



Chips & Chatter

February 2000 Newsletter

SVW
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Woodturners

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 1st, 2000, at 7:00 PM

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

CB Tool is located near the exit from Hwy 101 at the Brokaw Road and First Street junction.

From Brokaw Road, go north on First 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: Mar'00: Sphere larger than 3"; Apr '00: Something with a stem

Remember: Bring your chair and items for the *Show and Tell* portion of the meeting. We all learn together.

The Pres Sez,

I just finished my President's Challenge. I already got two coats on it WOW. This one is NICE!!! (At least my wife thinks so) What am I talkin' 'bout, you ask? Why this months challenge, a sphere larger than 3 inches in diameter. Remember the demo? Give it a try, it is fun and a different way of doin' it! Hint: I used my vac chuck "Jaws" as a holder for one side and a closet pole holder (the cup part) to hold the other side. Worked great, as you will see at the meeting.

Next months challenge is "Something with a stem on it". Let your imagination go ... What can you do with a stem..... remember the fun we had with "something with a handle"?

Turn-off up date: I have heard from BAWA group they are workin' on the door prizes.

Our food committee has it together and all worked out.

Our *give away* project is working out. We are planning 200 items to give away, one with each food ticket. The laser work will start soon.

I saw a message from Jeff that WBAWS is working on the wood.

The Lathes are lined up 6 Jet and 2 (NEW) Delta bench top mini lathes. All lathes will be for sale after the "Turn-Off". The Jet lathes will include a NOVA chuck and sell for \$430.00. That is about \$60 off retail! The Delta will sell for about \$315. I will firm up the prices.

That's it for now, I need to get back to turnin' for the Show ... it's just around the corner.

Rich

February Meeting Notes

Welcome to our Guests, Paul Weitz, and Neil, a friend of Ace's. Welcome and we hope you enjoyed being with us at our February club meeting.

Part 1 -Show and Tell:

We had five members bring items to share with us for *Show and Tell*. Eric Dugdale brought two works of his. One was a Cherry Plate that started life as a bowl, but as he worked on it, it got smaller and flatter and ended up as a plate for a cupcake. The other piece was a Black Locust bowl that was turned end grain, lots of dust and no chips when doing it this way. Rich Johnson brought in the Hollow Walnut Vessel he is using for the SawDust Sessions on *How to Finish your turnings*. This will continue for the next few SawDust meetings. Phil Roybal showed us his Eucalyptus flared bowl he learned to do from one of Rich Johnson's Turner's Boot Camp. Ace Foster brought in one of his shallow bowls made of Myrtle. Ace uses his favorite finish of Deft Lacquer on just about all his projects. And last, but not least, Jesus Morales brought in some of his bottle stoppers he made to practice for this night's presentation. Thanks to all for sharing.



Part 2 - President's Challenge: (A Name Badge)

We had only one entry for the Pres.' challenge.

Using our Judging formula, 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%), and the fact we had only one item to judge. We awarded First Place to Ron Newcomb.

Next Month's President's Challenge ... A sphere, larger or equal to three inches!

Part 3 -Staff Reports:

Vice President: (Ace Foster)

The Presenter for next month's presentation will be the **Membership!** Come and share the tricks, hints, and the special fixtures you use to do that something special.



Secretary: (Rich Dege)

Rich has more copies of last month's safety report, Chain Saw Handout, and copies of the last two month's newsletters. Rich asked members to help make tops to hand out to kids at the upcoming WoodWorking Show in April.

Treasurer: (Chuck Jorgensen)

We have 23 paid up Y2K members to date. Everyone needs to renew by the end of the month to remain an active member. We had receipts of \$43.50 and expenses of \$443.20 for a balance of \$1892.40 on February 3rd.

Newsletter: (Mike Rude)

Email delivery is working great! Only had to mail out seven newsletters by snailmail. This saves the club money in postage costs. Newsletter will have Mike as Primary Editor with Rich Dege as back up.

Part 4 - Committee Reports***Ways & Means:***

There was no report. We still need a new *Ways and Means* chairperson; Please see Rich Johnson or Ace Foster if you wish to help out.

The Hat Man & Apparel Chairman (Dick Pickering)

We have a new supply of hats available! Only \$10 each. Talked about SVW logos on a shirt; the club is still planning to have this done, but we need to place a minimum order of 24 to get the \$8 price per shirt. Members need to deliver the shirts to be embroidered to Dick ASAP.

Videos & Books: (Dave Auchard)

Dave is asking for someone to help with this. He just bought a new home and is getting ready to move. Please see Dave.

Safety Chair (Stan Silva)

Stan did not attend so there was no report.

AAW Collaborative Project

Members have been meeting to plan the AAW Collaborative Turning for this year's Conference. Lou Gonzalez was the Chairperson for this project, but has asked for someone to take over. He is in the middle of closing out his business for retirement, and is selling his house and moving to a new home. Rich Dege will try to keep the project going and generate some working drawings. The Project Selection is a Nine Cylinder Radial Aircraft engine, circa 1900.

Home and Garden Shows

The shows that we will be in are scheduled for: April 7th - 9th at San Jose, Sept 8th - 10th at Santa Clara, and Sept 29th - Oct. 1st at San Mateo. Last month club members sold over \$2900.00 at the Santa Clara Convention center show. Southex waved the electrical fee of \$75.00 and has told us we will not be charged for electricity at the next show. Lou Gonzalez will call and arrange the personnel schedule for the March 3-5th event in San Mateo.

Wood Shows

Bob Wheeler is coordinator for the show coming up in April in Pleasanton. He will be asking for members from all three clubs to sign up starting this month.

Part 5 -Old Business:

The Annual Woodturners Picnic and Turn Off: We are the host club this coming year and will need “all hands” to help. We will be holding this event in Santa Clara’s Central Park. There will be catering for this affair for \$6.00 per person and Craig Thorson will provide varieties of food for this price. We plan to have lavors to handout to the attendees. Harry Keller said he could provide wood key chain for laser engraving with “SVW TurnOff 2000”. Samples of the key chain were passed around this last meeting. We will invite sponsors to attend and set up booths. Jet will supply the Lathes for the Turn-Off. They will let us use seven Mini Lathes, which will be offered for sale at the end of the show at a discounted price including a four-jaw chuck!

Part 6 - New Business:

Wood Turning Classes: Due to Bob DiVita’s illness, the beginner’s woodturning classes are postponed until further notice.

Rich Johnson provides what he calls a Boot Camp for the more experienced turners. See Rich’s ad for details

The following email was sent to SVW by Mets Lerwill of NorCal Woodturners to advise us of a possible upcoming event within our area. He would like our immediate attention and assistance to make this Woodturning Workshop a complete success. He realizes that there will be questions, and we are advised to contact Tom or Bruce for answers. This is advance information on the Workshop and a final/completed copy will be sent when it is finalized. In the mean time, the dates and other pertinent information will hold. Please review this prospectus, add your suggestions and return them to Mets by Email ASAP! In any event, he asks us to please act on this prospectus quickly.

Mets Lerwill NorCal Woodturners metsler@jps.net 916/686-5312

WOODTURNER’S WORKSHOP / 2000

When many of us began our association with woodturning we were faced with quite similar problems ... such as: ... How do the tools work? ... Where can I get some help? ... What should I buy and where do I go? ... Who has the best prices? ... Who has the best service? ... What finish is the best? ... What lathe is best for me? Each chapter has available help for beginners, but often those same beginners, who truly need help the most ... are reluctant to ‘bother’ a more advanced turner and /or take up their time. In an effort to address some of these problems, we present the following ideas, outlines and suggestions as a possible vehicle towards a mutually successful end.

LOGISTICS

All RSVPs will be to the Workshop Administrator in care of the following:

Tom Castaldo @ 916/791-7544

Bruce Friederich @ 530/889-1704

% PO B0x #698 Elk Grove, CA 95759

WHO WILL BE INVOLVED AT THIS TIME; TARGET AUDIENCE

The Novice & Intermediate members of the following chapters are invited to participate in this initial Workshop:

- Bay Area Woodturners (6)
- Nevada Woodchucks (4)
- NorCal Woodturners (6)
- Redwood Empire Woodturners (3)
- Sequoia Woodturners (3)
- Silicon Valley Woodturners (4)
- West Bay Woodturners (4)

NOTE; The numbers in ‘()’ indicate each Chapter’s student allotment for this beginning Woodturning Workshop.

OVERVIEW OF WHAT IS PROJECTED

This Workshop will attempt to instruct the student in the art, functions and especially the skills of woodturning and is not designed to produce a specific 'project' at the workshop's conclusion. It is our specific challenge and desire to teach that which the students will most need and not be an EGO trip for any single person or group of persons. We desire to teach the following:

- 1 - Confidence
- 2 - 'Take-home' skills
- 3 - Enthusiasm
- 4 - Camaraderie & networking with others with in similar interests.
- 5 - A usable (working) knowledge of woodworking tools, woods, finishes and other common skills which universally benefit each turner.

Five (5) rotating day long courses will be offered as follows:

- FACEPLATE TURNING - 3 Lathes
- SPINDLE TURNING - 3 Lathes
- USING FINISHES - Wax, Shellac, Urethane and other finishes
- SURFACE DECORATION Bleaching, Dying, Carving, Woodburning Etc.
- WOOD HARVESTING - Identifying & Cutting for Maximum Grain Benefit, Mounting Wood, How to complete a foot, Advanced tools etc.

Daily schedule will be as follows:

8:00AM - 2:00PM - The instruction day begins and extends until 2:00 PM without any major breaks. Coffee & snacks will be available. All 'typical woodturners tools' will be the responsibility of the student. Usable wood and other consumables may be expected from each student.

2:00PM - 7:00PM - Meals, hiking, touring, gaming resting or other activities with spouse and/or friends. The lathes will remain available for those who wish to further refine newly learned skills.

OPTIONAL: 7:00PM - 9:00PM - Evening roundtable discussions on 'art vs. craft', Marketing of turned objects, Juried shows, Art shows, Craft fairs, Annual turnoff and other relevant subjects as they arise. Food and lodging in the Tahoe area is plentiful in October and the student should be able to easily satisfy needs on their own. We will identify 'Some' of the Food & lodging etc. and suggestions will be made, ... but will not be the responsibility of the Workshop or the Administrators.

HOW WILL IT BE FUNDED AND WHAT IS EXPECTED

The initial Workshop will be directed towards the northern California & Nevada Chapters and each will be offered a fixed number of openings for their eligible members. The Workshop will be designed to accommodate not more than 30 students per Workshop session with 5 primary instructors. Each set of 6 students will rotate on a fixed schedule designed to cover each of the offered courses to completion. Student tuition has been established at \$200.00 per student for this initial session. All funds will be directed towards defraying hard costs of the Workshop production. In the unlikely event the Workshop is cancelled 100% of received fees will be refunded. If a cancellation is effected by the student, 50% of received fees will be refunded. In the possible event of an excess of collected fees, monies will be redistributed to students after conclusion of the project. A final prospectus outlining our proposed Woodturning Workshop will be sent to each listed Chapter along with a charge for them to contact their eligible members and to establish how many and who will be interested in participating in the Workshop. Each Chapter should either 1) collect, advise and forward the 'collected money' and reservation directly to the the Workshop Administrator, or 2) have the prospective student directly contact the Workshop Administrator personally and arrange their own confirmed acceptance. To ensure an acceptance and a confirmed student position in the Workshop, all RSVPs must be confirmed prior to 4/15/2000.

To effect this Woodturning Workshop successfully at least the following items will require some attention.

- Administrator

- Assistant to the Administrator
- 5-instructors
- Others -- as they may become necessary
- 6 - Mini Lathes
- 2 - Full size Lathes
- Other woodturning items as may be found necessary

WHO, WHEN, WHERE & HOW LONG FOR THIS PROJECT

The introductory courses will be conducted during the month of October '2000, and South Lake Tahoe has been chosen as the initial site. It is in a major resort setting where we can benefit from both the classroom environment and adult level interest arenas. Woodturning workshops will be held at locations providing a maximum atmosphere for learning, social networking and for hands-on perfecting of resident and newly acquired skills. The Woodturning Workshop will be conducted for 5-days / 4-nights where instruction and environment are equally attractive to the woodturner and also to the spouse. Emphasis will be on 'Experience Learning' and small class size where each student will be able to learn and internalize each newly attained skill. .

Part 7 -This Month's Presentation:



This month's presentation was on *The Mexican Lathe*, as demonstrated by Jesus Morales.



Jesus brought his whole lathe setup for a very interesting demonstration of his complete process -- beginning to end -- for turning and finishing a lamp and candlestick.

Jesus quickly demonstrated each step to prepare and then turn the lamp base. Many members were amazed by the construction of the lathe, its *adjustments*, and its capabilities.

Jesus made quick work of turning the two objects so he could also demonstrate his finishing and coloring processes.





Some of tricks and techniques that Jesus demonstrated included the following:

- Heating the sandpaper over a light bulb so it will release the dust easier and last longer
- Using a grinding wheel mounted in the lathe for sharpening his *homemade* tools
- Mounting a small circular saw blade on the lathe to cut notches for drive center to grip the block (and not split it).
- Using the lathe's headstock *slip clutch* for starting and stopping without adjusting the drive motor and lather band.
- Using baby oil with shellac to get a very glossy finish
- Polishing the finish with a compound very much like automobile polish.
- Applying the alcohol-based dye over the finish and wax!



Part 8 - The Raffle:

Thanks to Ace, Jesus, Eric, and Anna for the Cocobolo, Black Walnut, Black Locust, Cherry, Madrone and Eucalyptus wood for the raffle. The special Raffle prize was a Wood working Clamp and was won by Phil Roybal. Jesus offered his Mexican color finish, he used in the presentation as one of the prizes. Thanks to all for helping make this happen.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mar 3-5 @ San Mateo Fair Grounds

Apr 7-9 @ SJ Fair Grounds

May 5-7 First annual Pacific Northwest Woodturning Symposium in Everett, Washington. Space limited to 200 attendees. \$160 is registered before April 15th. For details contact Earl St. Clair at the Puget Sound Woodworking Center, 2416 California Street, Everett, WA 98201. 425.252.5677.

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Items For Sale

- * Delta 12 inch by 48 inch lathe with stand (model 46-700) See Mike Rude
- * SHOPSMTIH bandsaw. Mounted on its own stand and has been upgraded with ball bearing tracking bearings and "cool block" blade guides. The price is \$250.00 which is half the price of a new one, AND there's \$150.00 worth of new blades in assorted sizes and an extra set of "cool blocks" thrown in. This is a great saw and a good deal for a club member. Call (408) 227-9821, or E-mail: Dick at calwoodart@aol.com.

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