



West Bay Turnings



The Newsletter of the West Bay Area Woodturners

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Next General Meeting

When: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Where: **Seventh Day Adventist Church** (see map on back page)

President's Challenge: Bring examples of your work!

Program: Ice Cream Social!

President's Message

Clarence Kellogg

Sorry for the confusion at the last meeting regarding the potluck dinner. The Board has decided that rather than trying to put together a dinner at the last moment, an ice cream social would, given the season and timing, be a better choice than trying to cram together a dinner. Please note that the meeting is at the Seventh Day Adventist Church located at 653 West Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale. Also, please bring one or two examples of your work to show the members and guests.

At the last meeting, the subject of demonstrations and program presenters was raised. Basically, three separate issues came up in the conversation:

The first relates to using more of our members to do demonstrations or presentations. The Board wholeheartedly endorses this concept. The problem is that the members need to volunteer, or at least make it known that there is a desire to participate. Bear in mind that for this year we have had no program chairman, so

the Board has been arranging demonstrations and presentations at the meetings all year. If we are to investigate the skills and abilities to present at a meeting, I fear that the Board will be strained by this additional responsibility. If anyone is willing to spearhead this activity, please step forward.

The second subject that was raised is compensation or cost reimbursement for members who conduct demonstrations or presentations. The conclusion of the Board was that if someone anticipates that he or she will incur expenses in the preparation of delivery of a presentation, please bring it to the attention of the Board. We do not expect people to subsidize

the operations of the club. But, on the other hand, the Board does not want to create a system of payment for members who conduct demonstrations or presentations. We fear the complexity which results from demonstrations and presentations by groups, as we have had several times this year, and the general resistance to compensating some members for an activity for the club, and not others.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, July 11, 2006, the monthly meeting will take on a new flavor, literally and figuratively. Instead of a potluck dinner, the food preparer in each family gets a break. Come and have dessert with the wood turners!

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Ice Cream * Hot Fudge * Brownies * Cake
Toppings * Whipped Cream

7:30 p.m. sharp at the Seventh Day
Adventist Church, 653 West Fremont Avenue,
Sunnyvale.

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President's Message

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Lastly, the concept was raised of recording for posterity the work, and work methods, of some of our more illustrious members. The Board believes that there is value in recording the work of some of the more accomplished, or turners who do different styles of work such as Warren Atkins, and, if that is a successful activity, possibly something similar can be done for the ornamental turners since they cannot bring their lather to demonstrate at the meetings. Steve Baun and Edgar Whipple have both volunteered to participate in this activity. I will try to keep you posted on the progress. If anyone has a good idea on this subject, or a desire to participate, please let me know.

Calendar 2006

JULY

11 Monthly Meeting

Activity: Ice cream social

AUGUST

8 Monthly Meeting

Activity: Wood and tool sale and swap
President's Challenge: Covered boxes (any style of type)

SEPTEMBER

12 Monthly Meeting

Activity: 10 x 10 x 2 blocks
President's Challenge: Letter openers

OCTOBER

10 Monthly Meeting

Presentation: Presentation and hands-on making Christmas tree ornaments
President's Challenge: Square-edged bowl

NOVEMBER

14 Monthly Meeting

President's Challenge: Christmas tree ornaments

Minutes of the June 13, 2006 Meeting

The meeting was held in the meeting room of the Woodcraft Store in San Carlos, and was opened by president Clarence Kellogg at 7:15 p.m. There were no guests.

It was announced that the next meeting would be the potluck (*Editor: Ice cream social!*) at the Seventh Day Adventists Church in Sunnyvale on July 11th. People should bring their good work to show. At this point no person has volunteered to organize this event.

The August meeting, on the 15th, will be held at Jim Laflin's residence. It will be a barbeque, and a tool and wood swap.

Bob Taylor brought up the question of the experts we occasionally bring in to teach us. He pointed out that the club itself has a wealth of expertise, and this would be a whole lot cheaper to use our own people as experts rather than trucking in people from hither and yon to teach us. He proposed that we could pay our own people as well.

Several lathes are in search of new homes, and this was discussed informally.

Warren Atkins proposed that we could make some of our own instructional videos if we could get camera people to go to the shops of people who do certain kinds of turning. He, for example, would be able to teach segmented bowl turning that way. Steve Baum said he might volunteer some camera person time. The tapes could then get into our library.

The month's president's challenge was spindle work, and a number of members brought some in.

Grant Allison submitted a goblet.

Tom Howard also submitted a goblet with an insanely thin stem of only 1 1/2 mm. It was made from sycamore. He also had a fig bowl, made from very green wood, which had travelled a great deal. He also had a walnut bowl from an old buggy piece of wood that looked rather like a strainer or sieve but was interesting.

John Brugo brought a natural edge bowl of pepper tree wood. It was both green and punky and so

offered some special problems.

Ken Clifford brought two mallets; one older working mallet, and one new one of two woods, probably too good to whack things with. Of the president's challenge turners, the winners were Grant Allison, Tom Howard, and Ken Clifford.

This month's presentations had to do with special methods, tools, and jigs that members had come up with to enhance their own work.

Bob Taylor brought his chain saw crib for controlling logs during cutting. He also brought a series of wood rounds of different diameters, handy in drawing on logs preparatory to cutting them before turning. Dave Vannier proposed drawing a line across the rounds to help keep track of the pith in the logs being cut.

Bob Taylor also brought a jig for drilling wood for screw chucking. He also had a tray to go under the chuck to catch things like screws when changing screw chucking. He also had quite a variety of chuck jaws. Bob also had special wood jigs to fit on live centers for turning exteriors and bases of bowls and goblets. Bob brought a depth gauge much like those Bonnie Klein showed us last month.

John Brugo made some jigs for cutting sandpaper rounds out of old hole saws, with the edges smoothed and sharpened and fitted onto handles for ease in handling. These are handy when using velcro fastened sandpaper. John also has a rack for separating new sanding disks from older ones from nearly used up ones.

Peter Pipe brought a drill base to put in the tool rest position so you can make even holes around a piece of work. He also had several sanding extenders for reaching inside closed forms for ease in sanding.

After the break, Bob Taylor brought a steady made from plywood and roller blade rollers.

Clarence Kellogg brought a wooden ball to hold sanding materials with. He also uses scrapers with interchangeable tips, and he has customized these tips in several ways for his turning. Like Bob, he too uses a tray to catch parts on the

lathe while working. He had a One Way tailstock point he recommended.

He also had a jig for holding tiny blades while sharpening them. He also showed us a curved blade for working on bowl bottoms, as well as some packing materials he uses to back up sandpaper. Clarence also brought a window squeegee on a pole for use in cleaning up the narrow spaces under the lathe. He swears by its usefulness. He has a small table to slide in onto the lathe to put tools on while working. And he has a circular tool rack on a lazy susan base.

Warren Atkins pointed out that in segmented turning the measurements and angles have to be precise, and he helps himself in this by using a belt sander and precise blocks to aid in his precise measurements.

Frank Taylor uses a semaphore jig for making identical spindles, as for wagon wheels. This gives accurate diameters. He has a separate outboard chisel rest useful for large work. Frank advocated creative use of pegboard for hanging tools. Some of his are on hinges and two sided.

At this point Grant Allison showed a steady he made using string for the steadying devices. He also brought a big chuck with a rotating jaw, as well as a centering device. He also brought a piece of small plastic hose for blowing things off using his breath.

Dave Vannier advocated getting velcro interfaces for sanding disks from the fabric store. He has used these with great success.

The next board meeting will be next Tuesday, June 20th, at Clarence Kellogg's house.

The Woodcraft Store will have an open house on October 6th and 7th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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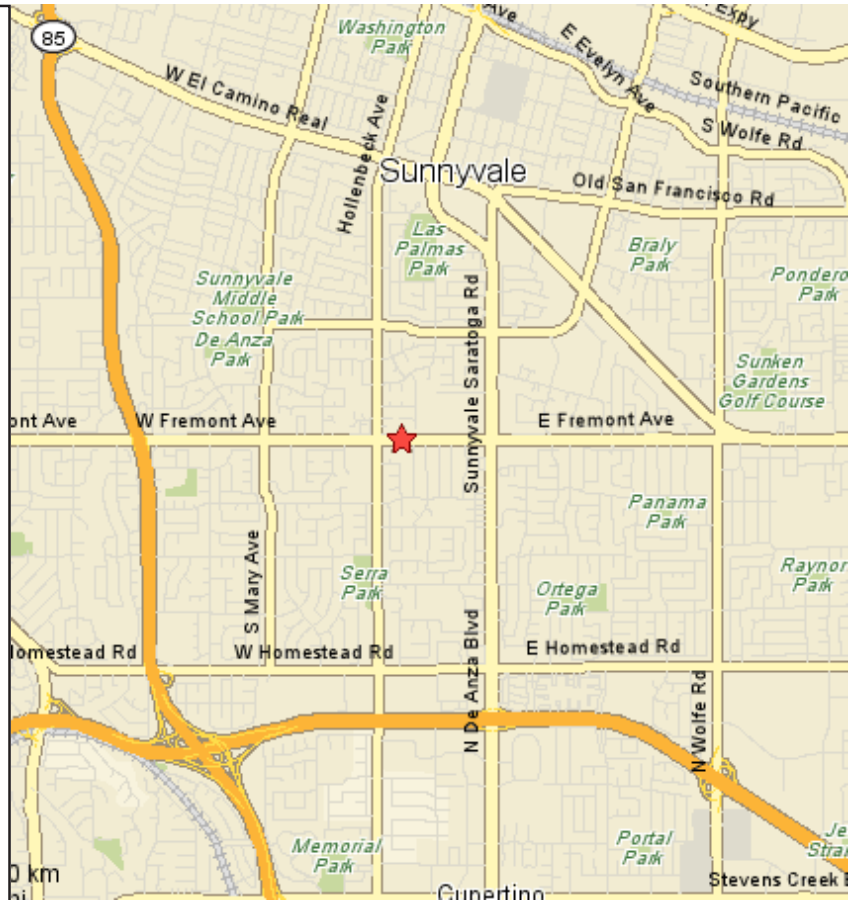
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