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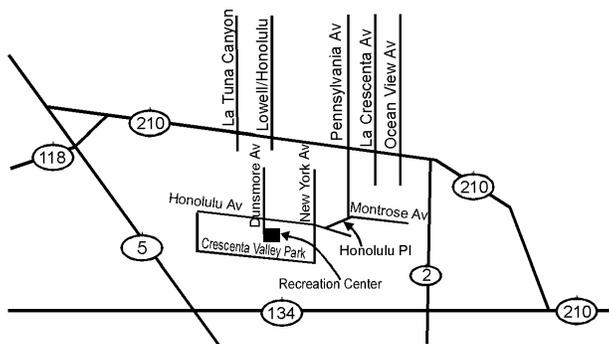
### NEXT MEETING

June 11, 2006

Sunday June 11, 2006  
2:00 p.m. Sharp

### HOW TO FIND US

Crescenta Valley Regional Park  
Recreation Center  
Dunsmore & Honolulu, La Crescenta



Thomas Guide 534-E-1

### SUNDAY MEETINGS

Meetings will usually consist of announcements, a feature presentation, a **Challenge, Show & Tell** and a **wood raffle**.

**June 11 2006–**

Presentation: Jigs, Fixtures and Tools  
Challenge: Mortar and Pestle

### President's Message



The month of May started out with a terrific demo by Dick Sing. Dick's tool technique is impeccable. You can see why he doesn't have to do much sanding. He made three pieces for us which will go in the holiday auction. Thanks to Dave Ellis and Alberto Ornelas for

bringing the donuts and beverages. Special thanks to Steve Dunn for managing to get the lathe there even though he was on crutches with his injured knee. And, of course, to Bob DeVoe for bringing everything else.

The meeting was a little light in attendance and I blame that on the off week. Even so, we did make some important decisions. We are going to purchase a video projector, stand and screen for the club. Ed Hotchkin has offered to store it at his house. He also offered to donate an older camera if it works. If not, we will also purchase a camera and tripod. It will be great! We will not only use it for demos, but also for meetings, show and tell, and the presentation. So every seat will be a good one.

We also decided to do the '50s Spaceship with Aliens theme for the 2007 AAW challenge. Everyone in the club needs to do some research and get pictures of '50s style spaceships and aliens, both cartoon and movie style for the June meeting. That way we can start drawing the plans.

Pete Carta delivered our new polo shirts at the Dick Sing demo and handed out a lot of them.

Jim O'Connor took over the duties at the Sunday meeting since Pete couldn't attend. If you weren't at either function, you can pick up your shirt at the June meeting. Thanks, Pete and Jim!

Be sure to bring a Christmas ornament to the June meeting to donate to the AAW for the Children's Hospital Charity. Dave Ellis is attending the symposium and has offered to deliver them for us. Thanks, Dave!

There wasn't much competition for the toys, games and puzzles challenge, and even show and tell was a little light. So let's get really creative for the mortar and pestle challenge and make everyone work for those gift certificates.

Jerry Davis will be running the Beginners Bowl Workshop on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Coffee and donuts will be served.

See you next month. Happy turning!  
Carey

## Challenge

The challenge this month was games and toys. Ernie Newman was our judge. We had no entrees in the novice category.

Dave Ellis won the intermediate category with his beautiful push toy with 19 balls. The entire toy was made of laminated maple and walnut with segmented work on the side. It must have taken hours and hours of work, and it will be an heirloom for the children in his family, for sure.

Jackie Comer shows how it works in the photo on the right.



Don Comer won the advanced category with his waddling duck made of walnut. The duck is a friendly little fellow, and seemed quite interested in Sky, our seeing-eye puppy in training.



## Show and Tell



Don also turned a maple caterpillar puzzle which has great character.

Ralph Otte turned a beautifully shaped segmented bowl made of avocado, walnut and holly. The design is very unique and beautiful. Ralph told us that he is moving to Minnesota and won't see us until he visits family in California. We'll miss him and hope he visits frequently.



Al Falck turned a weed pot out of pine, with lovely grain. His vase has a beautiful design and is made of pine, walnut and maple. Al has become a master of segmented work.



# PRESENTATION



Bob Devoe is the proud owner of Dick Sing's birdhouse ornament. Bob asked for "the nicest" and Dick showed him this one. It is made of spalted maple, ebony and holly. What a beautiful addition to Bob's collection!

Bill Haskell turned three hollow vessels from first growth forest yellow birch. Each had a carved design using free form positive and negative space and texture. They are all stunning.



Rives McDow brought two very interesting unfinished pieces made of unknown wood. They are red in color and have lovely grain. One piece will be a natural edge salad bowl and the other will be a shadow box picture frame. Hopefully Rives will bring them again when they are completely finished.

Richard Scarborough brought a nice bowl made of tamarin wood from Thomas Edison's estate. Mr. Edison collected exotic trees and after a recent hurricane, the broken branches were made available to wood turners. What a story behind a very nice bowl!



Carey Cairns made a tiny ball in a cup toy from cocobolo. It is decorated with burn marks and the shape is beautiful. She

says it works.

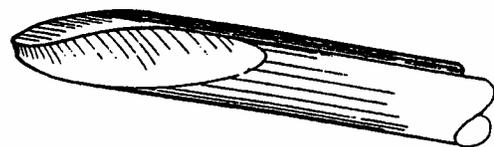


Ernie Newman just happened to be visiting from Australia while giving presentations on his turnings. He was the perfect person to speak to us at this meeting since the challenge was toys. Ernie makes unique toys: an egg with bumps on it, a magic wand with a ball that moved up a small ramp, hollow form spinning tops, an egg with something inside but no visible seam. He also showed Japanese style tops which spin in their own bases, and two tops which spin on top of each other!

He asked if we could determine how he made some of these fun toys and then gave tips on how to make them. He even shared his secret about the magic wand which makes wood turn in the opposite direction of its original spin and move up a small ramp.

Then he showed us some interesting dolls that he makes for blind children. He decided that these dolls need sound (like a squeak when the head turns), texture, or even scent. And he put magnets in two dolls so they would cling to each other.

Ernie had us all fascinated as we enjoyed each toy he showed us, and he gave us many new ideas for toys we might make for our next challenge.



## Demonstrations



Dick Sing demonstrated again for us on Saturday May 6 and as usual he was a great hit. He can turn an egg that looks better than the best chicken egg. When you schedule a demonstrator that has been to your club several times there is always a concern

as to whether you are going to see anything really new; but with Dick that is never a concern as you always get a new show. This time it was Miniature Birdhouses. Dick even brought along copies of his newest book, *Dick Sing Turns Miniature Birdhouses*. For \$15.00 everyone could get an autographed copy of this book or one of the many others that he has authored. It is great with detailed instructions on making Birdhouses perfect every time. With Dicks' instructions there is hardly a way to make a mistake or fail to get a beautifully turned Bird House. The only failure of this year's visit of Dick Sing is that his wonderful wife Cindy did not come with him as she often does.

### HANDS-ON LATHE WORK WITH Jerry Davis

Mark your calendars for June 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 1:00 when Jerry Davis will provide guidance for novices and tips for skilled turners. There will be a few lathes set up so bring your sharp tools to practice what you learn. Donuts and coffee will be served to keep our energy levels up for the morning. Cost is only \$5.00

### Soren Berger July 8

Soren Berger will present a demonstration on multi axis scoops, threading and tools. This all-day demo will cost \$25.00. Sign up at the next meeting or by phoning Carey at 818-760-2210 or Dick Lukes at 323-223-0411

## 2006 CALENDAR

### Meetings:

**June 11, '06 Presentation:** Jigs, Fixtures & Tools  
**Challenge –** Mortar and Pestle

**July 9, '06 Presentation:** Home Made Chucks  
by Dick Lukes  
**Challenge:** Miniatures to fit into a  
35mm container

**August 13, '06 Presentation:** Turning a Round  
Ball by Jim O'Connor  
**Challenge:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Stude Block  
Contest – Boxes

**September 6, '06 Spinning Top Contest**

**October 8, '06 Rolling Ball Contest**

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