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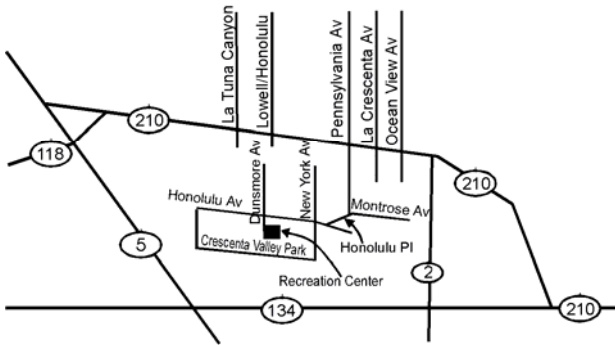
NEXT MEETING

January 8, 2012

Sunday January 8, 2012
2:00 p.m. Sharp

HOW TO FIND US

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Recreation Center
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Thomas Guide 534-E-1

SUNDAY MEETINGS

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

January 8, 2012

Presentation:

Challenge: **Any type of multi-Axis turned piece**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, we had another great holiday party and auction. As usual the food in the potluck was outstanding, it seems that many of our members can cook as well as turn beautiful pieces! The deserts were plentiful enough to put an end to any thought of a holiday diet. There are so many club members to thank for their help in making this event a success. **Pete Carta** did his usual



outstanding job as auctioneer, keeping the pace up and the humor flowing. This year "**Mrs. Carta**" really helped out with many opening bids when the auctioneer was having trouble getting the bidding started. We all need to give a big thank you to **Cathy Pearman** for her efforts in organizing the event. It seemed to me that this year we had more pieces donated by members, which is really good to see since most of our proceeds come from the sale of member pieces. Thanks to **Jim O'Conner**, **Dick Lukes** and **Ken Pazera** for taking care of the bids and tallying everyone's totals. Thanks to **Dave Hergesheimer** and **Frank Kopecky** for working as runners and assistants to **Pete**. **Bob DeVoe** reported to me that we made a total of \$2,556 for the Guild from the auction this is a bit down from the \$3243 we got last year, but I guess we can really blame the economy for that; so thanks to all who were so generous with their wallets. Congratulations to **Carey** for her (un-challenged) winning bid for one of the nativity scenes that **Bill Nelson** so generously donated to the auction. **Jim Givens** announced that the GATE exhibit has been extended and will continue to be open on Thursdays from 11:00 – 2:00 and Saturdays from 5:00 to 8:00, with the final day being

Saturday, January 28th. Don't miss the chance to see all of the beautiful pieces that we have on display. The exhibit is next door to the California Pizza Kitchen located on the northwest corner of Brand and Broadway in Glendale. Take your significant other and join a few friends for pizza and stop in to look at the exhibit. This is a great way to promote woodturning as an art form. Many of the visitors that we have had really have no idea how we do what we do and are very interested in seeing the wide selection of work that is on display. I know that I speak for **Carey** in extending a BIG THANK YOU to all of the people who helped her this past year. In an effort to make my life a little easier next year, I have sent out an email to all members asking for input as to what special skills each of you have. This will greatly assist me in finding the information that I will need to make the coming year a good one. We do not have a presentation scheduled for the January meeting, so if anyone has a topic that they would like to discuss or present please email **Robin Brown** or me with your ideas. As I recall there was an announcement made that the challenge was Off-Center Turning, so let's get those wobbly-bent pieces finished up and you just might win \$25 for the effort. I hope that none of you suffered any losses in the recent wind storms and were able to find some great wood as a result of them. Remember that we are low on wood for the raffle, so please dig into your private stash and donate one piece next meeting. I hope to see all of you at the January meeting, so until then keep making chips. I am humbled by the vote of confidence that was expressed in making me your new president and I look forward to an educational and strong year for the Guild. **Bill Loitz**



Pete Carta and Frank Kopecky in action during the auction.



And here is **Carey** with **Bill Nelsons'** generous gift of a nativity scene.



Holiday Party & Auction

Wow, another wonderful holiday party is behind us. The food was delicious and abundant and as usual we all probably ate too much. We had a nice turnout of members, family and guests and though we may have been a shade heavier from the eating our wallets were lighter from the auction, **Bill Nelson's** beautiful nativity set took top money this year and **Bill Haskell's** carved and pierced piece came in second. Other guild member turnings also brought in big bucks! Thanks to all that brought them in.

Here is our crack accounting team of **Jim O'Connor**, **Dick Lukes** and **Ken Pazera** keeping tabs on the action again.

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2012 CALENDAR

Meetings:

February 12
March 11
April 15
May 6
June 10
July 8
August 12
September 9
October 14
November 11
December 9 – Holiday Party/ Auction

FINISHING THOUGHTS

It has been another interesting and educational year. We had **Mark Gardner**, **David Springett**, **Tanya Radda** and **Alan Carter** as our pro demonstrators this year. I learned something from each one of them. They also fired up my enthusiasm for turning in general.

I also want to thank **Jim Hurst**, **Bill Haskell** and **Dick Lukes** for their photographs that were used in some of the newsletters; they made my job easier.

Thank you to **Sandy Huse** for writing up the Heritage Square demo this past June.

There are spots still open for presentations this year so please help out **Robin Brown** and either volunteer to do a presentation or give him an idea and a person to do it. We are fortunate to have so many talented

people in our guild so I am sure we can fill up those vacant spaces soon.

And lastly I would like to thank **Carey Caires** for her six years of leadership as our Queen. She has given countless hours to the guild and has managed it all while working with six vice presidents, four librarians and two newsletter editors! She has entered almost every monthly challenge and also got to attend an AAW Symposium where we won the category with our Chapter collaborative piece. There have been lots of pleasant memories made and she deserves to retire to the back row where she can heckle or just relax.

