisbee, Becky													
Geren, Ron													
Gerenser, Bob													
Gott, Jim													
Green, Herb													
Havens, Brian													
Hurst, Lonnie													
Johnson, Rich													
Keogh, Gary													
Kmetko, Paul													
Lanahan, Mike													
Landon, Scott													
Levin, Harry													
Lillis, Dennis													
Mackenzie, Colin													
Moody, Marcus													
Pickering, Dick													
Robinson, Norm													
Roybal, Phil													
Schmida, Tom													
Sealy, Ard													n/a
Smith, Joel													
Westfall, Dick													
Whittier, John													
Witrock, Oscar													

Editor's Note

If I've somehow overlooked your President's Challenge entry, send me an e-mail at MikeLan@aol.com

IRONMAN Rules

- Entries must not have been shown before.
- If you miss a month's Challenge, you may bring it to the following meeting.
- If you bring a make-up Challenge to a meeting, you must also show the current month's Challenge piece.
- Entries must be submitted online (Yahoo Groups, Database) no later than 4:00 PM the day of the meeting to be eligible. If you are unable to register, have a fellow member register for you. You have up to two (2) days after the meeting to modify or add to the descriptions in the database. What you say is what you get.
- The president may approve make-ups for extraordinary absence for hardships such as long term illness, or absence due to employment, provided all make-ups are made at the first meeting upon the member's return. Vacation is not accepted as a reason for more than one missed month.