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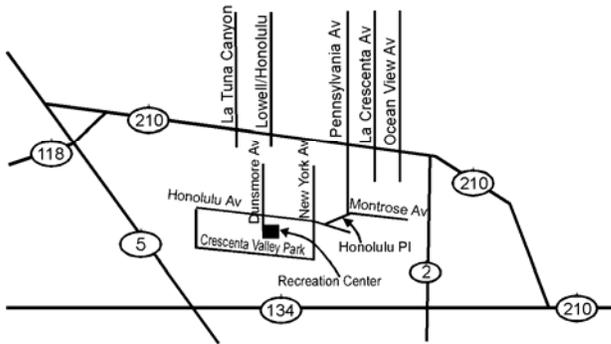
NEXT MEETING

December 13, 2009

Sunday December 13, 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.

December 13, 2009

Presentation: None

Challenge: None

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a nice fall day for our November meeting.



Bill Loitz brought in the Anchor Seal and took over the Library duties for **Deb**. Thanks **Bill**. Thanks to **Floyd Pedersen** and all of the members who brought in and donated some very nice wood for our raffle. The challenge this month was holiday ornaments. We had lots

of entries in Advanced but not many in Novice and Intermediate. Everyone should enter the challenges; it's a great way to expand your skills by turning something that you normally wouldn't. Plus the added bonus of winning a \$25 gift certificate. Next year's VP **Earleen Ahrens** will let us know what the January Challenge will be at the December meeting. She also passed around a sheet asking members what challenges, demos or presentations they would like to see or volunteer for next year. If you come up with any more ideas please let **Earleen** know. We want lots of ideas to keep things fresh! Of course the December meeting is no ordinary meeting. It is our BIG holiday party and auction. We have no show and tell, challenge or Library in December. The first half of the meeting we enjoy all of the goodies that everyone brings, you can bring an appetizer, main dish or dessert. The second half of the meeting our auctioneer, **Pete Carta**, will squeeze top dollar from the items that members donate. Thanks **Pete** for volunteering to do this very important job again this year. You can donate anything you want. In the past we have

had hand and power tools, artwork, kitchen ware, etc. We especially want your turnings. We always make the most money from members donated work. The money we make from the auction goes toward all of our expenses; rent for the community center, snacks at the break, professional turning demos, etc. We've always done well enough at this event so that we do not have to charge dues during the year. So bring your spouses and your wallets and let's make this a record breaking year! We did our last demo of the year at the Pasadena Rockler store on Halloween day. As always we had lots of fun. Rockler donated several pen kits and blanks for us to turn with the customers. Thanks to **Frank Kopecky**, **Frank Guarino**, **Al Miller**, **Sandy Huse**, and **Jim O'Connor** for volunteering. We will be over there again in February or March of 2010, **Frank Guarino** gave us an in depth presentation on bowl coring systems. He showed us how to use them; the pluses and minuses of different brands and even some of the types of woods they work best on. Thanks **Frank**. **Bill Loitz** has volunteered to host **Malcolm Tibbetts** on the night between the two workshops so he won't have to commute from Orange County. Thanks **Bill**. I'm really looking forward to seeing everybody at the big party in December. See you next month, happy turning.

Queen Carey

CHALLENGE

The challenge this month was Holiday Ornaments and we had a fair number of entries. In the Novice category we had two entrants. The first was **PJ Hays** with a small one piece Maple ornament and a large three piece Walnut and Maple ornament. Both were finished with EEE friction polish.



The other two ornaments were turned by **Sandy Huse** whose winning entry was turned from Cocobolo;

the other piece is Fir. These were both off-center turnings and finished with shellac and wax.

There was only one Intermediate entry so it was moved up into completion in the Advanced category.

Jack Stumpf had a nice little bird house ornament turned from Maple and a red wood. It was displayed on a wire and Walnut stand with a "Frustrated" bird waiting on the perch because the entry hole was too small,



Queen Carey

brought in some holiday ornamentation in the form of two necklaces and a pair of earrings. The earrings were out of Redheart and one necklace was Redheart and a green composite wood. The other necklace was a Holly snowman.



Pete Carta brought in four ornaments that I did not get a good photo of so my apologies to Pete. I was able to get three of the four. They were turned from Maple and Carob; Ash and Walnut; Camphor and the ice icicle was from Purpleheart. All had lacquer finishes.



Frank Kopecky brought in two very nice ornaments on a hand made stand. He did not disclose the woods but the wires were welding rods. The finish was Mylands.



Floyd Pedersen brought in a segmented Victorian style kissing ball. The segments were out of Maple, Bloodwood and Teak. It had a Varnish and Tung Oil finish.



Paul Schmit brought in a 6" lidded bowl with a polymer clay inlay in the lid. He gave a brief explanation of wood baking in the family oven. The wood type is a mystery but the finish was spray enamel.



The winner in the category was **Jim Givens** with his four ornaments. They were turned from 1) Pine and Purpleheart 2) Seashell and Redheart 3) Pine, Cedar and Plum 4) dyed Pine and Maple. All had a CA and lacquer finish, Nice job Jim!



SHOW AND TELL

We had another fair turn out for show and tell this month. **Paul Schmit** started us off with his two natural edge bowls turned from Black Acacia.



Paul also brought in a finial box with a little surprise inside turned from Koa, Monkey Pod and Maple. All had Lacquer finishes.



Jim Givens brought in a beautiful fluted vase turned from Redwood Burl with a tung oil finish. He would not publicly disclose the method he used for hollowing but acknowledged the technique used when asked later in private during the break.



Pete Carta brought in nice round bottom bowls turned from Ash and Oak. There was no finish applied yet.



Carl Christensen brought in a **Parallam® Beam** bowl with a small segmented ring around the top. It had an oil and poly finish.



Floyd Pedersen was working hard in his shop this month and brought in four of his latest efforts.



A segmented bowl of Bubinga and Maple; a lidded box of Buckeye; and two three sided boxes turned from Sycamore, Ash and Maple. Keep up the good work Floyd!

Jack Stumpf brought in a clown bank that he made for his grandchild.



And last but certainly not least, **Ed Hotchkin** brought in a piece he made for his son that he calls "Flight to Venus". It was turned from Carob.



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2010 CALENDAR

Meetings:

January 10

February 7

March 14

April 11

May 16

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 10

November 14

December 12

Club Events:

Malcolm Tibbetts Demo- January 16, 2010

Malcolm Tibbetts Workshops- January 18 & 19

PRESENTATION

Frank Guarino put together another informative presentation for us; this one was about bowl coring systems. He talked specifically about the *Woodcut Bowl Saver*, the *Oneway Easy-Core* system and the *McNaughton System*... Frank owns the latter two and seemed to favor the McNaughton. There is a DVD called *Mike Mahoney on the McNaughton Center Saver* that Frank suggests you see if you get that system. He really spoke in detail about the problems and pitfalls that seem inherent with the coring systems. These include but are not limited to: 1) the kerf radius changes during the cut 2) excess friction 3) snagging and 4) chip clogging. Some suggestions included keeping an air hose close at hand to blow out the chips as you get deeper into the kerf. Tightening or loosening the belts on your lathe to decrease "snagging" while coring. If you are thinking about any of these systems then talk

with Frank or **Terrell Hasker**, they both have experience with these systems. If you did not get a handout at the meeting then check the website for a copy.

Finishing Thoughts

We had one new member this month; welcome to **Willie Hamburger** the brother of last month's new member Wilbur.

A big thank you goes to **Lee Iacopetti**, the store Manager at Rockler for allowing us to spread the wood turning fun to more folks this year.

And from our refreshment chairwoman **Cathy Pearman**: Our annual Holiday Potluck / Fundraiser is finally here. Please bring both a festive dish to share and any contributions you have for our auction. Beverages and tableware will be provided. GWG is able to hold monthly meetings and to produce our outstanding newsletter primarily because of the funds generated each year at this event. Your contributions of turnings, baked goods, items from your closets and garages that are no longer in use and any other goodies you can donate will generate the funds that will allow GWG to continue to operate.

Please be sure you bring serving utensils for your food contribution and that any items you wish returned to you have your name on them. We have very few electrical outlets, and if you bring something in a container that must be plugged in, please bring an extension cord with it. Any decorative items which you would care to lend us for the day will make our surroundings more festive (and should, of course, also have your name on them). We look forward to seeing you and your families at our December festivities!

Remember that you can bring anything from edible goodies to old tools for the auction.



Here we are in our guild t-shirts.