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NEXT MEETING

December 12, 2021

at NEW SITE

HOW TO FIND US

SUNDAY MEETING

2:00 pm

We've started meetings again at our new site:

American Legion Hall
4011 La Crescenta Ave.,
La Crescenta 91214

Corner of La Crescenta Ave and Manhattan Ave.
Parking lot is small, so if you can, park on the street so people that are unable to walk far can use the lot.

Currently, face coverings are required as well as vaccinations..

Pre-Covid, meetings used to consist of announcements, a feature presentation, a Challenge, Show & Tell and a wood raffle (except for December). We're slowly getting back to some of the pre-Covid activities.

Challenge: Potluck & Auction.

President's Message

Hello fellow woodturners, Thomas your UN-President here, in the shop making funnels, I mean chips.

A topic in the shop recently was that the President's message was perhaps our least favorite thing to do, it's not really

our forte. Bill's Gary was there and overheard us. He said he loves doing things like that, so he penned this message in a matter of moments.

(link to video, cut & paste into your browser:)

<https://m.bixel1.net/p6s78d>

Excellent, thank you Gary Loitz, our newly appointed newsletter ghost writer. (we haven't told him yet)

OUR NEW HOME on November 14th we held our first meeting in our new home, The American Legion hall, thanks to Chris Dodson. It was a great meeting, great to see everybody and get the band back together.

IT'S OUR ANNUAL POTLUCK/FUNDRAISER time, once again. Cathy requested that we please let her/us know what you're bringing, otherwise we're going to end up with 25 pumpkin pies. Maybe that's not a bad thing.

Please turn something special to be auctioned off, and bring your tools, stuff and over ripened fruit to sell-this is how our club survives financially.



A MOMENT OF SILENCE was held at our last meeting to honor those members we've lost. Most recently was Ron Schaffer, and I'm sure you all know we lost Pete Carta. You can't replace Pete the auctioneer, but big kudos & thanks to **Carrie** for stepping up and carrying on the tradition.



Ron Schaffer, photo courtesy of James Hurst

GETTING INVOLVED recently several GWG members assisted at Rockler pen making class. Thanks go out to those participating.

An unnamed member (it was Craig btw) was recently overheard saying, it's usually the same 9 people that help out. A BIG thanks to the "9," we know who you are. Warning, we're considering implementing a volunteer requirement to be a member of GWG. It doesn't have to be anything big, just some simple participation. Let's grow this club, get out more in the community, pass out a few flyers or business cards, and bring in some new, younger (that should be easy) people. Otherwise, the club will eventually die a slow death- woodturning is our passion, let's share it.

WEBSITE - I announced at the meeting, and Anthony our webmaster is requesting, please send him new pictures, articles, project ideas, and videos for the site. The site is outdated & needs a lot of work. The internet is a powerful way people will find us, esp YouTube videos. Tony is more than happy to help, (we're very fortunate to have him on board), but we need to help him, help us. If you have a website, or an Instagram page, send us the information. We have tremendous talent here in the club, let's show the world who we are, and all contribute.

DEMOS - they are going to start happening soon, I know Mike Mahoney was with us recently, but would you like to see him back? How about John Jordan, or Eli Avisera? Or please give us your suggestions right away, scheduling and planning takes time.

COVID isn't over, and won't be anytime soon. *However*, we are learning how to navigate more effectively. Now is a good time to get more involved. As a reminder, while we may implement tighter covid protocols in the future, at this time we're asking those attending be vaccinated, and wear a mask.

I hope I didn't step on anyone's toes with my rants, it was your idea that I be the president, er uh, UN President. So go ahead, pat yourself on the back and be happy you weren't picked. Yet.

LET'S MAKE this potluck and fundraiser the best ever, and really step it up for an amazing, incredible 2022!

Results of November's Gøereions Elections for officers and volunteers:

President: Thomas Cassidy

Vice President: Joe Feinblatt

Treasurer: Bill Loitz

Secretary: Craig Sobel

Drinks: Henry Koch, Bill Loitz

Snacks: Kathy Pearman

Librarian: Jim Volmer

Coffee: Carey Caires

Newsletter: John Fisher

Webmaster: Anthony Thiessen

Raffle: Carl Christensen

CHALLENGE

The Challenge for the November meeting was **Holiday Decorations**.

Winners were:

Beginner: only 1 entrant, bumped to Intermediate.

Intermediate: Dale Gertsch with his 6 little trees of boxwood, burlwood, oil finish.



Advanced: Carey Caires, gnomes hanging around (and a bell). Holly, Macassar ebony, sea urchin shell, mylands & paint finish.



Other Entries:

Mike Toth had some camphor & olive trees, walnut oil finish.



Rick Silverstein had an inside out ornament of Padauk, Tung oil finish.



Chris Dodson had an ornament of walnut & holly, Maloof poly finish.



Henry Koch had a poplar and cherry ornament finished with (surprise!) dyes & lacquer.



Kathy Hein made her mushroom and lights from Banksia pod, walnut oil finish.



Carl Christensen made a couple of ornaments from street sea urchins, no finish.



Thomas Cassidy didn't want to enter his cracking tree, but we made him do so anyway.



another of blue gum eucalyptus



this one is probably myrtle



and a vase of honey locust. Mylands on all.

Judges were: Chris Dodson, Jim Shopper & Pat Wisniewski

December's meeting: No challenge, Potluck & Auction

January's Challenge is making something, cutting it in half, gluing it back together and finishing. Thanks to Craig, our new challenge kahuna/guru for coming up with his third consecutive challenge idea. Seems Craig is one of the 9, btw.

SHOW AND TELL

James Hurst had several items: a bowl of black limba,



Bob Clark had a wedding platter in maple, and a platter of honey locust.



and Eucalyptus, both lacquer finish.



Jim Schopper had some lidded boxes with elk antler, this one in walnut, wax finish



Klaus Schmitt had a couple of vessels: Norfolk Island Pine,

unspecified wood, lacquer



ash, silver metallic paint, black dye.



and a carob bottle form, matte spray finish.



Thomas Cassidy had a baby rattle of walnut finished with Bill Homemade Hooch,



visiting **Pat Wisniewski** grabbed his key bowl from his relatives so he had something to show. White oak, Minwax finish.



a map of Venezuela, African blackwood, boxwood feet, polishing compound & wax,



NEW MEMBER - please welcome our newest member, **Pat Wisniewski**, who travelled all the way from Delaware just to join our club (and then went back, I believe)

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