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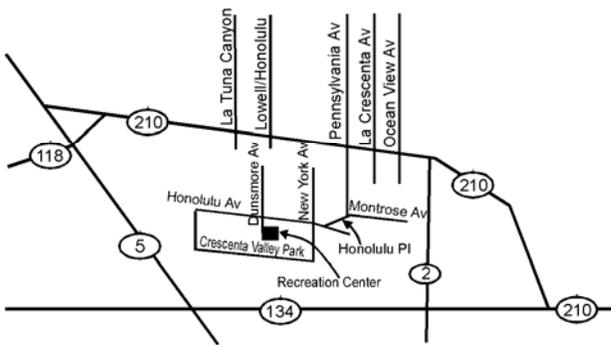
NEXT MEETING

December 11, 2011

Sunday December 11, 2011
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.

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Pot luck Luncheon

Holiday Auction/ Fundraiser

President's Message

Well this is my last column as your Queen. A big thank you goes out to **Bill Loitz** who let us sweet talk him into becoming our new President (King) for 2012. We will now need someone to take over the library for **Bill**. We had a large crowd for the November meeting and welcomed six new members.



The GATE project reception was a big success; we have fourteen members have some beautiful pieces on display. If you would like to see the gallery it will be open Thursday afternoons and Saturday evenings. Thanks to **Jim Givens** and **Al Miller** for setting it up and organizing it. Thanks to **Frank Kopecky**, **Bob Ricard**, **Bill Loitz**, **Amy Earhart** and **PJ Hays** for demoing holiday ornaments and gifts at the Rockler store last month. **Steve Dunn** is setting up classes in his shop with **Soren Berger** from New Zealand, if you are interested contact Steve. Mark Sfirri will be here January 7th 2012 for an all day demo, if you haven't signed up and would like to go just call or email me and I will put you on the list. We have run out of wood for our raffle so as an option we could give a small fee to a tree trimmer to save us some of the good wood. **Bill Loitz** and **Al Miller** both know tree trimmers so they will be talking to them. In the meantime the club appreciates any wood donations from the members. Thanks to **Nadine Williams** from Gorilla Glue who donated bottles of wood glue and hats and t-shirts for the raffle. We had a good showing for our challenge this month, holiday

ornaments and gift boxes. Congratulations to the winners. Thanks to everyone who brought a tip trick or jig for our November presentation. We will need members to give presentations for the 2012 meetings, if you have an idea or can give a presentation just contact VP **Robin Brown**. Our annual holiday pot luck and auction party is next month. We need all of the members to bring an appetizer, entrée or dessert for the pot luck; and for the auction, anything you think will make money for the club. A tool you don't use anymore, household items and especially one of your turnings or some other hand made item. We always make the most money from the members' turnings because we all want to add to our collection. We will also have items from the pro demos that we had this year. Thanks to **Pete Carta** who has agreed to be our auctioneer again this year. I want to thank all of the officers and volunteers who helped me out this year: my VP's **Robin Brown** and **Sandy Huse**; our newsletter editor and presidents column dictation receiver **Amy Earhart**; Secretary **Al Sobel**; our wood guy **Floyd Pedersen**; our raffle ticket salesman **Dave Hergesheimer**; our Treasurer **Bob Devoe**; **Bill Loitz** our Librarian and Anchor Seal storing guy; our web guy **Craig Sobel**; **Cathy Pearman** our snack lady and the one who organizes our holiday pot luck; **Bob Ricard** and **Henry Koch** the drink committee guys; **Carl Christensen** for storing and handling the video equipment; **Al Miller** for storing and bringing the club mini lathe to the demos; **Bob Ulrich** our newsletter mailer to those without email; **Ken Pazera** our coffee maker; **Pete Carta** and **Pierre Mathieu** for camera work; to all of my "regulars" who volunteer every time to demo at the *Rockler* store and to everyone who has given up so much of their spare time to help out the club for the last six years.

See you at the party next month and happy turning, Queen Carey

CHALLENGE

The challenge this month was holiday ornaments and gift boxes. We only had one entry in the beginner category so we had to temporarily move up **Bob O'Brien** into the intermediate category. He brought in two ornaments; the



first was a snowman and the second was a sea urchin ornament. The finial and icicle are removable because the urchin is on temporary loan from his wife. Both were turned from Pine with a friction polish finish.

The winner in the category was **Lou Hansen** with his five assorted ornaments; two were turned from Juniper, one from White Oak and the other two were from Black Acacia. The finials and icicles were made from various contrasting woods.



In the Advanced category we started off with **Queen Carey Caires**. Her first entries were two snow people and a Christmas tree made out of Holly and Lignum Vitae.



Then she had a string of Christmas lights turned from color laminated wood and maple.



And the last entry was a maple ornament bottle stopper that was hand colored with great difficulty. It's top was purposely offset to give it a bit of character. All of the pieces were finished with Mylands and buffed with Carnauba wax.

SHOW AND TELL

Pete Carta apparently has been working like one of



Santa's elves in his workshop. He brought in a whole box full of ornaments turned from various woods. They were all sort of icicle like but several had shapes



and faces of snowmen. And then there was the tree of ornaments that were also all sorts of shapes, sizes and woods.

Jerry Davis brought in six different ornaments; three were birdhouse style and the other three were the ball and icicle style.



The winner in the category was a triumphant return for **Bill Nelson**. We haven't seen him in a while and now we know the partial reason why, he was working on this nativity scene. There are lots of woods used and it is finished in lacquer. It will be featured in our holiday auction this year. Thanks **Bill** and we hope to see you more often.



In show and tell this month we started off with **Vaughn McMillian** who brought in a platter turned from a Walnut crotch. He also brought in a set of nested bowls turned from Mesquite.



Jim O'Connor seems to have been very busy lately as he brought in a set of three hollow Oak vessels, an Oak bowl and a segmented Maple hollow vessel. All of the pieces had a lacquer finish.



Frank Kopecky brought in seam rippers; two made from Dynalux and one from Colorwood. All had a Mylands finish.



Pete Carta brought in three "magic wands" that were turned from an old bar stool leg. (Woodturners are always

recycling wood,) He also brought in three small lidded boxes made from Walnut and Ash with a lacquer and bees wax finish,



Bill Loitz ended with a nice Maple platter with a lacquer finish.



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2012 CALENDAR

Meetings:

January 8

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

PRESENTATION

Our presentation this month was about tips, tricks and jigs. **Queen Carey Caires** led off with her tip about using a Swiffer wipe to clean your glasses and face shields. She also brought in a pen assembly jig that Frank Kopecky made for her. **Pete Carta** brought in a handmade depth gauge and several wire wall thickness gauges that he had made. **Bill Haskell** brought in a caliper for checking the thickness of the top of your hollow vessel. He demonstrated its use on a vessel picked at random much to the chagrin of **Jim O'Connor**. **Dick Lukes** told us about going to a local hardware store and buying a stop collar for around \$2 to put on our tool rest to lock in a height. **Bill Loitz** gave us a couple of lacquer tips; use an undercoat of 2 part epoxy that you apply with an old credit card at a low angle so you force it into the woods pores. After curing sand with 220 grit and wipe with denatured alcohol. Then spray on three to five coats of lacquer.

Finishing Thoughts

Welcome to new members **Jim Burgeson**, **George Harrison**, **Paul Butler**, **Dorothy Hyon** and **Bill Daniels**,

The **GATE project** is located at 101 North Brand Blvd, Suite 220, Glendale, CA 91203. Enter the elevators near the Olive Garden restaurant and go to level P3, by California Pizza Kitchen. The Gallery is on your right.