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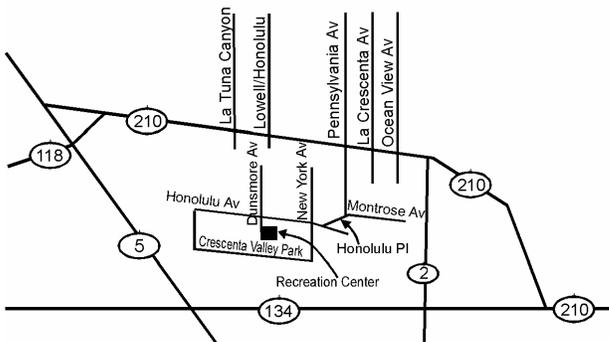
### NEXT MEETING

# May 6, 2007

Sunday May 6, 2007  
2:00 p.m. Sharp

### HOW TO FIND US

Crescenta Valley Regional Park  
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### SUNDAY MEETINGS

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

**May 6, 2007–**

Presentation: Bill Nelson- Surprise Topic

Challenge: Weed Pot

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Members had three terrific ideas that we are going to implement starting next month. First, **Bill Nelson** had read how some clubs have the winners of the challenge be the judges for the next months challenge. Great idea! The judges can still enter a piece in the challenge and just judge the categories they are not in. Second, when we have an easy challenge like May's weed pot, **Don Comer**

suggested the Intermediate and Advanced groups have a more difficult challenge. We will be doing this beginning with the weed pot challenge, they will have to be more elaborate; such as off center, multiple spouts, surface decorated, etc. Of course, members in the novice category just need to make a regular weed pot. Third, **Bob Hugaard** suggested that if a member has a turning question and doesn't want to interrupt the flow of the meeting, or is a little shy, that they write it down and give it to me before the start of the meeting or at the break. I will then throw it out to the group and I am sure we will get several answers. Amy says she will make up slips for your questions and put them on the sign-in table. Thanks guys for these great suggestions!

**John Fisher** and **Jay Jackson**, who both got books from Fine Woodworking to review, turned them in for our Library as did **Dick Lukes** last month. Thanks guys. Be sure and read their reviews at the Fine Woodworking website.

**Bob DeVoe** gave us an in depth presentation on lathe maintenance. There were so many questions we ran into overtime. Bob's birthday was April 2<sup>nd</sup> so **Jackie Comer** baked two yummy cakes so we could all celebrate. Thanks Jackie. Even though it was Bob's birthday he was the one who brought gifts. He gave everyone a set of brushes, one wire and the other one bristle. Thanks for your generosity Bob!

Thanks again to **PJ Hays** and **Amy Earhart** for getting the snacks for the meeting while **Cathy Pearman** is tending to her ailing husband. Thanks also to **Alberto Orneles** for

bringing in the drinks. **Don Comer** brought in the Tagua Nuts for the June Challenge so we would have two months to work on them. He says to turn them sooner rather than later as they turn easier when they are green and they are less likely to explode (break apart). Sure Don. Our 2007 AAW Project is in the final stages. It is so exciting to see it coming together. **Dave Hergesheimer** primed the base and **Jay Jackson** took it home to work on the masking for the final paint job and the roads. **Ed Hotchkin** offered to let us use his "studio" to do the final assembly in May. Thanks Ed. Thanks to everyone who has put in countless hours on this project.

**Bob DeVoe** is going to **Lou Stude's** home (Carl's son) at the end of the month to get some wood for our raffle. But I would still want members to bring in a piece from their wood stash to make sure we have enough. Don't forget that next month's meeting is a week early because of Mother's Day.

Happy turning, Queen Carey!

## CHALLENGE

The challenge this month was Bird Houses. **Jim O' Connor** stepped up to be a judge along with **Terrell Hasker**.

We had a much better turnout this month than last for the challenge. But some of our members took us a bit too literally with the subject. **Bob Ulrich** and **Bob Farnbrach** really made us laugh with their entries.



The winner in the Novice Category was **Dale Girst** with his house made of ambrosia maple, boxwood, ebony and holly.

The winner in the Intermediate Category was **Al**



**Falck** with his bird house that was a segmented piece made from walnut, maple and alder finished with lacquer.

The winner in the Advanced Category was turned by our queen **Carey Caires**. Her entry was a



beautiful castle shaped birdhouse made from kingwood, holly, and box elder burl. It was painted with an airbrush and the stone like texture was burned in.. Great job everyone and

congratulations to the winners!



Also in the novice category was an entry by new member **Steve Leffert**. A segmented house made from the raffle woods poplar and alder.

## SHOW AND TELL

In the Intermediate category was an entry by yours truly, **Amy Earhart**, made of Birdseye maple, carob, Bloodwood and ebony.



**Jim Givens** brought in a matching pair of salt and pepper shakers turned from maple and Purple Heart with a Don Comer lacquer finish.



In the advanced class was also an entry by **Don Comer**, his "Lil' grass shack". It was turned from maple and finished with Watco oil and acrylic paint. The roof was carved to simulate thatch.



**Nick Tuzzolino** brought in two pieces. The first was a segmented basket of Bloodwood, Maple and Mahogany.



Nick's second piece was a coffee mug turned from cherry and Purple Heart.



**Jerry Davis** brought in four bird houses on stands. He used about eight different woods in all for the houses and stands and all were finished with lacquer.



**Cal Elshoff** brought in a selection of square edge platters or plates that he has turned with a laser engraving added after.



And he also brought in a very large bowl turned from a Douglas fir glue laminated beam



## PRESENTATION



**Bob De Voe** gave us a presentation on lathe maintenance. His handout was a very thorough five pages, the handout will be posted on our website.

The last page of the handout listed drill sleeves, extension sockets, combined drills and countersinks from high speed steel, drift or center keys and round collets for no. 2 and three morse tapers.

Bob went over general lathe preventative maintenance and care of your lathe spindle. Also the lathe bed ways, chucks and Morse taper problems and fixes. He went over lathe "stalling" and the drive motors. He also talked about the modifications some turners make to their lathes, some good and some bad. He answered the questions of "why do I have chatter?" and "how to drill a hole where you really want it". Then he finished up with live centers and lubricants. Then he took additional questions from our members. It was a very informative presentation.

## 2006 CALENDAR

### Meetings:

June 10, '07 - Challenge- Tagua Nut Turning

July 8, '07 - Challenge- To Be Announced

August 12, '07- Challenge- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Stude Block Contest

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## FINISHING THOUGHTS

**Don Comer** talked about getting **Binh Pho** back later this year for a two day class or two. There was enough interest for two 2 day sessions. The cost will be around \$300 for the two days. He will need a deposit from the interested parties as soon as we firm up the dates. We will keep everyone posted. And thanks to **Jack Stumph** for some of the photo's used in this month's newsletter.