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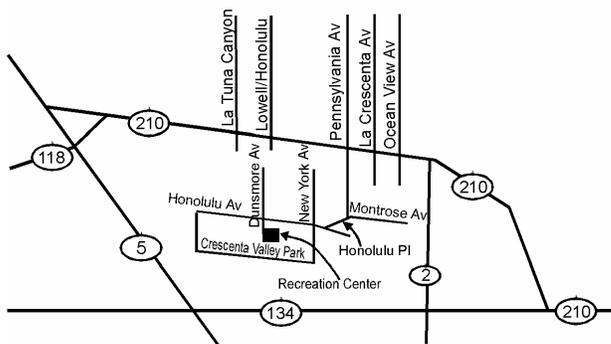
### NEXT MEETING

# June 10, 2007

Sunday June 10, 2007  
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**.

**June 10, 2007–**

Presentation: Trials & Tribulations of the 2007  
AAW Project

Challenge: Tagua Nut

### President's Message



We were saddened to hear that longtime member **George Wintermantle** passed away in April. His family generously donated his turning stock to the club for our raffle. We send our condolences and thank them for the donation. We also want to thank the **Stoody** family, **Lou, Linda** and **Carl III** (Chuck) who called and let me know that Lou still had wood at the house that they wanted to donate. So

**Bob De Voe** and his brother **David** went over and loaded up his truck. Thank you to Bob and David. We are going to use their donation to supplement the wood that members bring in each month to the raffle. One member brought in some fresh cut oak logs to this past meeting so we had a nice variety of green and dry wood. Thanks to everyone who brought in wood.

Our Vice President **Dave Ellis**, remember him, is returning from Paris for the AAW symposium in Portland. Then he has to go back to Paris until September. So I have put the word out that we need Sunday presenters and members to do Saturday demos.

This month **Bill Nelson's** surprise talk was about drying wood in the microwave. It was very entertaining and informative. Thanks Bill.

For the June meeting we are asking the members who participated in the 2007 AAW Collaborative Challenge to tell us about some of the challenges they faced making pieces for it. And of course all of the fun they had too!

At the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting I volunteered to do a talk on turning miniatures. I will also do a Saturday demo on July 28<sup>th</sup>. **Terrell Hasker** volunteered to do a talk on pricing and selling your work, possibly in August. **Jerry Davis** has volunteered once again to head up the beginning turner's workshop on Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>. We will have 5-6 mini lathes, so everyone will have time to get some hands on turning.

**Amy Earhart** printed up slips for turning questions to give me at the start of the meeting. This was **Bob Haugaard's** idea from last month. You can also ask about a part or jig as a member did in May. Even though **Jackie Comer** could not attend our last meeting she sent hubby **Don** with three plates of cookies for us to enjoy at the break. Thanks Jackie.

Our 2007 AAW Project will be completed and on display at the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, bring your cameras. And don't forget to bring a toy in for the Children's Hospital in Portland. Bring in tops, cars, rattles, etc. with a safe finish. If you have something already made, just attach a paper with the type of finish noted on it.

We gave out Tagua Nuts at the April meeting for June so we should have a full table for the challenge!

Happy turning, Queen Carey!

## Challenge

The challenge this month was Weed Pots. The judges this month were **Carey Caires** and **Erleen Ahrens**.

We had a pretty good turnout in the Beginner and Intermediate divisions but only one member entry in the Advanced, so that category was not judged. The winner in the Novice Category was **Frank Guarino** with his very original Banksia Pod weed pot with a friction polish finish.



The winner in the Intermediate Category was **Ralph Chamlee** with his unusual shaped maple weed pot.



Also in the novice category was a maple pot by new member **Pierre Mathieu**.



Also in the Intermediate category were two entries by **Joyce Burton**, both were turned from alder



**Bob Fahrbruch** turned a "cracked pot" from mesquite with bark inclusions that had a Zinzer French polish finish.



**Ralph Chamlee** had another entry turned from Virginia Dogwood with pyrography details and a Deft wax finish.



In the Advanced category **Don Comer** was the only entrant with two fine examples of his talent. The first was a large weed pot that was about 12" tall of spalted Jacaranda that his wife **Jackie** had commissioned.



And a second entry was a small Manzanita burl piece with a lacquer finish.



## Show and Tell

**Jim O'Connor** brought in a natural edge bowl turned from Carob with a walnut oil finish.



**Jim** also had three spherical boxes turned from Cocobolo on ebony stands.



**Dave Hergesheimer** brought in a vessel turned from Buckeye burl with ebony legs. It was finished with CA and lacquer. Apparently the legs were the toughest part.



**Ralph Chamlee** brought in two burned and stained pieces. The first was a 12" platter of maple.



The second was a 3" cup from more Virginia Dogwood.



**Bob Coleberd** brought in a new type of kaleidoscope with a tear drop opening and a seven point star feature. It was beautiful.



And finally, **Al Sils** brought in the first of his latest series entitled 'R'-evolution. The face and scarab are ceramic and the other materials include walnut, carob, maple, cocobolo, steel, brass and Plexiglas. It has a Waterlox and wax finish.



## PRESENTATION



**Bill Nelson** gave us a presentation on drying wood in a microwave oven. His handout was a very thorough three pages, the hand out will be posted on our website. Bill went over lots of do's and don'ts and stressed

that it was better to buy a used microwave at a yard sale than use the family microwave for this drying technique! His experience is mostly with small pieces so he said your own experiments would be necessary with larger pieces. Two other important tips were not to leave the drying piece unattended in the microwave and remember when it comes out that it is very hot! It was a very informative presentation.

## 2006 CALENDAR

### Meetings:

July 8, '07 - Challenge- Scepter or Crown

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

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## Finishing thoughts

Now that warmer weather is upon us don't forget to take a bottle of water with you when you are out in your studio with the shavings flying. Queen Carey is finally going to get her wishes fulfilled in July with the challenge. Come on folks, let's get creative for her!