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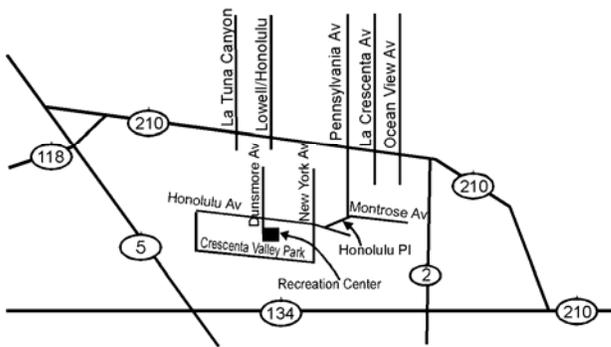
### NEXT MEETING

*August 10, 2008*

Sunday August 10, 2008  
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

**August 10, 2008–**

**Presentation:** Photographing your work – Dick Lukes

**Challenge:** Plates, Platters and Saucers

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I was really looking forward to the July meeting so I could see **Amy Earhart** and **PJ Hays'** pictures of the AAW Symposium in Richmond Virginia. They didn't disappoint me because between them they took over 200 pictures. They did a slide show with commentary for us. It was not as good as being there but it was the next best thing. They pulled double duty this month by taking over the snack duty from

**Cathy Pearman** who was on vacation this month. Thanks Amy and PJ. AAW Board member **Bill Haskell** also attended the Symposium. He told us about the auction at the banquet and the Sphere auction as well. The collectors were very generous the auction brought in some big bucks for the EOG program. There are some great pictures of the spheres on the AAW website. Check it out! Thanks for all of the info Bill. **Floyd Pedersen** brought in some more nice wood for our raffle this month. Thanks Floyd. His shed is overflowing with raffle wood and he has asked for some help from one or two members for help storing it. This would be 40 to 80 blocks that wouldn't take up too much space and you could really help out the club. If you have some room give me a call. **Bill Loitz** brought in a truck load of Anchor Seal in one gallon containers that we sold at the meeting. So far we have sold almost half of the 55 gallon drum. Thanks Bill. Be sure and save the containers when you use the anchor seal, especially the wide mouth ones. (Easier to fill) So we can use them for the next 55 gallon drum. Since the community center where we meet was all booked for the year **Ed Hotchkin** has volunteered to host a beginner's workshop at his place. Ed has a large shop so we will have plenty of room for 5 or 6 mini lathes and as many members who wish to attend. Thanks Ed! **Jerry Davis** will once again organize and will be running the workshop. Thanks Jerry. The date is Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> and a sign-up sheet will be at the August and September meetings. Thanks to our VP **Frank Guarino** for his knowledgeable talk on Upgrading your lathe with Variable Frequency Drives and Tachometers. Members were extremely interested in this subject. Frank fielded

loads of questions and gave tips on places to purchase the equipment. Thanks Frank. The challenge this month was Trex, there were not a lot of entries but all of them were imaginative and well done. Next months challenge is Plates, Platters and Saucers. Don't forget the **Mike Jackofsky** demo on August 24<sup>th</sup>. You can still sign up at the August meeting.

See you next month. Happy turning. Queen Carey

## CHALLENGE

We had kind of a small turnout for this month's challenge. Perhaps the Trex® was too intimidating or the weather was too hot. The judges were **Paul Schmit** and **Dick Lukes**.

In the Novice category we had no entries. But in the Intermediate Category we had two entries; the first was from **Ralph Chamlee**. It was a bowl with a carved top section.



The winner in the category was **Paul Schmit** with his interesting clock between towers.



In the Advanced category we had three entries from **Dave Hergesheimer**. The first was a square

edged bowl; the second was a travel mug with a Trex insert and the third was a bowl with a plywood segment in its middle. Nice work Dave.



**Jerry Davis** brought in a Trex birdhouse, for those environmentally conscious birds. It also had Ash laminations in the roof with a maple perch and maple ring on the base. Neat!



**Bill Haskell** joined in the fun with his Trex hollow vessel that featured a carved mouth and black fish paper segments and a textured center band.



And the winner in the Advanced category was **Dan Hogan** with his Trex "sea urchin". It was interesting and then turned over, it was more fun.



## SHOW AND TELL

There were a few turnings for show and tell this month. First off was **Floyd Pedersen** who brought an oak burl bowl, a black walnut burl bowl and a black walnut bowl with inclusions and voids.



And busy **Bill Haskell** brought in two hollow vessels. The first was from Magnolia and the second from Koa. Both had ribbon carved tops and were finished with lacquer.



And last but certainly not least was a segmented bowl from **Paul Schmit** that had a tung oil finish.



**Ralph Chamlee** brought in three pieces. The first was a twenty inch redwood burl platter with gold leaf. The second was a zebrawood platter. The third was a redwood bowl with a red stained interior. Ralph said he had a new found respect for all of the carving, burning and coloring that **Binh Pho** does on his own pieces.



## 2008 CALENDAR

### Meetings:

September 14, '08

October 12, '08

November 9, '08

### Demonstrations:

August 24, '08- Mike Jackofsky

Check out <http://www.mikejackofsky.com/>

## PRESENTATION



The presentation this month was given by our Vice President **Frank Guarino**. He went over almost everything you wanted to know about “upgrading your lathe with Variable Frequency Drives (VFD) and tachometers.” It seems like a simple process but like many projects it has multiple facets to it. Do I have the correct motor or do I need to buy a new one? Ok now I have the motor, what VFD do I get? Now I need the switch box and a tachometer for all of this. So, there are lots of decisions and a lot of switching and placing various components before you get to turn your lathe back on. This is not exactly a beginner project so keep Franks phone number close at hand for technical advice. His handout will be on the web site soon and there is a list of sources that he provided. In addition to those sources also check out <http://www.littlemachineshop.com/> , they are in Pasadena. And you can go to EBay for the VFD and motors. It was another informative presentation by VP Frank!

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## FINISHING THOUGHTS

PJ and I had a terrific time at the AAW Symposium in Richmond Virginia. The Convention Center was a great venue and the brisket sandwiches we had every day for lunch were terrific! We managed to get to ten of the eleven rotations and our brains were filled with great new tips and ideas that we can't wait to try at home. On Saturday night after the banquet the EOG (Educational Opportunity Grant) Auction raised \$69,555.00. A first time collaborative piece by Binh Pho and his daughter Victoria went for \$7,000.00. It was nice to see there may be a second generation in his family to carry on that kind of talent! The latest and perhaps last collaboration of Jacques Vesery and Bonnie Klein went for \$11,500.00 in the EOG auction (see photo below). Over \$80,000 was raised through the Professional Outreach Program ([POP](#)) sponsored Sphere auction. And approximately \$28,000.00 was raised for Phil Brennon through the lathe raffle and other donations. We feel very lucky to be part of this wood turning community. Our own club has very talented turners and this was brought home to us after seeing all of the items in the instant gallery. So let's not forget our clubs mentoring group. And remember to sign up for the Beginners Workshop to be held on Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>. It will be at Ed Hotchkin place in Pasadena that is conveniently located just a few miles south of the Rockler store!

