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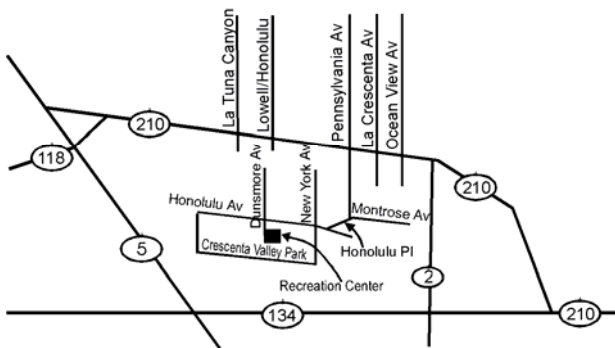
### NEXT MEETING

*November 8, 2009*

Sunday November 8, 2009  
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.

**November 8, 2009**

**Presentation:** Bowl Coring System- Frank Guarino

**Challenge:** **Holiday Ornaments**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The cool weather is upon us and even though it is more sweatshirt weather than t-shirt weather most of the members remembered to wear their GWG t-shirts for our group picture for the website. Thanks to **Oscar Perez**, our Park and Recreation guy, for taking

the pictures so everyone could be in it. We took several photos and we will put the best one up on the site. Speaking of **Oscar Perez**, during show and tell he told us about the award he was presented for his service and programs that he has implemented in his 54 years with the county! Congratulations **Oscar**. **Steve Dunn** gave us a great hat turning demo last month. He turned a mini hat and a full sized hat and wrapped it all up by 3:30. Amazing! Both hats will be in our Holiday auction. Thanks to **Ed Hotchkins** for the use of his shop and lathe for the demo. We will be doing our last demo of the year at the Pasadena Rockler store on Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>. From 10 am until 2pm. They will be doing a *Freedom Pen* turn-a-thon at the same time so come on down and join the fun. Our scout pen turning class was cancelled at the last minute by the scout leader. Thanks to all of the members who volunteered to help set it all up. We will reschedule for sometime next year. A big thank you goes out to **Earleen Ahrens** for agreeing to be our Guild Vice-President for 2010. She has already gotten three members for Sunday presentations and a pro for

a Saturday demo next year. Everybody please help **Earleen** out by volunteering to do a Sunday presentation next year. We had a small but enthusiastic group that made round balls for the challenge. **Don Comer** won bragging rights this year with his shiny Ebony round ball. Next months challenge is holiday ornaments; it can be hanging, table top or anything you can think of to win the \$25 gift certificate in your category. Thanks to **Floyd Pedersen** for bringing in wood for the raffle. Next month is the last of the wood from the furniture place. From then on we will have to rely on member donations. Save your one gallon containers and bring them in for **Bill Loitz** next month who stores and fills them with Anchor Seal. Thanks **Bill**. Coming up in December is our big Holiday party and pot-luck. Start going through your shops and garages for items you can donate to the club. In past auctions we have had everything from home baked goods to tools to paintings. We especially want your turnings; they always bring in the most cash. The proceeds from the auction provide all of our operating money for the year so that we do not have to charge dues. And please remember don't wait until the last minute to renew your AAW membership for 2010. See you next month, happy turning.

**Queen Carey**



This then brought us to the final round with four balls rolling two times each. The finalists were **Pete Carta**, **Jim O'Connor** and **Don Comer**. It was a close contest but the winner was **Don Comer**. And here he is getting his Craft Supply gift certificate from **Queen Carey**. Congratulations Don!



## CHALLENGE

This was the month for our annual Round Ball Contest. We had a total of eight brave entries this year. They were spread out among **Pete Carta** with three, **Don Comer** with two and **Erleen Ahrens**, **Lou Hanson**, **Jim O'Connor** with one each.



We sat through an exciting round with all of the challengers rolling over or near the line three times.

## SHOW AND TELL

We had a pretty fair turn out for show and tell this month. **Bill Loitz** led off with his bowl turned from Jacaranda and finished with Seal a Cell. He also brought in a brush ball that his company manufactured. We used it to clean the ramp for the round ball contest. It wasn't capable of rolling down the complete course.





**Owen Robbins** brought in a Zebrawood bowl that was about 5 inches across.



**Ralph Otte** brought in a pair of salt and pepper shakers turned from an unknown wood that he got from Bob Devoe. Nice work Ralph.



**Scott Connors** brought in four bowls that he completed in the last month. The first was out of Gum and the second was Sheoak, The third and fourth ones were from Camphor. All had oil finishes.



**Paul Schmit** brought in a wonderful three piece child's kitchen set turned from Chinese Willow and finished with Tung oil.



He also brought in four bowls that he calls the "Carob Quartet" that are all between 6 to 8 inches and have dyed alabaster inlays and have a Tung oil varnish and lacquer finish.



**Pete Carta** brought in two candle holders turned from Walnut and Alder. And he also had four multi-center female forms of Alder and Olive. All had a lacquer and wax finish.



**Bob Ricard** brought in a fine display of pens that he had been inspired to turn and **Queen Carey Caires** brought in mini vase turned from Redheart. Alas I did not get photos of them.

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## 2009 CALENDAR

Meetings:

**December 13, 2009- Holiday Party & Auction**

Club Events:

**October 31, 2009- Rockler Turning Demo**

## SATURDAY DEMONSTRATION

We had the pleasure of a comprehensive demonstration by our own guild member **Steve Dunn** at the end of September. He turned both a

mini and a full sized cowboy hat for us; both were turned out of Sycamore. I was surprised to learn they really were not any special tools required. He did talk about regrinding a



tool or two if you turn more than a couple of these. The basic cowboy hat is "all about the proportions", according to Steve. You need a light with just a 60 watt bulb to keep track of your



thickness and a bending jig for the hat brim after you are finished turning it. Here is the mini-hat in its simple jig drying out and bending. He used a piece of ebony sharpened like a skew to put the lines in for the hat band. The mini

was turned and in the bending jig by lunch time and then after lunch Steve went to work on the full sized hat. This blank started out at about 16" in diameter and about 8" in depth... It had been rough shaped by Steve the day before and it took him the next several hours to get it to its final size and smooth finish. We all have a better appreciation as to what goes into turning these hats!



## FINISHING THOUGHTS

We had one new member this month, welcome to **Wilbur Hamburger**.

For those of you who are interested in looking ahead here is the web site for **Malcolm Tibbetts**.

<http://www.tahoeturner.com/>

**Jerry Davis** had to have knee surgery and is recovering at home. Get well soon Jerry!

And our great little librarian **Deb Sigel** got married in October. Mazel Tov!