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## Journal of the Glendale Woodturners Guild

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### NEXT MEETING

*September 9, 2018*

Sunday September 9, 2018

2:00 p.m. Sharp

### HOW TO FIND US

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



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### SUNDAY MEETING

Meetings consist of announcements, a feature presentation, a Challenge, Show & Tell and a wood raffle (except for December).

**September 9, 2018**

non-Challenge: **Beads of Courage boxes**

Presentation: *Holiday Ornaments*  
by *Kim Acuna*

### President's Message

I caught a news piece on TV the other day about a woman who figured out she was extremely fearful in how she lived her life. She decided to face 100 fears in 100 days. Everything from posing nude for an art class, jumping out of an airplane (with a parachute) to holding a tarantula and dancing by herself in Times Square. Basically after a hundred days of facing her fears she became a new person stronger, more social and she now feels as though no one or no thing can get in her way but herself. She also admitted that all the while she thought she was being judged by others, she found she was her harshest critic.

The whole thing's pretty deep for a president's message but, I sure can use the lesson she shared in my own life. I would like to think that there's very little that I'm afraid of but, I do get in my way all the time and am definitely my harshest critic. Sometimes that keeps me from embarking on new or challenging adventures. There are many new challenges in life and in woodturning that I would like to embrace. I want to carve, I want to pierce, I want to improve my design and put out unique and innovative art. I want to be more fit and active and treat new health problems with diet and exercise rather than drugs.

But, here is the Jedi mind trick I play on myself : the more I think about it, the more I realize how much work it will take, how much money it might take and how much patience I have to have with myself in order to be successful. Some days it's easier to go back to bed or to turn a simple Bowl and feel a sense of accomplishment rather than

diving in to a new project that involves a deep pool of learning and/or stepping out of my comfort zone. Sometimes I have failed myself before I've even started. I just want to be perfect at everything I do so sometimes it's more perfect just to do nothing at all. I am defeated before I start and choose not to start at all. So, I am challenging myself to do the things that I fear.

Of course no one wants to be around me when I dance naked at Disneyland but I will start small and build. I will practice beads and coves (aaack! But I know it'll be good for me), I'm going to dye something, I'm going to carve something really crazy difficult that I have drawn freehand, and not just sticking with the woodturning things I will take a walk every morning with my little pooch to get my blood going . I've got many other challenges for myself listed out and ready to meet. I suppose I don't need to make such a big ordeal out of this process but applying the lesson and eliminating the wacky thinking that impedes my growth can't be all bad, and it's worth giving a try. Imagine how much I will get done if I stick to it!

Happy turning and remember to wear respiratory protection!

Kim

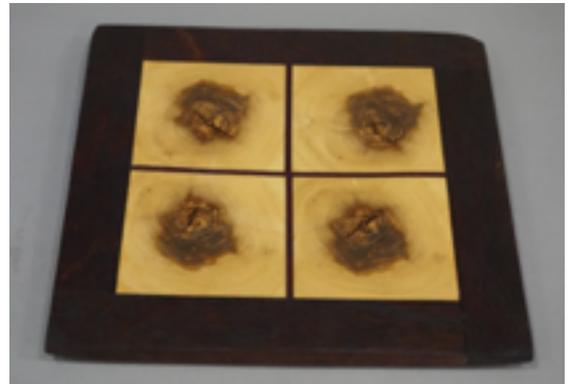
## CHALLENGE

The June challenge was **Plates, Platters & Saucers**. We had entries in all categories this time.

The winner in the Beginner category was **Don Gustavson** with his plate of maple, various laminates and acrylic paint finished with tung oil and spar varnish.



**Carl Christensen** won in the Intermediate category with his square platter made from apricot limbs, finished with Maloof's



Top honors in the Advanced category were taken by **Ron Shaffer** with his redwood burl platter finished with Mahoney's walnut oil & wax.



**Other entries:**

**Don Gustavson** had a saucer of figured makore decorated with gold leaf and acrylic paint, spar varnish & tung oil as finish. **Carl Christensen** had a platter of unknown wood finished with Maloof's



**Jim Schopper** had two platters the first of unknown wood finished with walnut oil, the next of walnut finished with Mahoney's. He also had a saucer of masur birch finished with lacquer. **Joanie Cole** had an ebonized oak "platterish, platish, bowlish" piece.



**Joel Jaffe** had platters of white oak and myrtle, both finished with oil and wax.



**Henry Koch** had a walnut plate finished with walnut oil, and **Anton Bosch** a big leaf maple platter finished with Danish oil & poly.



**Dale Gertsch** had a walnut plate finished with Mahoney oil, and **Scott Johnston** an alder platter with raw umber glaze & satin lacquer.



Judges were **Bob Wohlers**, **Andy Sway** and **Susan Libicki**.

## SHOW AND TELL

**Charlie Hulien** had a beer stein of teak and walnut finished with salad bowl finish. He also had a “puzzle” piece. of pine and a nail.



**Jim Schopper** had a couple items - a walnut bowl with chain saw embellishment and an olive vase that had carving and pyrography, finished with Majoney's Oil.



**Joanie Cole** had a bowl of mystery raffle wood, while **Bob Clark** had a “learning experience” vessel of walnut, honey locust, Jatoba and elm, finished with wax and oil.



**Nick Tuzzolino** had an early start on his Bows of Courage entries, while **Dale Gertsch** had a walnut spoon and the jig used to make it.



**Thomas Cassidy** presented a walnut candlestick and a live edge bowl with texturing made from “FIBS” (found in Bill's shop) wood. Walnut oil was used to finish both.



**Henry Koch** had a teak plate finished with teak oil, and a Melaluca bowl with silver leaf, dyes & lacquer.



## 2018 CHALLENGES

September - Beads of Courage (non challenge)  
October - Colored or decorated with dyes, pigments, inks, etc.  
November - Holiday Ornaments  
December - Potluck & Fundraiser

## PRESENTATION

Our Presentation for August was "Segment PRO software" by **Bob Clark**.



This was a program he purchased at the Portland Symposium and used to create his "learning experience" piece. There are 4 programs available from the owner (Lloyd Johnson): *Woodturner PRO*, *Segment PRO*, *Lamination PRO* and *3-D Design PRO*. They are only for the Windows platform (no Mac). Web page: <http://woodturnerpro.com>.

He also had gotten instruction on making a "Wedgie Sled" and other items from Seg-Easy by Jerry Bennet. Web page: <http://www.segeasy.com>.

Bob talked about some of his experiences with using the program, and also had some of the jigs and fixtures he used. One useful tip he had was using his cole jaws to turn the glued-up rings flat rather than sanding the glue off.



## Upcoming Presentations:

**Sept: Kim Acuna** - Xmas tree ornament

**Oct: Brian Miller & Marci Crestani** - Authors of "*The Art of Coloring Wood*" and instructors at Cerritos College.

**Nov: Sandy Huse** - Fold forming & Heat coloration

**Dec: Everyone** - Holiday Party

*We are always looking for presentations for upcoming meetings! As an incentive, we award members with a \$20 Rockler gift card for doing a presentation. Contact our Vice President, **Kim Acuna**, if you have something to offer.*

**YouTube Channel:** *we have a YouTube channel, where our webwright has posted the videos of some of the past presentations. He plans on posting more videos in the future. Go to YouTube and search "Glendale Woodturners"*

## AAW News

The **2019 AAW Symposium** will be in Raleigh, North Carolina. Time to start planning ahead..

The AAW is offering an introductory 3 month membership for \$20 for new members. (Test drive the organization!) See the home page on their website: [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org).

## 2018 Meeting Dates

**September 9**

**October 14**

**November 11**

**December 9** (Annual potluck and fundraiser)

## Upcoming Events

The next **Beads of Courage** challenge will be in September.

We will have a demo by **Kirk DeHeer** on Sunday, October 28. Location will be in Lake View Terrace (Sylmar) area.

**Craig Sobel** will have some of his father's (Al) wood and tools for auction later.

## Finishing Thoughts

Welcome to new members:

**Tim Hudson**  
**Renee Beechen**  
**Ricardo Gutierrez**  
**Susan Libicki**

**Joe Feinblatt** has volunteered to be our new Vice President. Thank you Joe!

**Kim Acuna** is now our Chapter Liaison for the Women in Turning (WIT) group within the AAW.

**Andy Sway** has volunteered to be a liaison for doing group tool purchases (can sometimes get discounts by doing this).

**Bill Loitz** is still available as a turning mentor to anyone needing help on something.

We still have Anchor Seal (for sealing newly cut green wood or rough turned bowls) bargain priced at \$13/gallon. It is available from our Librarian, Michael Baldino. See him at the meetings.

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. Don't forget to thank them for this!

Our Webwright, **Anthony Thiessen**, would welcome any photos that people might have for posting on our website: athiessen2@gmail.com

Check out the "**Members Area**" on the Glendale Woodturners Guild website. The current roster is there (please check for any errors and notify Al Sobel), and various info on such things as wood allergies. Password is "negativerakescraper".

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