



Chips & Chatter

January 2000 Newsletter

**SVW
Silicon
Valley
Woodturners**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 2nd, 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: Feb'00: A new badge! Some part of it must be Turned; Mar '00: Sphere larger than 3"

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

The Pres Sez,

A couple of cash awards are given out each month for the Prez Challenge First and Second places. Three people are picked to judge the Challenge. The following guidelines are suggested to pick each month's winners:

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| 1. Utilization of wood as a medium | 20 % |
| 2. Shape and correctness | 20 % |
| 3. Technical Skill | 30 % |
| 4. Spirit of the Theme | 15 % |
| 5. Artistic Impact | 15% |

It was time to wave good bye to Jay once again as another H & G show has come and gone. She is on the hi-way heading home and this time she is taking home empty tubs, because she sold her turnings and lots of them. As she was leaving this morning we were laughing now she must get back to work and turn, turn, turn! You see there is about six weeks left until the next show. She will be back!!!! This event was a big success. Lots of items were sold, from bottle toppers to lamps they liked it all! Looks like we all should Turn, Turn, Turn! The dates for the next shows are:

Mar 3-5 @ San Mateo Fair Grounds

Apr 7-9 @ SJ Fair Grounds

Sep 8-10 @ Santa Clara Conv. Center

Sep 29-Oct 1 @ San Mateo Fair Grounds

Walnut Available! Have you turned Walnut yet? It is beautiful wood and is fun to turn. I am always on the look out for Walnut! Well a couple of days ago I was contacted by Dave Peck from Santa Rosa, he is a member of the Redwood Empire club. It seems they have walnut!!! And they want to trade, sell, or barter for it. Ant Ideas???? Do we have any tradin' wood? Lets see if we can get something goin' and head for Santa Rosa!

Rich

July Turn-Off Committee Space available please join in:

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.

January Meeting Notes

Welcome to our Guests, Don Tewalt, Steve Wood and our New Member, Bob Nakano. Welcome and we hope you enjoyed being with us at our January club meeting.

Part 1 -Show and Tell:



We had four members bring items to share with us for show and tell. Ace Foster brought in a piece of Walnut to show us what a chamber pith looks like. It was one of the questions raised from last month's presentation and is one of the ways to identify wood. Jim Gott brought in a very nice bowl made of "Anegre" and walnut. He didn't plan on using two woods; he cut a little too much off the bottom and replaced the miscalculation with the walnut. Nice save, Jim. Lou Gonzalez brought in two of his first bowls. Lou has been attempting to

practice woodturning for the last two years and have been collecting and making all sorts of tools. Well he finally turned a bowl to bring in and show.

Two nice Acacia bowls he turned with his Ellsworth bowl gouge. Ron Newcomb brought in a variety of different Pens, Pencils, and Perfume Pens he turned from Osage Orange, Yellow Heart, Walnut, Zebra wood and etc. You name it and Ron had it. He said the Ladies really go for the Perfume Pens and they are a good seller. Lou came back up with a tool item. A lot of us use power-sanding discs to finish our work. Lou showed one can adapt an inexpensive 6-inch sanding disc brought from MSC to a Makita. One does have to change the threaded adapter to metric to fit the Makita.



Part 2 - President's Challenge: (An ODD Thing)



We had four entries for the President's challenge. Craig Thorson brought in something special. It was a shallow bowl with a carving of a house and stream. The carving was done with a power carver. Jim Gott made a "Wall Sculpture". He turned a board of African Mahogany with concentric rings and then cut strips across the work. He then offset the pieces and glued it that way. Rich Johnson brought in some off-center turnings made of walnut. He showed how he did this with a piece of wood mounted to the lathe with an attachment face at an angle to the rotation. Gary Petretti brought in an olive branch with the top turned into a goblet. Leaving the base as nature designed it.



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: Gary Petretti
 Second Place: Jim Gott
 Honorable: Craig Thorson

Next Month's President's Challenge ... A New Badge, some part of it must be turned!

Part 3 -Staff Reports:

Vice President: (Ace Foster)

The Presenter for next month's presentation will be Jesus Morales and his Mexican Lathe

Secretary: (Rich Dege)

No Report

Treasurer: (Chuck Jorgensen)

We have 56 paid up members to date. We had receipts of \$99.50 and expenses of \$70.00 for a balance of \$1980.60

Newsletter: (Mike Rude)

Newsletter will have Mike as Primary Editor with Rich Dege as back up.

Part 4 - Committee Reports

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 24 to get \$8 price per shirt, shirt supplied by member, please see or Email Dick. (they are nicer looking than Dick's Millenium Bug.)



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)

Stan gave quite a comprehensive report on shop safety. He handed out pamphlets on Chain Saw Safety and First Aid for Wood Turners. His talk stressed a Common Sense approach to the use of tools and material when we turn wood. If we are injured, to not panic, to have a shop first aid kit handy, and to seek help. Always remember to wear eye protection, and the use of a dust mask. Stan went over what to do in case of Burns, Contusions (Bruises), Sprains, Abrasions, Splinters, Amputations, Fractures, and Eye Injuries. Thanks Stan.

We will have some of the Safety handouts available at the next meeting.

AAW Collaborative Project

The AAW Collaborative Turning for next year! Lou Gonzalez is the Chairperson for this project. Project selection was made and the club will be making a wooden Nine Cylinder Radial Aircraft engine, circa 1910. This was changed from the one that powered the Spirit of Saint Louis to a World War I French LaRone nine cylinder engine. Reason? We have a drawing we can use for the LaRone while the others were in metric and too complex.

Home and Garden Shows

Latest Up-Date on Home & Garden; Here's the deal; \$300 worth of turnings and we pay for the electrical charge of \$75. We **do not** pick which turnings; we will try the 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). At latest count for Jan. Show, Twelve sellers would share \$375 cost, with the idea it would come out of their sell receipts, or anything over \$31 would be profit. What ever the Show chooses from the works for sell, that turner will receive that value from the \$300 vouched. If you do not sell enough to cover the shared cost, you would owe the sponsoring Club the difference. Please remember! Where else can you display and sell your work for three days for about \$10 per day.

The results of the January Santa Clara Convention center show are in:

86 items sold!

\$2924 - Jay Mueller sold \$690!

11 Participants

Electrical charge waived! So "entry fee" was only \$27.27

Wood Shows

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

Part 5 -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: 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. One of the Sponsors will supply equipment (lathes). Talked about Catering the affair for \$6.00 per person and Craig Thorson will provide varieties of food for this price. We plan to have flavors to handout to attendee's. Harry Keller said he could provide wood key chain for laser engraving with "SVW TurnOff 2000". Will invite Sponsors to attend and set up booths.

Part 6 - New Business:

Talked about the Club Shirt for SVW TurnOff 2000. This would be the Navy Blue with Gold SVW lettering. See

information under Staff reports for details.

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 teaches what is called a *Boot Camp* for the more experience turners. See Rich's ad for details.

Part 7 -This Month's Presentation:



This month's presentation was on "How to turn a Sphere", by Bob Morelli. Bob mentioned the only special tool he uses to turn spheres is a live center with a piece of wood over the point to make a flat face and a chucking fixture made from scrap wood. The chucking fixture is a piece of wood on the power end of the lathe with a dished out center to cup the round work piece. The tools he uses are a roughing gouge, a parting tool, a bowl gouge, and a hand saw. He starts with a square piece of wood about 1/3 longer than wide. Sets the starting lathe speed at 400RPM for a 6 to 8 inch piece. You will turn the lathe speed up to a speed your comfortable with after roughing is done. Turn the piece to a cylinder using the roughing gouge. Now he makes the cylinder length the same as the diameter by marking the center of the work piece with a lead pencil while its rotating.

Measure out from the center line, 1/2 the diameter to each end. Using the parting tool, remove waste down to about 1 1/4 inch. Then mark two lines about 1/2 inch from the centerline, one on one side and the other on the other side of center. These are used as reference marks when you start to round off the cylinder ends. Round cylinder ends with bowl gouge and use parting tool to trim the two end tenons down to about 1/2 inch. Do not remove reference marks, if you did, remark. This is axis number one. Remove work from lathe and saw off most of tenons, leave some, this will be trimmed off in next operation. Now install chucking fixture and flat face live center. Position work in fixture as to have reference center line centered on chuck and live center. The tenons should be in the middle of rotating piece. Turn away the tenons until the cut approaches the reference lines. Now mark a second set of lines, one in the center and the others 1/2 inch on either side of the new centerline. You should have two places where old reference lines cross the new ones. Turn away excess material while watching the lines. Rotate and repeat the process until the work is round. By rotating the work, you are removing the material by an averaging method, which tends to a near perfect sphere. The sanding is done in the exact same way. Sand and rotate, sand and rotate, etc. You can see Bob's method by visiting his Web Site at <http://home.pacbell.net/renrut> and click on "project".



Thanks Bob for a very informative presentation and thanks to Anna Schipper-Eric Dugdale for the use of their Jet MiniLathe.

Part 8 - The Raffle:

Due to the lateness of the meeting, the Raffle was not held. The special raffle prize of a bar type wood clamp will be offered next meeting.

Fruit Crumble Recipe

This recipe had been requested a number of months ago, it has been used for many years in Sandra Rude's family, taking advantage of whatever fruit is in season.

For the topping:

- 1 cup sugar (white or light brown or a combination)
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup (1 cube) butter, softened
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon each spices of your choice (nutmeg, clove, allspice, etc.)

For the filling:

- Fruit of your choice, peeled, cored, and sliced if appropriate (see note below)
- Instant tapioca (optional - see note below)

Procedure:

- Thoroughly mix the topping ingredients together. My granny used a pastry cutter; I use a food processor. Set aside.
- Peel, core, and slice apples or stone fruit. For berries, just rinse briefly and dry on paper towels.
- Fill a Pyrex baking dish (approximately 9x9x2 or 8x12x2) with fruit to within 1/2 inch of top.
- Distribute topping over fruit. Sprinkle cinnamon over topping. The topping will be crispier if you also sprinkle with water, just enough to moisten the topping well.
- Bake at 350-375 for 30-45 minutes. The crumble is done when the fruit is bubbling rapidly and the topping is golden brown. Serve hot or warm or room temperature, with or without ice cream.

Note:

The original recipe is for 100% apples, but you can use any fruit that is in season. Stone fruit such as peaches or nectarines can be used by themselves or they combine well with apples. You can also mix apples with fresh boysenberries or Fuyu persimmons, or with a cup of dried cranberries or cherries.

The tapioca is not needed if you use 100% apples. However, for fruit that is runny when cooked, such as berries or peaches, you'll end up with fruit soup unless you mix some tapioca with the fruit. 'Some' will vary, from a tablespoon for peaches to 3 or 4 tablespoons for 100% berries.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mar 3-5 @ San Mateo Fair Grounds

Apr 7-9 @ SJ Fair Grounds

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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: calwoodart@aol.com.

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