

# Silicon Valley Woodturners

## July 1997 Newsletter

*A Message from Rich Johnson...*

On July 16, 1997, a group of us took an exciting step by starting a woodturning club in the Silicon Valley. Like all new adventures, you are never quite sure what benefits or obstacles will be encountered, but we all look forward to personal growth in our craft. Our purpose is to provide an environment wherein we can learn and develop our woodturning skills. I encourage all of you who have an interest in woodturning to join us and share the fun.

*A Message from Lou Gonzalez...*

I've been given the challenge of putting together the club's newsletter. I ask for your patience and ideas as to how we can make it a newsletter that best meets the needs of the members. The minutes of our first meeting on the 16th of July follow.

**The attendees:** Loran Courpet, Bob DiVita, Bob Gibson, Lou Gonzalez, Rich Johnson, Jay Mueller

**The Name:** Rich Johnson suggested that the name of the club should be *Silicon Valley Woodturners*. All agreed. It was felt that this name defines what we do and where we are located.

**The Officers:** The group elected Rich Johnson as president, Bob DiVita as vice-president, Jay Mueller as Treasurer, and Lou Gonzalez as Secretary/Newsletter

**Mailing Address:** The address for club correspondence will be 3088 Brandywine, Dr. San Jose, CA 95121 Rich Johnson's home.

**Meeting time/place:** The club will meet at the above mailing address on the first Wednesday of every month, until a permanent and larger facility can be found. Next meeting to be August 6th, 1997. Those that have paid their dues by the end of the next meeting will be considered charter members.

**Dues:** It was decided that twenty dollars (\$20) will be the yearly dues per voting member.

**Assignments:**  
Rich Johnson:  
Contact AAW to form club as an AAW sponsored club.

Loran Courpet:  
1. Establish rules for judging and be head of rules committee.

Loran Courpet (Continued)  
2. Look for a permanent meeting location where we can hold meetings and demos, and has bathroom facilities.

Jay Mueller:  
Establishing a club savings or checking account with two signatures. Possibility of Eureka Bank (interest paying checking account) was suggested by Loran Courpet.

Lou Gonzalez:  
Check Web for ideas/suppliers of shirts with short sleeves and pocket. To be used with our club's logo.

## Miscellaneous:

1. All agreed that we want to get insurance through the AAW; \$75 per year.

2. Rich Johnson to look into how we can participate, as a club, in the April 1998 wood-working show that will probably be held in Pleasanton. We don't think that we will be ready for the November 1997 show in San Mateo

3. Lou Gonzalez to design a flyer or hand-out brochure describing the club; something that can be given to prospective members.

4. This newsletter will be sent to all attendees at the July meeting, plus Dick Pickering and Dean Ritchie, who normally attend the Wednesday night Sawdust Session at Rich Johnson's house.

In addition, copies will be sent to Jeff Loughridge of the West Bay Area Woodturner's Society, to Harry Keller, to Ken Horner, and to Ms. Anne Glynn of the Woodworker's Network.

Rich Johnson will be responsible for sending a copy to Mr. Joe Mamone of the Triangle Woodturners of North Carolina, and to Mr. Dave Wahl of the American Association of Woodturners.

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## Agenda for the August 6, 1997 Meeting

1. Approval/modification of the above published minutes for the July 16, 1997 meeting

2. Reports: Rich Johnson - status of contact with AAW about starting club  
open item: Woodworking show in April 1998

Loran Courpet - status of judging rules  
status of permanent meeting place

Jay Mueller - status of checking/savings account

Lou Gonzalez - status of logo designs  
status of club shirts/jackets  
status of club brochure

3. Open meeting for comments by officers and members of the club

4. Program: (Bob DiVita in his role of vice-president is also the program chairman.)

***From the lathe of Bob DiVita:*** We want to have a working session. Therefore, please bring the following: a piece of wood 2x2x8 (approximately), your chisels etc., safety equipment, and an idea of what you want to turn in a 15 minute time frame. You can either show the other members how to do something that you do well, or ask the other members how you can do something that you would like to learn.

5. Other business and closing remarks by Rich Johnson