



# Slightly *Skewed*

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**Next Meeting:** January 11, 2004 Sunday, 2:00 PM. Sharp at Crescenta Valley Regional Park Recreation Center.

**Activity:** Presentation: Finishing by Dan Hogan. New Member Survey.

**Challenge:** Turning to Fit in a Film Cartridge. See Page 2, Bottom for more information.

**Workshop:** Binh Pho Demo on February 7, the day before the next meeting. See Page 4.

**Brigantine Sails:** None scheduled.

**President's Column:** By Don Comer

This is the last President's Column I will be writing for the GWG newsletter so it seems like a good time to show appreciation for the support I received during the last two years. Although not every member was able to actively perform some Club function, your expressions of approval for the way the Club was operating and suggestions for improvements helped make my job more enjoyable and interesting. At the beginning of my first year as President I was warned of the quibbling and carping that would probably occur, but that never happened.

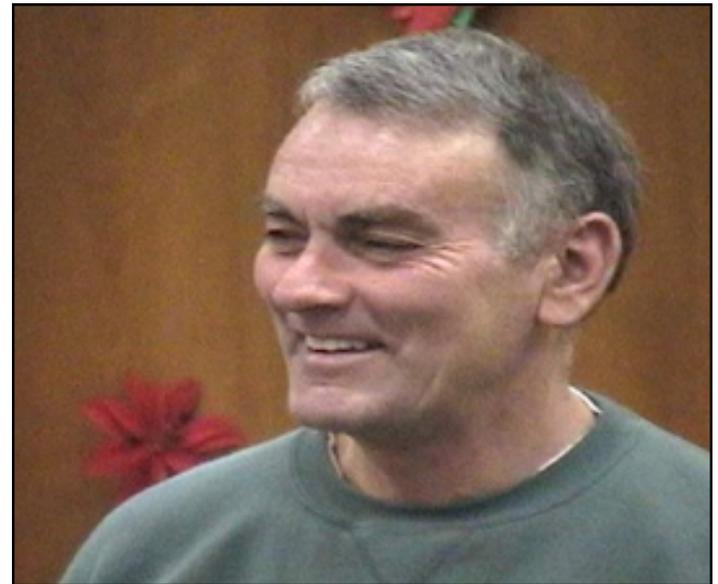
There were some rather passionate suggestions, however, but that just shows people really care. Thanks to everyone for showing such patience with my leadership. The job has been interesting, challenging, satisfying, surprising, and sometimes, even exhausting, but I've been proud to say that I was President of the Glendale Woodturners Guild.

Those of you who were at the December 14 Party can skip the rest of this article; what I'm going to say next is pretty much what I talked about in the meeting.

I once counted up some 19 members who donate significant amounts of time and energy to the Club. There's *Continued on Page 2.*

**Welcoming Message:** by Jim O'Connor

Don is writing the main President's Column this month, but I just wanted to offer some thanks to a few people and to wish all of the members I have not yet met a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New year. As many of you know, I am a mathematics teacher, not an English or Creative Writing professor so I hope in my early columns you'll cut me a bit of slack if I don't quite



*President Elect Jim O'Connor*

match Don's eloquence in print. With your forbearance, I'm hoping I'll get a little better with practice. I'm also hoping that this year will be an outstanding year for GWG although I realize that with our outstanding contribution to the AAW show this past summer, 2003 will be difficult to top. In next month's column I'll put forth some of my ideas for our club's continued growth and performance in the coming year. In the meantime...

At our Christmas party, Don and Jackie received a beautiful Mike Lee carving from the club for their time and dedication over the past two years. It was a gift they truly deserve and their leadership will be missed. Don's *Continued on Page 2.*

probably more than that now. I don't have space to name all of them, even if I could but I would like to mention some of the folks who made major contributions:

**Dan Hogan:** Vice-president and Activities Chairman. Dan and I worked closely on planning and implementing Club activities, but without Dan's initiative and original thinking our programs would not have been nearly as interesting and informative.

**Bob DeVoe:** Treasurer & Non-turning Woodturner. Bob doesn't turn much wood but he does nearly everything else the Club needs: including minding the money. I finally learned if we need some piece of equipment or something else done – ask Bob first. (He won't like me publicizing that.)

**Bill Nelson:** Librarian & Tee Shirt Procurement Officer. Bill has been extraordinarily reliable in seeing our Library is here and operating at each meeting. He also reluctantly took on the job, twice, of getting us GWG tee shirts. I don't think he'll do that again.

**Al Sobel:** Secretary. After 5 years as Newsletter Editor Al took on the job of Secretary: keeping attendance records and the Club roster and expediting production of the newsletter.

**Cheryl Schneiders:** Newsletter Editor. Even though Cheryl is very new to woodturning, she took on the daunting job of Newsletter Editor. She has shown a lot of originality and devotion to putting out a high quality newsletter.

**Jim O'Connor:** President Elect. Jim had enough courage and interest in the Club to accept a job when he probably had only a 10% understanding of what was entailed. His volunteering for the job was the breakthrough that led to Dan Hogan and the Asst. VPs; Carey Caires, Pete Carta and Bob Ulrich signing on for next year. Bill Noble volunteered to help the President with Internet and e-mail chores. I was worried about the Club's future without my sterling leadership but now I know I'm leaving it in good hands.

I also want to thank all of the many members who have labored diligently without official recognition: Carl Stude, much of a party. This was our main fund raising event of the year. It will help to pay the rent on the Park

facility as well as all the other Club expenses through the year.

And last, but far from least, here's a deep heartfelt thanks to the most important, unofficial officer of all: First Lady Jackie. Without her the Club functions would not have been nearly as pleasant as they were.

So it's "Goodbye" from the old President and "Hello" from a new fellow member. You'll be seeing a lot of Jackie and me; leaving the office doesn't mean we're leaving the Club.

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### *Welcoming Message:* (Continued)

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term in office went out with a bang because the Christmas party was a big success and Bill Kelly's humor made it easy for everyone to spend their money. I understand it was the largest intake ever for this event.

I would also like to thank all the other board members for volunteering for yet another year. Most of them have been on the board for as long as I can remember and we seem to take their efforts for granted after awhile. It has made me feel very comfortable taking over for Don because we are off to a smooth and fast start with little for me to do so far. Dan and his new assistants (Carrie, Peter, and Bob) have been working hard getting presenters for our Sunday meetings and Saturday demonstrations. They have also put together a survey that will help us in directing the club for the upcoming year. If you cannot make the meeting, please get a copy of the survey, put some thought into completing it, and get it to Dan.

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### *Upcoming Events*

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For our January meeting, the Challenge will be an item or items that will fit inside a standard 35mm film canister. You have to be able to get the lid onto the canister.

There are people among our membership who are expert at making small items, so this should be an interesting challenge. A puzzled Carey Caires was heard to say, "I have lots of turnings that will fit, but what do I do with all the extra space?"

Since we still have space in the upcoming Binh Pho demonstration, we are re-running the promo on Page 4.

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# *The Christmas Party in Technicolor!*



*Photos by Don Comer and Cheryl Schneiders*

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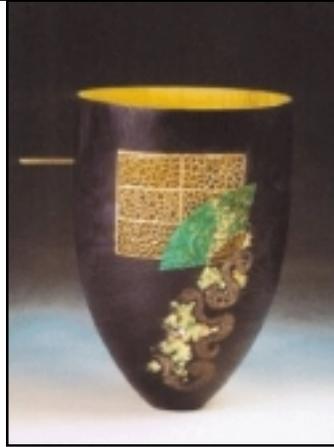
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### The Binh Pho Demonstration

The first demonstration for 2004 will be by Binh Pho on Saturday, February 7. Because of the likelihood of cold weather, we will be holding it inside the Crescenta Valley Park building. The Sleepy Hollow Woodcarvers have agreed to share the room with us so a little bit of cooperation may be in order. But, at least we won't have that cold, icy wind blowing over the fence on us.

Binh plans a long day for us that will include turning, piercing and coloring of his signature hollow vessels. He has some techniques for turning very thin walled (one sixteenth inch) hollow vessels that are unusual and may be useful to those of us who have the nerve to try turning a vessel approaching that wall thickness. He will show us how he decorates his vessels by painting a colorful scene and emphasizing it with a delicately carved filigree pattern. He uses masking and airbrushing to do the painting and carves the filigree by piercing the vessel wall with a very high-speed carving tool. I'm sure we all will have an interesting, informative day.

By the way, lunch will be served. Jackie says that even though she won't be First Lady anymore, she will still be "Chief cook and bottle washer" for this demo.



### The Work of Binh Pho

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### Tentative Meeting Calendar for 2004

#### Meetings:

1/11/04	7/11/04
2/8/04	8/8/04
3/14/04	9/12/04
4/18/04	10/10/04
5/16/04	11/14/04
6/13/04	12/12/04

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### *GWG Mentors List*

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#### Goblet Rings & Spiral Work:

Bill Kelly - (310) 541-1144

#### Hollow Vessels:

Bill Haskell, Placentia - (714) 528-4783

#### Kaleidoscopes:

Bob Coleberd - (818) 368-3525

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Pens: Wes Hall, Palmdale - (661) 947-9326

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