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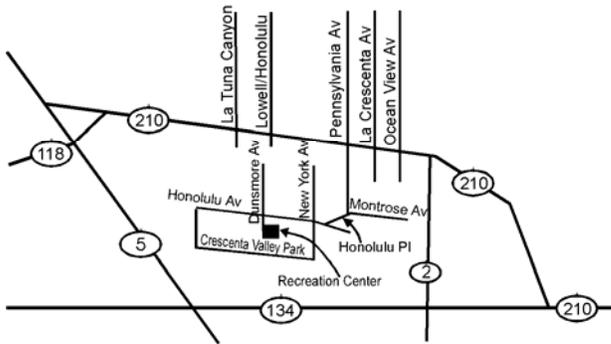
NEXT MEETING

April 13, 2008

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

HOW TO FIND US

Crescenta Valley Regional Park
Recreation Center
Dunsmore & Honolulu, La Crescenta



Thomas Guide 534-E-1

SUNDAY MEETINGS

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

April 13, 2008–

Presentation: Jay Jackson-Using Google SketchUp

Challenge: Bowls up to 6 inches

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



When I first drove to the community center on Sunday, the parking lot was almost empty. I thought "Uh Oh, everybody forgot to change their clocks!" But I panicked for nothing, everyone arrived on time.

It was great to see long time member **Ralph Otte** who had relocated to Colorado. He told us every time he comes out to

visit his kids, it will be around the second Sunday of the month so he can make the meeting. We had an okay showing for the gavel challenge. No entries in the intermediate category; has everyone gotten so good that you're all in advanced? I was tickled that the winner in the advanced category, **Al Falck**, gave me his carob gavel and mahogany sounding block with the GWG logo carved in it. All in its own fancy mahogany box. Thanks again Al. Now to get every one's attention; next month's challenge is a bowl under six (6) inches. Now I know everyone can make a bowl, so I expect an over flowing table next month. Thanks to **Floyd Pedersen** for bringing in the wood for the raffle. And thanks to **Jerry Glaser** for donating some bowl blanks from his personal stash. And, as always, thanks to **Dave Hergesheimer** for selling those raffle tickets. **Bob Ulrich** brought in a bunch of oven rack pulls for the gals at the furniture place that donates the wood for our raffle. Thanks Bob. Every one, please remember to bring little gifts in through out the year as thank you gifts for their generous donations. **Bob Devoe** brought in the beautiful pieces that Jimmy Clewes turned at the demo last month. They will all be in the holiday auction at the end of the year. Our Librarian, **Deb Sigel**, has been organizing our new acquisitions in the library and has made a list of all the tapes, books and DVD's. She has had **Bill Noble** and **Craig Sobel** put the list on the web site with a link to her. Since the library has gotten so large, she can't bring it all to every meeting so if there is something you need, please email Deb or me a few days before the meeting and she'll bring it in. And please bring things back after one month so that every one has a chance to check them out.

Dick Lukes brought in a box of one ounce samples of the new white glue that Gorilla Glue sent him. There was

enough so that everyone in attendance got a sample to try out. Thanks to Dick and Gorilla Glue.

Our V.P. **Frank Guarino** has put in lots of phone time. He has set up the challenges and Sunday presentations for almost the whole year. He's also working on a couple of more professional demo's to be scheduled after the **Stuart Batty** demo in May. Thanks Frank.

See you next month. Happy turning. Queen Carey

CHALLENGE

We had just eight members bring in just ten gavels with sounding blocks for this month's challenge. That is down a bit from last month. The judges were **John Doyle** and **Dave Hergesheimer**. In the Novice category we had two members with entries. The first was **John Doyle** with his two entries. The first was turned from ash.



The second one was out of walnut and both had CA finishes

And the winner in the novice category was **Bob Turnbull** who turned a beautiful cocobolo and padouk set.



We had no intermediate entries. In the advanced category we had **Jim O'Connor** and his gavel set turned from walnut with a walnut oil finish.



Dave Hergesheimer had his unconventional gavel of metal and wood. (Is there an anger issue here that we should explore?)



Floyd Pedersen had one turned from cherry and carob and finished with Danish Oil.



Al Sobel had two entries, the first turned from ebony with leather topped block.



The second entry was a gavel turned from maple.



Our **Queen Carey** brought in a mini gavel and block out of olive finished with Mylands.



And the winner in the advanced category was **Al Falck** with his beautiful gavel and block turned from carob in a mahogany presentation case. Notice the GWG logo on the block. Very nice!



After he was given his gift certificate from Craft Supply for being the winner he presented his winning entry to our own club president **Carey Caries**. And that is the picture in her Presidents column this month.

SHOW AND TELL

We again had a lot of members bring in their latest turnings for show and tell. First off was **Jim Givens** who brought a nice carob bowl. And a long-stemmed maple goblet, 1st & 2nd attempts.



Al Falck brought in a segmented vase turned from Purlpeheart, maple, bubinga, African Blackwood and Carolina oak. Just beautiful Al.



Cal Elshoff brought in a turned square bowl with paper white bulbs in it. It is figured maple with a waterlox finish. Nicely done Cal.



Al Sils brought in another of his "Snail Trail" series vessels from buckeye burl with a copper, gold, brass and silver snail. Wow.



Next was **Ralph Chamlee** with his three platters. One of them may go to a friend if he can sneak it out of the house away from his wife. Two are from myrtle and one is from spalted maple.



Floyd Pedersen brought in a bowl of mimosa finished with Danish oil.



2008 CALENDAR

Meetings:

May 4, '08

June 8, '08

July 13, '08

Demonstrations:

May 3, '08- Stuart Batty

PRESENTATION



Bill Noble did the presentation this month on vacuum chucks. Our Queen Carey said: "He had a great hand out with diagrams of all the parts; some you can make and some you need to buy, such as the motor. Of course, you can buy this from Bill, cheaper than you can

buy it anywhere else. Bill was very knowledgeable on this subject and fielded lots of questions with his usual wit. Who knew a talk on vacuum chucks could be so amusing."

Bill was very clear that using this type of chuck does have its dangerous moments as well. I learned you can even use a shop vac with some relatively minor modifications to power your vacuum chuck. His list of sources at the end of his handout was very impressive and comprehensive. Perhaps we should have a "Make your own vacuum chuck workshop" on a Saturday... Are you reading this Frank?

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FINISHING THOUGHTS

What a great list our Librarian Deb Segal has put together on the web site! I did not realize we had so many items in our library. She reminded us that when we check out an item we need to fill out the card with our name and the date. Apparently some of us have not been so good at that.

And don't forget that we get 10% discounts at Rockler and online or by phone from Craft Supply (for abrasives and finishes) and Woodworkers Supply.

And a final quote for you all. "My mind works like lightning, One brilliant flash and it is gone."