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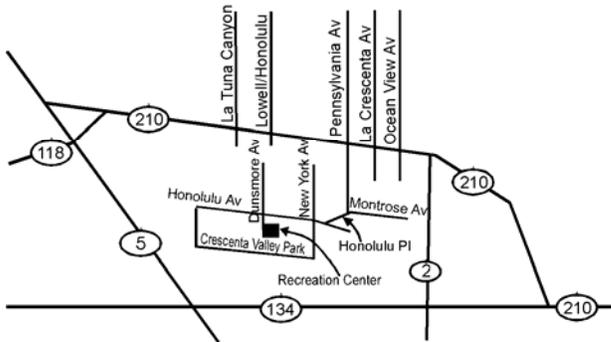
## NEXT MEETING

*August 12, 2012*

Sunday August 12, 2012  
2:00 p.m. Sharp

## HOW TO FIND US

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## SUNDAY MEETINGS

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

**June 3, 2012**

**Presentation: Lathe Maintenance- Bob Devoe**

**Challenge: Plates, Platters and Saucers**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our July meeting was well attended and a lot of fun (at least I had fun). There were a large number of very nice pieces brought in for Show and Tell, which was nice to see. We had good participation in the tools challenge with a wide variety of



entries. Thanks to all of you who made the effort of bringing in a tool for the challenge. The challenge for next month is Plates, Platters and Saucers, which should be well within the skills of all members. Anyone who would like some tips on how to do it, please contact me for a few quick tips. **Bob Devoe** has agreed to make a presentation at our next meeting covering things to do to keep your lathe running smoothly. After our meeting I was contacted by **Michael Yukihiro**, the new manager of the Pasadena Rockler store. **Michael** is looking to strengthen his store's relationship with all of the area woodworking clubs and guilds. There is going to be a large "Demo Day" at the store on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August in which he would like a strong presence from our club. I have agreed that we would be able to be there from 10:00 to 2:00 with a number of people to demo. He is very interested in the **Freedom Pen Project** and would like to see some pens being turned that day. In addition to the pens, it would be nice to also have some people who would be able to turn other pieces. Since we will not be too limited by space, it would be great if members would bring a few of their

finished pieces to put on some tables for display. Please contact me if you are interested in participating. I will be doing a half-day demo on Shell Inlay on a Sunday at the end of September. The demo will cover everything you need to know in order to get started adding shell inlays to your pieces. I will announce the firm date once the County gets back to me to confirm which date is available. **Douglas Fisher** will be doing an all-day demo for our club on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. **Doug** is a very talented and creative turner from Vancouver Island, Canada, who has never been to Southern California. His demo will include the off-center turning, texturing and coloring techniques that he uses in his work. Everyone should visit his website [www.douglasfisher.com](http://www.douglasfisher.com) to get a look at some of his work. I was able to catch one of his sessions at the AAW Symposium and I am sure that he will provide a great demo for the club.

Stay cool and keep working on your Plates, Platters and Saucers. **Bill**

## CHALLENGE

We had a pretty good turnout for the challenge this month but we had to move an intermediate up to advanced temporarily for lack of intermediate entries.

Leading off in the Novice category, Vice President **Robin Brown** with his awl turned from a mystery burl and finished with Mylands.



New member **Chris Durkee** was the winner in the category with his **Avelino Samuels'** inspired bowl thickness gauges made out of aluminum.



Moved up temporarily to the Advanced category we led off with **Henry Koch** and his modified 1/2" scraper.



**Sandy Huse** brought in a piece she called "artifact number five". It's made from Oak, steel and a magnet. It was finished with oil, acrylic and charcoal.



**Dick Lukes** brought in one of his signature hollow handled parting tools turned from Cocobolo. It features a hidden compartment for the allen wrench in the handle.



**Carey Caires** brought in some modified hollowing tools that were bought at Harbor Freight. And there were also some modified recycled dental picks.



**Terrell Hasker** brought in two hollowing tools that he made after getting the steel from Bob Devoe and then turning the Teak handles.

## SHOW AND TELL



**Bill Haskell** brought in two Cocobolo handled branding pens that he made after reading **Molly Winton's** instruction book.



He also brought in a pair of large and small **Avelino Samuels'** calipers out of aluminum. And a thickness gauge that he also made.



The winner in the category was **Bob Ricard** with his pen tube tool. It was a rat tail file mounted on an Oak fixture and is used to get CA out of the inside of the brass pen tubes. Nice job Bob!



We had more great pieces for show and tell this month. We led off with VP **Robin Brown** and his Maple burl square top bowl. And his Norfolk Island Pine bowl, both finished with Waterlox.



**Carey Caires** brought in a Persimmon goblet, two Mahogany bowl/vases and an Ebony mini hollow form. All were finished with Mylands and buffed with carnauba wax.



**Bill Haskell** brought in "Sail #10", an elliptical vessel with a carved and textured design. It was turned from Iron bark Eucalyptus and finished with CA and matte acrylic.



**Frank Kopecky** brought in two of his latest pens. These were "bullet style" pens, one a click version and the other a twist style. They were turned from Dymondwood and Blackwood and finished with Mylands.



**Dan Hogan** brought in a bowl and a platter turned from Alabaster with Maple rims and bases.



**Scott Johnson** brought in an Elm bowl that he thought was a bit thin walled so he practiced some piercing skills on it. Nice effect Scott!



**Jack Stumph** brought in a really nice Curly Maple platter that was finished with lacquer.



And last but certainly not least was **Deanna Hemphill** and her assorted lidded boxes. These were turned from Almond, Arbor Vitae, Walnut and raffle wood. They had various finishes. Nicely done!



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## 2012 CALENDAR

**Meetings:**

**September 9**

**October 14**

**November 11**

**December 9 – Holiday Party/ Auction**

**Challenges**

**September- Surface Decoration**

**October- Segmented or Multi-layer**

**November- Holiday Ornaments**

## PRESENTATION

The presentation this month was given by our guild President **Bill Loitz**. He recently took a trip to Israel to take a series of classes with **Eli Avisera**. He also had some time to do some sightseeing and shared those photos and descriptions of what he saw and did. He shared quite a few photos of the stonework all around the old city and around Eli's home. This is where **Eli** takes his inspiration for his "Jerusalem stone" bowls and vessels. Here is a photo from the demo he did for us in 2010 showing pieces with this sort of inspiration.



## FINISHING THOUGHTS

Welcome to new members **John Janssen**, **Jay Loden** and **Steve Swanson**.

I am sad to note the passing in June of member **Albin Lis**, may he rest in peace.

I personally missed the demo given by **Avelino Samuel** but **Pete Carta** sent me a photo of **Avelino** that he took before the demo started on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. From the looks of this month's tool challenge it looks like his calipers made quite an impression on our guild members.



Don't forget that we have *Anchor Seal* for sale at each meeting for just \$11 per gallon. The price will be going up when we get our next 55 gallon drum so get some now if you are a green wood turner.

We will be having pro turner **Doug Fisher** here on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Here is a link to his website: <http://www.douglasfisher.com/index.html> Check out his very interesting work. Doug was in *American Woodturner Magazine*, August, 2011, as the back cover featured artist.

If you are thinking about insuring all of your valuable "shop/ studio" equipment you should think about AAW insurance, it's only \$250 per year. Here is the link to that information: <http://www.woodturner.org/community/chapters/IndividualInsurance/>

Remember to sign up for the August 18<sup>th</sup> demo at *Rockler* in Pasadena. We need your support and our guild members to demonstrate their turning skills. We always have a good time so come and join us!!

Don't forget our friends at North Woods Figured Woods <http://www.nwfiguredwoods.com/> . At checkout enter the coupon code: Woodturners, and you will get a 15% discount.