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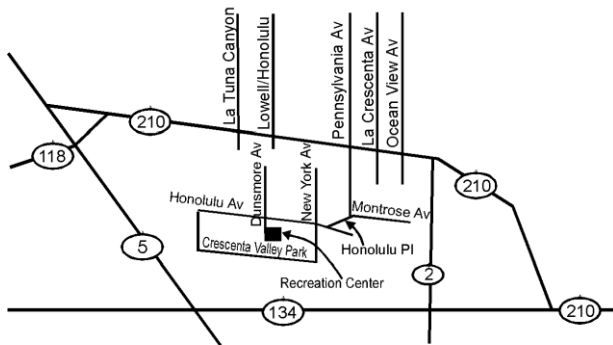
NEXT MEETING

November 9, 2014

Sunday November 9, 2014
2:00 p.m. Sharp

HOW TO FIND US

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Recreation Center
Dunsmore & Honolulu, La Crescenta



Thomas Guide 534-E-1

SUNDAY MEETING

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

November 9, 2014

Challenge: Holiday Ornaments & Gift Boxes

Presentation: Laminated Spiral Bowl-Craig Sobel

President's Message

We had a large number of round balls for the competition this past meeting. It is great to see so many members participating in the challenges. I am sure that everyone improved their turning skills while making their ball. It was interesting to see how well the smaller diameter balls faired. It seems that the larger, heavier balls tended to be out of balance which made them roll in real nice curves. In the end everyone had a great time.

I hope to see a great number of Holiday Ornaments and Gift Boxes at the next meeting. This is a great way to share your love of woodturning with friends and family. I know that my family always enjoys the ornaments that I have sent to them. Once you finish your Holiday Ornaments be sure to start on a piece of any kind that you would be willing to donate to the Holiday Party and Auction to help fund all the things that the GWG does for you, our members.

At our November meeting I will be passing around a list of possible challenges for next year. If you have any ideas for challenges that you would like to see next year, email me at president@woodturners.org and I will add it to the list. Also at our next meeting we will be voting in all the new members of our board. We are still looking for some people to fill key spots. Having a successful Guild requires more than lots of talented members, which we certainly have; it also requires that Members are willing to step up and give a little back to the Guild.

Think about helping out between now and our next meeting. Until then enjoy the nice fall weather and be safe.

Bill

CHALLENGE

This month's challenge was balls or spheres. We had lots of entries in all categories. The contest pits members against each other without categories. We roll a cue ball down the ramp as a target ball and where it crosses the finish line becomes the target for all others. All spheres get a run at the target and then the closest four run a second time for prizes. This year the winners were **Jim O'Connor**, **Steve Cassidy** and **Robin Brown**.

Mike Toth brought in a sphere turned out of Pittosporum and finished with Danish oil.



Ron Shaffer brought in a sphere turned out of Walnut and finished with his Beal Buff.



Matt Castro had a segmented sphere turned from Poplar and Cedar with a polyurethane finish.



Jeremy LeMosler had a sphere turned from Maple with a wax finish.



Susan Libicki had a sphere turned from hard Maple with no finish.



Kate Sutherland entered a nice sphere that was turned from Ash with a little bit of an oil finish.



Thomas Cassidy had a "sort of" round ball turned out of mystery wood, perhaps Cocobolo. It was finished with carnauba wax.



John Janssen brought in two spheres turned out of Maple. Both were finished with wax and Minwax Polycrylic.



Steve Cassidy brought in a sphere turned out of Silver Maple and finished with friction polish.



Henry Koch brought a small sphere turned out of mystery wood. It was finished with Butcher block oil.



Robin Brown brought in a pair of spheres. The first was turned from figured Maple and the other of Walnut. They were finished with Tung oil.



Bill Loitz had a sphere turned out of wood that he described as “dark and hard”. It was finished with wax.



Pete Carta brought in a sphere turned out of Osage Orange and finished with wax. He chose to keep it under wraps before the contest. (It didn't help.)



Brian Williamson brought in a pair of spheres turned out of mystery wood with no finish.



Jim O'Connor brought in a two spheres turned out of Osage Orange and Poplar with no finish. The Osage Orange sphere was the winner!

SHOW AND TELL

We started off with **John Janssen** and his pair of candle sticks. They were turned out of Chinese Elm and finished with Minwax Polycrylic.



Henry Koch brought in two bowls. The first was turned out of pieces of Red and White Oak. The second was a sculpted piece turned out of Maple and Walnut. Both were finished with lacquer.



Lou Hansen brought in a segmented vessel turned out of Maple and Purpleheart. It was finished with lacquer.



Steve Cassidy brought in a turned and carved mojito muddler. The handle was turned out of Maple and the end was Brazilian Rosewood. It was finished with 5 coats of walnut oil. The photo shows the metal original used to model the Maple one.



Steve also brought in a Maple sample board that he did with his new Versa tool wood burner.



James Hurst brought in three bowls turned from a stemstrand construction beam. They all had a CA finish.



Ron Shaffer brought in two platters. The first was turned out of Black Walnut with a turquoise Inlaid ring. The second was turned out of Maple with a wood burned rim with copper guilders paste. Both were finished with Danish oil.



We finished up with **Bob Wohlers**. He brought back the Mesquite candle stick that he had begun in his demo at the August meeting. And he also brought an Olive salt cellar turned and carved into a witch's hat.



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2014 CALENDAR

Meetings:

December 14

2015 CALENDAR

Meetings:

January 11

February 8

March 8

April 12

May 17 (Third Sunday)

June 14

July 12

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13

Finishing Thoughts

Don't forget the Holiday Potluck and Auction is coming up soon. Get you turnings ready to be auctioned off and get your old tools or excess

wood collected to help the guild with expenses for the coming year.

We still need a new librarian for the Guild. **Kathleen Sutherland** is stepping down so someone else needs to take a step forward.

Here are highlights from the Round Ball Contest.

