



# SLIGHTLY SKEWED

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## NEXT MEETING

*March 10, 2019*

Sunday March 10, 2019  
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 (except for December).

**March 10,, 2019**

**Challenge: Turned Mallet**

**Presentation: Open Segmented Turning by  
Craig Sobel**

## President's Message

I love the feeling of community that the GWG gives me; I often liken it to an AA meeting for woodturners. It is always a pleasure to share a passion with likeminded folks. There is only so much you can share with a



friend, spouse or others, before their eyes glaze over. "Oh honey, look what I learned today... it's called shear scraping..." Ooooh baby, talk turning to me! Anyhow, my point is – when we have a meeting with 50-60 woodturners all sharing their experience and creativity, I get warm all over! Our February meeting was very well attended and we had six newcomers who joined the club after attending our chapter demonstration event at Rockler. I know I was thrilled that they all came to the meeting and they seemed genuinely excited as well. I would like to welcome Brian, Nicholas, Bill, Joe, Julia and from last month's meeting, Gina and Lynn. I hope they get that warm feeling too! I also hope, that when you see an unfamiliar face at a meeting that you will reach out your hand and share your passion for turning with them, be contagious, give them "the bug"! We have so much to learn from each other and it shouldn't be limited to formal presentations. I realize that this happens organically much of the time but I have a column to write and need something to say! No, I

really do mean it! I just want to encourage each of us to continue the giving – the generousness of spirit and excitement that makes our organization so cool. Like I heard someone say, “turners don’t generally have trade secrets” we give our knowledge freely. This month’s influx of members proves that outreach is important and that it works. Please share your ideas on how we can continue this trend and grow our community, to grow as a community! “It’s not about what it is, it’s about what it can become.” — Dr. Seuss, *The Lorax*.

“Enough of this serious stuff, let’s go turn!”

— Kim Acuna

## CHALLENGE

The February challenge was Carved Turnings.

The winner in the Beginner category was **Chris Dodson** with a carved bowl of fir, outside finished with the Japanese Shou Sugi Ban technique (burning) and walnut oil; the inside had India ink.



There was only one entry in the Intermediate category, so it was bumped to Advanced. The winner here was **Bob Wohler** with a fluted bowl of olive & silver maple finished with urethane.



Other entries: **Carey Caires** had a carob hair pin finished with Mahoney walnut oil & wax, while **Bob Freeman** had a carved fir platter finished with Wood Turners finish.



**Dan Gustavson** had a carved, woodburned & painted vase of pear, acrylic, and epoxy finished with spar varnish (two views)



Judges were **Jim Schopper**, **Anton Bosch**, and **Carl Haney**.

## SHOW AND TELL

We start with a pair of bowls, by **Jim Schopper**. the first of acacia, the second of “unknown”, both finished with walnut oil.



**Gary Willoughby** also had a bowl, this one of Koa finished with Mahoney oil, while **Bill Loitz** had a maple baby rattle, wax finish.



**Klaus Schmitt** had been busy - his “tower of Pisa” was of sycamore, and his ceremonial bowl was from red cedar with stone & acorns. Both pieces were finished with lacquer spray and sanding sealer.



He also had a couple of hollow forms, Yucca wood with cocobolo neck; walnut & maple with cocobolo and red jasper stone neck. Again, sanding sealer & spray lacquer were the finishes.



**Sandy Huse** showed her “spin off” of hard maple, cherry, copper & paint.



Thanks to **Pete Ackerman** for being my photo runner.

## 2019 CHALLENGES

**March - Turned Mallets**

**April - Open Segmented Pieces**

**May - Turned Goblet**

**June - Carved Bowl**

**July**

**August**

**September**

**October**

**November**

**December - Potluck & Fundraiser.**

## PRESENTATION

Our February presentation was by past president **Bill Loitz**, on preparing blanks from logs (mainly chain saw work).



His carefully prepared *Power Point* presentation was still residing on his hard drive at home, so he winged it with the markers and whiteboard we had.

In preparing logs, you generally want to remove the pith, since this will almost always start cracking. He discussed various strategies for laying out blanks for bowls & platters from different types of logs in order to get nice grain patterns. He also described the type of frame he uses to stabilize logs for cutting, and how to line up cuts efficiently by making “nick” cuts and rotating the log so it can be cut safely. Wooden circles act as guides to saw the blanks closer to an initial round shape. Pieces can be rough turned to uniform thickness, which will help them dry with minimal cracking.

Instead of using the usual Anchor Seal, he has been trying the green wood sealer from Craft Supplies USA recently. Certain woods also benefit from being boiled to assist the drying process.

He also talked about handling crotch pieces, where there are actually 3 piths to deal with.

## Upcoming Presentations:

**March - Craig Sobel** - Open Segmented Turning.

**April - Jesse Barrigan** - *Eagle Tools* - Bandsaws & Woodworking Machines

**May - Joe Feinblatt** - Carving 2 lotus blossoms from bowl.

**June - Kim Acuna** - President's Challenges - Understanding the Criteria and Improving Our Entries.

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, **Joe Feinblatt**, 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).

There will not be a Utah turning symposium this year, and next year's event will be the last!

## 2019 Meeting Dates

**Note that some dates have changed!**

**March 10**

**April 14**

**May 5** (moved due to Mother's Day)

**June 2**

**July 14**

**August 11**

**September 8**

**October 13**

**November 10**

**December 8** (Potluck & Fundraiser)

## Upcoming Events

**Craig Sobel** will have some of his father's (Al) wood and tools for auction later, probably March/April in the north San Fernando Valley

Special Meeting- **Women In Turning** (WIT) Gathering *Sunday February 24*, 9 am to 4 pm, at Crescenta Valley Park (our usual meeting place)

**Bill Haskell** will have a demo on bottle forms on *Sunday, April 28* at Crescenta Valley Park (our usual meeting place).

We will have a demo by **Hans Weissflog** on *Sunday, June 9*. Site at our usual meeting place, Crescenta Valley Park.



## Finishing Thoughts

Welcome to new members:

**Julia Ryan**  
**Brian Queen**  
**Nicholas Eberhard**  
**Bill Richelieu**  
**Joe Kolesar**  
**Julia Ryan**  
**Gina Choe**

A sign up list for getting magnetic back nametags was passed around, cost will be \$13.

**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](mailto: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 Craig Sobel), and various info on such things as wood

allergies. Contact our Webwright for the new password.

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