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## NEXT MEETING

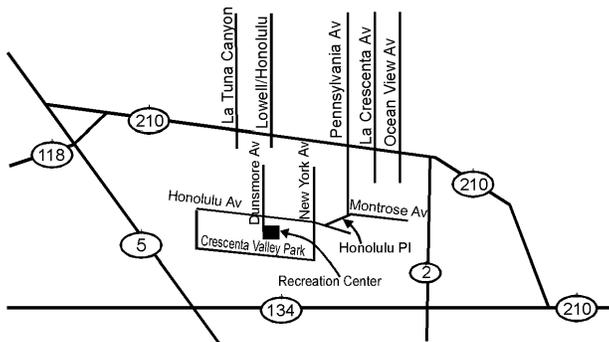
*December 8, 2019*

Sunday December 8, 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).

**December 8 , 2019**

**Challenge: Annual Potluck & Fundraiser**

**Presentation: Lots of Food & Fun**

## President's Message

Attention GWG members,

Our annual holiday potluck & auction will be December 8th at 2pm.

You are encouraged to bring yummy food (Cathy requests savory dishes as we usually have too many deserts) and drinks. Please label your utensils and dishes if you want them back.

Please bring nice quality items for the auction, handmade items by members usually sell the best. We don't want to compete with the Goodwill so save the White Elephant items for them.

Because we have no dues, your donations will go toward new AV equipment and professional demonstrators, Matt Monaco, Stuart Batty & Eli Avisera for the 2020 year. It will be a blast!

We do need help for the event: 2 Runners and an Accounting Assistant (Bill Loitz will do the accounting). Please let me know if you are available for one of these exciting fast paced jobs.

There will be a reminder for the meeting in the week prior but, it may not specify the party, so please remember!

See you then, bells on!

Kim



## CHALLENGE

There was some confusion as to the Challenge - it was for Holiday Ornaments. The Wall Art/Hangings challenge will be for January.

There were no entries in the Beginning category, and only one in the Intermediate, so everything was bumped to the Advance category. The judges decided to award two first place winners:

**Henry Koch** had an Xmas Orb of lacewood, casting resin & mahogany, finished with lacquer



**Carey Caires** had a snowman turner bottle stopper, not sure what the finish was on this.



**Carey Caires** also had a couple other ornaments: a birdhouse & a bell. Woods were holly, maple, laminated wood, purple heart & tulip wood. Finished with Mylands & wax



**Thomas Cassidy** had a birdhouse ornament, hard maple, African blackwood & walnut, finished with home made? poly.



Judges were **Kim Acuna**, **Bill Loitz** and **Sandy Huse**.

# SHOW AND TELL

**Jim Schopper** had been quite busy: a platter of oak, maple, sycamore & walnut finished with lacquer, and a walnut bowl finished with walnut oil.



A bowl of chestnut, and a lidded bowl of chestnut, walnut & mahogany, finished with walnut oil.



A couple more bowls, these of Manzanita burl, also finished with walnut oil.



**Jim Vollmer** also had several "bowls: from a board". The first of mahogany & veneer, and several plywood bowls cut at various angles. Finishes were wipe-on poly, lacquer & oil blend



**Thomas Cassidy** had a hollow form vase of red pin burl slippery elm, and an olive bowl, both finished with home made poly



**Henry Koch** had an xmas orb of carob & ebony, no finish, and **Anton Bosch** had a couple of pencils, one of acrylic, the other titanium.



**Bill Haskell** had a couple of Parabolic Donut forms, one of mystery wood with piercing, the other of ash with cherry stain.



**Bob Clark** had a winged bowl of Coolibah burl, and a maple 45th Anniversary plate, both lacquer finish.



**Carl Haney** had a bowl of (can't read the material type) finished with Maloof's



## PRESENTATION

The Presentation for November was by **James Hurst** on things to look for when buying lathes. He had a hefty handout to accompany his delivery. He talked about motor types, lathe weights, size and quality of bearings, as well as some other considerations such as speed control options and differences in price points.

He showed how to find out a lot of information from the exploded parts diagrams that you should be able to find for various lathe types.

## 2019 Meeting Dates

December 8 - (Potluck & Fundraiser)

## 2020 Meeting Dates

*Presentations TBA*

**Dates scheduled so far, may be subject to change:**

- Jan 12 Challenge – *Turned wall art/hanging*
- Feb 09 Challenge – *Finial Box*
- Mar 08 Challenge – *Miniatures*
- Apr 05 Challenge – *Bottle Stopper*
- May 03 Challenge – *Spirals/twists*
- June 14 Challenge – *Carved Platter*
- July 12 Challenge – *Threaded Lid*
- Aug 09 Challenge – *Jewelry*
- Sept 13 Challenge – *Beads of Courage (not judged)*
- Oct 11 Challenge – *Turned Toys*
- Nov 08 Challenge – *Christmas Decorations/Ornaments*
- Dec 13 *No Challenge – Holiday Party*

**Special Dates for Demonstrations 9am – 4 pm:**

- Mar 01 Matt Monaco
- Apr 19 Stuart Batty
- July 26 Eli Avisera

## 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

Carl talked about a recent incident in his shop, where he slipped and fell due to a large build-up of shavings on the floor. Sweep up! He also told us that by having his cell phone on him, he was able to call his wife to come help him get back on his feet. One of those rubber floor mats with the holes (like used in food service) could be helpful, as well as helping not track shavings into the house.

There was also some discussion on dust control and powered respirators that some people have been getting lately.

## Finishing Thoughts

Welcome to new members:

**Gabe Ynda**  
**Ted Baumgart**  
**Alicia Did not give her last name**  
**Mary Achenbach**  
**Annalee Harr**

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.

## Rockler Turn a Pen Day

Some photos (by James Hurst) of the Rockler Pen Turning day.



## Another passing

Email received:

Kim and Craig, this is Drew Elshoff, the youngest child of Cal and Irene Elshoff.

It's been a number of years since my father was involved in the Glendale Woodturner's Club but I wanted those that remember him to know he passed away at home, at peace, with family on Nov 7 of this year.

His wife Irene passed approximately 8 months earlier and they are now reunited – something he wanted more than anything.

Please see his obituary and attached photo. I would appreciate you circulating this to those who may have known him.

Thank you.



Eldred Calvin (Cal) Elshoff was born on July 18, 1928 in New Knoxville, Ohio, to Floranz and Esther (Huckeriede) Elshoff. Cal graduated from New Knoxville High School in 1946 where he played baseball and basketball, and then from the University of Cincinnati in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture. He met his wife of 66 years, Irene Molnar, at UC and they married at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Bellaire, OH, in 1952.

Following his Army service in the Korean Conflict, during which time Cal was awarded a Bronze Star, he and Irene settled in Cincinnati where Cal practiced architecture. In 1962 the family moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Cal converted to Catholicism. A 1965 transfer by US Gypsum Company brought the family to La Canada where the five children were raised. Thereafter, Cal worked for Anning-Johnson Company before founding Design Materials, Inc. in 1976. Cal practiced his Catholic faith as a choir member, lector, CCD teacher, Eucharistic Minister, Minister to the Sick, and as a member of the Pastor's Advisory Committee. Cal was very active in St. Francis High School Boosters, Serra International, as Director of the La Canada Chamber of Commerce, President of the La Canada JR All American Football Association, and as members of the La Canada Jr. Baseball program, the American Association of Woodturners, and the Glendale Woodturners Guild. He was preceded in death by Irene on March 4, 2019, and by his granddaughter, Marisa Lupica, on October 16, 2004. Cal is survived by his brother, Mack Elshoff; his sisters-in-law Lea Elshoff, Rosemarie Molnar, and Margaret Magnan; his five children: Fr. Matthew Elshoff OFM Cap.; Cindy Lupica (Anthony); Heather Boensel (Matthew); Jennifer Kirk (Chris); and Drew Elshoff, (Lisa); his 12 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and other extended family. Funeral services: rosary, November 29, 7:30 p.m., and the Mass of Christian Burial, November 30, 2019, 9:30 a.m., both at St. Bede the Venerable Church, 215 Foothill Boulevard, La Canada. Interment to immediately follow at San Fernando Mission Cemetery. Cabot & Sons, Pasadena.

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