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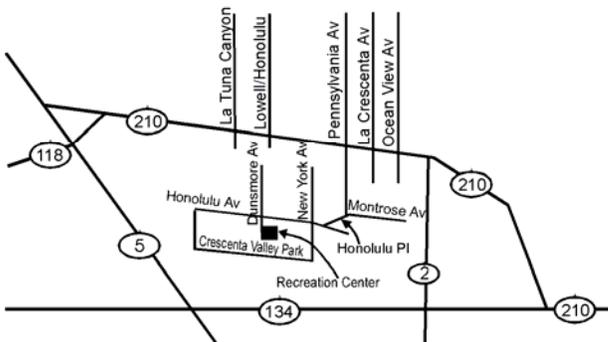
### NEXT MEETING

*July 14, 2013*

Sunday July 14, 2013  
2:00 p.m. Sharp

### HOW TO FIND US

Crescenta Valley Regional Park  
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Dunsmore & Honolulu, La Crescenta



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### SUNDAY MEETING

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

July 14, 2013

Challenge: **Bowls up to 6 inches**

Presentation: *Making a doughnut chuck- Chris Durkee*

### President's Message

I was very impressed with all the beautiful Plates, Platters and Saucers that were entered in the challenge this past meeting. The judges even commented on how difficult it was to choose the winners.



Keep up the great work and hopefully we can have as good a showing this coming month with the Bowls under 6 inches. We finally managed to get the politically correct Round Spheres (balls) down the ramp this past meeting. As usual it was a lot of fun; we even had one pregnant Sphere that had a litter midway through the competition. A reminder that **Graeme Priddle**, noted New Zealand woodturner, will be demonstrating in Orange County July 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, contact either me or **Bill Haskell** for more details.

**Graeme's** website is <http://graemepiddle.com/>. This past month we had to remove a very large pine tree from my yard. Unfortunately it was not a very good wood for turning. However, in the coming months I may be involved in the removal of a fairly large Olive tree in Malibu. I will bring a selection of wood to the raffle if I get a significant amount of wood out of it. At our next meeting **Chris Durkee** will do a "how to presentation" on making the doughnut chuck that he has been using. Then in August **Pete Carta** is going to show thread chasing and I will show how I apply the acrylic color under silver leaf in September. We are still looking for 2 more people to do a presentation at the October and November meetings. If you have any ideas of presentations

that you would like to see or that you might like to do please contact me. Remember to use all your safety devices when turning. They don't work well if you don't wear them. **Bill**

## CHALLENGE

We had a very good turnout for the challenge this month and had competition in every category. We started off in the Novice category with **Charles Hulien** and his plate turned from White Oak with a Walnut strip. The finish was 1/3 turpentine, 1/3 boiled linseed oil and 1/3 spar varnish.



**John Janssen** brought in a plate turned from Maleluca and finished with wax.



**Bob Clark** was the winner in the category with his Maple platter with an oil finish.



In the Intermediate category we started off with **Carl Christensen** who brought in two square plates turned from multiple and various strips of wood. They both had the Maloof finish on them.



**Henry Koch** brought in a Walnut platter finished with butcher block oil.



**Kathy Hein** was the winner in the category with her beautiful Maple Burl plate. She also brought in a plate turned from Potocarpus; both were finished with Danish oil.



In the Advanced category we started off with **Bob Ricard** with his Black walnut platter with a butcher block oil finish.



**Pete Carta** brought in a small plate turned from Walnut with a wax finish.



**Amy Earhart** brought in a plate turned from Quarter Sawn White Oak with a Mahoney oil and Mahoney wax finish.



**Terrell Hasker** brought in four plates. The first was turned from Ash with the Mahoney finish. The other three were turned from Pear with no finish on them.



And the winner in the category was **Jack Stumpf** with his Lacy Maple Platter.



He also brought in a plate turned from crotch Walnut and another turned from Myrtle. All had the Maloof finish.



# SHOW AND TELL

There were lots of pieces for our show and tell section. We started off with **Terrell Hasker** and a finger top and a dancing top that he turned out of Eucalyptus after being inspired at the Utah Turning Symposium.



He also showed his spheres turned from Carob and Ebony. There was also a platter turned from a piece of **Steve Dunn** Ash that had no finish on it yet.



**Henry Koch** brought in an Olive sphere that was finished with wax.



**Steve Cassidy** brought in a Maple sphere finished with friction polish.



**Bill Haskell** brought in a plate and two platters. The plate was turned from Black Walnut with a Spalted Birch cabochon. This is a prototype of ones he is making for his cousins for their upcoming family reunion.



The first platter was turned from Black Walnut with an inset of oak limb rounds. The second platter was turned from Curly Maple, Ebony, Black Walnut and Purpleheart. All were finished with Lacquer.



**Charlie Hulien** brought in two bowls turned from olive and finished with 1/3 turpentine, 1/3 boiled linseed oil and 1/3 spar varnish.



**Scott Johnston** brought in a mortar and pestle turned from Olive and finished with Walnut oil.



**Bob Ricard** brought in pens that he has been turning recently, some for sale and others that will be donated.



**Pete Carta** brought in a group of seven mini cowboy and cowgirl hats. They were turned out of Oak and other various woods and finished with oil.



**John Janssen** brought in six bowls turned from Ash and Chinese Elm. They were finished with wax,



And we finished up with a two bowls from **Floyd Pedersen**. The first was turned from Ash and the second was turned from Black Acacia; both were finished with Waterlox.



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## 2013 CALENDAR

**Meetings:**

**August 11**

**September 8**

**October 13**

**November 10**

**December 8**

**Challenges:**

**August-** Candle Holders

**September-** Hollow forms

**October-** Mushroom

November- Holiday ornaments and gift boxes

## Presentations

August - **Pete Carta**- Thread Chasing

September- **Bill Loitz**- Acrylic color under leaf

## ROUND BALL CONTEST

The presentation this month was replaced by our round ball contest. As in the past this contest proved to be educational, fun and entertaining. There were more than a dozen entries and several members entered two spheres. Our starter was **Pete Carta** and he was assisted by new member **Susan Libicki**.



**PJ Hays** and **Katherine Sutherland** were the official sphere runners. **Steve Cassidy** was the marker at the finish line.



We all were *educated* that it seems to be politically correct to refer to these objects as spheres during this contest particularly when referring to the member in conjunction with the sphere. The *fun* was in watching the entire contest and the enjoyment we all got routing each entry on to the finish line. The *entertainment* was provided by some of the members and their antics. **Terrell Hasker** kept his spheres locked in an airtight container until their turn came to be

sent down the chute. (It did not seem to help them; they did not make it into the final round.) And some of us remembered the radio controlled sphere belonging to **Bill Nelson** a few years ago so when his first turn came we made him hold up his hands as the sphere rolled down the course. He provided the “best roll” of the day on his second attempt. After going about four feet from the chute the sphere broke open and what appeared to be a dozen various sized and colored spheres came rolling out every which way, none made the target however. The winners in the final roll off were: third place, **Bill Haskell**; second place, **Pete Carta**; first place **Charlie Hulien**. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone who participated.



## FINISHING THOUGHTS

Welcome to new members **Joe Feinblatt**, **Susan Libicki**, **Gary Davis** and **Frank Colombo**.

The price of our *Anchor Seal* has gone up to \$12 a gallon now but that is still a very reasonable price. You can pick it up at the meeting from **Katherine Sutherland** back at the library table. If you want more than a gallon or two then send **Bill Loitz** an email or give him a call and he will bring extra.

We are planning a tool making or tool sharpening day for our members so let President **Bill Loitz** know what you want to do. Jigs for sharpening gouges, mini hollowing tools? There are lots of possibilities. We have a Tormek system that **Bill** can provide; we have variable speed grinders and Work Sharp systems too. So give us your thoughts and we will put a day together!

Thanks to everyone who turned out on May 18th at *Rockler* in Pasadena for the pen turning event. We

made pens for troops, taught some folks how to turn a pen and recruited some new members. Not a bad day!



On the left is *Rockler* store manager **Michael Yukihiro**.



**Jim O'Connor** with **Susan Libicki** and a first pen.