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## NEXT MEETING

### January



**Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2000**  
**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 9 meeting. After the business portion of the meeting, Don Comer 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. Don 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 **Cathy Pearman, Linda Hovenden, Pete Carta** and **Bob Barnes** who put on the refreshments, as well as everyone who brought food. **Cathy** brought all kinds of things (tablecloths, serving items, punch bowls, etc.) and worked real hard to make the affair really special.

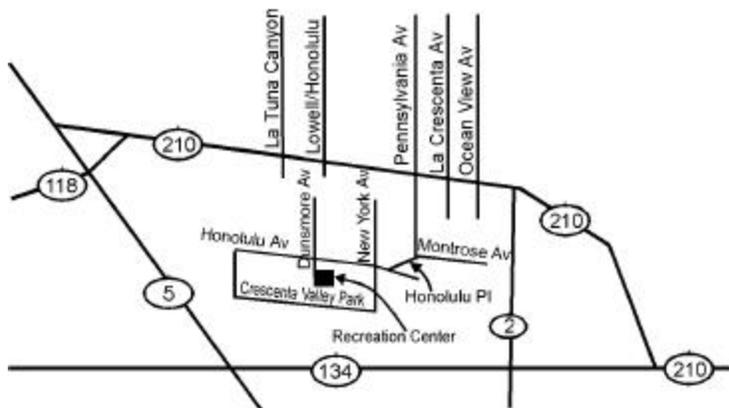
After the break we held our annual white elephant auction. It was a rousing success, lots of fun and **Bob Devoe** reported that we raised \$1,985. **almost double last year** more than last year. Hats off and a **big thanks** to our auctioneer **John Butler**, who served with distinction. It's sure nice to see him in improved health again. □

## SHOW AND TELL

**Tabled so we would have time to party. □**

# HOW TO FIND US

Crescenta Valley Regional Park  
Recreation Center  
Dunsmore & Honolulu, La Crescenta



Thomas Guide 534-E-1

## Year 2000 Meeting Schedule

President **Bill Haskell** has sent in the following dates to the LA County for our 2000 monthly meetings: Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 7, June 4, July 9, Aug 13, Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, DEC 10. So mark your calendar to reserve those dates. The only Presentation subject I have been able to nail down so far is the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will have a group discussion of Shop Tips. What clever techniques, shop made tools or jigs have you invented or discovered? Don't be shy, the last time we did this we were practically overwhelmed with good ideas and we all learned a lot of useful things. We'd like to keep the ideas fairly simple though, so we can give everyone a chance to talk. The subject of the meetings for the rest of the schedule is still up in the air. We'll try to end the suspense and surprise you all as soon as possible. We are proposing a Saturday demo for March 25. It will be a combination demo. Some of the guys have volunteered to bring in their miniature lathes (they're not that small). We will have two lathes and Spindle and Faceplate techniques demos going on at the same time. Hopefully all attendees will have a chance for a couple of minutes trying each technique covered. If not, and there is enough demand, we can have a follow-on session later. This letter also includes a survey trying to determine what subjects you would like us to discuss and/or demo this year.

I'd like to spend a few minutes discuss the survey at the Jan 9 meeting. So bring the survey to the meeting and you can hand it in or change it after you have had a chance to ask question or make suggestions. Keep the suggestions and questions coming. I can use all the help I can get.

**Don Comer**

## Glendale Woodturners Guild 2000 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.

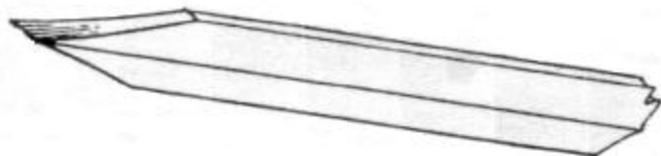
## 2000 CALENDAR

**The full year calendar for 2000 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. □**

### SUNDAY MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

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| Feb. 13  | GWG Meeting |
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## President's Column

What a wonderful holiday affair we had at our December meeting. A great turnout, fantastic food and drink and lots of holiday spirit. It was good to see so many wives and family join in. And, what an outstanding auction we had with **John Butler** as the auctioneer. Would you believe we raised **\$1,985.00** for the new year's program, nearly double what we took in in previous years. Thanks **John!** I think part of our success was due to the fine turned items donated by our visiting demonstrators and Scottish visitor. The fact that we had woodturning tools and aids also helped achieve this outcome.

The **Collaboration Project** committee's choice for a 2000 undertaking is exciting. It has a tremendous amount of potential – be looking forward to the opportunity where you can offer to participate. We will need a project leader and a good number of turners, including some who can do small brass turning.

Our Vice President, Don Comer, is putting the program for the new year together and we look forward to it. The presentations, challenges, and workshops inherent in this program, however, will require input and involvement from many of our members. Look for some place where **YOU** can help make this program a real success.

Some of us got a special treat for the holidays. Five of our members acquired an Oneway Lathe – the shipment came in a few days before Christmas. With lathes of this quality, there ought to be some remarkable turnings come off these machines.

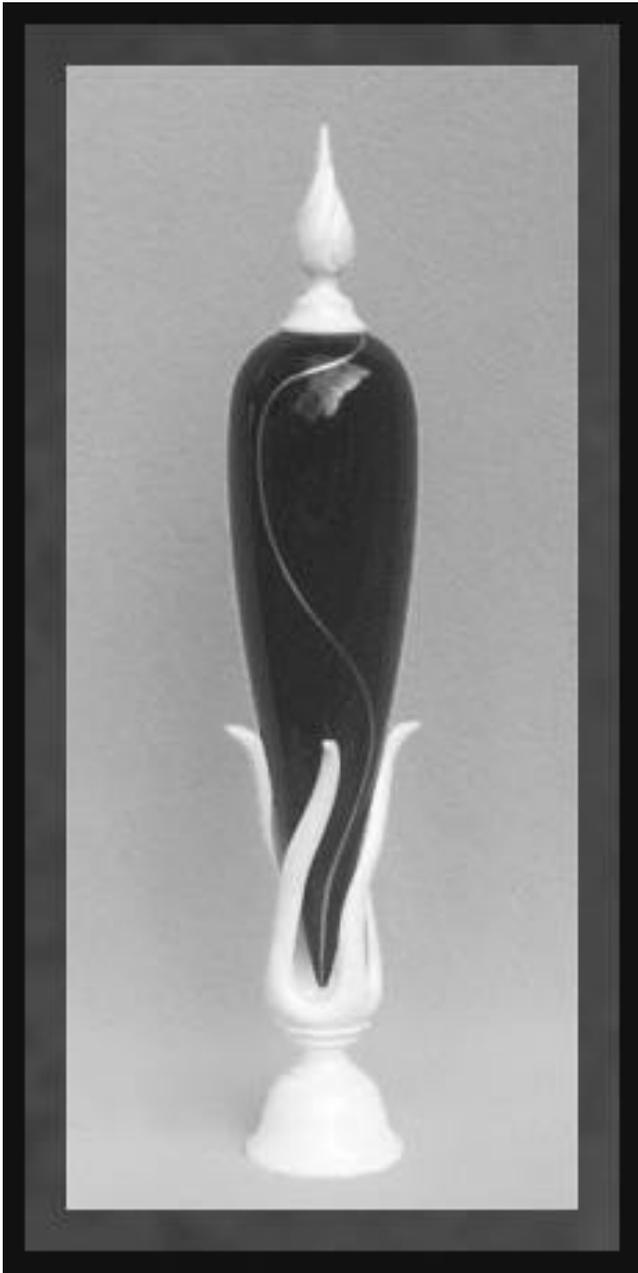
**Bill Haskell**



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dan Lord Robert Ulrich Tony Pivrotto  
Barbara & Howard Eyerly

We're glad to have you aboard! □



## The Incredible Work of Don Comer

This hollow vessel is made of cocobolo with a copper wire inlay. The base and finial are made of bleached maple. It is 14 1/2 inches high and 2 3/4 inches in diameter. This piece is in the collection of **Dr. Irving Lipton**.



This woodturning consists of a hollow vessel made of ebony with a silver wire inlay. The base and finial are made of bleached maple. It is 14 1/2 inches high and 2 3/4 inches in diameter. It won a first place award in the **Design In Wood Show at the 1999 Del Mar Fair** and is currently in the permanent collection at the **LA County Museum of Art**.

## A Closing Thought

Strange is our situation here upon earth. Each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to devise a purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we know: That man is here for the sake of other men...Above all, for those upon whose smile and well-being our own happiness depends, and also for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected by a bond of sympathy. Many times a day I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labors of my fellow men, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received.

*Albert Einstein*

**Please don't forget your survey form! Don Comer is counting on you!**

See you next meeting in year

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**Al Sobel, editor**

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