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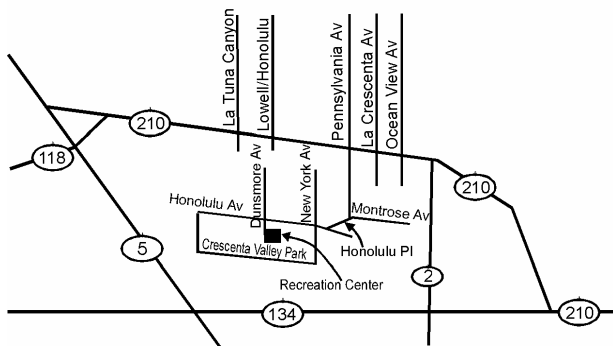
NEXT MEETING

January 14, 2007

Sunday January 14, 2007
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 will usually consist of announcements, a feature presentation, a **Challenge, Show & Tell** and a **wood raffle**.

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Presentation:

Challenge: Hollow Forms

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our holiday party and auction was a rousing success. Members brought in lots of main dishes and desserts for all of us to enjoy. After our tummies were full, Bill Kelly, our expert auctioneer, took the podium. Thanks to Bill's wit, charm and gentle

prodding, we earned \$2,292 for the club. Thanks to everyone who donated auction items and to all the big and little spenders! Special thanks go to Cathy Pearman and Jackie Comer for doing kitchen duty and setting a beautiful table, and to Bill Kelly for being our auctioneer. Also to Don Comer, Jim O'Connor, Ed Hotchkin and Ken Pazera for helping with the auction. And, of course, thanks to Bob DeVoe for doing all he does.

Don't forget that next month's challenge is bottle stoppers. Happy Holidays and I'll see everyone in January

Happy turning! Queen Carey

As many of us were aware, Cathy Pearman dropped a punch bowl during our party which resulted in a deep cut to her arm. She reports that the staff at the ER did a good job of assessing the cut and she received some stitches and a brace to help with the healing process. It will be a few weeks before Cathy is turning again, but the good news is that she is healing well.

Holiday Party And Auction



Our holiday party got off to a perfect start with President Carey welcoming everyone to the festivities. Tables in the front were piled with food, and in the back, they were filled with auction items.

Most important was the opportunity to talk and enjoy each other's company.



Everyone took time to look at the auction items and decide exactly what treasure they wanted to take home.



We began with food and it was all delicious!

As always, we had our "little elves" who handed out the auction items.



And, as always, we had our expert auctioneer, Bill Kelly who tried to convince us that every item was of great value.





Jim, Art and Ken collected the money

“Sages Comes in Pairs, Too”

When Jim O’Connor was GWG President, the AWW was collecting stories about important people who became mentors and sages in woodturning organizations. Jim wrote and submitted the following article, but the AAW discontinued this special feature before Jim’s article was published. We present it now as a tribute to a very special couple in our Glendale Woodturners guild.

Don shows the two pieces he donated for the auction.



Our littlest woodturner enjoyed the food!



A club is very lucky if they have a sage. We at Glendale Woodturners Guild are blessed with a sage couple. Don and Jackie, both in their own way, fit the description of a sage. Don was president of the club for two years and he is not only an excellent turner, but a great source of information which he is always willing to share. Don is a club mentor who is someone for the new and experienced members to go to for help and advice. Don is always willing to give presentations at our meeting and he is extremely organized, thorough, and very clear. He gave a presentation on carving spirals on a hollowed vessel (the piece shown in the Summer 2004 issue of the AAW Woodturning



Magazine) and had all the jigs and tools available along with examples of the different stages of his work. Every year we have a tool sharpening workshop and Don and our treasurer Bob DeVoe give everyone hands-on practice and tips on sharpening tools. At one of our meetings every year, we have a round ball contest and Don brings his ramp and does the setup to launch the balls. The event is always one of our most involved challenges and everyone has a lot of fun. Don regularly brings in pieces for the challenge or Show and Tell at our meetings. He is asked many questions about how he made the piece or its great finish and he is always willing to give in detail an explanation about his methods. He started an open shop event during his presidency, which gave other members a chance to see the layout of somebody else's shop and to share ideas. Don has hosted two of them and he has included a theme at each to cover a type of turning or a particular tool use. Jackie, on the other hand doesn't turn, but she probably knows more about woodturning than most of us since she is at every meeting, demonstration, and event the club sponsors. Jackie is always busy at our events because she prepares the snacks or gets lunch ready for the group. She has made up to 50 Sloppy Joes a number of times for our lunch, which is a bigger selling point for the demonstration than the demonstrator. At Don's open shop events, Jackie had an open house and welcomed us to see their collection of turnings while providing us with refreshments. Jackie also bakes brownies for our meeting and often has a special batch for some of her brownie worshipers to take home. At our last Christmas auction, Jackie's brownies brought in about \$300 which was only rivaled by Don's donation of one of his beautiful turnings "Djinn Bottle" which brought in over \$300. Between Don and Jackie they accounted for close to a third of the clubs income at the

auction. The Comers have hosted visiting demonstrators at their home and they are both wonderful ambassadors for the craft of woodturning. Something that you can not put a price on is the advice they have given to me as president of the club. I call the Comer household on a regular basis and I start asking advice from either one that answers the phone. There have been times when Don would give me advice and about an hour later he calls me back and changes or modifies his recommendation after discussing it with Jackie. Don and Jackie are two of the most generous and loving people, and we are extremely lucky to have them as part of our organization.

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