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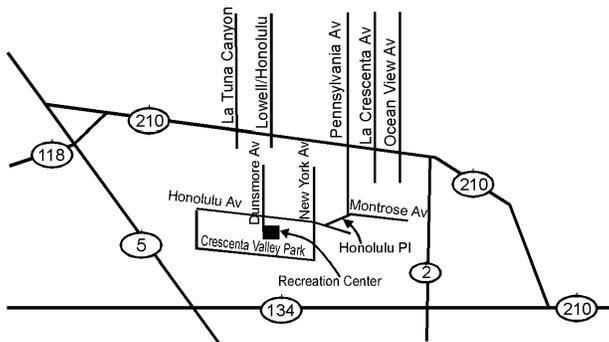
NEXT MEETING

February 9, 2020

Sunday February 9, 2020
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).

February 9, 2020

Challenge: Finial Box

Presentation: ???

President's Message

Hello fellow woodturners,

I hope that 2020 finds you settled and into your routines, old and new, and back to normal.

I want to welcome all of the newcomers that have joined us over the last year. We



have had a wonderful uptick in members and it's awesome to see. Whether it is as a result of our website, outreach events at Rockler, WIT meetings, or word of mouth, it is your hard work, enthusiasm and good will that keeps folks coming back!

I'd like to remind everyone that we have a list of mentors in the monthly newsletter. If you are new to turning my recommendation is that you seek out the talented, skilled and knowledgeable individuals that are on that list. If you are one of those skilled, knowledgeable and talented individuals who has not put their name on the list, please consider doing so! With all the new people we have coming in we could sure use the help.

The body of knowledge and experience in our group is amazing, I bet it adds up to thousands of years, LOL. Speaking of thousands of years of experience... I have been sending an awful lot of people to Bill Loitz for mentoring lately and I think that he must be a really busy guy. He can't have all the fun! So lets make that mentoring list longer.

I have heard, and it has been my experience, that when working with others the teacher gains the most!

I would like to welcome all of those who are new and to thank those of you who have been my teachers and have given me so much since I've been a member of the Glendale Woodturners Guild!

Til' we turn again,
Kim

CHALLENGE

The January Challenge was for **Turned Wall Hangings**.

All the entries were in the Advanced Category, and the winner was **Anton Bosch**, with his piece of unknown wood finished with Watco's Danish Oil and wax.



Other entries:

Carey Caires had a piece from ebony & buckeye finished with ink and wax, while **Sandy Huse** submitted her "Joker" of maple, steel & tape.



Carl Christensen's piece was of various woods finished with Maloof's



Judges were **Kim, Jim & Bill**.

SHOW AND TELL

Ron Robinson had a sugar bowl of mahogany & white birch finished with Urethane, while **Carl Christensen** presented a segmented vessel of various woods finished with Maloof's



James Hurst had several items: a hollow form of Ambrosia maple, an octagonal bowl of myrtle, a walnut plate, and a maple square bowl. Mylands & Beal Buff was the finish on all.



Andy Sway showed a live edge bowl of olive with turquoise inlay, and a re-worked garage sale bowl of birdseye maple. Finished (& re-finished) with Mahoney's.



Dale Gertsch had a salt and peppermill set of walnut & holly, Mahoney finish, while **Nicholas Eberhard** had an interchangeable crochet hook set & wooden pen. Pinecone, resin, & "fog" wood, finished with CA & Danish oil.



Bill Haskell had a bottle form with carved divots, iron bark & eucalyptus, and a parabolic spool of olive, all finished with lacquer.



Sandy Huse showed a bunch of pyrographed boxes.



Thanks to **Mark Ashley** for being my photo runner.

2020 Meeting Dates

Presentations TBA

Dates scheduled so far, may be subject to change:

- 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**

PRESENTATION



January's presentation was by **Art Stack** (the Furniture Doctor) on finishes. He spoke mostly on shellac - its origins, sources, history, usage & characteristics.

Originating in India, shellac is a resin secreted by the lakh insect after it feeds on the sap from trees. It takes hundreds of thousands of insects (who perish in the process) to make any significant amount of material. The insects and their excretion are collected, crushed and washed to create the shellac.

Originally used as a source of a purple-red dye, it was introduced into Europe around the time of Marco Polo (late 1300s). As a textile, paint & leather dye, it was popular into the 17th century. When aniline dyes were developed in the mid 1800s, it fell out of favor as a dye, but became popular as a wood finish. A German, William Zinsner, developed a process to bleach it to a blond shade and brought it to the US.

It was used in gramophone records (old 78s), is used for coating pharmaceuticals and for coating fruit as a wax substitute. It was also used in the toes of ballet slippers, and as an anti-vibration insulator in electronic equipment.

It is non-toxic, and in its dry form, lasts indefinitely. It is normally dissolved in denatured alcohol for use, in various "cuts". It bonds to itself in subsequent coats, and can build quickly.

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.

Upcoming Events

We will have **Matt Monaco** as a demonstrator on March 1, from 9am to 4 pm. Site is our usual meeting place at La Crescenta park. \$35 for the day includes donuts & lunch.

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

Safety Corner

Our President, **Kim Acuna**, who had a nice handout, talked about fire extinguishers and fire safety.

Not only for putting out small fires, a fire extinguisher can also be a tool for creating an escape path from a fire.

There are different types of extinguishers for various types of fires (wood & paper, flammable liquids, electrical, etc.)

Fire extinguishers even if unused, have a shelf life, and should be checked periodically. Replace or recharge (depending on type) as required.

Next month, **Nicholas** will talk on "sharp things"

Finishing Thoughts

Welcome to new members:

Ron Robinson
Jim Blodgett
Peter O'Colmain
Carol Reynolds
Lauren Grockett

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.

After serving as our Librarian for 4 years or so, **Michael Baldino** has moved from the area. Many thanks are due him for bringing the books, dvds, and Anchor Seal to meetings month after month. **Jim Bollmer** has volunteered to take his place.

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, **Jim Bollmer**. 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 Craig Sobel), and various info on such things as wood allergies. Contact our Webwright for the new password.

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