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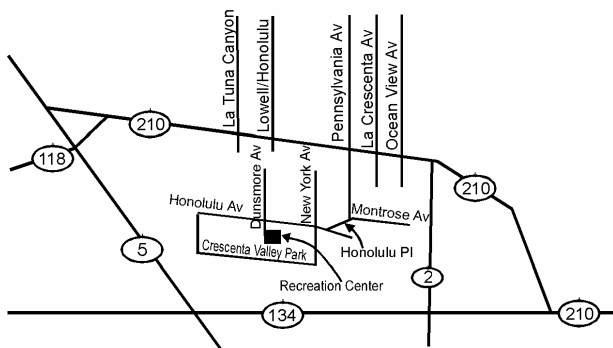
December 11, 2005

Sunday December 11, 2005

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**.

December 11, 2005

**Holiday Party and
Auction**

President's Message



Jim O'Connor

Only about 5 members brought in their pieces that are being entered into the "California Contours" competition. Some were exhibited at Show and Tell. They are beautiful, and if these are the only pieces entered for

judging, the club is well represented. Dick Lukes took the pieces home to photograph and they will be put on a CD and sent to George Paes. If you missed the meeting and don't want to send in your own entry, you have 2 choices. If you call Dick and bring your piece to him within a reasonable time, he might be able to include it with the group. The other choice is to take your own photos and e-mail the pictures to Bill Haskell and he will put the pictures on his CD. In either case you should contact Dick or Bill first because you also need to send them your application form and the \$10 per entry fee. For information and applications go to <http://californiacontours2006.homestead.com>

Ray Ford gave his presentation on surface decorations at the November meeting. Ray is a real artist with a great imagination and he presented many tips and ways of decorating the surface of your work. He talked about burning, carving, relief cutting, piercing, and a simple, but unique method of dimpling. Thanks Ray.

Reminder: sign up or renew your membership in the AAW before January 15 and receive free the "Fundamentals of Sharpening" video and a chance to win a Delta x5 full size model 911703

lathe besides the other advantages of being a member.

The December meeting is our holiday party. Please read the note from Cathy Pearman about the event. Friends and family are welcome and it is a lot of fun. There is always something in the auction for everybody and its just fun getting involved in the bidding for items.

At the last meeting the club agreed to send a roster to Woodworkers Supply, which will only be used to contact our membership with catalogs and discounts. They will give a 15% discount on all their products to all members on the roster.

With regret, we learned that Jim Blumenkranz passed away in September. He was a long time member of our Guild and will be missed by all of us.

PRESENTATION



Ray gave us a complete guide to turning and decoration. He began by asking why we turn, and then told us that he turns to make art from waste wood. He considers himself an artist because an artist creates and therefore there are no mistakes, just different ways of working with the wood. Ray makes sketches as he sees figures in clouds, on carpets, on TV. Currently he has over 80 drawings that he plans to use on his future turnings.

After this introduction, Ray talked about the inside of a bowl and how he uses pull cuts and gets into corners. Then he went on to discuss the outside and using chip carving, relief carving, burning, painting and piercing. And he showed examples of his beautiful artistic work.

Next came the subject of finishing. He shared his secret about using stain so that the inside grain is as evenly stained as the outside grain. He uses Deft spray which he sprays on thick and then wipes off instead of using sanding sealer. Then he uses 6 to 10 coats of lacquer.

Ray left us with a final thought: "Never put wood in the sun after the tree is down."

Thank you, Ray, for a very informative presentation!

Show and Tell Challenge



The judges for our challenge were Albert Ornelas and Steve Dunn.

After serious deliberation, they declared Joyce Burton the winner in the Novice Category and Pete Carta the winner in the Advanced Category. Congratulations!

Show and Tell

Don Comer showed a magnificent Viking chalice made of alabaster which will be in the California Contours Show. The stem and base are made of satine and it is absolutely perfect!



Don also showed his spiral-ribbed vase, made of cocobolo.

This piece will also be in the California Contours Show.

And Don turned a Christmas ornament, too. It was made of madrone burl, satine, ebony and holly. He had to make it in two pieces to hollow the inside. A lot of work went into this ornament and Jackie will be very proud to display it this Christmas season.



President Jim turned a beautiful natural edge bowl from a citrus tree. It smells great and

must have been fun to turn. Jim also showed three ornaments made of buckeye burl, the citrus tree and maple. One consisted of a little double globe, just perfect for a Christmas tree.

Bill Haskell has reached a new level with carved hollow vessels. This one has a design of pierced pebble forms and he used a raw umber wipe to make that area stand out even more. This beautiful piece of art will go in the California Contours Show.



Herb Harder turned a lidded bowl 15 years ago and it hasn't warped at all. It's made of quilted Honduras mahogany and the finish is perfect.



Herb also turned a lidded globe with a perfect round shape. It is made of camphor and smells wonderful inside!

Dick Lukes made two very unique ornaments. One had a reflective interior and the other was of clear acrylic (which, he said, necessitated quite a few cuss words to get it hollow). But it was worth the effort!



Dick also made a 20" tall white monolith. One side advances and the other side recedes because of the method he used to cut the grooves. Not only is it quite impressive, but also Dick said it was lots of fun to make.

Carey Caires made the cutest snowman ornament. He had great character with a wine glass in one hand and a cigar in the other. Carey named him the Life of the Party and she used holly, walnut, ebony and canary wood to make him.



Ed Hotchkin made a natural edge piece for the challenge a few months ago, but he didn't like it very much. So he created a better shape by modifying the base. Now it's very striking – a beautiful piece of work.

Ed also learned how to make a carved hollow form in Bill Haskell's class and he made a nice piece out of madrone wood. Bill is a good teacher!



Al Falck made a segmented vase and bowl. Actually the bowl was supposed to be a vase, but it became too thin and broke. Both pieces are very striking and the bowl looks like it

was designed just the way it turned out. Great work!

Pete Carta showed cowboy hats last month, but he wasn't happy with the stands he made for them. Now he's much happier and the hats are displayed perfectly.

Pete also made 3 Christmas Ornaments. The birdhouse won the challenge for the advanced category. The roof is removable so that Pete can tuck in a bit of money as a surprise. The other ornaments were an inside-out turning and a purple heart finial. All of them were beautifully done.

October Demonstration

The Bob DeVoe, Don Comer, and Pete Carta tool sharpening workshop as always was very helpful to many of us. Bob talked mostly about abrasive wheels and their preparation will Don and Pete talked about angles on different tool and different types of sharpening jigs. Talking was kept to a minimum because everyone there wanted hands-on experience and they had tools to sharpen. We owe a lot to Bob for the amount of work and time he puts into getting his shop ready for the workshop and then returning it back to normal. Thanks also go out to Don and Pete for their efforts and of course Jackie for making the coffee and preparing the snacks.



**Glendale Woodturners Guild
Will be presenting**



**James Santhon
For a Platter, Goblet & Candlestick
Demonstration**

**Saturday, January 14th, 2006
Crescenta Valley Regional Park
At the Recreation Center**

**The demonstration will start at 9:00am and end
about 1:00pm**

**James is a professional turner and furniture
maker. His craftsmanship and attention to
detail is unsurpassed. You will learn many tips
and techniques as James "dances with chisels"
A \$5.00 Donation is requested to attend this
event**

**The fee will be collected at the door.
Coffee and doughnuts will be provided (NO
Lunch)**

**For additional information or to register please
contact:**

**Jim O'Connor 818-352-0875 or
Pete Carta 626-576-8717**

2005 CALENDAR

Meetings:

December 11, Holiday Party and Auction

January 15, '06 Committee Selection

Presentation: Jim Givens

Finishing-panel discussion

Challenge: Best surface decoration

February 12, '06 Presentation: Bob Devoe –

Bandsaw features and blade
selection

Challenge: Pair of knitting needles

March 12, '06

April 9, '06

May 7, '06

June 11, '06

July 9, '06

August 13, '06

September 10, '06

October 8, '06

November 12, '06

December 10, '06

Demonstrations

Jan. 14, '06 James Santhon
Platters and Goblets

Feb. 4, '06 Alan Lacer
Skews, hook tools, and everything
related

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