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### NEXT MEETING

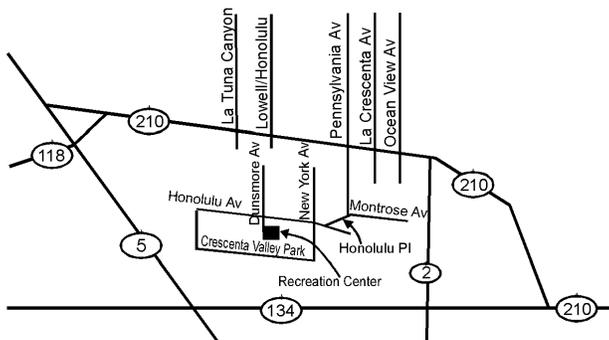
*March 13, 2016*

Sunday March 13, 2016

2:00 p.m. Sharp

### HOW TO FIND US

Crescenta Valley Regional Park  
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.

**February 14, 2016**

**Challenge: Bowls up to 6 inches**

**Presentation: Indexing, drilling and milling on a lathe by Klaus Schmitt**

### President's Message

It was really great to see all the miniatures at our last meeting. I am sure that all of you who participated in the challenge truly found it a challenge to make a miniature piece. It is a challenge and therefore a very good learning experience to make miniature turnings. When a piece gets smaller the effect of small changes to the shape become more pronounced so the need for tool control becomes more important. This just goes to show that taking part in the monthly challenges does help improve your skills.



Chris Pytlik did a very informative demo for us. I for one learned a lot about how to use dyes and resins to embellish an otherwise plain or defective piece of wood. As a professional painter Chris has a lot of experience in finishing which he applies to his work. If you search for him on Facebook you will find some of his finished work. I look forward to seeing some of you explore these new techniques in the future.

Keep turning and remember to be safe.

Bill

## CHALLENGE

February's Challenge was Miniatures. There was only one entry in the Beginner's Category, so it was bumped up to Intermediate. The Intermediate winner was a top by **John Janssen**, who also turned his own 35 mm film canister. The Advanced winner was **Carey Caires**, with her miniature turning tool.



Other entries included a miniature turkey baster by **Steve Cassidy**, an Egyptian urn by **Scott Johnston**, and a birdhouse by **Bill Loitz**. **Pete Carta** offered a mini top, **Henry Koch** a vessel, **Kathy Hein** a bowl, and **Carl Christensen** a chalice. (No, I don't think it was filled with Stella Artois).

## SHOW AND TELL

Thanks to all the turners who created and donated tops to be given to refugee children. Sandy Huse collected a large bag of them, which she will forward.

The show and tell table was quite full this month: **Sandy Huse** had some tiles as test pieces for surface decoration. Our Challenge winner **John Janssen** gave us two wedding plates, a vase, a bowl, and some 1957 Corvette cars.



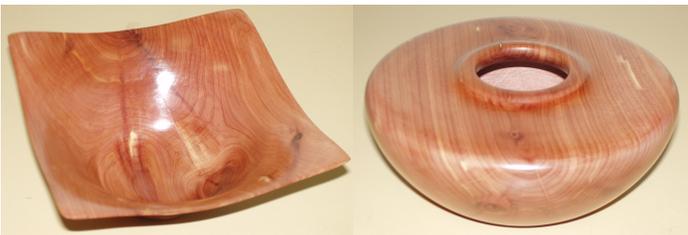
**Henry Koch** had a plate, bowl, and pot decorated with dyes, copper leaf and lacquer.



**Jim Givens** had a bowl with woodburning decoration, **Steve Cassidy** some pendants and an inside out turned tea candle holder, and **Gary Willoughby** a natural edge bowl of English yew as well as some tops.



**Vartan Akopian** and **Cary Caires** also gave us tops, while **James Hurst** presented a square edge bowl, a “raffle wood” bowl and a hollow form, all finished with Mylands and Beall buffed.



**Bill Haskell** gave us two California Buckeye hollow forms, CA primer and lacquer finish.



## PRESENTATION(S)

We were serenaded with some Singing Valentines by the Sweet Adelines group which includes Bill’s wife. (They are available for your special occasion, too)



Bill Loitz gave a presentation on turning sea urchin shells into ornaments. Shells can be purchased from online sources. The holes in the top and bottom of the shell need to be trued and enlarged. Finials for the top and bottom are turned, and then epoxied into place.

## Upcoming Events:

Mar 20, Woodworking Show at Rockler in Pasadena, 9 am to 6 pm. Come and help introduce woodworking to the public.

## 2016 CALENDAR

### Meetings:

- March 13
- April 10
- May 15 (3rd Sunday)
- June 12
- July 10
- August 14
- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December 11 (auction and potluck)

## 2016 CHALLENGES

March- Bowls up to 6" in diameter  
April- Jewelry  
May- Natural Edges  
June- Lidded Boxes  
July- Multi-Axis  
August- Hollow Forms, any size  
September- Beads of Courage Boxes  
October- Surface Decoration  
November- Segmented or multi-layered

## Finishing Thoughts

We have Anchor Seal available, see the librarian, Michael Baldino at meetings. We also need sturdy, screw top gallon jugs to put it in (milk jugs aren't sturdy enough).

Remember to show your membership card at *Rockler in Pasadena* to get a 10% discount on all non-sale items. Remind them to put a check mark in the book for us. We get \$20 gift cards from them that we use in our monthly wood raffle and end of year holiday auction.

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