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NEXT MEETING

January



Sunday January 14th, 2001
2:00 p.m. Sharp
Crescenta Valley Regional Park
Recreation Center
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Presentation

There will be no formal Presentation at the January 14th meeting. After the business portion of the meeting, **Cal Elshoff** will conduct a brief discussion of what activities the club would like to get involved in this year. He has received a lot of suggestions via e-mail, but those of you that don't indulge in e-mail will have a chance to register your desires at the meeting. So be there and be ready to speak up with your ideas of what you would like to see the club do. He promises he will try to accommodate everybody. He also says he will need a lot of help, so be ready to step up to the plate when we need demonstrators or presenters. After the activities discussion, there will be a "Shop Tips and Techniques" session by all the members. Bring in your favorite shop-built tool or jig. Tell us about some clever way you solved a problem common to turning. Do you have a finishing tip to make life easier? How about sharpening? Sanding? Please keep your descriptions short, we'd like to give everyone a chance to speak if they'd like to. Be sure

to attend. We've had this type of meeting before and they've been very informative. □

LAST MEETING

Bill Haskell conducted a very brief meeting with a few announcements. He asked us to remember to bring our survey forms to the January meeting so we can plan next year's program. He would like an ongoing listing in the newsletters of wood turning events and seminars. He also asked us to get our thinking caps on for an idea for a chapter collaboration next year. **Bill** then adjourned the meeting and we started to party. All kinds of goodies were ravenously consumed and we had a very nice social time.

A note of gratitude to **The Crew** who put on the refreshments, as well as everyone who brought food. **The Crew** brought all kinds of things (tablecloths, serving items, punch bowls, etc.) and worked real hard to make the affair really special.

After the break we held our annual white elephant auction. It was a rousing success, lots of fun

Hats off
and a **big thanks** to our auctioneer **John Butler**, who served with distinction. It's sure nice to see him in action and improved health again. □



SHOW AND TELL

Tabled so we would have time to party. □

Steve D'Arc Demo Report

Steve D'Arc graciously devoted part of his time visiting here in Southern California to giving us a demonstration on turning lidded boxes. Lidded boxes are one of **Steve's** specialties and he has developed many special tools and techniques to expedite the process.

Steve drew pictures and carefully described the special tools he uses and then showed us their application. He turned a small **Stude** wood box complete with his patented finish. (Hint: Don't put use his "I can't Believe It's Not Butter" for your morning toast). After the break, he turned a larger box of myrtle wood, inserting an inlay of contrasting wood with a black epoxy ring around the inlay.

We had a small problem since the facility was closed; I'm guessing because of the Thanksgiving Holidays. However, everyone was incredibly patient and we stood around without enough chairs or any tables to lay out **Steve's** tools and sample boxes he brought to show us. I had to leave early, but the people I spoke to afterward were very impressed with **Steve's** skill, both as a turner and in explaining and showing how he does it. We owe him a hearty "Thanks" for his contribution to the club.

Don Comer



HOW TO FIND US

Year 2001 Meeting Schedule

For our first meeting in January, **Bill Haskell** has scheduled Jill Conner, Art Director of the Glendale Band Library and Gallery to speak to us on the "Birthday Party, An Installation" exhibit with our Glendale club participating. You may recall **Bill's** remarks at the November meeting as well as his @Home Network message outlining the collaboration of top internationally known wood artists who will present items made to simulate those things found in a "birthday party". Additionally, **Damon Siples** and **Bill Haskell**, among others, will add their pieces. The actual event will take place March 3 through May 24, 2001.

"Shop Tips" will be the program at this meeting. I solicit as many as possible to come prepared with ideas you practice that have helped in your wood turning, and wood working efforts as well, that others

might use. I asked **William Hunter** at a del Mano Gallery show how he sanded the "fingered" open vase turnings he does and he readily told me "I do as much as possible with a Contour Sanding Wheel on a hand drill, saves lots of time and is easy on the fingers". These are the things I'm asking for. Nothing is too insignificant to tell.

As for programs for the meetings to follow this year, I plan to seek out people to give demonstrations or present specific topics of tool use, finishes, etc. The Show and Tell table tells much about our skills. We have an abundance of talent in this club. Many who have not participated to date but have great turning skills should give thought to this matter. I've not done one but plan to build courage and expertise to do some. Most of you can also. Club and international professional turning demonstrations will be scheduled soon. **Art Fitzpatrick** has contacted me about his friend **Guilio Marcolongo** of Australia for April 28. We'll have some prior to this. Generally, we'll shoot for having demos two Saturdays after our monthly meeting which is more conducive to the reliable **Steve Dunn's** schedule for getting the lathe to these events.

We can make 2001 a banner year to follow the exemplary job that **Bill** and **Don Comer** have done. I call **Don** a "still water runs deep" person, "quietly humble", but oh-so-sharp and a darn good turner. I ask your support to help make the new year as good or better than the last. I'll be learning as well.

Finally I am including the survey items that **Don** published last year outlining presentations, challenges and demonstrations to be discussed at the January meeting. So please bring this survey to the meeting with your suggestions noted. Thank You.

Cal Elshoff

Glendale Woodturners Guild 2001 Program Interest Survey

Presentations: (Choose six by circling the number. Write in additional ideas at bottom of page.)

1. Tool basics – Two demos; spindle and faceplate
2. Vacuum chucks – design and use
3. Design considerations
4. Surface decoration – carving
5. Surface decoration – coloring
6. Surface decoration – pyrographic (wood burning)
7. Local wood harvesting
8. Turning characteristics of local woods
9. Good design principals
10. Finishing and polishing
11. Gallery Critique

12. Green wood turning
13. Hollowing – tools and technique
14. Super glue finish
15. Sharpening tools
16. Turning chisels – types and use
17. Wall thickness measuring

Challenges: (Choose six and/or write other ideas at bottom of page)

1. Alternative materials
2. Bottle stopper
3. Candle holder
4. Christmas ornament
5. Goblet
6. Any handled item
7. Hollow vessel
8. Lidded container
9. Miniatures
10. Multi-center turning
11. Natural edge vessel
12. Plate/platter
13. Round ball
14. Round ball contest
(to see which one rolls straightest)
15. Segmented piece
16. Square edge bowl or vessel
17. Surface decoration
18. Weed pot
19. Yo-yo
20. Pen

Demonstrations: (Saturday mornings, 2 to 4 hours. Indicate all you will be likely to attend)

1. Hollow vessel
2. Lidded vessel
3. Square edge bowl
4. Basic tool use – Spindle
5. Basic tool use – Faceplate
6. Twisted (Spiral) turning
7. Surface decoration – Hand carving
8. Surface decoration – Pyrographics
9. Surface decoration – Coloring
10. Ornamental turning –(Chino Hills, restricted attendance)
11. Round ball
12. Hollow Christmas ornament
13. Goblet

Note: The above demos will be by GWG members. Professional demos will be on a "catch as catch can" basis.

2001 CALENDAR

The full year calendar for 2001 will be reported in the February Newsletter after the planing is

completed at the January meeting. Don't forget to submit your survey form choices. □



I would like to thank all our members for their enthusiasm and support during the past three years I have been President of the Glendale Woodturners Guild. Over those three years, we have had some exciting times and projects that provide wonderful memories, as well as a group of people that are willing, generous, and fun to be around. It truly is a rewarding pleasure to be a part of this fantastic array of woodturners and craftsman that range from the beginner to the accomplished. A special thank you for the gift that was given to me by the chapter as outgoing President, a beautiful Fenten glass piece. It will be a cherished reminder of our group.

Bill Haskell

SUNDAY MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

Feb.	11	GWG Meeting
Mar.	11	GWG Meeting
Apr.	8	GWG Meeting
May.	6	GWG Meeting
Jun.	3	GWG Meeting
Jul.	8	GWG Meeting
Aug.	12	GWG Meeting
Sept.	9	GWG Meeting
Oct.	14	GWG Meeting
Nov.	11	GWG Meeting
Dec.	9	GWG Meeting

President's Column

Pete Carta is saddened, as we are, to inform us that he will not be able to assume the presidency of the Glendale Woodturners Guild for the 2001 year. As a result, we will need to look for and find another member who is able and willing to take on this responsibility.

At our January meeting, we will attempt to find and select a new president. I encourage everyone to give this matter some thought, as well some action. Talk to other members. If you want to recommend or nominate someone you think will do a good job in that position, make sure to obtain that person's consent before making any nomination. I'm sure we have a number of people in our membership who have the ability and the GWG experience to do a fine job as President of our group. We just have to find that person.

Our Holiday Meeting was an outstanding success. What wonderful food and drink. Thanks to the women who organized the wonderful table spreads, and to all who brought in the delicious food items.

It was so good to see and talk to so many wives and family members at this affair. Our auction was again a fantastic success. We raised \$1,801, which will pay our facility use fee and help with operating expenses in the coming year. **John Butler** again did a super job in running our auction. He suffered from a cold, but braved the situation through in yeomen fashion. We gave **John** a thank you gift for his special contribution. We also gave a gift and our heart-felt thanks to **Steve Dunn** for all he does in hauling our club lathe around and donating wood, and to **Oscar Harris**, the friendly county person who goes out of his way to assist us and help set up at every meeting.

Bill Haskell

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Bud Budworth, Roy Glickman,
Steph Walther, and Shuji Kashiwabara,
We're glad to have you aboard! □**

**Please don't forget this
newsletter with it's
survey form! We're
counting on you!**