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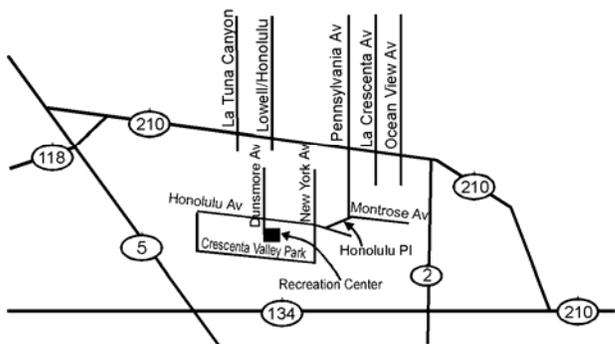
NEXT MEETING

December 9, 2007

Sunday December 9, 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

Holiday Party & Auction at December 9 Meeting

Our annual Holiday Potluck and Fundraiser is just around the corner! Please bring both a festive dish to

share and any contributions you have for our auction. Beverages and tableware will be provided. GWG is able to hold monthly meetings and to produce our outstanding newsletter primarily because of the funds generated each year at this event. Your contributions of turnings, baked goods, items from your closets and garages that are no longer in use and any other goodies you can donate will generate the funds that will allow GWG to continue to operate.

Please be sure you bring serving utensils for your food contribution and that any items you wish returned to you have your name on them. We have very few electrical outlets, and if you bring something in a container that must be plugged in, please bring an extension cord with it. Any decorative items which you would care to lend us for the day will make our surroundings more festive (and should, of course, also have your name on them).

We look forward to seeing you and your families at our December festivities!

Submitted by Cathy Pearman

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



First of all I want to thank **Deb Sigel** for volunteering to be our new librarian. She's got some great ideas and will share them with us in January. I'm implementing a new policy; all the officers and volunteers will get into the pro demos for half price and the \$5 dollar demos, free. This is the clubs way of thanking members who are willing to put in some extra time for the clubs benefit.

Frank Guarino gave us an in depth talk on metallurgy. It was great info for all of the members who make their own tools or were thinking of trying it. Thanks Frank.

Thanks to **Floyd Pedersen** for bringing a big load of wood and to **John Fisher** for the donation for chunks of Chinese Parasol tree that fell on his truck; which was saved by his

lumber rack, by the way. You see, wood working is good luck. We put out a sign up sheet for the **Jimmy Clewes** demo on Feb. 17th, mark your calendars. You can also email or call me and I'll add you to the list. Next year's Vice-President **Frank Guarino** and his assistant **Pete Carta** will be asking members over the coming months to do Sunday presentations. Help out the new VP by volunteering to give a short 20 min. talk.

Next month is our big holiday party. I'm really looking forward to it, it's always a blast. Come one come all, bring your spouses, kids, friends and of course your wallets. The auction is how we get our spending money for next year. **Bill Kelly** has graciously agreed to be our auctioneer again this year. Bill uses his wit and humor to get the best prices possible for the donated items. Let's have another record breaking auction this year. I especially encourage members to donate one of their turned items. They always generate the most enthusiastic bidding.

See you at the party! Queen Carey

CHALLENGE

The challenge for the month was Christmas Ornaments. The judges were **Earleen Ahrens**, **Floyd Pedersen** and **Jim O'Connor**.



The winner in the Novice category was Craig Sobel with his Cocobolo and Ebony ornament displayed on a twisted metal stand.

Also entering in the Novice category was **Deb Sigel** with

her Maple and Walnut dreidels. If they had a finish on them they might have beat out Craig for the prize.



The winner in the Intermediate category was **Jack Wooddell** with his Walnut and mystery wood ornament. What a nice job he did on the icicles and a nice lacquer finish.



Also in the intermediate category was **Dale Gertsch** with his really nice maple and walnut acorn ornament. This one was just a bit larger than a life sized acorn. Nice job Dale!



The winner in the crowded Advanced category was **Jerry Davis**. He actually had six entries and the judges could not decide between them on a clear winner so they gave it to his group as a whole.



He also made the stands for these three! The wire is brass braising wire. I think these deserve a demo too.



Floyd Pedersen had three entries made of ash, black walnut and Jacaranda. He also made a very original bent wood stand for one of the ornaments. There were lots of comments on the stand so maybe there is a future presentation here.



Jim O'Connor had two entries, both with spiral icicles, very interesting. The one on the left is turned from olive and the one on the right is palm and walnut.



And finally we have an ornament that should have won the "Whimsy" Prize. **Bill Nelson** brought in a terrific snowman ornament turned from Holly, Blackwood and Pink Ivory with a lacquer finish. It even had its own snow balls inside. Each section was hollow and it could be taken apart into three pieces. Great job Bill!

SHOW AND TELL

Cal Elshoff brought in four pieces that he had turned recently. The first was a 5 inch tall cup turned from Myrtle and Mahogany.



The second piece was a small natural edge bowl turned from olive.



The third piece was an 11 inch round bottom bowl of Mahogany and Walnut.



And Cal's fourth piece was a wonderful 15 inch Redwood burl platter. Wow!



Ralph Chamlee brought in a hollow form turned from walnut that was his version of a "Bill Haskell" design. It had a bark inclusion that he pierced and accented



Craig Sobel brought in a very nice segmented bowl that had pieces of Ebony, Maple, Walnut and Rosewood in it. Pretty spectacular!



Bob Fahrbruch brought in a hollow vessel turned from Carob with a Walnut lid and a Tung oil finish.



PRESENTATION



This month's presentation was about metallurgy for Woodturners by **Frank Guarino**. He passed out a comprehensive outline, complete with two pages of sources that will hopefully be on the website soon. This will certainly help those

turners among us who wanted to know more about the steel in the tools we use.

I learned that the harder the steel then the more brittle it is, generally speaking. Adding some alloys is a good thing, chromium adds to steels heat treating ability. I also learned why my lathe is mostly made of cast iron, it costs less and it absorbs vibration better. We have carbide tips on our saw blades and on some tools but the whole blade or tool is not carbide because carbide is far more brittle than steel. The high speed steel we have in our tools may be M2 steel and that is steel with the alloy Molybdenum in its chemical mix. Those tools that have ASP 2030 and ASP 2060 steel have the alloy cobalt in their mix and purportedly keep their edges longer. As for all of those hardening processes, that was left for a future presentation if requested. Some of that was way more than I could completely grasp but I feel like I now have a better knowledge of the metals involved in wood turning. I could be almost dangerous now, thanks Frank.

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FINISHING THOUGHTS

There is change coming. To keep things interesting there will be some new things in the newsletter this coming year. I hope you will like them.



2008 CALENDAR

Meetings:

January 13, '08- Challenge-Fruit

February 10, '08-

Demonstrations:

February 17, '08- Jimmy Clewes

May 3, '08- Stuart Batty

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Happy holidays everyone!