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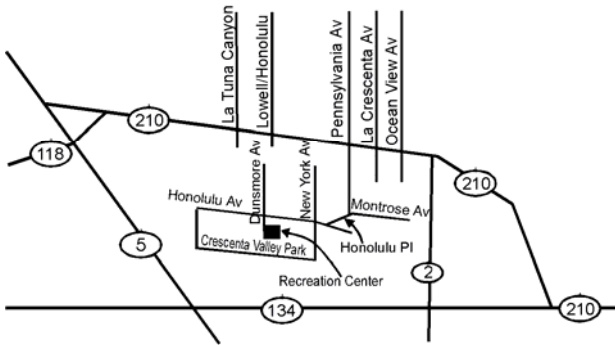
### NEXT MEETING

*December 12, 2010*

Sunday December 12, 2010  
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.

**December 12, 2010**

**Pot luck Luncheon**

**Holiday Auction/ Fundraiser**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had perfect weather and a nice sized crowd for our November meeting. Our Surface Decorating Workshop was a blast! Members tried out carvers, wood burners, air brushes, a chatter tool and coloring. Thanks to **Bill Loitz** for hosting; **Earleen Ahrens** for



bringing her air brush and club lathe; **Floyd Pedersen** for bringing some of his turnings for us to practice on; and everyone else who brought tools for us to play with. Our demo at the *Rockler* store was also lots of fun. Thanks to **Pierre Mathieu**. **Amy Earhart**, **PJ Hays**, **Frank Kopecky**, **Al Miller** and **Sandy Huse** for taking the time to come down and demonstrate. **Tex Isham** donated the catalog from this years SOFA show in Chicago it has two photos of one of **Tex** beautiful sculpture; thanks **Tex**. We received a nice "certificate of recognition and appreciation" from the Kiwanis Club for our donations of wood turnings for their auction and raffle at the annual Kiwanis Equestrian Competition for Special Athletes. We had two challenges this month, Alternative materials and the round ball competition. There were some very unusual entries in the alternative material challenge. Everything from a glued up phone book dish to a yam goblet; congratulation to the winners. Then we had the round ball competition. This year it was anything goes. You could add metal or anything to get your ball to roll straighter. We found out that excess weight didn't help; and

neither did rubber band tread. I was thrilled to make it into the runoff (after I took off the rubber bands) then by sheer luck I beat out **Jim O'Connor** for the prize and bragging rights for the year. Next years VP, **Sandy Huse**, has come up with some great ideas and presenters for next year's program. Sandy and her right hand man, **Dick Lukes**, are also working on setting up pro demonstrations of turners we have never had before. It is shaping up to be another terrific year. Thanks to **Ken Pazera** and **Cathy Pearman** for continuing to be coffee guy and snack duty person. Thanks to **Bill Loitz** for taking over the library from **Deb Sigel** for next year. Next month is our annual holiday party and pot luck luncheon. It is time to rummage around your shop and home for items to donate. And bring a dish for the potluck to share with everyone. It is always a great party so bring your spouse or friend and of course your check book. See you in December, happy turning, Queen Carey

## Challenge

The challenge this month was alternative materials. We only had enough entries for the Novice and Advanced categories. Poor **Sandy Huse** was the only intermediate entry so she got bumped up to compete in Advanced again this month.

**Kate Sutherland** started us off in the Novice category with her pen turned from acrylic embedded with a printed circuit board. It was nicely done and very interesting.



**PJ Hays** brought in a red acrylic top that she turned with some chatter work around the edge.



**Deanna Hemphill** brought in three pens turned out of acrylic. They were all beautiful.



And the winner in the category was **Low Soloway** with the acrylic pen set that he turned for some friend's recent wedding. They were used to sign the Ketubah or marriage contract.



**Sandy Huse** entered turnings made from fruits and vegetables as her alternative materials. They included a potato and lemon candle holder; a yam off center goblet; and an apple bowl. There was no finish applied as they were probably going to be recycled into Sunday night dinner side dishes.



**Jim O'Connor** had three entries in the advanced category. The first was a plate turned from a compressed phone book with a CA finish. The second was an



acrylic ball box that was sanded to give it a translucent appearance. And the third entry was a clear acrylic ball that was polished and finished "crystal" clear.



The winner in the category was **Don Comer** with his figured alabaster bowl that had Cocobolo trim and a lacquer finish. This bowl was dropped and broken after its original turning and **Don** was able to glue it back together and re-turn it. Maybe he should call it his Phoenix bowl.



## SHOW AND TELL

In show and tell this month we started off with **Lew Soloway** who brought in two bowls. The first was a natural edge bowl turned from Olive. The second was a bowl turned from Ash. They both had a Watco oil finish



**Jerry Davis** brought in three Christmas ornaments turned from last years Christmas tree, either pine or fir, and the tops and ice cycles were out of walnut. They had a lacquer finish.



**Bill Haskell** brought in a group of six weed pots that he turned in the last month. Four were out of Manzanita and these were all turned off center, One was a Juniper burl and the sixth was maple that was turned on three centers. All had a lacquer finish.



And lastly our **Queen Carey Caires** brought in a Christmas grouping with her two snow people and two Christmas trees. The snow people were turned from Holly and were decked out with embroidery thread, twist tie wire arms and mini pompoms. The trees were turned from Lignum

Viitae and a green composite wood.. They were finished with Mylands, lacquer and paint.



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## 2011 CALENDAR

Meetings:

January 9

February 13

March 13

April 10

May 15

June 12

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11 – Holiday Party/ Auction

## ROUND BALL CONTEST

Our presentation this month was our annual round ball contest. This is always entertaining and provides more than a few laughs!



This year was no exception. So many thanks to **Dick Lukes** and **Jim O'Connor** for the recording and starting gate activities; and also to **Bill Loitz** and **Lew Soloway** for taking care of the finish line. Those entering their best round efforts were: **Ed Hotchkin, Jim O'Connor, Bill Nelson, Jim Givens** and the winner **Queen Carey Caires**. I think Carey has entered this same ball for at least the last five contests so her persistence has finally paid off. She got a Craft Supply Gift Certificate for her efforts. So just believe that your chance at winning changes on any given Sunday. This year's winner will now be retired from competition so next year is wide open.



## ROCKLER DEMO

We had a small group of guild members turn out on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Rockler store in Pasadena. We turned some Christmas themed items and **Frank Kopecky** turned pens.



Also turning were **Queen Carey Caires, PJ Hays, Al Miller** and **Pierre Mathieu**. We gave some bowl turning advice to one gentleman who has turned pens but not bowls. And we answered questions about the guild and turning in general. It

was certainly fun for us and we will do it again in January or February of next year.



## Saturday Workshop

A few hardy souls met on Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> at **Bill Loitz's** back yard for an introduction to surface decoration. We had air brushes, wood burners, power carvers and a chatter tool. We practiced on thin sheets of plywood and **Floyd Pedersen** brought along a couple of his turned pieces for us to carve on.



Our VP **Earleen Ahrens** and **Deanna Hemphill** at the air brush station.

It was a bit cool and we had a little drizzle but it did not dampen our enthusiasm. Thanks also to Queen **Carey Caires** for bringing a carload of stuff. She brought the drinks and donuts along with her airbrush kit and wood burning kit. Between **Earleen**, **Floyd** and **Carey** we had everything we needed. Now I just need that list of items from **Carey** so I can scout Craig's List and EBay and find a good deal on some of these new things.



## FINISHING THOUGHTS

Welcome to new members **Chris Slabon**, **Robin Brown** and **Joel Chirino** and son **Cassidy Chirino**.

Come one and come all to our potluck and holiday auction. Don't forget to bring an extension cord with you if you have a plug in item for the pot luck lunch. And also remember to put your name on your dishes and serving pieces so they get back to you. Bring your turnings for auction and clean out your shop of those duplicate tools or some of that wood you can part with. Also remember that February 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the chapter representative piece for the AAW 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will be voting on our submission at the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. So get turning and bring in your finest to represent our guild in St. Paul.