



# CHIPS & Chatter

THE SILICON VALLEY WOODTURNERS' NEWSLETTER

## 2017 Holiday Dinner and Party



## The President's Turn

Wow! It's been a full year that you have had to put up with me as president!!! It sure does not seem that long. I continue to be honored that I can serve the club and, to tell the truth, when I compare my skills to the skills of so many in the club I continue to feel somewhat like an imposter. The only saving grace is that nowhere in the bylaws does it say the president has to be a skilled turner. ☺.



All joking aside, I do want to do a good job as president and, to that end, I have a favor to ask. Please let me know how I can do better. I really do want feedback and I promise that I will not be offended. I am a firm believer that one of the best ways to improve is to get feedback from others.

Our December meeting was the annual holiday dinner and Joe Martinka did a great job organizing it. We had about 30 people at the dinner and I think everyone had a good time! (Well....maybe Gary K. didn't. Everyone kept 'stealing' from him in the gift exchange ☺.) A lot of members choose not to attend the holiday dinner, but I have always enjoyed them. If you did not go this year, you should give it a try next year. You will be glad you did.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find the presidents challenges and the program schedule for the year. Mark has lined up a lot of great presentations that relate to the challenges. The plan is to have a demonstration and then have a related challenge the following month. It is going to be a great opportunity to practice what you learn.

Well, that is a wrap for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year for SVW. I will leave you with a poem I wrote 3 years ago at the end of my first year with the club:

*May your turnings be many and your catches be few.  
May the wood slice like butter as you peel with the skew.  
May your curves all be true as you master that form.  
Your designs bring out beauty that's distinct from the norm  
Let the finish be silky as you show off the wood.  
Be proud of your product, you did best that you could.  
Let your passion for turning create gifts that are treasures.  
**And let the holiday season bring joy and great pleasures.**  
Happy Holidays!!*

Thanks to everyone for making it a great year.

Paul



# 2018 Calendar of Events

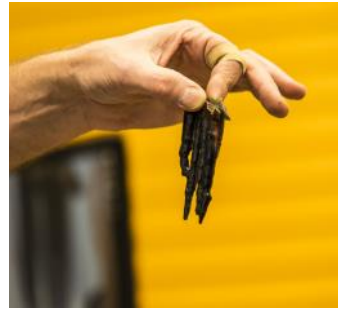
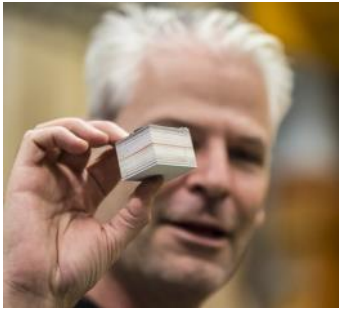
January	February	March
Meeting: Wed. the 3rd	Meeting: Wed. the 7th	Meeting: Wed. the 7th
President's Challenge:	President's Challenge:	President's Challenge:
Turned Name Badge	Thin Walled Bowl	Lidded Box/Peppermill
Program: Dennis Lillis	Program: Mark Koenig	Program: Cindy Navarro
Green Thin walled Bowl	Lidded Box/Peppermill	Reconstructed Utensils
		Rudy Lopez 3/10
April	May	June
Meeting: Wed. the 4th	Meeting: Wed. the 2nd	Meeting: Wed. the 6th
President's Challenge:	President's Challenge:	President's Challenge:
For the Kitchen/not bowl	Top	Coloring a Turned object
Program: Sharpening	Program: Top Night	Program: Sanding
Turn-N-learn		Turn-N-learn
	Trent Bosch 5/12	
July	August	September
Meeting: Wed. the 11th	Meeting: Wed. the 1st	Meeting: Wed. the 5th
President's Challenge:	President's Challenge:	President's Challenge:
School Donation	a Bowl	Collabotate/Training
Program: Jim Rodgers	Program:	Program: Jim Gott
Concepts of Design	Compare and Critique	Nat.Eg. Bowl/platter
		Sam Angelo 9/9
October	November	December
Meeting: Wed. the 3rd	Meeting: Wed. the 7th	Meeting: Wed. the 5th
President's Challenge:	Challenge: Calabash	President's Challenge:
Nat.Eg. Bowl/platter	Program: Finishing	For the Holidays
Program: Dennis Lillis		Program:
Calabash		Christmas Party

# Carl Jacobson on Basket Illusion





# Carl Turns a Paint Chip







He Finishes with a Box

## **2018 Schedule of Presidents Challenge and Programs**

### **January 3rd:**

**Challenge:** Turned Name Badge

**Program:** Dennis Lillis - Turning a Green Thin Walled Bowl

### **February 7th:**

**Challenge:** Thin Walled Bowl

**Program:** Mark Koenig - Lidded Box/Peppermill

### **March 7th:**

**Challenge:** Lidded Box or Peppermill

**Program:** Cindy Navarro – Reconstructed Household Utensils (BAWA member)

### **April 4th:**

**Challenge:** For the Kitchen - Not a bowl

**Program:** Sharpening Demo/Sawdust Sessions/Turn-N-Learn hands on help

### **May 2nd:**

**Challenge:** Top

**Program:** Top Contest

### **June 6th:**

**Challenge:** Coloring a turned object

**Program:** Sanding Demo/Sawdust Sessions/Turn-N-Learn hands on help

### **July 11th:**

**Challenge:** School Donation

**Program:** Jim Rodgers – Concepts of Design (BAWA member)

### **August 1st:**

**Challenge:** A bowl between 6 and 7 inches wide, 3 to 4 inches tall, no embellishments.  
Design focus is in form, function, finish, footing/base, feel, flow.

**Program/Sawdust Session - Bowl Compare and Critique.**

### **September 5th:**

**Challenge:** Collaboration or Training

**Program:** Jim Gott – Natural Edge Bowl/Platter

### **October 3rd:**

**Challenge:** Natural Edge Bowl/Platter

**Program:** Dennis Lillis - Turn a Calabash Style Bowl

### **November 7th:**

**Challenge:** Calabash Style Bowl

**Program:** Finishing your projects

### **December 5<sup>th</sup>:**

**Challenge:** For the Holidays!

**Program:** Holiday dinner



## West Bay Woodturners



### Rudy Lopez

#### Production Woodturner

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

**9:00 am to 4 PM**

Bridges Community Church  
625 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos

Admission is \$20 for Members and  
Spouses

(Includes lunch for those who sign  
up in advance)

\$30 for Non Members

All Students are Free!

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The West Bay Woodturners and Silicon Valley Woodturners are pleased to announce an all-day demonstration by Rudy Lopez at the Bridges Church in Los Altos. The doors will open at 8:30 am. The general public is invited to attend. The admission fee for this demonstration has been deeply discounted and is being sponsored by the two Rudy will cover a range of topics: TBD

For more information on this demonstration and to sign up for lunch, contact Bob Bley, WBAW Program Officer, by email at [rbley90@gmail.com](mailto:rbley90@gmail.com) , or by phone at 650-854-4939



## ***Quercus kelloggii* The California Black Oak**

Time to look around at trees that have grown here for thousands of years – our California natives. Too often we are overly impressed with foreign woods and their wavy grains and spectacular colors. California landscape is dominated by one genus – *Quercus*, the oaks. The oak woodlands dominate from San Francisco to the foothills of the Sierras. In reading tree books one should avoid authors who have not ventured out to California. They are easy to spot because they may mention one California oak, like the coast live oak and forget about the valley oak, the black oak, the blue oak, the canyon live oak, the interior live oak, the gold cup oak, the mall oak. It's a shame because these oaks have their place in the plant world. A few hundred years back the black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*) was the dominant oak in Contra Costa County. But the descent of the water table and the Spanish thirst for mast wood spelled their end here. However, venture up into the mountains in the low areas where there is some water, and you will find black oak, even black oak forests.

Black oak is well worth the effort because the wood is great to turn, smells like red cabernet wine barrels. Like most oaks the wood is hard, heavy and durable. The rays are ever present. And unlike the live oaks and the valley oak, there is not a lot of movement when the black oak dries. Black oak has been rediscovered for flooring. Even in the west red oak has always been the choice for floors and white oak the choice for cabinetry and these days white oak slabs are highly valued. This is more of an eastern United States bias. Red oak (*Quercus rubrum*) and white oak (*Quercus alba*) are native to the east. Woodworkers in the east often jest that red oak is a weed, best left for the California market!

We have the OAKS! Your best black oaks are found in the forests like the Grass Valley area. There are many ways to spot a black oak. The trunk is dark, nearly black with moss on the north side for the directionally challenged. The best way to identify is the leaf. The deciduous leaves make quite a pile below the tree. The leaves are large, 4-8 inches long, with deep sinuses and small points on top of each lobe. The sharp points on the leaf is a dead give away for a black oak. Although deciduous this oak belongs in the red oak group along with the live oaks.



The acorn.



These are not easterners discovering their first true black oak, but tribal members and scientists gathering acorns for planting.

## **Quercus kelloggii** The California Black Oak

**Black oak** is a common name for several species of tree. These include: *Quercus kelloggii*, the California **black oak**, a Western U.S. tree species; *Quercus velutina*, the Eastern **black oak**, an Eastern U.S. and Canadian tree species; The California black oak, *Quercus kelloggii*, is a critical species for wildlife. Oaks may be the single most important genus used by wildlife for food and cover in California forests and rangelands, and California black oak occupies more total area in California than any other hardwood species. Livestock also make heavy use of this species for food and cover. Acorns are relatively large in this species, from 1 to 1.2 inches (2.5-3 cm) long and 0.6 to 0.7 inch (1.5-1.8 cm) wide.

Oak in general is just too boring for some, but I find the black oak to be a fine wood. My morning cereal comes out of a black oak bowl. The wood is strong and handsome, quite utilitarian. I recommend it highly and a much better choice than the eastern imposters.



Enough said!

-Tony Wolcott



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

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# 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.

## Editor's Note

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

President's Challenge 2017	January Embellishment	February Home Made Tool/Jig	March Use the Skew	April: Segmented or Glue-up	May Toy or Top	June Broken & Repaired	July Not Wood	August Wearable	September Collaboration or Training	October Face or Profile	November: Multi Axis	November: For the Holidays	Picnic: Platter
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Butt, Kyle													
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Donovan, Jim													
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Zavala, Pete													

For a more detailed description of the President's Challenges, go to:

[https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SVWoodturners/files/Presidents Challenge/](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SVWoodturners/files/Presidents%20Challenge/)

## 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.



# 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 and help make our activities happen.

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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](http://www.svwoodturners.org).

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

Member-ship*	Renewal	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter April - June	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter July - Sept.	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Oct. - Dec.
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# Next Meeting...

Join us Wed., January 3rd @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:** Dennis Lillis Thin Walled Bowls

**Jan. Challenge:** Turned Name Badge

**Dinner before the Meeting:**

Watch for email update



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