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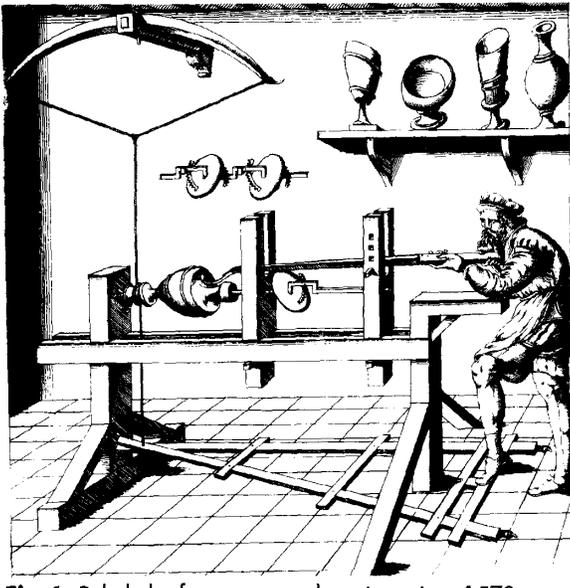
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NEXT MEETING

September



Sunday September 9th 2001
2:00 p.m. Sharp
Crescenta Valley Regional Park
Recreation Center
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PRESENTATION

Power Carving by Bill Haskell

CHALLENGE

Alternative Materials

Try your hand at this fun challenge. □

LAST MEETING

President Linda Emery conducted the meeting. She welcomed new members and visitors who introduced themselves.

Meeting Agenda

UP COMING EVENTS

- Classes at **Steve Dunn's**
- Lathe for sale by **Steve Dunn**
- New Chapter Forming
- **Judy Ditmer** demonstration at San Diego Woodturning Centre-in August contact www.sdwoodturning.com for more information

Old Business

- Brigantine Project -
- Mentor Program - **Don Comer**
- 2002 Collaborative Challenge for **AAW-Dan Hogan, Cathy Pearman, Bill Haskell.**
- **Dan Hogan** reported on selection possibilities for our entry. We voted to select an early Movie film camera as our entry.

Bob Barnes volunteered to research drawings for the collaborative entry, **Dan Hogan** will help with CAD drawings, **Wes Hall** will help with drawings, **Bill Haskell** will act as leader for the project.

New Business

The Braille Institute is asking for woodturning volunteers.

Select Judges for lidded container challenge (Curt Thompson and Ed Hotchkin selected) Challenge winner was Al Sobel who received a gift certificate as his prize.

Brigantines Report by Bill Kelly

A display case has been placed at the visitor' gate to show some of the turned pieces we have donated to the project. These items are offered in exchange for donations. Tops, kaleidoscopes, small boxes, and doorstops are popular items.

Bill Kelly displayed lamps made from laminated whiteoak frame cut-offs and distributed several blanks (with holes drilled as requested) to **GWG** members who wish to donated a lamp body. **Bill** will do the wiring and the project will furnish the lampshades. These lamps are presented to

donors who have contributed over \$2500 to the **Brigantine Project**.

We will soon be supplied with 3" x 3" x 36" mahogany blanks to turn the stanchions on the taff-rails. These are of a simple spindle design, easily within the talents of almost all of us.

The ships are growing daily as the shipwright are installing engine mounts, watertight bulkheads etc. Sheer strakes the first planks have been fitted and the frames are being cut off to finished lengths. Deck beams are almost all in. Several of the spars and yards are complete and some sail making is underway. Launching is planned for the second quarter of 2002.

The project needs someone to turn a couple of stanchions from a 4" x 4" x 72" blank. Who wants to volunteer? We are planning an Arts and Crafts Fair again this year on Oct 27-28. The club lathe will be on hand. This is an opportunity to display your talents and handiwork for fun and profit. Sale of items made are split 50-50 with the **Brigantine Project**.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Bob Kemmerer, Wayne Smith,
Lane Thomsen, Roger Wells,
and Grant Orlin,**

We're glad to have you aboard! ☐

2001 GWG CALENDAR

SUNDAY MEETINGS

Meetings usually consist of announcements, a feature presentation, challenge, show & tell, and wood raffle.

**Oct 14 GWG Meeting – Lidded boxes with inlaid lids
Al Sobel and Challenge to be announced**

**Nov 11 GWG Meeting – Kaleidoscopes Bob Coleberd
and Round Ball Challenge**

Dec 9 GWG Holiday Affair and Auction

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS (start at 9AM)

Sept 22 Goblets Bill Kelly

Oct 13 George Hatfield

Nov 3 Segmented Turnings Don Comer at his shop

SHOW AND TELL

Bob Barnes showed 12 "Wood Pile" clocks for the ships, and a lidded container. Very nice.

Art Fitzpatrick had a masur birch hollow form that won first prize professional faceplate at the Orange County Fair. Terrific.

Geneva Comer (9 years old) showed off her beautiful lidded box of bloodwood and finished with arborwax. Wonderful.

Proud grandpa Don Comer brought a natural edged bowl of black acacia with lacquer finish, a "square edge" bowl with hand carved edge made of lacewood and finished with lacquer. Very beautiful work.

Bill Kelly had a very unique goblet with both captive and satellite rings from walnut. A gift for **Carl Stude's** furniture maker's wife.

Carl Stude showed a child's commode of alderwood, painted white with maple handle and walnut knob. This editor is speechless in La Crescenta

Dick Lukes showed his incredible "Eye-Con #21," an aluminum ball within a concave tube on a bored out maple column. Wow.

Amos Thompson had a lamp, ball holder clock, a 10" x 22' lamp- oak and Pine shade, a 6" x 15" walnut lamp with camphor shade, a 4" x 4" myrtle clock, a 4" x 5" ball holder of myrtle— all had lacquer finish. Whew.

Mel Foncanon brought a set of four nesting bowls, roughed out of green camphor using the McNaughton System. Turned to the first sanding and sealed with a washcoat of tung oil, bagged and let dry. When dry there was no sign of cracking and little distortion which **Mel** credits to the washcoat, however he had a lot of dark stains, he thinks it's probably, from sealing in the moisture that subsequently required a lot of sanding. He also had a small apricot bowl, finished with seven coats of tung oil. Wowee.

Bill Haskell showed two small natural edge maple bowls with interesting spalting and coloration. A lacquer finish rubbed out with 0000 steel wool gave a nice rich finish and A "Better Half" piece of spalted buckeye, which was cut in half, and rejoined with an offset. Laminated black fish paper provided the filler and demarcation for the offset. The piece was finished with lacquer and rubbed out. His usual unusually fine work.

Mentors

Here is the current list of volunteer mentors. Those interested in their help should contact them.

Don Comers granddaughter, Geneva presents "Captain Jim" with a goblet on board during a day sail

Photo by Keith Comer



Another open mentor program was held at **Mark Fitzsimmons** shop Saturday August 25th and it had very good attendance. **Mark** showed us turning on his monster Oliver lathe and bandsaw and we all discussed wood turning of large pieces. Thanks to **Mark** for his hosting and hospitality and to all who brought snacks.

Mark Fitzsimmons Mentor Day
Photos by Justin Vasquez



HOW TO FIND US

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

Thomas Guide 534 E-1

HOW TO FIND US ON THE INTERNET

- (1) At our Web page <http://www.woodturners.org>, and
- (2) A Mail List for Q&A and Information exchange within GWG at (turnings-subscribe@onelist.com).

President's Column

A golden glow surrounded our meeting in August. Folks glistened with the kiss of summer as our members told tales of chamber pots, lidded containers, tall ships, starbond glue, ball holders, bowls with fish paper, lamps to read by and schools de turning ala **Raffin** and **Batty**. The sodas were a big success and the coffee, not. It was difficult to remember the demonstrations in the rain with water running over our feet and how thankful we were for the hot coffee just a few months ago. Do you remember back about two years ago, when the air conditioning stuck on and we nearly froze in the heat of a summer day? I didn't think you did. Anyway, last Sunday the air conditioning was stuck again only this time it was off. If I had thought about it soon enough, I would have turned the meeting into a fundraiser, declared it Spa Day and charged the folks for having so much fun.

It was so wonderful to see the fine turnings of nine-year-old **Geneva Comer** at the last meeting. I was truly amazed to see her fine workmanship and the resulting beautiful lidded box. She obviously takes after her Grandfather. **Geneva** was awarded the special prize of golden earrings for her work. It is truly amazing that both sisters did such a wonderful job of presenting their turnings. They are amazing sisters and the next generation of turners.

At several meetings recently, many folks have shown an interest in "Fish Paper." No, it is not the wrapping paper used by Fish Mongers for the catch of the day. It is used for making black, red, white, or rust lines between sections of wood. It is used as an accent. It turns beautifully. If you would like to get "Fish Paper" contact Knife & Gun Finishing, 1972 Forrest Ave., Lakeside, AZ 85929. They also have a website, knifeandgun.com.

I received a number of requests for information on **Starbond Glue** after the last meeting. **CPH Company** it's distributor, can be reached at 1-800-900-4583. Their new product is Black CA Adhesive, KE150, medium viscosity. They specialize in CA adhesives. They also have accelerator available, in case you are in real hurry. They are a pleasure to deal with.

Ray Leir, del Mano Gallery, is unable to be at our October meeting due to a schedule conflict. **Cal Elshoff** has arranged for him to be at our November meeting. At the October meeting, the one and only, **Al Sobel**, Box Man Deluxe, will give a talk on "Extraordinary Inlays and Box Top Embellishment." We are privileged to have this presentation as **Mr. Sobel** recently won the coveted **GWG** award for best Lidded Container and has an extensive background as the official **GWG** Box Mentor. The ball contest originally scheduled for November will be "rolled" into next year's schedule. (Please note: Our Editor did not write this paragraph.)

For those of you looking for a change of pace, **Cal Elshoff** will be hosting the October meeting. He will also be the handling the **George Hatfield** demonstration on October 13.

Its time to start searching for treasures for the **Great Christmas Auction** to be held at the **GWG** December

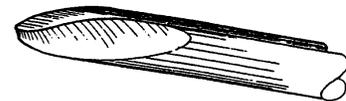
meeting. This important auction provides funding for next year's hall rental. Clean out those overflowing tool chests, closets, jewelry boxes, storage units, and safes. You could even donate a new car or boat. Remember diamonds and gold are always graciously accepted. Turn your unwanted items into funds for **GWG**.

Al Sobel is the acting "Headhunter" for nominations for next year's officers. Now is your chance to implement all those changes you have wanted to put into action. It is so much more fun to implement change than it is to just talk about it. Volunteer now before all the spots are taken. You can make a real difference in how the club moves through 2002. If you are currently an officer, be sure to let **Al** know that you want to continue for another year. Let the fun begin.

Many thanks to **Steve Dunn** for making the last meeting so exciting. The way he cuts through logs with his chain saw is amazing to watch. He put on a great show and safety tips too. It seems like he could make a video and market that too. **Steve**, you made our day. Thank you for your hard work.

Let the chips continue to fly.

Linda Emery



How's this for a closer?

GWG was saddened to learn of the death this week of one of **GWG's** most valued members, **SOMEONE ELSE**. Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with **GWG** since the beginning. He did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, funds to raise, a show to run, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's lips- "Let Someone Else do it."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest contributions of his time to **GWG**, whenever there was a need for volunteers, everyone just assumed that Someone Else would volunteer.

Someone Else was a wonderful person- sometimes appearing superhuman but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known everybody expected too much of Someone Else.

Now Someone Else has gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to do the things Someone Else did?