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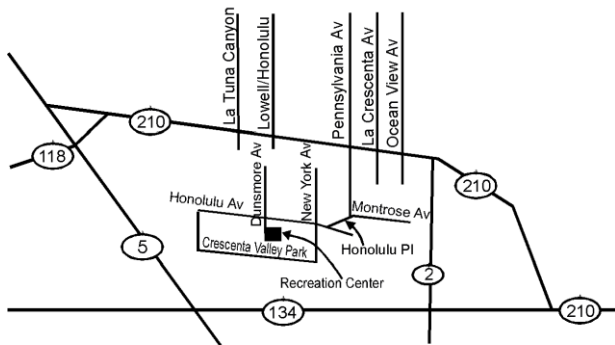
### NEXT MEETING

*September 13, 2015*

Sunday September 13, 2015  
2:00 p.m. Sharp

### HOW TO FIND US

Crescenta Valley Regional Park  
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Thomas Guide 534-E-1

### SUNDAY MEETING

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

September 13, 2015

Challenge: **Plates, Platters & Saucers**

Presentation: **Sharpening- Bill Loitz**

### President's Message

I was very excited when I got home from our last meeting. What a great response to the Beads of Courage challenge! It made me feel proud to be a member of the GWG. Your combined efforts on this very noble project will make a difference in 36 families' lives as they face a difficult time. I was impressed with the variety of boxes that were turned in and I know that every one of them will be appreciated and make a difference in the recipient's life. In addition to the great response, we had 4 new members show up for their first meeting.



I am starting to become concerned about the apathy regarding a replacement for **Amy** as our Newsletter Editor. I wonder if everyone is just sitting back hoping that someone else will step up and offer to take over or is it a case of nobody really recognizing the value of the Newsletter? As I was thinking about this the other day, I recalled what **Betty Scarpino** said over dinner when she was here for her demo. We were talking about how difficult it is to get people to volunteer to help with the Guild and how most of the work is always done by the same few people. She told me to remember that most people come to the meetings and demos to be entertained, to which I added that it also helps if we serve donuts. I understand exactly what she said, but still hope that it is not totally true. Maybe I am a little out of touch with

reality but I still hope to get a phone call from someone who wants to help.

Think about what the GWG means to you, if you find that you value the Guild, step up and help maintain it; or better yet, do something to improve it. Stay cool and keep turning. **Bill**

## CHALLENGE

We had a huge turnout for the challenge of Beads of Courage boxes. There were no separate categories or gift certificates awarded this time. They were all winners! So I will just present each box as it was placed on the display table. We lead off with **Earleen Ahrens** and her

“Minion Box”. It was hand painted and finished with acrylic.



Next was **Thomas Cassidy** and his Beech and Walnut box. It was finished with Maloof oil.



**John Janssen** had three boxes made from mystery wood, John gave his boxes to President Bill Loitz to bring in so there was no wood or finish information available.



**Steve Auer** brought in a box turned from figured Maple with an Ironwood lid. It was finished with friction polish.



**Mike Toth** brought in box turned from Norfolk Island Pine and finished with Tung oil and wax.



**Craig Sobel** brought in a box turned from wood that was purchased at the auction we had at Don Comer's home. It appears to be Canarywood with a Maple lid.

**Henry Koch** brought in a box turned from Eucalyptus with a Mahogany lid. It was finished with *Wood Turners Bowl Finish*. He also had a Melaleuca box finished with Acrylic spray.





**Carey Caires** turned a box with a base out of figured Maple. The finial was Dymondwood and it was finished with Walnut oil.



Vice President **Steve Cassidy** brought in a box turned from Maple and Walnut. It was finished with *Briwax*.



President **Bill Loitz** brought in three boxes turned from Beech a Walnut. It was finished with poly oil.



**Pete Carta** brought in a box turned from Ash and finished with oil.



**James Hurst** brought in a box turned from Ash with a Wenge lid and a metal drawer pull as a finial. It was finished with *Behlens Woodturners Finish* and then buffed.

**Bob Clark** brought in a segmented box turned from Maple with green inserts.



**Dave Hergesheimer** brought in three segmented boxes turned out of Maple and Walnut. His finials were a toy train and toy cars.



**Lou Hansen** brought in three segmented boxes turned from Purpleheart, Maple, Sycamore, Bloodwood, Yellowheart and Walnut. They all had Buckeye finials and a lacquer finish.



**Nick Tuzzolino** showed off his wood working skills this time instead of wood turning skills. These boxes were made from Maple with Purpleheart lids, Ebony finials and Padouk keys.



We finished up with **Floyd Pedersen** who takes the unofficial prize for the most turned Beads of Courage boxes. He turned ten segmented boxes of various woods finished with shellac.

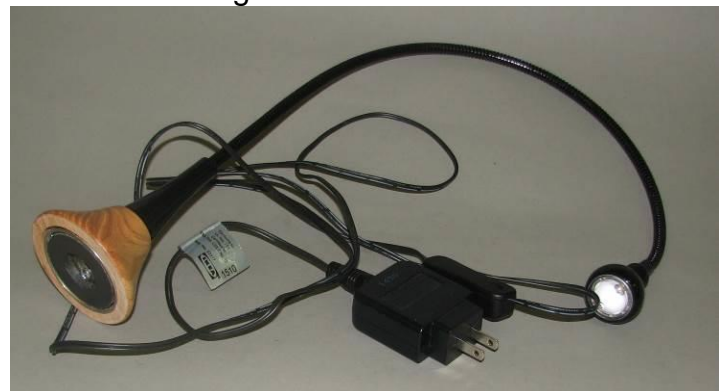


## SHOW AND TELL

There were a few items in the show and tell again this month. We started off with **Bob Clark** and his Turtle platter turned out of Mahogany.



**Bob** also showed off his inexpensive shop lights. Plans were sent out by email to guild members after the meeting.





**Pete Carta** brought in hollow form turned out of Ash without a finish yet.



**Mike Toth** brought in an unfinished bowl turned out of Catalina Cherry.



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## 2015 CALENDAR

Meetings:

October 11

November 8

December 13

## 2015 CHALLENGES

October- Spinning Tops

November- Surface Decoration

## PRESENTATION

**John Fisher** gave us presentation on making and using long lamp augers. He explained that these tools cut with the edge not the center. There are several sources for readymade ones. Craft Supply has one for about \$63. Packard has one for about \$68. According to **John** you



can get an unhandled one for about \$15 and then use your Vicegrips to hold on to it. The key to boring out the hole is low speed and clearing out the chips frequently. **John** had several examples of augers both bought and made by himself that he offered to members to try. We look forward to hearing about their results.

## Finishing Thoughts

Welcome to new members **Steve Potter, Chuck Ortiz** and **Kim Acuna**.

If you need sharpening service for your saw blades or a replacement bandsaw blade several of our members recommend L.A. Grinding in Burbank at 305 N. Victory Blvd. Their # is 818-846-9134 see Alberto Roman at the counter.

If you want a unique way to sign your work look up Signature Medallions at:

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