



# CHIPS & Chatter



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THE SILICON VALLEY WOODTURNERS' NEWSLETTER

### COMING UP!

- Next Meeting 8/1
- Segment Symp. 10/18-21
- Olive Hyde Show 11/30-12/2
- Holiday Party 12/5

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### Glenn Krueg... It's a Small World.

As our July meeting demonstrator Glenn showed his mostly custom made tools for turning miniatures. He mounts his wood on dowels or metal posts, and uses a Beale collet chuck to hold them. His tools come from diverse fields of dentistry to watch making. Glenn turned a redwood burl hollow form, and showed how he applies his



nut, with holes in the sides to show the shadow of his hollowing tool as it was being turned.



More photos on page 10.

## Annual Picnic

Everyone that attended the annual picnic enjoyed the good food, weather and a chance to select favorite turnings from 13 turners, across 7 categories.



**Best of Show**, as judged by his peers was the turning to the left, by Gary Petretti.



More photos on page 11.

# Message From the President

By Ard Sealy

The July meeting had a couple landmarks. First we had an outstanding demonstration by Glenn Krueg, Glenn showed the tools he uses and his methods of tuning miniatures. Second we had our first video coverage of a demonstration outside of Rich Johnsons shop. Richard Scott did a great job with the help of Mike Lanahan. Richard used a lot of his own equipment along with the clubs boom. Thanks a lot Richard.

Our annual club picnic is July 21st. At the picnic there is a President's Challenge. This challenge is the only challenge that is judged by only the President. There is a \$100 prize for the best turning. This year the challenge is to do a turning from three pieces of wood provided at the June meeting and must be represented in the final piece. I have heard from some of the 10 contestants of how much of a challenge this is. It is going to be interesting to see how creative these turners are. Be sure to see what they can do. Bob Gerenser is coordinating the competition of members' turnings, please follow his emails for more information.

Our temporary storage runs out in August. The club needs to arrange for the storage of our lathe, tools, tables and other items. We are in the process of acquiring video equipment which will add to the storage requirement. We need your proposal to solve the storage issue, so please contact Gary Keogh, Bob Gerenser or myself with ideas of the solutions. At the July 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Directors meeting, the Board will be discussing any and all options and will develop recommendations for the General Membership to vote on. One solution is to rent a self-storage space at \$1,000 per year.



Turning wood that has been gathered for the membership by John Whittier, former Ways and Means Chairman, along with the help from Oscar Wittrock and Jack Todd is in jeopardy. John is no longer able to serve as Chairman of Ways and Means and has accepted the position of Chairman of Membership. John has done an outstanding job for the past three years. His departure from Ways and Means leaves the club without a contact person for future turning wood from his various sources. If you are interested in serving as the Ways and Means Chairman, or want to know more, please contact John or myself.

The August meeting is August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Presidents Challenge is "Back to School". So what is "Back to School"? The challenge is a turning that supports a student or teacher as they return to school. Use your imagination in creating your challenge piece.

Herb Green is the chairman of the nominations committee. The current officers have expressed they are NOT willing to serve next year in their present positions. So why discuss elections so early? The elections are to be held at our November General Meeting. The Bylaws require the process of elections to have nominations from the nominations committee presented at the October meeting and then presented to the Board of Directors at the October Board meeting. With all current elected officers stepping down Herb has a substantial task coming up with members willing to serve. If you are willing to serve in an officer position or want to recommend a member to a position please contact Herb.

Keep turning ,

Ard Sealy

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## Next Meeting...

**Join us Wednesday, August 1** (the **FIRST** Wednesday of the month), at 7 P.M., **The Eagle Lodge, 1036 Lincoln Ave., San Jose, CA 95125**, located between Willow and Coe on the East side of the street. There is parking on both sides of the building, on the street and across the street from the funeral home.

Bring items for **President's Challenge, Show & Tell, and Eagle Lodge Donation**. We learn by sharing.

**August President's Challenge: Nut Dish**. Please register your entry online ([Yahoo Groups, Database](#)) no later than 4:00 PM the day of the meeting to be eligible.

**Program: Brian Havens will demonstrate Fine Spindle Work**

**with a Round Skew, and how to make a Round Skew..**

For those who would like to get together for dinner before the meeting, we have been going to Jake's of Willow Glen. They're a pizza place, but also have a large selection of sandwiches, wraps and salads. Check them out at [www.jakesofwillowglen.com](http://www.jakesofwillowglen.com). Jake's is located a short walk, just two blocks, south of the Eagle lodge on the same side of Lincoln at: 1074 Lincoln Ave. We start showing up at Jakes at 5:30 PM.

**Future Meeting Attractions:**

August - Brian Havens

# CHECK IT OUT

## From the SVW Library

### The Slim\_Line Pen with Russ Fairfield, #145

By Phil Roybal

Russ Fairfield made a name for himself as a pen maker and teacher of technique. He passed away a couple years ago, but his DVDs remain as great introductions to basic pen turning. This DVD is devoted to the typical beginners' pen, the Slim-Line, which I use in my own pen classes.



Russ takes a methodical approach, defining what you need to make a pen, how to drill the blanks and glue in the barrels, how to turn the barrels, and how to finish the pens.

Russ begins with some sound advice. For easy turning, avoid blanks made of plastic or very hard, brittle wood. They can make beautiful pens, but they pack a lot of po-



tential grief for those new to turning (or sharpening). He then goes on to recommend tools and accessories that make the job easier.

Russ likes polyurethane glue instead of CA for pens because of its gap-filling, flexible bond. I personally prefer CA because it's a lot less messy and sets up in minutes instead of overnight.

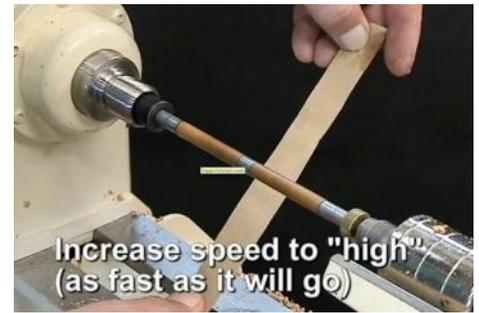
The DVD takes us through drilling and gluing, then the initial turning. Next, it addresses such common problems as cracks and voids in the blanks, including an interesting approach that involves filling cracks with a slurry of artist's charcoal and medium CA glue.



Russ gives all his pens a coat of medium CA glue, then sands it off, leaving just



what's in the pores of the wood. He next wet sands with Watco natural finishing wax, starting at #400 sandpaper and working up to #2000, then polishing at high



speed with a piece of grocery bag paper. Finally, he applies Shellwax friction polish. Some of us might question this



technique, but Russ produces a nice looking pen with it.



The production values are good in this DVD, and Russ does a good job of introducing the subject of pen turning.

Check it out, in the SVW Library.

**President's Challenge**  
*"Nut Dish"*

# TURNING OUT



Ard Sealy - A Claro Walnut nut dish finished with 100% tongue oil



Becky Frisbee - Nut bowl, Santos mahogany with crystal coat.



Bob Gerenser - two Pecan dishes, one intentional, one accidental. Waterlox over sealcoat



Brian Havens - Hickory dish, with off-axis mallet; Walnut oil finish



Dean Adkins - June: Small BLM burl bowl with mystery wood square lid that's pierced on the corners. Danish oil finish.



July: Small pecan nut dish with mineral staining, Danish oil finish. Pecan tree was next to Clairmont Hotel in Berkeley and blew down in February 2011, and was +150 years old!

May (not shown): Cherry flower vase or candleholder, no finish as it's worth wasting finish on .....



Johnny Alias - Walnut nut bowl. finish sanding sealer and 50/50



Marcus Moody - Spanish cedar nut dish with walnut and rosewood mallet finished with butcher block oil



Mike Lanahan - Nut dish from Spanish Cedar, with Waterlox finish.



Scott Landon - Nut dish /four kinds of nuts- 50/50



Tom Schmida - Nut Dish, Monterey Cypress & Walnut, 50/50 & EEE.  
May makeup: Maple box with legs, 50/50



Herb Green - miniature dish made from a tagua nut no finish





Jim Benson - nut dish, citrus, EEE, Shellawax, round, lathe



Rich Johnson - Walnut serving dish finish =rj's30/30/30



Lonnie Hurst - miniature "A" nut dish.

Makeup for May, Hookah with legs.



Jim Gott - A Spanish Cedar nut dish, finished with wipe-on poly.



Oscar Wittrock - Maple wood from violin lady. Highly figured, finish is sanding sealer and buffed with Beale system. It is also a donation for the Eagle Lodge.

# SHOW & TELL



Lonnie Hurst—no description provided.



Grant Beech - Footed candle pedestal, ash, no finish.



Jim Benson - Bird house, pine, round spindle, rectangle, tombow pens, artisan dyes, general woodturners finish, lathe



charlie belden - Three by Three #1, three flat topped hollow forms with finials, HF manzanita, finial poplar, HF buffed with carnauba, finial sanded & burnished  
Three by Three #2, globes w finial & icicle on pedestals, poplar, sanded and burnished



Tom Schmida - 2 small boxes from Jason Breach workshop, finish 50/50



Scott Landon - bowl – Monterey cypress/ lasered rim / 50-50



# SHOW & TELL continued



Ron Geren - Excellent scroll saw and Dremel work on a unique rosewood collapsible basket. Each layer is able to lift up the next layer because all cuts are on the bias toward the center of the basket. May be partially turned.



Oscar - 2-Vases, Walnut, Sanding Sealer & Buffed



Brian Havens - misc turnings from practice with new Es-coulen eccentric chuck; Walnut; Walnut Oil



Dean Adkins - Madrone burl / feather crotch bowl, medium size for salad or popcorn, walnut oil finish

Small madrone bowl, turned green and thin with top close to pith to allow warping to football shape (Richard Raffan style) finished in Danish oil.



Ard Sealy - Claro Walnut bowl, finished with tongue oil and buffed.



# Eagle Lodge Donations



Oscar Wittrock - Maple wood from violin lady. Highly figured, finish is sanding sealer and buffed with Beale system. This also meets the July "nut dish" president's challenge criteria.

## 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 Ard Sealy (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](http://www.svwoodturners.org).

### Silicon Valley Woodturners Membership Application

Please print and mail with a check payable to SVW for \$35\* individual (\$45\* family) to:  
Grant Beech, 1273 Carrie Lee Way, San Jose, CA 95118

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Lathe(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Member of AAW? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Membership*	Renewal	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter April - June	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter July - Sept.	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Oct. - Dec.
Individual	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$10
Family	\$45	\$35	\$30	\$15





# Picnic Photos



Bowl 1st place, tie between Lonnie Hurst (above) and Jim Gott (right)



Natural Edge 1st place, by Jim Gott



Long Grain 1st place, Mike Lanahan



Hollow Form 1st place, Howard Cohen



Craft Ware 1st place  
Mike Lanahan



Segmented 1st place,  
Mike Lanahan



President's Challenge Winner  
Mike Lanahan



**Best of Show, & Unique 1st place**  
by Gary Petretti



# Tips & Tricks

## Inexpensive Custom Live Center Shapes

By Mike Lanahan

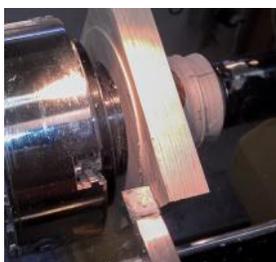
I turned a goblet in 3 pieces, with tenons on the stem fitting into the base and the bowl. When I started to assemble it it became obvious that a tiny misalignment of the pieces would make it look really bad. The foot had a small expansion recess and the stem has center points on the end, so I could assemble them on the lathe and insure alignment. What I needed was a flat surface on my live center to hold the rim normal to the axis to insure alignment.

As with many live centers, the cone unscrews.



The Powermatic live center thread is 3/4" 10 tpi, so I got a nut to fit it. The blank to hold it needs a large hole to fit the nut, and a smaller one deep enough so the point doesn't bottom out.

Epoxy the nut in the blank to mount on the live center. Let the nut stand proud. True up any tenon on the



live center end for shaping in a scroll chuck if desired. This will get the tenon in alignment with the axis of the live center nut. Use a scroll chuck as a friction drive. This is when I trued the flat surface for the rim of my goblet bowl.



This kept the bowl in alignment while being glued to the stem.

The same technique can be used to make cones, cups or other custom shapes for the live center. The nut is only 51 cents, the wood was from small scraps, and it didn't take much time to make

Got a slick Tip or Trick you'd like to share? Have a problem for which you need advice?

Submit or request a Tip or Trick to this section to [MikeLan@aol.com](mailto:MikeLan@aol.com)

# FOR SALE

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# Meeting Minutes

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July Meeting 7/11/2012 Minutes (no meeting minutes taken or reported)

Visitors or New Members:



Richard Thompson  
new member

Decisions:

Action Items:

Carry-Over Items for Next Meeting:

General Information:



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The official meeting minutes will hopefully become available to members on the Yahoo Groups site:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SVWoodturners/files/Minutes/>

## Have you changed?

Have you changed email addresses? Have you moved? Have you changed phone numbers? We are trying to update our roster and found many things have changed over the year. If you have changed, let Howard know so that he can update the roster.

# CLUB NOTES

## 2012 Silicon Valley Woodturners Staff, Volunteers, Contacts

### 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 smaller 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 here. In particular, we need:

- Volunteers for shop tours
- Volunteers to present at meetings
- Members to write up their profiles for the newsletter
- Short articles or Tips & Tricks for *Chips & Chatter*

Please volunteer to Ard Sealy and help make our activities happen.

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## Sharing Knowledge

**MEMBERS:** Please contribute your expertise to our newsletter. The editor will help you get your article ready if need be. Deadline is one week after our club meeting.

**OTHER WOODTURNING CLUBS:** you may use materials in this newsletter for the benefit of other turners. Please credit Silicon Valley Woodturners and the newsletter month and year for any material you use, and mention our web site: [www.svwoodturners.org](http://www.svwoodturners.org). Note that if we've flagged an article as having been reprinted from another source with permission, you must secure that same permission in order to use that material.

### 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 (408) 265-9501 sharpening, design, natural edge bowls, boxes, goblets, tool control, you name it. Anything but segmenting.
- Rich Johnson (408) 254-8485 all type to turning support available from beginner to Professional.
- Mike Lanahan (408) 926-9330 Pepper Mills and Shaving or Makeup Brushes

# IRONMAN

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 2011	January <i>found on a desk</i>	February- cracks or bark, not natural edge	March <i>Bird House</i>	April with finial	May- with legs (not glued on)	June Pierced	July Nut Dish	August <i>Back to School</i>	September - a Tray <i>(not a plate or platter)</i>	October <i>Fluted</i>	November <i>for the Kitchen</i>	December Holiday purpose	Picnic - Turned from picnic challenge wood
Adkins, Dean													
Alias, Johnny													
Beech, Grant													
Benson, Jim													
Bradford, Denver													
Broadhead, Sharod													
Butler, Brian													
Frisbee, Becky													
Geren, Ron													
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Gott, Jim													
Green, Herb													
Havens, Brian													
Hurst, Lonnie													
Johnson, Rich													
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Levin, Harry													
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Mackenzie, Colin													
Moody, Marcus													
Pickering, Dick													
Robinson, Norm													
Roybal, Phil													
Schmida, Tom													
Sealy, Ard													
Westfall, Dick													
Witrock, Oscar													

## Editor's Note

If I've somehow overlooked your President's Challenge entry, send me an e-mail at MikeLan@aol.com

## IRONMAN Rules

- Entries must not have been shown before.
- If you miss a month's Challenge, you may bring it to the following meeting.
- If you bring a make-up Challenge to a meeting, you must also show the current month's Challenge piece.
- Entries must be submitted online (Yahoo Groups, Database) no later than 4:00 PM the day of the meeting to be eligible. If you are unable to register, have a fellow member register for you. You have up to two (2) days after the meeting to modify or add to the descriptions in the database. What you say is what you get.
- The president may approve make-ups for extraordinary absence for hardships such as long term illness, or absence due to employment, provided all make-ups are made at the first meeting upon the member's return. Vacation is not accepted as a reason for more than one missed month.