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No classified ads this month to make room for the registration and entry form for the show.

February 2004 Meeting

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Where: Hillsdale High School Workshop (see map on back page)

Agenda: Square-edge bowl

Don't Get The Dues Blues...

Annual dues are...well...due! If you have not yet paid your dues for 2004, please fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and mail to Ken Clifford as directed thereon, or bring it to the February meeting.

Ken's January 20, 2004 reckoning showed 40 members as not yet paid up. Since the combined email and postal mailing list shows 92 entries, that means just over half of us are in good standing.

This is your last chance to pay up and not be subject to the late fee!

Never A Dull Moment!

January's meeting featured sharpening! Linda Salter arranged for various sharpening systems from the simple to the elaborate to be available to try out on your dull tools, which could then be tested on one of the lathes. Thanks to everyone who brought in equipment, showed how to use it, and to those who tried them out!

- Tom Howard brought in a Tormac system.
- Jim Laflin brought in a Wolverine system.
- Rich Johnson brought in a variation on a Wolverine with jigs for setting the Varigrind holder.
 - Ken Horner brought in sandpaper within a pipe section as well as on a glass plate.
- Don Naples brought in a motorized lapping system.
- Nick Korens and Leo Lichtman brought in the Stephan system.

Coming Soon! John Jordan Demonstration

A benefit of club membership is the opportunity to attend day-long demonstrations by leading wood turners. John Jordan produces unique turned and carved hollow vessels. He will be at Don Bonnett's shop in Redwood City on April 3, 2004. Details to follow. Mark your calendar!

President's Message

Well here we are with a whole new year ahead of us. A whole new list of resolutions such as spend more time turning, clean up that woodpile, reorganize the shop, buy that new tool, set up better work lights, bring more things to show-and-tell, turn some tops for Peter, do some salad bowls to use myself and make a name badge. Well this cold weather is helping on the woodpile and I promise to have a nice new name badge at the next meeting. That takes care of two items on the list and there are still eleven more months to work on the rest of them. By the way, while I am on the subject of name badges, I want to remind everyone and especially the newer members that we really want to see a TURNED name badge on everyone. If you need some assistance just pick up the phone and call somebody. That is why you joined, to learn more about turning so start with a name badge and some expert advice from another member.

One of the most important benefits of joining a club, especially this club, is to see and learn more about turning. We are graced with some very talented turners who are more than willing to share their knowledge with you. All you have to do is ask. But by the same token if you don't ask they can't help. We are turners not mind readers. A list of mentors is available but the fact is that every member is ready and willing to help every other member. A strange but wonderful trait to be found in most, if not all, wood turners the world over.

Along with the new year, we have a new program for our annual competition. First you need to remember that it will be earlier so if you haven't already, you better get started. This year we are going to take our competition public. We have joined up with the woodcarvers in the area and they have invited us to participate in their annual show. This means a whole new program to collect, judge, display and finally return all of the turnings. This way we won't all be falling asleep or having to leave before the end of the judging and awards. There will be some logistics that will be a lot more work for a few but the more of you who can help the less work it will be for everyone. We are going to need a lot of help to make this work but it should be worth the effort. So get busy on that special piece and don't forget to plan on helping out to make this the best show we can possibly make it. Since this competition is also normally our dinner, we have decided to go ahead and have the dinner at the normal time without the competition. If you have any ideas to enhance the evening of our dinner we are all ears.

The annual AAW symposium will come around again this summer and with it another collaborative competition. We still have time if there is interest in making an entry. I know from past experience that we have had some great entries and a lot of fun making them. Along with the fun and building of new friendships is the notoriety for our club and even a boost to our treasury. The sale of our Morgan is the source of the largest portion of our current treasury. We are also planning to sell the other two collaborative pieces, which should really build up our funds enabling us to have even more and better professional demonstrators and who knows what else in the months and years to come. It does require a little effort of a group of members and particularly one or two to coordinate it all. To me it is sad that we were not able to do it last year, especially since I think we could have shown well against what I saw at the Symposium and the fact that we were the first place winner the year before. I hope we can find a few people who want to work on one this year. We do need to get moving though if we are going to do it. I am up for it, now how many of you want to join in and show the world what we can do here at WBAWA?

Another item determined at the last Board meeting was a plan to encourage the turning of tops for Ronald McDonald house. As most of you know Peter Pipe and a few members have been turning finger tops that Peter collects and delivers. We have decided to try and motivate members to make a few more by

offering a bribe. Everyone who brings tops to Peter at the meetings will receive a ticket to the wood raffle. This may induce a few more of you to add to the program. Frankly I find it fun to make them and see what designs work best and spin the longest. It is also a great warm-up before I get to work on the next goblet or bowl. It does help to turn a simple little top just to get back into the feel of things, especially if you're like me and only find time to turn occasionally with long dry spells in between. Along this subject we also talked about having another spin off and/or a finger top for the Presidents Challenge. Any feedback, in favor or against it, would be appreciated. Remember your Board members want to do what you want them to do. But you have to let them know just what you do want before we can make it happen.

There are a lot of other things being planned and details being worked out for new and hopefully even better meetings to come. But I think I have been rambling on for long enough now and I don't want to bore you if I haven't already done so. Keep an eye on the Newsletter for more information as we come up with new ideas and please bring your thoughts and ideas to the meetings and your Board members. Even better, remember that our meetings are open to all and anyone who wishes can join in to make this an even better club than it already is.

One last reminder. OK so now I am starting to bore you. **DO NOT FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES!** The majority of you are delinquent. The Board came up with another little motivator. Effective March 1st, there will be a \$5.00 late penalty added to your currently very modest dues. Please remember to take care of this now. It is not fair to the rest of the members for one or two of you to have a free ride all year.

OK now I really am done. For this month anyway. There is so much more to talk about and I am certain I have forgotten some other items that I should have touched on but it will just have to wait. Edgar wants to have this newsletter out this weekend and I don't want to be the reason for any delay.

By for now and thanks for listening. Oops I mean reading. See you at the next meeting with lots of tops and a new name badge.



Tom Howard snapped this shot of a few of the "show and tell" items from the January 2004 meeting.



Santa Clara Valley Carvers and West Bay Area Woodturners
present the 37th Annual

Wood Carving and Turning Show 2004

Saturday, April 17th, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 18th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at

Prospect High School Gymnasium

18900 Prospect Road, Saratoga, California

(near Lawrence Expressway)

Allan Aldrich, a member of both clubs writes:

I was asked to write an article explaining what the Woodcarvers show is all about. I will skip the months of preparation and meetings and planning and take you through a weekend at the show.

First, on Friday evening April 16th, there is a turn in of items to be judged, and again the next morning the turn in continues until 9:00 a.m.. Starting at 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning the gymnasium is being transformed into a display of tables covered with cloths and carvings. The area along the back wall is set up with tables covered with cloth in preparation for the judged entries to be displayed. The room looks like a mad ant colony with people moving around, bringing in their items for their table, and getting ready for the show.

When the doors open to the public at 11:00 a.m., everything has to be ready for two days of looking, exchanging ideas, answering questions, selling some of your wares, if you wish, and of course having a good time! The show is made up of people who show their items for display only, and some who have items for sale. There will also be dealers selling tools, wood, and ideas for carving.

Items to be judged will be left on display in the gymnasium both Saturday and Sunday, and will not be removed until the close of the show at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. The building has an alarm and is locked up for the evening.

During the two days of the show, there will be demonstrations of carving and turning. There are also contests for the best carved pieces from the various clubs present as well as a "whittle off" contest. There will also be a country store, a raffle with some nice prizes as well as a silent auction. A deli is set up with coffee and goodies, beverages and sandwiches for sale to the attendees.

The attendance at the show varies from 300 to 800 depending on the weather and other conditions. On Saturday night Santa Clara Valley Carvers has a dinner and door prizes are given out. Sunday night after the show closes, the ants return to transform the gym back into a gym. See you at the show and be sure to tell your friends to come and see us! Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children 10 to 18, and children under 10 are free.

Registration and entry form (next page) may also be downloaded
from our web site

<http://www.westbaywoodturner.com>

Santa Clara Valley Carvers West Bay Area Woodturners Show April 17th & 18th, 2004

Registration and Entry Form

Return completed form by April 1, 2004

to

Santa Clara Carvers
c/o Dean Aspinwall
2464 Cordoba Way
San Jose, CA 95125

ATTENDEE INFORMATION					
Last Name	First Name			Middle	
Street Address			City	State	Zip
Phone (day)			Phone (evening)		
EXHIBITOR TABLE					
Six foot table @ \$10.00 each					
How many?		Retail Sales Permit No.			
VENDOR TABLE					
Six foot table @ \$30.00 each					
How many?					
Please specify any special electrical needs					
West Bay Woodturners Competition					
Turnings to Be Judged At most <u>three</u> turnings may be entered (except for the Iron Man Category) There will be a \$2.00 charge per item that is not pre-registered.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Craft item <input type="checkbox"/> Utilitarian <input type="checkbox"/> Lidded box <input type="checkbox"/> Spindle <input type="checkbox"/> Vase <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-center <input type="checkbox"/> Miniature <input type="checkbox"/> Platter <input type="checkbox"/> Segmented			<input type="checkbox"/> Embellished <input type="checkbox"/> Closed form <input type="checkbox"/> Small bowl (6" diameter or less) <input type="checkbox"/> Large bowl (more than 6" diameter) <input type="checkbox"/> Small natural edge (6" diameter or less) <input type="checkbox"/> Large natural edge (more than 6" diameter) <input type="checkbox"/> Goblet <input type="checkbox"/> Artistic <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Man competition		

West Bay Area Woodturners Society

New Member Renewal Member of AAW? Yes No

Name _____ Spouse _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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e-mail address _____ Electronic Newsletter Paper

Lathe _____ Model _____ Size & TPI of spindle _____

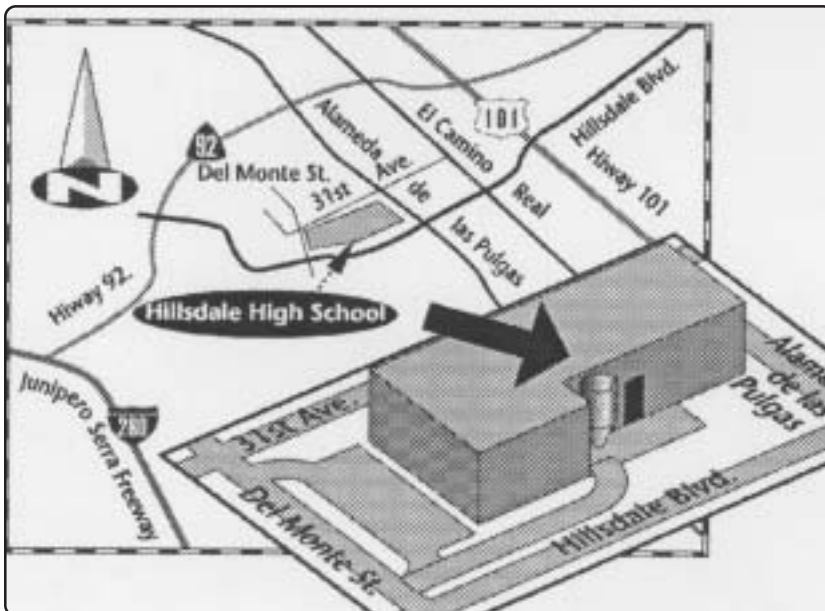
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Hillsdale High School Workshop
Room 2A

From 101, take Hillsdale Blvd. West to Del Monte Street. Turn right at Del Monte and immediately right again onto access road...

From 280, take Highway 92 to Hillsdale Blvd. Turn right (east towards the Bay) to Del Monte Street (about a mile). Turn left and immediately right onto access road...

Follow the access road into the parking lot outside the woodshop. Please park carefully.