



CHIPS & Chatter

THE SILICON VALLEY WOODTURNERS' NEWSLETTER

2015 Christmas Dinner & Gift Exchange



Mike's Message

Thanks to everyone that attended the Christmas party at the Old Spaghetti Factory. As usual, the company was good, the food was delicious, and a good time was had by all, as far as I could tell.

The Yankee gift exchange, where participants are able to “steal” prior gifts (third owner keeps it), or select a new one to open, is always entertaining, and adds a lot of fun to the festivities.

The fund raising drive to supply Santa Clara High School with 8 woodturning stations, in addition to the stationary lathe, combined with another Perkins grant received by Jason, has been successful. We have the turning tools ordered, and shipped, thanks to Dick Westfall jumping through the banking fund transfer hoops and dealing with Henry Taylor Tools; and the tools just arrived. Jason is going through the school's purchase requisition process to order the lathes, chucks, face shields, pen mandrels, CBN wheels, and a few other miscellaneous items. I'm working (slowly) on the lathe cart design, so each lathe station can be rolled away when not in use. Eventually we will have a cart assembly activity, once the cabinet parts are cut, so stay tuned. We will also

need to clean up the new lathes when they arrive, mount the CBN wheels, and mount and align the Wolverine guides (provided by Charlie Belden) and the grinder on a stand or table.

I am very pleased to have John Whittier succeed me as club president. He has been instrumental in developing our relationship with Santa Clara High School, and I feel it is appropriate for him to continue to steward this relationship. I'm very pleased with what has been done so far. I also want to thank the Staff and the Board members, who have served with me during my 2 year dynasty of terror, and thanks for the brave souls who have agreed to serve next year. Although termed out as president, you will still have to put up with me next year as VP, and program meister. If you have any particular aspect of woodturning you would like demonstrated or presented in our monthly meeting programs, or if you would like be a demonstrator or presenter, e-mail me at mikelan@aol.com.

May the (turning) Force be with you,

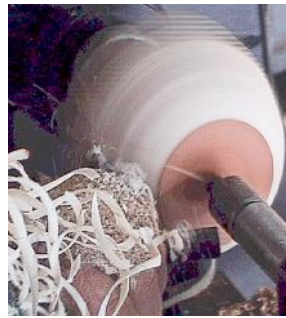
Mike



2016 Calendar of Events

<p>January</p> <p>Meeting: Wednesday the 6th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Spindle</p> <p>Program: Mike Sooder from 3M</p>	<p>February</p> <p>Meeting: Wednesday the 3rd</p> <p>President's Challenge: Bowl</p> <p>Program: TBD</p> <p>Feb 20, Eric Lingstrom</p>	<p>March</p> <p>Meeting: Wednesday the 2nd</p> <p>President's Challenge: Lidded Turning</p> <p>Program: TBA</p>
<p>April</p> <p>Meeting: Wednesday the 6th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Goblet</p> <p>Program: Special Guest?</p>	<p>May</p> <p>Meeting: Wednesday the 4th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Top/Toy</p> <p>Program: In Progress</p>	<p>June</p> <p>Meeting: Wednesday the 1st</p> <p>President's Challenge: Natural Edge</p> <p>Program: Under Development</p>
<p>July</p> <p>Meeting: Wednesday the 6th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Plate/Platter</p> <p>Program: In The Works</p>	<p>August</p> <p>Meeting: Wednesday the 3rd</p> <p>President's Challenge: Hollow Form</p> <p>Program: Under Consideration</p>	<p>September</p> <p>Meeting: Wednesday the 7th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Craft Item</p> <p>Program: Open</p>
<p>October</p> <p>Meeting: Wednesday the 5th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Artsy</p> <p>Program: This Space For Rent</p>	<p>November</p> <p>Meeting: Wednesday the 2nd</p> <p>President's Challenge: Ornament</p> <p>Program: Almost There</p>	<p>December</p> <p>Meeting: Wednesday the 7th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Favorite</p> <p>Program: Christmas Party</p>

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