



# SLIGHTLY SKEWED

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## NEXT MEETING

*June 12, 2022*

at our 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.

Face coverings are currently optional, mask up if you feel more comfortable with one.

Meetings 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:** Lidded something (bowls, boxes, or ???)

**Presentation:** No information

## President's Birthday



Our President, **Thomas Cassidy**, receiving his birthday cake at May's meeting.

*(photo courtesy of James Hurst)*

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Possible Upcoming Challenges:

**Amy Earhart** proposed some challenges, and is willing to bring examples of each to the preceding month's meeting:

*Here are my suggestions for future challenges, with some possibilities:*

**July-***Patriotic Turning (Red, white and blue or Flag like)*

**August-** *Square Turning (bowl, platter, handle, vase)*

**September-** *Flower Turning (inset in turning or pattern or flower like)*

**October-** *Tool Turning- (handles, measuring devices)*

**November-** *Ornamental Turning- (actual holiday ornaments or any ornamented turning)*

## CHALLENGE

The **May Challenge** was to have been "**Most Perfect Sphere 2 to 5 inch Diameter**". There were not enough entrants to the challenge, so it was decided "no challenge".

**Sandy Huse** had another of her oddball creations, an "Eye-Ball" made from a Spam can, wooden ball, googly eyes & beads.



**Dale Gertsch** had balls of camphor and magnolia, lacquer & wax finish.



## Show & Tell

Not a big crowd at the May meeting, but had a number of objects from various people:

**Carey Caires** had a baseball and baseball bat of maple, Mylands & felt pen. As is common with Carey's pieces, I had to use a high powered microscope to photograph her piece.



**Dale Gertsch** gave us a couple of humming bird houses, zebra and camphor, lacquer & wax finish.



**James Hurst** had a two vases and a bowl: Douglas fir, paint & shellac (along with a story of failing finishes); cyprus, & Apoxie eucalyptus. Latter two finished with Mylands.



Reaching double digits, **Bill Haskell** had #10 in his parabolic spin pieces - black acacia, oil & lacquer.



**Scott Johnston** had bottle stoppers, a carved one of walnut, another of figured makore & birch ball, both finished with lacquer. A pedestal dish of walnut & soft maple, burnt umber & lacquer.



**Amy Earhart** has been taking a turning class, so she has been forced to actually turn some objects: a mahogany plate with Mahoney oil, and a Podacarpus bowl with shellac, milk paint & lacquer.



**Jim Schopper** had a "drought" bowl of macadamia nut, black paint & lacquer.



**Carl Haney** filled out a slip with description: 2 pieces of green wood, blond is carob, pink is Brazilian pepper, 2 pieces of IDK (I don't know?) wood. Sam Maloof finish. *I hope the pieces I photographed actually have some connection to that slip.*



## Presentation

Accompanied by his "mobile microphone stand" (our President, **Thomas Cassidy**), **Bill Haskell** gave a presentation on "**Sanding and More**"

**Bill** distributed a several page handout, and talked about how to get good surfaces on your pieces, both with proper tool use and use of abrasives.

He showed how to make various sanding jigs and attachments, walked us through his preferred sanding & finishing techniques, and his preferences in sandpapers.

*We need ideas/wants for future presentations. Some suggestions have been basic spindle and/or bowl turning for newer members, workholding techniques (specialty/homemade chucks, etc.), Sharpening techniques for chainsaws, lathe tools (might need longer time frame for that).*

*We do not know at this time whether we will be able to hold actual turning demos at this new site, stay tuned...*

*If Internet/WiFi is sufficient at this site, we could hold on-line demos, unknown possibility at present.*

## Other Items

Welcome to new members: **Sean** (didn't get last name) who found us on the Internet.

Congratulations to **Henry Koch** for having won a blue ribbon for one of his pieces at the LA County Fair. The Fair has been moved from its usual time in very hot September to a more temperate spring time.

## President's Message

Woodturners! As John will tell you, I haven't always been the fastest with my post meeting wrap up notes. I needed to improve my excuses as to why it was taking me a while, so I stepped up my game.

A week ago Friday I found myself with severe stomach cramps, so bad it required an ambulance trip to the hospital. Four days later I finally got the bounce, great way to be grateful for your health, especially when you get the heck out of there!

I'll jump right in to the big topic, the monthly challenge. Several members have plugged in to share their support & provide valuable input, thank you.

Sandy, thank you for sharing your thoughts. First of all, I do not believe the decision regarding the challenge was made due to money, it was first of all, an oversight, and secondly due to current policy as written in the President's Handbook.

After much thought and conversations with some Team Members, we think a better decision could have been made. To clarify, the challenge was, The most perfect round ball, and was to be measured with caliper, there was nothing planned re a roll off.

Dale was the one and only turner that did the challenge within set parameters 2 inches or larger. So, Dale's spheres were bumped from intermediate to advanced & this left him alone, present policy is you cannot compete against yourself. So here was "no challenge". We will be looking at the current policy to determine what changes may be needed. Dale is certainly deserving of a gift card, and a raffle ticket, or 2, or 5. And you are deserving of the same, Sandy.

Please keep in mind, the club no longer receives free gift cards from Rockler & Craft Supply, we now purchase them. But the club does have a good bank account.

This situation will help us all to be a better group of woodturners, the top quality Guild we are. It also uncovers another issue. How do we encourage more turners to enter in the monthly challenge?

**CONGRATULATIONS HENRY!** Henry placed several pieces in the LA County Fair and walked

away with 3 1<sup>st</sup> places!!! WELL DONE! Henry has suggested the Guild start making pieces to place in the competition for next year, in January. *LET'S DO THIS!*

**THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE:** : a lidded box/ bowl – there was a recent suggestion to add: *decorative and/or embellished lidded vessel.* The idea being it will hopefully further challenge people and inspire them. Since it is late in the game, you may do so if you want, otherwise, continue as planned.

**NEXT MONTH'S CHALLENGE & BEYOND:** Here are my (From PJ & Amy, thank you!) suggestions for future challenges, with some possibilities:

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**And, so it is – thank you!**

**NAME TAGS:** we collected several names to place an order, please let us know if uoi need a new one, or another.

A suggestion was made re e Rockler Meet & Great, this has proved in the past to be an excellent way to attract new members – WHO would like to assist to make it happen?

**THANK YOU, BILL HASKELL,** for an outstanding demo on Sanding! Very well put together and informative! Bill steps up once again! Who is going to present next?

**NEXT MONTH'S PRESENTATION:** yes, probably - TBD

Please excuse my typos & oversights, the anesthesia is still wearing off.....take care, be safe, wear the proper protection when turning, AND keep the chips falling!

Please venture out of your shop & join us at the next meeting - See you June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thomas

## Upcoming Events

**AAW Symposium** is on again this year in Chattanooga, Tennessee, June 23-26, 2022. Details at the AAW website: [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org).

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