



CHIPS & Chatter

THE SILICON VALLEY WOODTURNERS' NEWSLETTER

Christmas Party 2016



John's Message

Since John is 'Typing Challenged' due to an arm injury, he asked me to provide the president's message this month.

This month's 'meeting' was a great Holiday dinner party at Momma Mia's. We had a great turnout and everyone seemed to enjoy socializing with each other over good food and drinks. Furthermore, this is one of the few events each year where we can get to know each other's 'significant others'. The night was capped off with the white elephant gift exchange with a lot of very nice gifts and several fun 'steals'.

This past year has been a great year for SVW. In fact, we are at the largest number of members we have ever been. Our school and Turn-for-the-troops programs have stepped things up a notch. We had more participation in the president's challenge and show-n-tell than ever before. (More on this in a future article) Finally, we must give a shout out to Mike for all the great programs he arranged for us.

As part of looking back, I would like to give the 2016 officers a big THANK YOU for their leadership. John Whittier (President), Mike Lanahan (Vice President), Greg Peck (Secretary) and Tom Schmida (Treasure) all worked hard to make the club a great experience for all of us. Of course, we must also thank the numerous volunteers that managed all the various committees and duties of the club.

We really do have a great club and I look forward to more turning fun in 2017.

Happy Holidays
Paul Rygaard



**The January Program will be:
Mike Lanahan
Demonstrates
Segmentation**

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2017 Calendar of Events

<p>January Meeting: Wed. the 4th President's Challenge: Embellishment Program: Mike Lanahan Segmentation</p>	<p>February Meeting: Wed. the 1st President's Challenge: Home Made Tool or Jig Program:</p>	<p>March Meeting: Wed. the 1st President's Challenge: Use the Skew Program:</p>
<p>April Meeting: Wed. the 5th Pres's Challenge: Segmented or Glue-up Program:</p>	<p>May Meeting: Wed. the 3rd President's Challenge: Toy or Top Program:</p>	<p>June Meeting: Wed. the 7th President's Challenge: Broken & Repaired Program:</p>
<p>July Meeting: Wed. the 5th President's Challenge: Not Wood Program:</p>	<p>August Meeting: Wed. the 2nd President's Challenge: Wearable Program:</p>	<p>September Meeting: Wed. the 6th President's Challenge: Collabotate/Training Program:</p>
<p>October Meeting: Wed. the 4th President's Challenge: Face or Profile Program:</p>	<p>November Meeting: Wed. the 1st President's Challenge: Multi-Axis Program:</p>	<p>December Meeting: Wed. the 6th President's Challenge: For the Holidays Program: Christmas Party</p>

Failed QA

Sometimes having to fix woodturning problems can lead to additional techniques and possibly improvements in the process.

I was turning a batch of crochet hooks, to use up some spare corners cut from turning blanks, and the hook blanks, before carving the point, didn't pass QA. I was told they were too fat, or not shapely enough.



Well that was a real problem. I had parted off the drive end, and already shaped the blunt end of the hooks, and didn't have a way to return them. They are pretty vibration prone with the normal turning process, so this was looking scary. But I wasn't willing to throw them out, either.

I found some tubing with the internal diameter pretty close to the size of the thin shaft of the crochet hook blanks, so I cut it to fit on the shaft, and split it.



I turned a conical shaped jam chuck that screws onto my live center, to steady the blunt ends.



Grabbing the tubing in a pin chuck, held the blank securely and didn't damage the already sized and sanded thin shaft, while using the live center jam chuck to support the butt end, allowed the shafts to be re shaped and thinned down.



By holding the thinnest part of the blanks in the pin chuck it shortened up the unsupported length of the blank, eliminated the thinnest part, and resulted in a much more stable way for form the body, and largely eliminated vibration problems. As a side benefit, after the blunt end was shaped, the live center could be removed, and with some care the final cuts and sanding of the blunt end could be completed with only support from the pin chuck. This was a better technique than my previous process, so this is how I completed the rest of the batch after passing QA, and this is now my standard method.



So, sometimes having problems forces us to think outside the circle, and explore new and sometimes improved ways of getting the job done.

Mike

Plan NOW for your Grandkids turning projects!



Make a Walking Stick

by Fred Holder

When I was younger and my wife and I did a lot of camping and hiking in the woods, I used to pick up a suitable stick around 5 to 6 feet long and about 1-1/2 inches in diameter at the largest end and use it for stability along the trail. It helped to push you up hill when you were climbing and it helped to put a brake on when you were descending a slope. I generally adopted this stick for the duration of the camping trip if it was a good one. I then discarded it when we went home.

Well we don't go camping anymore and I don't hike on hillsides, but I do still walk along side of the road and sometimes the uneven ground makes one a bit unsteady. I had thought of making a walking stick for several years. A couple of months ago, the bug got even stronger.

I selected some dogwood square stock that I had and began to work on my walking stick. I wanted it to be about 5 feet long and about 1-1/2 inch in diameter at the hand hold area, but I also wanted to be able to take it in the car should I wish to go hiking in the hills. This meant at least one join.

I didn't think that the brass joins available for canes would be heavy enough for my walking stick. Initially, I made up a join out of lignum vitae, but it didn't work out because as I got the female portion down to size, it was too thin to stand up to the pressure and cracked. It was redesign time! I decided that a 3/4" pipe coupling should be about the right size. I made up two male threaded pieces out of lignum vitae with 3/4" tapered pipe threads on one end and a tenon on the other to join to the walking stick. I had an insert out of a pipe threading machine, so I clamped this into a pair of vice grips and used it as a thread chaser to chase the threads. The iron coupling looked ghastly, according to my wife. So a visit to the hardware store turned up a brass coupling with a hex exterior shape. She didn't like that either.

I mounted a piece of Osage Orange in one of my Nova chucks and chased a thread for the coupling. Using a 1/8" parting tool, I faced off the end of the coupling until it was square with the threads, reversed it so the faced off end was against the shoulder on my holding chuck. Now, both ends were square to the threads. Using the 1/8" parting tool, I then turned away the hex shape of the coupling, sanded and polished. It looked great on the walking stick and my wife was happy with it too.



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My join worked well and looked good and was strong. The only weak part was the glue and lignum vitae. It finally took epoxy to hold. I made two more walking sticks with somewhat improved joints using lignum, but I believe that I would settle for boxwood if I make anymore.

Because a lot of my walking is done on pavement, I chose to use a rubber crutch tip on the ground end. They come in black and blond--the blond looked better on the dogwood walking stick, black might look better on a different wood.

Rather than try to make the wood of the stick blend in perfectly with the brass coupling, I placed a bead on either side of the coupling. This gave the coupling a shoulder to butt against and gave a perfect fit. The wood above and below the beads was turned to look like a continuation right through the coupling. I also felt the stick should have some form of texturing for a better grip in the grip area. I toyed with a couple of different ideas, but finally settled on a section about 9-1/2" long made up of 1/4" beads. I have a Robert Sorby beading tool that made this job fairly easy. This worked very well and I've used it to good effect on the other two walking sticks that I've made.



Even though these pieces were only about 29-30 inches long, I had to use a steady rest to stabilize the wood for turning. On small things like lace bobbins and treen, one can normally stabilize it with their fingers. I simply couldn't do so on something this size.

The top part of the walking stick has no function other than decoration. However, the beaded section between the two large beads serves a very useful purpose of providing an excellent hand hold area. I made this section about 9-1/2" long because that was about right for my tool rest. I could bead the whole area without moving the tool rest. The join was made with two threaded pieces of lignum vitae and a 3/4" brass pipe coupling. The threads are 14 tpi chased with a die insert held with vice grips.

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December 2016/January 27, 2017 to January 29, 2017

Florida Woodturning Symposium 2017

Location: Eustis, Florida

The Florida Woodturning Symposium is the largest woodturning event in Florida and is held each year at the Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center. A self contained, wooded campus where you are immersed in nothing but woodturning for 2 1/2 days. This is one of the best ways to take the next step in your woodturning and enjoy fourteen well-known demonstrators, a trade show, an auction, and a raffle.

Website: <http://floridawoodturningsymposium.com>

January 27, 2017 to January 28, 2017

Tennessee Association of Woodturners' 2017 Woodturning Symposium

Location: Franklin, TN

Featured demonstrators will include Nick Agar, Cynthia Garden-Gibson, Stephen Hatcher, Frank Penta, and others. Participants will have access to the instant gallery, banquet, auction, and tradeshow.

Website: <http://tnwoodturners.org/symposium>

March 10, 2017 to March 12, 2017

Southern States Woodturning Symposium

Location: Cartersville, Georgia

This symposium offers attendees featured demonstrators, an instant gallery, a trade show and auction. Demonstrators for 2017 include Greg Pennington, Stuart Mortimer, Dixie Biggs, Dennis Paullus, Steve Cook, Nick Cook, Robert Lyon, and Peggy Schmid.

Website: <http://southernstatessymposium.org/>

March 17, 2017 to March 19, 2017

Oregon Woodturning Symposium

Location: Albany, Oregon

The Oregon Association of Woodturners presents the second Oregon Woodturning Symposium on March 17-19, 2017 at the Lane County Expo Center in Albany, OR. Join some of the best turners in the nation for extraordinary demonstrations that offer something for every level of woodturner, beginner to professional. This year's demonstrators include Al Stirt, Binh Pho, Christian Burchard, Dixie Biggs, Don Ward, Jon Magill, Michael Blankenship, Nick Cook, Stuart Batty and special guest, Stuart Mortimer.

Website: <http://ows.r2pwebsites.com/>

April 01, 2017 to April 02, 2017

Totally Turning Symposium 2017

Location: Saratoga Springs, NY

The Totally Turning Symposium will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 1 & 2, 2017. It will be held concurrently with the NWA's Annual Woodworkers Showcase in Saratoga Springs NY. The event site will be the Saratoga Springs City Center. As in past years, there will be plenty of great demonstrations, an instant gallery, a trade show, and more.

Website: <http://www.totallyturning.com/information.htm>

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May 11, 2017 to May 13, 2017

Utah Woodturning Symposium

Location: Orem, UT

Over a three day period you will have the opportunity to learn from many of the industry's top professionals, to ask questions, to engage and to expand your knowledge. You will also have a chance to meet new woodturners, catch up with old friends and have a great time participating in the evening activities we have to offer.

Website: <https://utahwoodturning.com/>

June 22, 2017 to June 25, 2017

AAW's 31st Annual International Symposium

Location: Kansas City, Missouri

The conference will bring together more than more than 1,500 turners from around the globe to learn, share, and celebrate the art and craft of woodturning making it the largest woodturning event in the world.

Read more of the description on the web page.

Website: <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=2017KC>

September 15, 2017 to September 17, 2017

Turning Southern Style

Location: Dalton, GA

The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW) presents its annual symposium "Turning Southern Style." The event is held at the Dalton Convention Center in Dalton, GA (previously known as the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center.) The event includes top notch demonstrators, a large group of vendors and a great facility.

Website: <http://gawoodturner.org>

October 12, 2017 to October 14, 2017

Turning 2017 Woodturning Symposium

Location: West Harrison, Indiana:

Turning 2017 is our biennial Symposium. It has grown into one of the best regional symposiums in the USA. It is unique from other regional symposiums in that it is held in a rural setting away from the usual hassle of a city hotel or conference center. Our location in eastern Indiana at the Higher Ground Conference Center fosters an intimacy not found at other symposiums. There is an on-site lodge, dorm facilities, RV park and campground as well as national chain hotels within a few minutes' drive. Attendees enjoy tasty meals in a spacious dining hall where they can discuss the events of the day, get to know the demonstrators and fellow turners and sometimes see local wildlife just outside the windows, all while enjoying their meals. The symposium offers featured and guest demonstrators, vendors, an Instant Gallery, banquet, and auction. Read more of the description on the web page.

Website: http://www.ovwg.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=998512&module_id=201215

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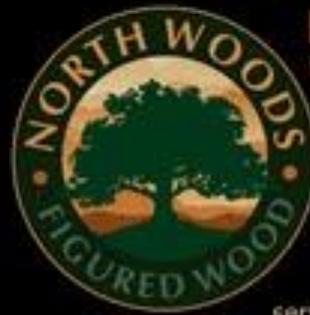
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CLUB NOTES

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 other 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. In particular, we need:

- Volunteers for shop tours
 - Volunteers to present/demonstrate at meetings
 - Members to write up their profiles for the newsletter
 - Short articles or Tips & Tricks for the *Chips & Chatter* newsletter
- Please contact Mike Lanahan to volunteer

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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, jgtimp@aol.com, (408) 265-9501 sharpening, design, natural edge bowls, boxes, goblets, tool control, you name it. Anything but segmenting.

Mike Lanahan, lanahan.mike@gmail.com, (408) 926-9330 Pepper Mills, Segmented, and Shaving or Makeup Brushes.

Dennis Lillis, denjlillis@gmail.com, (408) 353-3821 Hollowing, sharpening, and coring

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 2016	January Spindle	February Bowl	March Lidded Turning	April: Goblet	May Natural Edge	June Toy/Top	July Plate/Platter	August Hollow Form	September Craft Item	October Artsy	November: Ornament	December Favorite	Picnic: Redwood Challenge
Alias, Johnny													
Baulsbaough, Steven													
Bley, Bob													
Bonnett, Don													
Brown, David													
Donovan, Jim													
Gallis, Jerry													
Gerenser, Bob													
Gott, Jim													
Havens, Brian													
Jones, Barb													
Keogh, Gary													
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Kreug, Glenn													
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Sealy, Ard													
Thomas, Larry													
West, Milton													
Westfall, Dick													
Whittier, John													
Wittrock, Oscar													
Zavala, Pete													

Editor's Note

If I've somehow overlooked your President's Challenge entry, send me an e-mail at bob.gerenser@sbcglobal.net

For a more detailed description of the 2014 President's Challenges, go to:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SVWoodturners/files/Forms/>

IRONMAN Rules

- There are twelve challenges listed for the year and in order to qualify for Ironman you must show, by the end of the year, that you have completed all twelve challenges.
- Challenge entries should be shown at the meeting corresponding to the challenge schedule.

Next Meeting...

**Join us Wednesday, January 4th
@7:00PM**

**Santa Clara High School Woodshop
3000 Benton St, Santa Clara, CA**

It is right across the street from the Baptist Church sign, and just past (coming from Kiely) a No Entrance sign.

Jan. Program: Mike Lanahan
Segmentation

Jan. Challenge: Embellished



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 John Whittier (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.

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Current Member of AAW? Yes ___ No ___

Member-ship*	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



President's Challenge 2017 by bwana Paul

January	Embellishment	Some sort of embellishment to the turning. (inlay, Color, chatter, etc.)
February	Use Home Made Tool/Jig	Use a home made tool or jig that you can show with the piece
March	Use the Skew	Use the skew for a significant part of the work.
April	Segmented or Glue-up	Do a segmented piece or a glue up with at LEAST 3 pieces
May	Toy or Top	Any kind of toy or top
June	Broken & Repaired	A turning that fixes something or a turning that was broken and repaired
July	Not Wood	Make a turning out of something other than wood
August	Wearable	Make a turning that is wearable. (Jewelry, name tag, Hair piece....)
September	Collaboration or training	Work with someone else to make something or learn something or teach something.
October	Face or profile	The piece should have a face in it or a profile of a face in it.
November	Multi Axis	Turn on at least two axis
December	For the Holidays	Something for the holidays

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