



# CHIPS

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& Chatter  
THE SILICON VALLEY WOODTURNERS

## COMING UP!

Monthly Meeting:  
April 4th  
Sharpening  
techniques

Monthly Meeting:  
May 2nd Top night



## Barb says "It's a small world after all."

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Well, last month we had the big stuff. This month we had the very small. Barbara Jones shared with us her big world of small turning with us. Barb turns small items for one of her other hobbies, doll house furnishings. She works on a 1/12th to 1/48 scale. Barb has been turning off and on for many years. She joined our club last year and continually amazes us with her tiny turnings. She has mainly used home made tools or tools that have been made for her. She turns on a Taig Micro lathe

that was originally a metal lathe. Her husband made a tool rest for her out of small angle iron. You can see the extents of her work area in the picture above. She uses a 3 jaw and 4 jaw non-scrolling chucks. She plans on buying a scroll chuck if she can find a small enough one. She turns mainly acrylics and corian and also wood. A pen blank can supply her enough material for many projects. Barbara is also an avid model railroader. It seems that it really is a small world for Barbara Jones.

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# PRES SEZ



Did you get to the H & G show?? SVW was there with a full 6-artist display. We did Good!! We even sold the March madness turning!

I did talk with Joe at the shows end and he was very proud of s and is looking forward to us at the next show in AUG. He came by the booth and enjoyed our turnings and Demos. He even brought some of his family by the booth for a look see.

Next up for SVW is the Woodworking show at the Alameda County Fair Grounds April 13 – 15. This is a fun show to do also. We will have a booth to staff and do our turning demos. We need to do a sign up for the staffing. Use the Yahoo site and signup.

The Pres Challenges have turned out some real treasures and are fun to see and enjoy. The participation is wonderful. The next one is “A”. What are you going to do? I am leaning towards the Acacia, Jack and I got from Los Altos. Nice wood.

Did you get any from the raffle?? So join in on the fun and share with us your “A” turning.

I would like to propose another challenge. This one is a little different than anything we have done before. This could be worth \$100 to you if you join in. There are only a couple rules. 1. You must make a turning from a: 2 x 4 (nominal dimensions). In the presentation of your turning, a piece of the 2 x 4 (sample) must be included to show us what you used (started with). 2. The piece will be presented at the JULY SVW Picnic only. You must be present to win the \$.

The piece will be judged on:

- a. use of the 2 x 4.
- b. Originality.

So we have a few turning things to think about. In fact we have quite a list of turnings to get done and soon.

Pres Challenges

May: Top

July: SVW Picnic Turning event

July: 2 x 4 contest

Just to name a few.

Happy round things,

*Rich*

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## Next month...

Join us Wednesday, APRIL 4th, at 7 P.M., sharpening techniques will be discussed at Rich Johnson's Woodturning Center in San Jose.

Rich's Center is located behind his home at 14979 Joanne Ave., San Jose. From Hwy. 680, take the McKee Road exit East about 1.5 miles to Toyon Ave. Turn left and go 0.6 mile, turn right onto Joanne Ave.

Bring your chair and items for Show and Tell. We all learn together.



*Bowl by Dick Pickering*



## President's Challenge and Show & Tell

### STARTS WITH "M"

Rich Johnson showed a large spalted **Maple** platter. Lloyd Frisbee showed a **Myrtle** burl **Magnet**. Becky made a rotating **Music** box of walnut with a corian insert in the lid. Michael Wiley showed a **Mahogany** box. Phil Roybal made a **Manzanita Mirror**, with **Mortise** and Tenon, and **Mirror** Finish (Varnish). Jack Todd made a **Maple** Carver's **Mallet**. Tony Bryhan made a "Metamorphosis" from a piece of pear. Herb Green made a hollow basketball for **March Madness**

*Clockwise from top left: Rich Johnson, Lloyd Frisbee, Rebecca Frisbee, Michael Wiley, Phil Roybal, Jack Todd and Tony Bryhan and Herb Green.*



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Harry Levin made a **Mortar** and Pestle; **Maple** and Cocobolo. Dick Pickering turned a **Muhuhu** (name of wood) bowl. Jim Gott showed a **Magnetic** tie tack out of Cocobolo (so he doesn't damage the tie). Brian Butler made a Candle **Mount** of Ambrosia **Maple**, **Mahogany**, **Malachite** filled voids and a pen out of spalted fiddleback **Maple**. Jeff Thorson turned a **Manzanita Mushroom**. Howard Cohen made a **Mentored, Mulberry** natural edge bowl. Rich Horton presented a Silver **Maple, Multipurpose** bowl (dip bowl). Ron Geren made an Ambrosia **Maple** bowl; finished with tung oil and wax. Barbara Jones brought a Brown **Mallee** square bowl, 1/12" scale.

*Clockwise from top left: Harry Levin, Dick Pickering, Jim Gott, Brian Butler, Jeff Thorson's Mushroom, Howard Cohen, Rich Horton, Ron Geren, Barbara Jones.*



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Charlie Beldon made **Mannequin** heads to serve as wig holders. Michael Faser showed a **Macassar** ebony pen; imperial kit. Mike Batek brought 2 **Maple Mills** with water lox finish. John Overmire made a **Mallet**.



*Clockwise from top left: Charlie Beldon, Michael Faser, Michael Batek, John Overmire.*



## Show and Tell



Herb Green made a couple of bottle stoppers from polyester blanks with embedded flowers. He said you can't use scrapers; have to cut. Does not become clear until polishing stages.





# The Sawdust Shop

The Sawdust Shop had their anniversary open house and invited SVW to come and demonstrate turning. Rich Horton, Michael Faser and John Whittier and Barbara Jones represented the club.

Here we see Rich Horton turning with Michael Faser observing along with visitors to the open house.



Rich Horton

John Whittier and Michael Faser.





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Two of her chucks

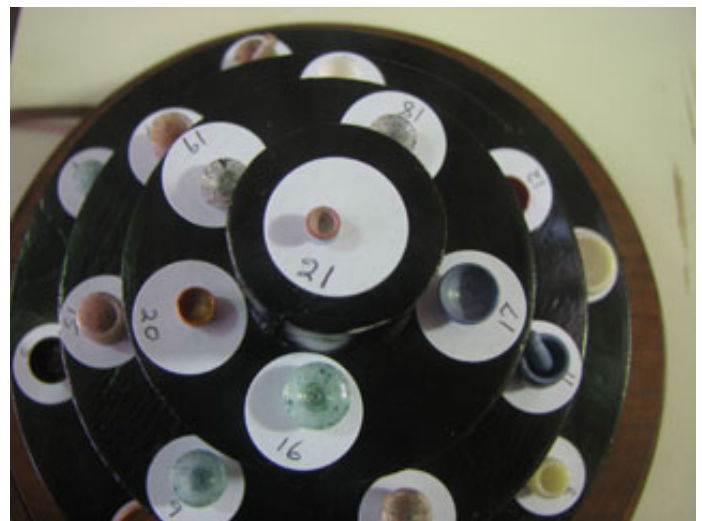


Many of us have mini lathes but Barb has a micro lathe.



A “small” selection of her tiny work. Notice the ruler for scale.

# Home and Garden Show





## 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 for *Chips & Chatter*  
Please volunteer to Rich Johnson and help make our activities happen.

## Sharing Knowledge

**MEMBERS:** Please contribute your expertise to our newsletter. The editor will help you get your article ready if need be. Deadline is the 12th of the month.

### 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

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 Lloyd Frisbee to join this list.

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Jim Gott	(408) 265-9501
Rich Johnson	(408) 254-8485
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## 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 Rich Johnson (see listing at the right).

Learn more about our club on the web at [www.svwoodturners.org](http://www.svwoodturners.org).

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# STAFF REPORTS

## RICH JOHNSON (PRESIDENT)

We have set the following demos:

- August Bay Area Clinic; we may do this together with their club
- October 14 Cindy Drozda
- November 11 Alan Stirt
- March 2008 Ellsworth at BAWA

Others being considered are: Bill Hunter, Will Smith, Betty Scarpino, Haley Smith, Todd Hoyer, Michael Lee, and Kay Foster.

Our demonstrators are scheduled for a full day. Bay Area Woodturners combines the demo with their monthly meeting. Meeting first, then the demo. We can attend their demos.

- The April **Woodworking Show** has invited us. They are back in Pleasanton.

## JOHN WHITTIER (VP/PROGRAMS)

April meeting will feature sharpening techniques.

## CRAIG THORSON (TREASURER)

Treasury reports are available to members. See Craig.

## AL GORE (LIBRARIAN)

The club library Library has a new book; "Guide to Work Holding" by Fred Holder.

## DICK PICKERING (APPAREL)

Hats are now available at \$10 each. Be sure to wear your SVW insignia when you work shows such as the Woodworking show as an SVW staffer.

## BECKY FRISBEE (SUNSHINE)

Let Becky or Lloyd know if a club member needs a get-well card, a new-member info packet, or some other contact from the club.

## Other Business

If you haven't paid your annual club membership dues you have been deleted from our Yahoo group access.

## PEOPLE

Amir from Italy made his annual visit with us. He spent a month here seeing the sights and searching for different wood species to add to his collection. We made him demo some techniques using the Sorby spiral texturing tool. We learn a great deal from him when he is here and we hope he learns something from us.





# FOR SALE

## For Sale at RJ's WTC

Anchor Seal is now available in 5 gal cans.  
As well as single gals. 1 gal = \$15

Turningways Hollowing Systems:  
Complete Mighty O \$500  
Complete Mini O \$400

Used Jamison System available w laser \$250



Even Roy wants to know...  
**How did you do that?**

Rich Johnson's  
**Woodturners' Boot Camp**  
Learn the basics, from chainsaw to polish. An all day class. Book available. Sign up now. (408) 254-8485.

## April

4<sup>TH</sup>

Regular club meeting

13-15<sup>TH</sup>

The Woodworking Show  
Alameda County Fairgrounds,  
Pleasanton.



## CALENDAR



## May

2<sup>nd</sup>

Regular meeting and Top Night

## July

Annual summer picnic and turning  
contest



All events take place at Rich Johnson's Woodturning Center unless otherwise noted.

**Ironmen** are those who complete all 12 President's Challenge projects for 2007. Those who meet the challenge are awarded distinctive IRONMAN name badges. A green bar in the chart below 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.

# IRONMAN

## Editor's Note

If I've overlooked your President's Challenge entry somehow, e-mail Lloyd at [bigguy95124@yahoo.com](mailto:bigguy95124@yahoo.com).

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Batek, Michael												
Belden, Charlie												
Bryhan, Tony												
Cohen, Howard												
Frisbee, Becky												
Frisbee, Lloyd												
Geren, Ron												
Gott, Jim												
Green, Herb												
Johnson, Rich												
Levin, Harry												
Overmire, John												
Pickering, Dick												
Roybal, Phil												
Rude, Mike												
Sayed, Ayman												
Sealy, Ard												
Thorson, Jeff												
Todd, Jack												
Vaughan, Glenn												
Wiley, Michael												

## IRONMAN RULES

- Entries must not have been shown before.
- If you miss a month's Challenge, you may bring it to a Sawdust Session, or to the following meeting.
- If you bring a make-up Challenge to a meeting, you must also show the current month's Challenge piece.

## 2007 CHALLENGES

April. With an "A"  
May With an "M"  
Also Top night.