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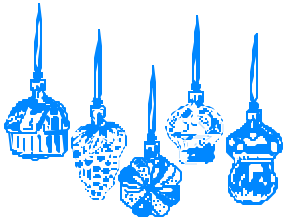
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NEXT MEETING

December



Sunday December 10th 2000
2:00 p.m. Sharp
Crescenta Valley Regional Park
Recreation Center
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Holiday Party

Don't miss our
GWG Holiday Party where
camaraderie and goodies
abound □



LAST MEETING

Bill Haskell conducted the meeting. He asked all first time visitors to introduce themselves and tell where they are from, they're turning experience and what kind of lathe they had.

We held our elections and **Pete Carta** is our new President, **Cal Elshoff** Vice President, and **Linda Emery** our secretary. **Al Sobel** remains editor, **Bill Nelson** remains librarian, **John Tarpley** and crew will continue posting the newsletter, **Bob Stumbo** joins our fine hospitality group, all of whom will continue serving with **Ken Pazera** doing coffee and **Ralph Otte** continues as scrounger, **Bob Devoe** continues as treasurer and he and **John Meyer** will conduct the raffle. A fine slate of officers and volunteers willing to serve to keep our great organization going.

Bill Kelly spoke on his method to create a future collaboration project. **Bill Haskell** did a great job on the chucking presentation and he passed out a very good tip sheet. It was very informative. Thanks, **Bill**.

Art Fitzpatrick and **Tex Isham** were our selected judges for the Christmas ornament challenge. They had a tough job as there were many fine entries. **Curt Thompson** won first place and **Don Comer** a very very close second. Both received gift certificates donated by our friends at **Craft Supplies**.

John Tarpley reminded us to bring any **Christmas Toys** we can make and or donate to the next meeting. He will collect them and get them to the right place and at the right time. His **Canejo Valley Woodworkers** group is involved in that project each year and they appreciate our support. Thanks, **John**.

SHOW AND TELL

Bill Haskell showed his plate bowl "Half and Half": half maple and half walnut Stude wood with black fish paper and black ebony inserts. A beautiful and unique design. He also had a canted fountain plate with pierced carved pebble pattern of purpleheart, and a hollow vessel from a Brigantine rib cutoff of laminated white oak with purpleheart band. Wonderful.

Amos Thompson brought his Christmas ornaments of olive, oak, purpleheart and lignum vitae finished in Deft. He also displayed a pepper mill of Purpleheart. Great job.

Curtis Thompson had a beautiful group of Christmas ornaments displayed on a Kellogg oak tree branch. He used purpleheart, maple, carob, wild cherry, cocobolo, pink ivory, and ebony. All were finished in lacquer. Incredible work.

Don Comer showed his Christmas ornaments of chacte kok, ebony, holly, maple, and ebony. Four footed bowls with bleached purpleheart decoration and a four footed bowl of quilted maple all with lacquer finish. Really great pieces.

Bob Stone had a nice bowl of burl wood.

Linda Emery brought various Christmas ornaments of purpleheart, buckeye burl, maple burl and tulipwood. Terrific work.

Pete Carta had 3 Christmas ornaments. One was a snowman 3" high of maple, a birdhouse of maple and walnut topped with chatter work shingles and an icicle with a single barley twist. He also showed an open bowl 6" high of cherry burl. Beautiful.

Ray Ford showed a locust box, a natural edge bowl, and a square walnut bowl. Very nice.

Bill Kelly had 2 hollow vessels of white oak and purpleheart. 2 spiral stem goblets of coubril and purpleheart, beautiful cocobolo belaying pins and big foot goblet of myrtle. A fine group of work.

Carey Caires had 4 miniature Christmas ornaments, one tree snowman and two miniature finial ornaments. Great sturff

Bill Nelson showed a handsome manger scene obtained in Germany.

Ed Hotckin had three fine carob pieces, 2 nice trays, one with a burned edge and one dyed blue and a bowl from the carob crotch.

Carl Stude, back on track with a maple bird house with exit hole in the back that had a nest of human hair, 6 birch eggs 1/8 diameter with a black walnut roof. Very nice.

Soren Berger Demo Report

Soren Berger, a woodturner from New Zealand, gave us a very fine demonstration on Saturday, October 28. In my opinion, it was one of the most instructive demos we have ever had. The day was overcast and it was dark under the canopy where we usually meet, so we moved inside the building. The Carving Club set up their tables in the front of the room and we set our lathe in the middle with **Soren** facing the rear. Because

Soren was speaking to a large group, he had to speak loudly. As a consequence, the carvers turned up the volume on their conversations. **Soren** had to speak louder. **Bob Devoe** went for our PA system. This was an arms race we did not want to get engaged in. Fortunately, the weather had lightened and we moved back outside onto the patio. This time, setting up in front of the canopy. **Soren** said it was the best lighting he had ever had. Unless it's snowing, I guess we are stuck with staying outside. Bring your coats and wear your long johns for the **Steve D'Arc** Lidded Boxes demo. What ever he was doing, **Soren** spent an unusually long time explaining the techniques he was using. I think this is the hallmark of a good instructor. He started out by making a kitchen canister for sugar, flour, or other items. We usually think of canisters as having to be made of glass, metal or plastic, but he says that wood serves just as well and looks better in the home of a woodturner. I agree. Next, he made a salad bowl from wood donated by **Steve Dunn**. He showed us techniques he uses to make turning of bowls stress free. Stress free for the turner that is, not the wood. I just hope I can remember all the tips he gave us. Then he showed us how to make a round ball. I just knew he was going to make me look foolish, but I had to approve of how he went about it. I especially liked his trick of turning a ring to use to check for roundness. Much better than the cardboard template some folks I know use. Last of all he turned a "scoop." To us Americans it is more like a cute little ladle. It's an exciting project. First you turn a round ball with a handle on it. Then you hollow out the ball with the handle flailing around while only a jam chuck holds it in. It really is a charming little turning. I'm still trying to work up enough courage to try one. The finished scoop, made of chacte kok, will be auctioned off at the December party (along with other items made by other professional turners at our demos).

I really think these demonstrations, by both professionals and club members, are a valuable way to increase our turning skills. Be sure to attend every one you can.

Don Comer





Year End Meeting

At our year-end December meeting, we will again forego our usual format. We will celebrate the holiday season with Christmas refreshments and good cheer. Bring some finger food (confection, desert, or delightful food item) and we'll socialize and celebrate the season together. Also, we love to have family and friends to help us celebrate, so bring them along.

The highlight of the meeting will be our fund-raising auction. The proceeds from the auction go to cover the rental costs for our meeting facility and other operating expenses in the coming year. Because the GWG charges no dues, we need to

raise funds and this auction is our major source for generating operating income.

Be saving up for this event - Bring something for the auction like extra tools, an item you have made, supplier contributions, or anything else. Turned Items made by some of our visiting demonstrators will also be in the auction. John Butler, who has done a fabulous job in the past as our auctioneer, will again conduct this auction.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bill Ebin, Stephen Small, Milt Rosenberg, and returning to active, George Irwin.

We're glad to have you aboard! ☐

President's Column

Our November meeting was a well-attended session with a lot of enthusiasm; the sharing of beautiful Christmas ornaments; and the selection of a fine staff of officers and volunteers for next year.

As I look back over the past three years that I have been president, there are so many wonderful memories. The various shows and exhibits we have put together come to mind, as well as getting to know some of the foreign demonstrators, and of course our Scottish woodturning visitor. There are also the fantastic efforts and results our group worked so hard to accomplish with our collaborative projects on our lathe and steam fire engine model. They were truly extraordinary adventures. However, the one memory that is the most indelible is the people – those woodturning nuts, always willing to share time, information, wood, tools, techniques and help. They are also fun-loving, enthusiastic, and so many are more than willing to help out in all the various ways it takes to make our activities enjoyable and function smoothly.

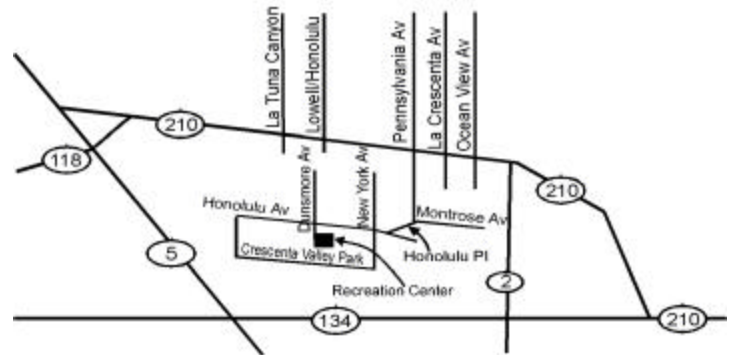
I'll still be around and involved in Glendale Woodturning Guild activities and I know that the future will continue to be just as exciting, probably more so. Thanks to each one of you for your support and enthusiasm and keep it up.

Bill Haskell



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HOW TO FIND US ON THE INTERNET

- (1) At our Web page <http://www.woodturners.org>, and
- (2) An e-mail List for Q&A and Information exchange within GWG at (turnings-subscribe@onelist.com). If you have any questions please e-mail Harry Chittick at newspro@att.net or call him at 818-789-5290 evenings .

How's this for a year-end closer

Dear Santa,

You must be hungry from delivering all your packages. So I made some cookies just for you. There are maple wood sugar cookies, chocolate myrtle wood haystacks, chocolate drops, zebra wood stripped cookies, frosted maple wood delight cookies, maple wood burl sandwich cookies, and maple wood oatmeal cookies with chocolate drops. Sure hope you like maple.

I have been good this year. I am hoping you brought a set of **Jerry Glaser** tools for me. If that made your sack too heavy, maybe you put in a gift certificate from **Craft Supplies** or maybe you'll surprise me,

Love,

Your Favorite Woodturner,

Linda Emery.

See you next meeting



Al Sobel, editor

