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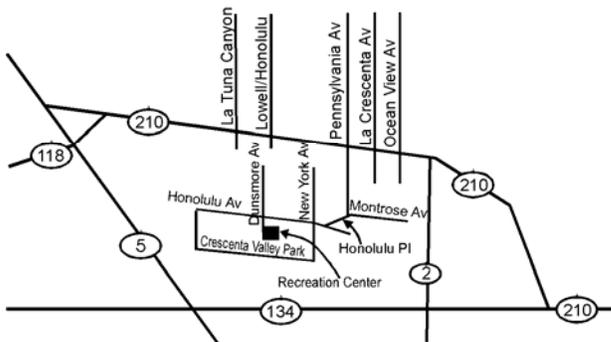
### NEXT MEETING

*January 13, 2008*

Sunday January 13, 2008  
2:00 p.m. Sharp

### HOW TO FIND US

Crescenta Valley Regional Park  
Recreation Center  
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### SUNDAY MEETINGS

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

**January 13, 2008**

Presentation: Survey: What do you want to see this year?

Challenge: Fruit

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



First of all I would like to congratulate **Bill Haskell** on his re-election to the AAW board. Because of everyone's obligations at this time of year we had a smaller than usual crowd for the holiday party and auction this year. But that didn't stop us from having a record breaker. The club earned \$2332.00. The club

wants to send out a big thank you to our auctioneer **Bill Kelly**. He kept it moving at a swift pace and got good prices for all of the donations. Thanks to all of the members who donated items for sale, as always we made the most money off of the turned items that were sold. Thanks to everyone who brought a dish for the pot luck. All of my favorites were there. Members brought in so many desserts that they overflowed onto the main dish table. Now that's my kind of party! Special thanks to **Cathy Pearman** for arranging the party and making everything so festive. Thanks to everyone who showed up an hour early to help with the food and auction table. There are too many names to mention. Thanks to **Jim O'Connor**, **Ed Hotchkin** and **Dick Lukes** for keeping track of who bought what and then collecting the money. Thanks to **Dave Hergesheimer**, **Bill Nelson** and **Ken Pazera** for being our main elves and handing out the items to the winning bidder.

If we have forgotten to thank anyone then please forgive me. I blame any memory lapse on the bottle in the little brown bag that tasted so good in hot apple cider. Happy Holidays to everyone. I will see you in January!

Queen Carey

## Holiday Party & Auction

We had another wonderful party with a somewhat intimate gathering of members and guests this year. There was plenty of delicious food.



And an almost groaning table filled with sweet delights of the season.



There were lots of toys and goodies on display for the raffle.



So we all dug in and piled our plates high!



And after we were all so full we could not move from our seats our expert auctioneer, **Bill Kelley** got started on convincing us we just had to buy, buy, buy! Here is a goblet turned of alabaster and ebony by **Don Comer**.



Here are some of our active bidders, including our new Librarian **Deb Sigel**.



And here we have our crack accounting crew of Dewey Cheatum and Howe otherwise known as **Jim O'Connor, Dick Lukes** and **Ed Hotchkin**.



Going once, twice.....



## 2008 CALENDAR

### Meetings:

February 10, '08-

March 9, '08-

### Demonstrations:

February 17, '08- Jimmy Clewes

May 3, '08- Stuart Batty

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## FINISHING THOUGHTS

I want to try and keep things interesting for everyone, myself included, so starting with this issue I am giving you a new column to read. It will probably not appear every month but I hope you like it enough for it appear more than this once. We have lots of interesting people and their shops in our club and I thought I could sort of share them with you.

## SHOP CHIPS

My first visit is with **Ed Hotchkin** at his spacious shop and auxiliary studio and storage space in a 1940 ranch style house in Pasadena. His main space takes up about two bays in his three car garage and then across the driveway, in what was an RV garage, he has set up a photography studio and he also has a rack with a substantial supply of wood for his future projects.



and then taking our club sponsored class with him. He likes to color a lot with light pink and blue or other pastel colors so the wood grain will still show through. These do best with very soft woods in general with lots of sanding. He uses cyanoacrylate adhesive to keep things together and he also uses CA as a finish a la Bill Haskell. He does not use stabilized woods or "unusual" woods to turn anything but he did once turn a piece of structural lumber.

Lest you think that all Ed does is turn all of the time, au contrarie; over the past dozen years or so Ed has been taking RV trips with his wife and researching his family tree. He now maintains 2 web sites for genealogy on his Hotchkin family and has over 11,000 people listed on his site. Now that is some kind of dedication!



Ed and his wife Cathy moved to Pasadena on April 29<sup>th</sup> 1959 and he is now a retired electronics engineer. He started turning in 1997. His first three pieces were turned out of sycamore and he still has them on display in his house. His favorite wood to turn now is ash, mostly because it has beautiful straight grain; he also likes buckeye. His biggest piece to date was about 20 inches tall and about 16 inches in diameter with a 1/2 inch hole in the top and it was buckeye. He says he doesn't really turn anything useful, he likes to turn hollow forms and most have "useless small openings". Ed can sometimes get in as much as 4 to 5 hours a day at the lathe when all things are working in his favor. He has owned his Oneway lathe about 5 years now. Ed admits to being a bit of a "type A perfectionist."

Ed has become our club "mentor" on coloring and even had a mini workshop on coloring for our Spaceport Project this year. He got really interested in coloring after seeing Binh Pho's work

