



Chips & Chatter

June 1999 Newsletter

SVW
Silicon
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Woodturners

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 7, 1999, 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: July '99: Multi-wood Turning; Aug '99: A Lidded Anything (2 pieces)

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

The Prez Sez

Well weerre BACK!!! We had a ball in Tacoma at the AAW Symposium. SVW was well represented. We even saw some old friends that have moved away from the Bay area. The Rotations (classes) were great and had so much knowledge to share. The Spinning Wheel did not sell at the auction, but I sold it to a lady when I was taking it back to the room. She wanted it so bad. She planned on using it to spin. With all the pictures we took, I am sure that you will see and hear about all the items that we entered in the collaborative challenge.

We do have our work cut out for us next year. A committee has already been set up to find that perfect project for next year's AAW. We want to get started on it soon. If anyone has any ideas for the project let anyone on the staff know.

We only have a few weeks left until our SVW picnic at Kelley Park in San Jose. At this time we need to get a signup for who is coming so we can purchase the meat and drinks. If you cannot attend the July meeting please call or email Lou Gonzales to get signed up. Remember this is a family event and we will have our first annual Turning Competition.

Speak of Picnics... please do not forget about the Bay Area Turnoff Picnic in August. We have hired a bus to take us there and back. We have many seats available on the bus. We need all 47 seats filled. At the time of this writing, I am told that we only have 16 seats reserved. Please sign up or we will have to cancel the bus. They have many things planned for us and the food will be catered. More to follow ... I talked with Bob P. and he said that he would let us know more about the facilities soon.

So, looks like we have a busy Summer ahead of us. Also the same weekend of the Bay Area Turnoff is the Home and Garden Show in Santa Clara. It is going to get very interesting.

Rich

June Meeting Notes

Welcome to New Members; Rob Barton, Bill Boos, and Eytan Pick. Welcome and we hope you all enjoyed your second regular club meeting.

Staff Reports:

Part 1 - Show and Tell

We had three members bring in some of their handywork to share with us. Ace Foster brought in two items, both items he turned to be Cinerary Urns. The family requested Ace to make something to hold dear old Fido ashes (the family pet died). The first one he made turned out to be too small. (It was a big dog) So he had to make another. And, yes the Urns were empty; He didn't bring the dog with him. Bob Divita brought in some small threaded top boxes. Bob is experimenting with making threads in wood and is practicing making threaded tops on small boxes. Nice work Bob. Jesus Morales brought in a pair of Cocobolo candlesticks. Jesus offered this as a raffle prize and this was won by Don Bonnet. The club has started a continuing raffle prize in which a member, who wins this meeting prize, will bring something related to woodturning as next month's prize. Right now it looks like Don and Jesus are winning every other month and keeping themselves busy making next month's prize for each other. Steve Gonzalez brought in the Headstock of his father's lathe (Lou Gonzalez). The thing is big! Weighs 52 pounds. Steve and Lou have made this lathe and continue to make improvements. He brought it in to show us the indexing plate and spindle lock mechanism that were just added. Beautiful work guys.

Part 2 - President's Challenge

We had four entries for the president's challenge. Bob Morrelli brought in two of his hollow turnings. One is made of Acacia that is 6 inches high by 3 inches wide, or as Bob wrote down (6hx3w). The other is a small Carob form 2 inches high by 1 inch wide. You can see some of Bob's work by visiting his Web page at <http://home.pacbell.net/renrut/>. Bob uses a Master Gel / Beall Buffing finish on his work. Don Bonnett brought in a Cypress and a Lime hollow form. If you hadn't seen Don's work with Lime wood, you are missing something. The wood has a natural light yellow color and finishes beautifully. Don used his homemade hollow turning tools to make these pieces. Great work guys!

During the break. The Judges; Marion Trentman, Craig Thorson, and Stan Silva after much discussion awarded the following.

- First Place: Bob Morelli for his Black Acacia Hollow Form
- Second Place: Don Bonnett for his Cypress Hollow Form
- Honorable: Bob Morelli for his Small Carob Form.

Part 3 - Staff Reports

Treasurer: (Chuck Jorgensen)

We have 48 paid up members to date. We had receipts of \$1362.48 and expenses of \$263.80. Have sign up sheet for Bus trip to Fresno to the Annual All Club Picnic and Turn off. If you would like to go and take the bus, please see or E-mail Chuck Jorgensen. Cost is \$20 per person. Make checks out to either Chuck Jorgensen or Rich Johnson and please note on check, it's for bus trip.

Vice-President: (Ace Foster)

Speaker and Presenter for this evening program is John Alexander to tell us everything you wanted to know about box making. Next month's program is going to be US! The membership is to practice and compete in making EggCups. Bring your tools and join in! What's an egg cup race? It's how fast and good someone is in turning a 2x2x4-inch piece of soft pine into something that looks like an eggcup. Remember those things that hold a soft-boiled egg. Richard Raffan holds the record at 17 sec.

Secretary: (Rich Dege)

Have the Membership cards done, please pick yours up at the regular meeting or one of the sawdust meetings. Updated the membership listing, brought some to hand out to those members not on E-mail.

Editor and Web Site Master: (Mike Rude)

For members who were not at the meeting, and if you did not receive the newsletter, please let Mike know. No Report (Mike was out of town again)

Part 4 - Committee Reports**Apparel: (Dick Pickering)**

We have some hats available! Only \$10 each. SVW logos on a shirt or jacket, the Club can still have this done for \$12 per item, please see Dick. But we are out of time to have items done for the AAW Symposium and may be too late for our Bay Area Turnoff if we don't get together soon. It would be nice to have the membership all show up in their SVW apparel.

Video and Books: (Dave Auchard)

We have new videos. Rental is just \$2 per tape for the month. Asking for members to bring back over due items to next months meeting. Remember that the rental rate goes up with late charges.

Club Safety:

Safety is a concern around power tools and especially when we demonstrate at Shows. Suggestion to have a Safety Coordinator as a Club Staff Position. This would be an appointed position, appointed by the Club President. I would like to announce (with much arm-twisting) Stan Silva has volunteered to be the Clubs' Safety Coordinator.

Part 5 - Old Business**Collaborative Turning**

The editor sent out a special email report on the completed spinning wheel to all member on 6/14. As Rich said in the whell did not sell during the auction, but two ladies had approached SVW members about wanting to acquire. The lucky lady who bought it from Rich for \$300 should really enjoy the whell. Our expert spinner, Sandra Rude, found it to be a very solid and well balanced spinning wheel.

Congratulations to all the participants... We done good.



Support for the Annual Bay Area Woodturners Turnoff and Picnic.

SVW is to help get the Door Prizes, need help to call Vendors/Suppliers for donations. Lou Gonzalez has volunteered to help organize a committee (Himself, Debbie Bress & Rich Johnson), to get raffle items for this year's Picnic. They will meet with Bob Adams from the Nor-Cal Woodturners to coordinate getting the prizes. We still need someone to Chair the Year 2000 Picnic, which we will host. Please see or call Rich Johnson.

Part 6 - New Business

We need a new "Ways and Means Chair person"; Keith's family commitments will make it impossible for him to spend any time on club issues. Please see Rich Johnson or Ace Foster if you wish to help out.

Olson Cherry in Sunnyvale is going to close up shop. Debbie knows the owners and is trying to see if SVW can get some of the old cherry trees and maybe some of that old 100-year-old barn wood. The Orchard is not ready yet, but some of the old barn/drying shed wood is for the taking.

Raffle Wood: Thanks to Ace Foster, Chuck Jorgensen, Jesus Morales, and Rob Barton for the Box Elder, Olive, Juniper, Mexican Rosewood and Eucalyptus. Rich Dege brought the booby prize, a chainsaw case with "parts". The "parts" being a small chainsaw that wasn't working. Stan Silva was the lucky member to win.

Part 7 - Program

Thanks to John Alexander for this meeting's presentation on Small Box making. John started turning about 18 years ago. It was his hobby and then he retired; now it's his career. John uses a Vic-Mark mini lathe and a larger bowl lathe to make his boxes. He refers to his small boxes as his production boxes as he will rough turn a long cylinder and cut out three to four boxes at one time. He uses mostly green wood and will cure the rough turnings for up to a year before doing the final finish turning. He will also use stable products to make some of boxes and had some boxes made out of colorwood for show and tell. He has found that people like to pick up and feel the items and the ones that sell also can be used for some useful purpose like putting rings and keepsakes in. The boxes that sell are low and flat in design and feel comfortable in the hand. Just about all his boxes are end grain turnings. He feels this is the most stable form for his boxes. This is important as the fit of the top is one of the hardest things to do correctly and if your wood moves around just a little, the fit is wrong. The top is too loose or you can't get it off! It can go both ways with unstable wood. He uses CA glue to fasten all his box inlays, water based glues will wrap the top and fit won't work. The second type of box John makes is his Flat Form or Spider Boxes. He turns the outside features first, the glues a waste wood block on then turns the inside. The leg cuts are made with a Bandsaw and a router table. It will take about 8 to 10 hours to make each of these boxes. The finish is sanding sealer followed by Minwax Tung Oil, 5 min. on then rub off. He uses cheesecloth around a cotton ball to apply the finish. John sells his work through 3 Co-op galleries. This is where Gallery members help run the gallery and must be part of the staff for so many hours per month. A special thanks to John! We didn't have a camera at this month's meeting and John E-mailed all the pictures.



Part 8 - Wood Shows

No wood shows are scheduled until August, but there is a conflict with the Picnic so we must make careful plans.

Part 9 - Summer Events

The Bay Area Turnoff Update

Please remember that a deposit has been made with Serendipity Land yachts for the bus trip. The current plan is for the bus to leave Eastridge Mall at 6:00AM on August 28th. The return will be about 8:00PM. The bus will hold up to 47 people, so if we fill the bus the cost will be about \$20 a person. **If you would like to reserve some places then tell Chuck Jorgenson or Rich Dege or send one of them an email.** So far there are only a small number of reservations. We are opening up the reservation to members of the other Bay area clubs so we can fill the bus.

Payment for the trip is due no later than July 30th

SVW's Summer Picnic

SVW is going to have their very own club picnic this year. It is to be held at Kelly Park in San Jose on July 17th in the Manuel Briar reserved picnic area. The festivities will start at 9:00 AM and go to 4:00 PM. The Club will provide the main meat item (Hot Dogs and Burgers) and Soft Drinks. Club members to bring other items as a potluck for themselves and to share with eight (8) others. Asking members to bring turnings for show and tell, and to enter for judging. Categories like "best of show", "most ugly", etc. are yet to be chosen. Thinking about asking wives, friends, etc. to judge some of the categories. Also asking for donations for a club raffle. Here's the chance to get rid of that turning you couldn't sell or give to your mother-in-law. The Park has features for the whole family! There's children's zoo, amusement rides, a Historical Museum, a walk through aviary, and the Japanese Friendship Gardens. Please note there is a \$4.00 parking fee.

Tips and Techniques

The American Windor Comapany Hollowing Tool

A month or so ago, Lou Gonzales purchased a new boring and hollowing tool designed and sold by the American Windso Company (414.767.1163). This tool has an interesting design with a forward extending stabilization bar. This bar which has an adjustable collar transfers the twisting force onto the toolrest. The editor borrowed this tool from Lou and found it to be a great tool for hollow vessels. The editor had been a bit concerned about trying to turn a deep hollow, but found this tool a joy to use. The twisting force is not felt and you can concentrate on clearing and shaping the inside of the vessel. It fact is is a bit too easy to be very aggressive in cutting. the editor went right through the side of his first attempt, it was so easy to cut the wood!

The tool comes with an adjustable 3/16 inch cutter and optional round or teardrop shaped scrapers. The tool costs \$55 with handle or \$45 without.



Colaborative Gallery a the AAW Symposium

There was quite of range of items prepared by the AAW clubs for the colaborative challenge. The time, planning, and skill applied to these projects was impressive.



SVW's Entry



Northern Michigan's Train Engine was selected for the 1st prize.

SVW's Entry



Chicago's entry was this bowl Ferris wheel.



Woodrow the robot was another Bay Area Club entry.





The pedal lathe to the right was the Best of Show winner. It was created by the North Dallas club who spent 1131 hours creating it!





This musical Ferris wheel won second prize.



This was another club Spinning Wheel. Not as nice as our's!



This beautiful turned and carved vessel was made by the Maine club.



This drill was the work of the Nor Cal club. It looked great!

The Instant Gallery

The Instant Gallery had sights to behold. The range of works was incredible!





The Sessions

The breadth of selections for the rotation sessions was mind-boggling. It was difficult to decide which session to attend next. There were familiar faces and new friends who had lots of fun!.



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Sawdust Sessions

If you have a question about woodturning or would like to try your hand at something new, come to a Sawdust Session. There is no preset agenda. The sessions are held at Rich Johnson's studio on those Wednesdays when a general meeting is not held. Sessions start at 7:00 P.M.

Rich's studio is at 2742 Aldworth Drive in San Jose. From Hwy 101, go east on Tully Road. Go past Capital and past White, until you get to Flint. Make a right turn at Flint, and go three blocks to San Saba. Turn left and go to the end, where San Saba meets Aldworth, and you are there.



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- ➡ 3M Sanding Sponges – 120 to 1500 grit

1.510.797.6665, ronwoodart@aol.com, or see Ron at club meetings.

Items For Sale

- ➡ Vicmarc Bowl lathe See Rich Johnson

.Items Wanted

Used, 4-jaw chuck. Oneway, Nova, or similar for a 1" x 8 tpi. Call Mike Walsh at 408.448.6007.

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