



Chips & Chatter

May 2000 Newsletter

SVW
Silicon
Valley
Woodturners

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 7th, 2000, at 7:00 PM

Location: CB Tool, 70 Karina Court, San Jose, CA

CB Tool is located near the exit from Hwy 101 at the Brokaw Road and First Street junction.

From Brokaw Road, go north on First Street to the first stop light. That is Karina Court.

Turn left (west) and go to where Karina Court curves to the right.

CB Tool is located on the left side of that curve.

President's Challenge: June '00: A Hollow *Something*

Remember: Bring your chair and items for the *Show and Tell* portion of the meeting. We all learn together.

The Pres Sez,

It is time to get serious about the *Turn-Off*. We are only a month away. I would like to call an ALL HANDS meeting at the ARBOR AREA of Central Park in Santa Clara. Time: 10:00 Am When: June 10. SVW needs as many people as possible to help. Please come and support your club, SVW.

Directions to the park are simple.

101 to Bowers

Bowers west to Kiely

Kiely west to Park

The park is located across the street from the Hospital.

If you can not make this meeting please let me know so I can get you signed up on one of the committees.

I have reserved the space again at Kelly Park for our Annual Family Picnic. The date this year is Aug. 5. Time is 10:00 am. This will be a POT LUCK again. And we will have a Turning contest again with the *Significant Others* as the judges. More on this at the next meeting.



Rich

March Meeting Notes

We Welcome to our Guests, Jim Voos, Jerry and Peggy Gin and our New Members, Jake Fair, Cheryl and David Blankenbiller. Welcome and we hope you enjoyed being with us at our May club meeting.

Part 1 -Show and Tell (or it's Top Night at SVW):



We had Six members bring items to share with us for show and tell. Rich Johnson brought in his very large Maple and Magnolia Top. Bob Wheeler showed off his top, made of wood, with a brass outer ring and aluminum shaft. Rich Dege brought in one of his larger tops made of Purple Flowering Plum. Ron Newcomb brought in two

tops, one very brightly painted. Mike Rude showed off his Corian top, (yes you can turn corian), it used a metal wine cork base for a tip! Now Eric Dugdale was not to be intimidated by all these tops, He brought in the only Bowl for show and tell. A nicely done bowl of Black Locust. Thanks to all for sharing.



Part 2 - President's Challenge: ("Mushrooms")



We had challengers for the President's challenge. Rich Johnson brought in a large Walnut mushroom and Ron Newcomb (the mushroom king) brought in four sets of multiple mushrooms. He had ones made of glued up Baltic Birch, ones with the wood fibers cut and rolled under the mushroom cap to form a skirt. He even made a mushroom log, where he glued his broken mushrooms to a half section log.



During the break. The judging was to be based on guidelines we are trying to use for a fair comparison of the work presented. These are: Utilization of wood as a medium (20%), Shape and Correctness (20%), Technical Skill (30%), Spirit of the Theme (15%), and Artistic Impact (15%). But in this case Ron Newcomb won the coin toss.

Next Month's President's Challenge ... A Hollow Something

First Place: Ron Newcomb
 Second Place: Rich Johnson
 Second Place: Ron Newcomb for all those other mushrooms

Part 3 -Staff Reports:

Vice President: (Ace Foster)

Working on a presentation for Segmented Turning. This will work in just ahead of the Pres' Challenge for July which is "A Segmented Anything".

Secretary: (Rich Dege)

Handed out some more membership cards for members present.

Treasurer: (Chuck Jorgensen)

We have 37 paid up members to date. We had receipts of \$51.70 and expenses of \$20.00 for a balance of \$3179.85

Newsletter: (Mike Rude)

Don't want to frighten off future volunteers, but it took awhile (6 hours) to prepare and size newsletter to fit the limitations of some Email services file size limitation of 600K bytes and still get all the color pictures in the newsletter.

Newsletter will continue to have Mike as Primary Editor with Rich Dege as back up.

Part 4 - Committee Reports

Ways & Means:

There was no report. We still urgently need a new *Ways and Means* chairperson; Please see Rich Johnson or Ace Foster if you wish to help out.

The Hat Man & Apparel Chairman (Dick Pickering)

We have a new supply of hats available! Only \$10 ea. SVW logos on a shirt, the Club can still have this done, need to place a minimum order of 24 to get \$8 price per shirt, shirt supplied by member, please see or Email Dick.

Videos & Books: (Hugh Siz)

No Report, Just a lot of good videos to rent. Please remember to bring back the videos after you had them the month.

Safety Chair (Stan Silva)

Stan will have some of the Safety handouts available at the next meeting.

Home and Garden Show

Home and Garden Show; The shows remaining for this year are: Sept 8th - 10th at Santa Clara, and Sept 29th - Oct. 1st at San Mateo. The last show was a big seller for pens. Members made \$1623.00 in sales. This was Lou's last show as organizer. The honor now goes to Rich Johnson and his Wife.

Wood Shows

Bob Wheeler was the coordinator for the show. In all we had a good turn out of members from all three clubs to demonstrate and hand out tops to kids. We help demo Lathes and tools for CB tools and Woodcraft. Thanks to all who helped.

Part 5 - Old Business:***The Annual Woodturners' Picnic and Turn-Off***

We are the host club this coming year and will need *all hands* to help. We will be holding this in Santa Clara's Central Park. One of the Sponsors will supply equipment (lathes). We talked about catering the affair for \$6.00 per person and Craig Thorson will provide varieties of food for this price. We plan to have flavors to handout to attendee's. Harry Keller provided wood key chain with laser engraving with "SVW TurnOff 2000". Samples were passed around (see front page). We will need volunteers to assemble the Key Chains, see Rich Johnson or come to a sawdust session on the other Wednesday nights at Rich's house.

Wood Turning Classes:

Rich Johnson provides what is called a Boot Camp for the more experience turners. See Rich's ad for details.

Part 6 - New Business:

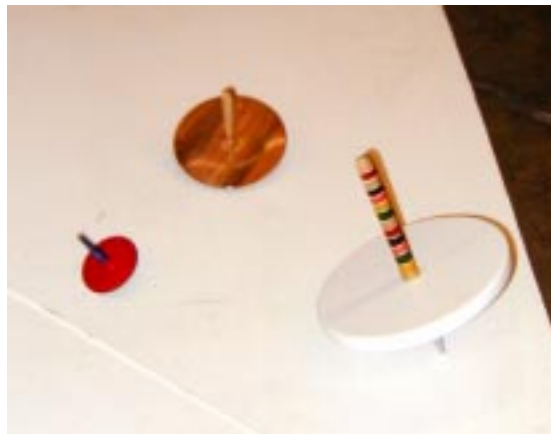
- Ron Newcomb showed us a long releasable stainless steel band that can be used for segmented turning. They don't cost much, \$2.20 ea. And Jeff Thorson works at Ace Hardware will see if he can order us some.
- Chuck Jorgensen/Craig Thorsen sponsored a motion to provide Associate Membership for family members, wives, others, etc. Motion was made by Anna Schipper and 2'nd by Mike Rude. Amended to: Member can join and for an additional fee of 50% of the current membership fee, can include as associate member(s) Wives, other family members, significant other, etc. The motion was passed. The current membership fee is \$20.00 and the Family Plan would be \$30.00. The half-year (July to Dec.) fee is \$10.00 and the Family plan would be \$15.00.

- Gene Garrison spoke to the club concerning support for the Liberty Lodge Boy's Training Center in St. Vincent the West Indies. This center houses, teaches and councils boys who have been removed from their Families due to neglect, abuse, or any number of problems that affect a child's development. The center houses up to 40 boys and teaches various practical disciplines including woodworking. The wood shop is used to support the school and to teach cabinet making and woodturning. During Gene's visit to the center he noted that the shop has a number of pieces of serviceable equipment but has no money to buy tools and supplies. Gene ask the club members to donate any old turning tools to the school since their present tools are ground down to the last inch or so. A No.2MT live center is needed and grinding wheels once the wheel size is determined. Hand tools would also be appreciated. The club voted to support the effort with a \$50.00 grant for postage. To date club members have donated a dowel jig, dowels, transfer pins, hearing protection, earmuffs, a set of pliers, two gouges, and an SVW cap. Worthy of note is that the club initials, SVW, looks a lot like St. Vincent, West Indies.
- **Insurance:** AAW requires and provides insurance for all AAW club sponsored events and demos for members. If you were doing a demo at the club booth for this last wood show and someone was hit by a piece of wood off a lathe. We would be covered. SVW voted to send \$75.00 to AAW in response to their request to help offset the cost of insurance.



Part 8 -This Month's Presentation:

This month's presentation was SVW's May Top Contest!!!!!!!!!!



We had a blast! The Contests line up all their tops and spun them into history. The categories were:

Longest Spinning - powered, was won by Mike Rude with his Coran Top.

Longest Spinning - Hand spun, was also won by Mike Rude with the same top.

Biggest Top - was won by Rich Johnson, who had the biggest top.

Smallest Top - Was won by Ron Newcomb with his brightly painted top.

Best of Show - Went to Bob Wheeler, Membership voted and made the most noise for Bob.

Novelty - Here Mike and Ron shared the honors. I think the members voted for the most novel member and forgot about the tops.

Part 9 - The Raffle:

We had wood!!!!!! Camphor, Red Alder, Aus Tea, Eugenia, Mulberry, Bay Laurel, Morus, Locust, Olive, Tree of Heaven, Walnut and Ash. Thanks to Ace's Tree Cutting friend and to Ace for bringing in a large selection of wood. The special raffle prize was Eddie Bauer Flexi Flashlight. Just the thing to get into hollow turning to check the wall thickness with. The prize was won by our guest, Jerry Gin. He will be at the June meeting (One way to get people to come back) with a special prize for our next raffle

Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 1-3 Utah Woodturning Symposium 2000 at the Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Call 801-378-2021 for information. Registration is \$220.

June 10th All Hands at Santa Clara Central Park's Arbor area where we will look over the site for the Summer Turnoff and get all members signed up for the various committees needed to organize the event.

August 5th SVW Picnic at Kelley Park.

News Flash



Our Prez, Rich Johnson, was contacted last week by Soren Berger, a noted woodturner, from New Zealand. Soren will be passing through our area on June 25th and we have hired him as a demonstrator for the day!

Soren will be demonstrating at Don Bonnet's shop in Redwood City from 9 to 5 -- All Day!! He is only charging the club \$450.

So put Sunday, June 25th on your calendar for a great day of learning and fun.

See you there...

If you would like to see a bit about Soren, check out his website www.berger.co.nz



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Ron Newcomb

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- * 3M Sanding Sponges – 120 to 1500 grit

1.510.797.6665, ronwoodart@aol.com, or see Ron at club meetings.

Items For Sale

- * Delta 12 inch by 48 inch lathe with stand (model 46-700) \$200!! See Mike Rude. 408.436.7262
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