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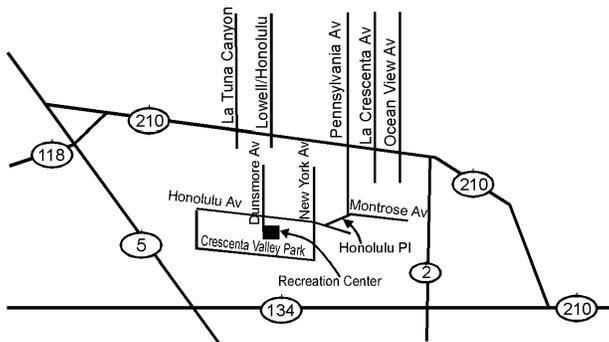
## NEXT MEETING

*October 13, 2019*

Sunday October 13, 2019  
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).

**October 13, 2019**

**Challenge: Spheres**

**Presentation: *Spiral Turning* by Nicholas Eberhard.**

## President's Message

I really learned a lot this month! I learned that you should always wear bug dope when turning in the open garage late at night. I also learned to count on the advice of friends. I have been working on getting set up for segmenting for



almost a week. After all that my segments were looking awful. I brought them into a meeting and showed them to everybody. There was a ton of feedback at the meeting and even more after the meeting once I got home. I got phone calls and emails and lots of great advice. I tried to put all of into action and eventually I think I've got it pretty figured out, at least the beginnings of it. First off just like a dull turning tool, a dull saw blade it's definitely dangerous and ineffective. I never really need to cut exacting stuff so I just plowed through on an old dull saw blade that was basically pushing back and throwing tons of sawdust all over. I ran down to the hardware store after the meeting and got a new blade and boy is it ever sweet! My saw even sounds quieter. I realize now that the old blade may have been bent a bit by the way it shimmied back and forth against the zero clearance insert. I had no idea! the other thing I learned, was not to rely too much on newfangled gadgets or technology! To some this just may be old school and common sense but to me it was a

learning experience. I bought one of those Wixey digital level/angle gauges a while back and thought I would use it on my table saw. I zeroed it out on the table top and then I put it on the blade, and put the blade to 90 degrees. I sawed a whole bunch of segments (those were my first segments that were all off) with a blade that I thought was Square. But after recognizing my multitude of errors that were adding up I remembered that I had used that digital gauge. I went back and checked my blade with a square, and it was way off! I cannot get that digital gauge to work and now I can't rely on that for sure. But with the help of my friends I realized that I needed to look for some of these things. I fixed it and now I have beautiful clean square cuts and I think my segments look awesome. Now I can get on with this segmenting thing cuz I was getting a little worried and frustrated thinking it wasn't for me. After all that I just feel grateful and fortunate that I have friends with hundreds of years of experience that they will gladly share just for the asking. They will freely give their time to come to my house and help me or, for me to go to their house and help me or, just to give me a call to follow up on a problem or something new. I talked to Cindy Drozda at the Raleigh symposium and she said you'll never find a group who will so freely and gladly share their knowledge, skills, techniques and tricks, than a bunch of woodturners. Of course, they might share a little bit more than you want sometimes, but I think you are all are great! Thanks for being here!

Turn safe and most of all, have fun!

Kim

## CHALLENGE



The September "not a challenge" was to make boxes for the Beads of Courage program. We had a number of them made and donated. Segmented work seems to be the order of the day for most of these (using up various pieces of wood lying around was one reason given).



## SHOW AND TELL

We had a limited number of items brought in for the Show and Tell - probably everybody busy making the Beads of Courage boxes.

**Jorge Vismara** brought the poplar mallet he made in his first every woodturning class.



**Carl Christensen** had 3 wine stoppers and a display, various woods. Stand was finished with Maloof's, CA used on the stoppers.



**Nicholas Eberhard** had 3 pens: resin, holly, spalted maple and maple burl used. Finish was CA and Danish oil.



**Chris Dodson** had some paddletts of Chinese elm, finished with walnut oil.



**Bob Clark** brought a winged bowl made of yellow boxwood burl, finished with lacquer.



## PRESENTATION

**Bob Clark** gave the September presentation on making an "inertial" sander. This is a non-powered rotary sanding disk. You can buy these commercially, but it's very easy to make your own from pvc pipe and readily available small bearings along with some velcro and foam backings. He also talked a little on different types of abrasives available from various sources, and also on wet sanding finishes.

## 2019 Meeting Dates

Note that some dates have changed!

**October 13** - *Challenge: Spheres*

**November 10** - *Challenge: Wall Art/Hangings*

**December 8** - (Potluck & Fundraiser)

## Upcoming Presentations:

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 **2020 AAW Symposium** will be in Louisville, Kentucky, June 4-7.

The **2021 AAW Symposium** will be in Omaha, Nebraska July 15-18.

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!

## Upcoming Events

A proposed tour of the **Gamble House** in Pasadena is in the works.

## Safety Corner

You should always watch your fingers, etc., even when using things like a handsaw. These are still shop, even if not driven by power. Best practice is to either immobilize the work or the tool. Don't get distracted!

Be aware of possible allergens even in food safe finishes.

## Finishing Thoughts

Welcome to new members:

**Andy Polsky**  
**Mark Budde**  
**Jorge Vismara**  
**Scott Cappiello**  
**Ron Robinson**

Thanks to work by **Bob Clark** and **Bill Loitz**, the revisions to our Bylaws have been completed, and our request for 501(c)(3) non-profit status has been officially approved by the IRS, so we are free from owing Federal taxes. Contributions to the group should qualify as deductible expenses on your tax forms.

**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. He has also taken over as our Treasurer from long time member **Bob DeVoe**.

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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