



# West Bay Turnings



The Newsletter of the West Bay Area Woodturners

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## Next General Meeting

When: Tuesday, 13 Nov 2007 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

President's Challenge: Item with a finial

Program: Dottie Bang - Miniature goblets

## President's Message

Clarence Kellogg

From what I hear, I missed a lot of good stuff during the last month.

The Cindy Drozda demonstration got real good reviews from the people I talked to. Cindy is very talented and well prepared and I hope everyone learned a lot. The bad news is that we had only fifteen attendees at her demo, which is disappointing and will tie in (in part), to some of my comments later on in the message.

The Woodcraft open house appears to have been very successful. The Club gained several new members from the demonstrations and distribution of information. Also, we reinforced our relationship with Woodcraft and Eric, its owner.

Jim Gott's demonstration at the regular monthly meeting was also well done and well received according to the reports.

We have several events coming up in November, as indicated in prior messages. Al Stirt is demonstrating on Friday, November 9, 2007. The demonstration will be at Ken Clifford's house: 13163 La Questa Drive, Los Altos Hills.

We have cancelled our participation in the Woodworking equipment show because of a lack of participation by Club members, lack of response from the promoter of the show and in general, too many things going on in too short a period of time. The lack of participation is particularly disturbing since not enough people signed up to

cover the various shifts as demonstrators and/or to hand out information on the Club. I am concerned about the viability of the Club if we cannot get more participation in the events or if there is no interest in the events let the board know so that we do not waste time attempting to organize unwanted activities.

The presentation for this month's meeting, which is scheduled for November 13, 2007, will be Dottie Bang demonstrating on the turning of miniature goblets. If you have seen Dottie's work, you should be very interested in this demonstration.

As is usual this time of year, we are looking for people to serve as officers of the Club or if not as officers at least assist in the number of activities necessary to keep the Club moving along. For the most part, the existing officers have agreed to continue in their present roles for one more year. One exception is that Edgar Whipple has agreed to take on the role of Vice President next year with the goal being that he would become President the following year. We continue to operate without a program chairman. If it were not for the generous time commitment by David Vannier to put together the various demonstrations (i.e., Cindy and Al) we wouldn't have any.

Don't forget the gift and ornament exchange at the Christmas dinner and the requirement for personally made gifts of suitable quality.

The presidents challenge for the November 13, meeting is an item with a finial

## Meeting Notes

Steve Baum

Past President Jim Laflin started this meeting off with a bang (of the gavel) at 7:15. Our current President is out, no doubt busy doing presidential things. This meeting was a bit more intimate, as a casual head count yielded about 35-40 people, a bit low compared to usual meeting.

New meat, ur.. I mean new people at today's meeting were:

- Curtis, who came a year ago and finally got the stomach to show up again.
- Wayne & Roberta are a couple from Redwood City. They learned of us via the Woodcraft store event last weekend.
- Bill Daniels is another innocent bystander who got culled from the Woodcraft crowd to visit our esteemed club.
- Ernie from Pacifica, and Fred, not from Pacifica were again referred from Woodcraft.
- Ken Clifford our penny pinching treasurer did not make the meeting, probably due to the rising cost of crude oil.

Our Librarian, Budd Trapp did not make the meeting, possibly overly concerned over the high humidity's effect on the club library.

Bob Tang did make the meeting, and invited club members to survey his wonderful array of West Bay Area Woodturning (WBAW) garments, ranging from low carbon footprint all cotton torso wraps to UV shading cranial covers. They are available in a myriad of colors from maroon to green.

Gordon Rockhill donned his merry Saint Nick hat and expounded on the intricacies of signing up for the WBAW Christmas extravaganza food list. As a side note we were warned not to sign up for cranberry sauce or mashed potatoes even though they are on the list. Our once a year visitor Curtis started looking towards the door. Gordon eloquently trailed off into the minutia of the gift exchange, and closed with final thoughts

on the ornament raffle. We may never see Curtis again....

Jim Laflin and David Varnier will have another beginner class at Jim's shop in Saratoga on the traditional 3rd Saturday of the month. The next class is October 20th from 9 to 12 and will be focusing on "natural edge bowls". They regret not having any classes in Nov. or Dec. due to pesky family obligations over Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Larry Maggi brought up that 'The Woodturning Show' in San Mateo is on November 9, 10 & 11, but many of the companies we have come to expect will not be there. As a matter of fact, we may not be there either! The sign up sheet to man (or to wo-man) the WBAW booth was lackluster, and it was surmised if not enough people sign up, we may also decide to spend our time elsewhere.

Sequoia High School is calling all WBAW members to come and donate a little time to their woodturning program! They are asking for people

to come by once a month for machine maintenance, and possibly instruct some of the students on woodturning on their Oneway lathes. Talk to Jim Laflin if you are interested.

The Woodcraft show in San Carlos was mentioned as being very successful, and as a byproduct, we had about six new folks show up at our October meeting.

The Cindy Droza demo at Woodcraft is 10/16, starting at 9:30AM. It will be an all day event. Ms. Droza is known for her lidded boxes and finials. Cost is \$10 for members and \$35 for non members.

Al Stirt is following up 11/9 for another demo at Woodcraft. Please call a club officer or check our website rather than call Woodcraft for times and / or questions about demos.

President's Challenge for November: Something with a finial! And that's final!

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## Announcements

Peter Pipe brought some fresh cut Pistache (Editor: *pistacea chinense*, Anacardiaceae ?), and promised more for anyone who made their needs known.

Laura and Barry Uden want to know if you have anything to donate to the silent auction. Wood, tools, shop things? Let them know (but do it QUIETLY!).

## President's Challenge - Segmented Turnings

- George Lutz - 2 segmented turnings, one medium vase shape w/ an unsymmetrical color streak and a large Southwestern style bowl.
- Warren Atkins - brought us a tall segmented bowl, southwestern style, and news that he has been waylaid by a shattered tail bone (coccyx), which has been taking a very long time to heal.
- Gene France - Bowl w/ wide segmented brim & a turned burl from the lot of timber purchased by a few WBAW members last month.
- Mark Rand – Brought a segmented turning which was a gift from Harkone, in Japan.
- Tom Howard – Being in the ‘spirit’ of the season showed us a segmented pumpkin type bowl w/ jack o’ lantern features.

## Show & Tell:

John Sauer – An exquisite and festive little pumpkin turning complete with its own stand .

Our demonstrator was Jim Gott from our arch rivals; the Silicon Valley Woodturning Club. Jim was able to show us how he turns ornaments from mere 3” x 3” blocks. Yes, it seems impossible, but I saw it with my one good eye. He is an excellent presenter and we will try to brainwash him into joining our ranks.

## 2007/8 West Bay Woodturners Club Activities

| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Monthly Meeting Presentation</b>              | <b>Pres. Challenge</b> | <b>Basic Skills Class</b> | <b>Demonstrator</b> | <b>Other/Notes</b>  |
|----------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Nov 9, 10 & 11 |  |                        |                           |                     | Woodworking equipment show<br>CLUB PARTICIPATION<br>CANCELLED |
| Nov 9          |  |                        |                           | Al Stirt            | Bowls and platters at Ken Clifford's house                    |
| Nov 13         | Dottie Bang sowing how to make miniature goblets | Item with a finial     | Natural Edge Bowls        |                     |   |
| Dec            | Pot Luck Dinner                                  |                        |                           |                     | Gift exchange and ornament raffle                             |
| Jan 7, 2008    | Regular monthly meeting                          | Miniature goblets      |                           |                     |   |
| Feb 13         | Regular monthly meeting                          |                        |                           |                     |   |
| March 9        | Regular monthly meeting                          |                        |                           | David Ellsworth     |   |
| March 11       | Regular monthly meeting                          |                        |                           |                     |   |

### Basic Skills Class

David Vannier

This month we spent some hands on time doing a natural edge bowl. Jim Laflin and John Brugo demonstrated the basic process of mounting a blank, balancing the edge, and then turning the blank. We only had three participants so everyone had time to put their hands on the tool and learn/practice how to make the cuts. Larry Maggi brought some cork wood that people had an opportunity to take home and practice with.

Our next class will be in January, 19th. Our current plan is to do shop made tools. This would include making a depth gauge, making a tool handle including a homemade farrell, and then completing that tool with either a point tool or a "vortex tool" (we saw this demo'ed by Cindy Drozda at a recent demo) or a hollowing tool or a hook tool.

We won't have time for everyone to make them all, but we will get all the metal etc required to make these tools. The cost will be to refund the club for the cost required to buy the parts. Some wood will be available for these tools, but you may have to go home and finish some of these things. David Vannier will be collecting ideas for future classes, so if you have something that you would like to see, please send it to him.



### Demo by Drozda

David Vannier

Cindy demonstrated at Woodcraft in October for the club. Those of us that attended all had a good time. Cindy demo'ed her famous finial's, making two lidded boxes as well as a banksia pod hollow form. Each of the lidded boxes also had a finial made from american holly. One of the turnings was also colored, and I think everyone walked away with an intention of trying to it. I know that George Lutz has attempted a few, and I tried one out of Walnut. My experience left me knowing that I still need a little more practice.

### Al Stirt Demo

Friday November 9, 2007



On November 9th, we will be having a demo by Alan Stirt. We have moved the demo to Ken Clifford's shop from Woodcraft so that we can use a full size lathe. Bring your own chair and dress appropriately as we will be out in his garage.

Directions to Ken's house are:

Approaching from southbound I-280 exit Page Mill Road, at the stop sign do not turn left or right. Drive straight ahead, across Page Mill. This will become Arastradero Rd. Follow Arastradero for one mile, turn right on La Cresta Dr. #13163 is about 1/2 mile up the hill, on the right. Park in the driveway as long as there is room.

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What we need is a club photographer, who can contribute pictures from the meetings, skills classes, demos, parties, *et cetera*.

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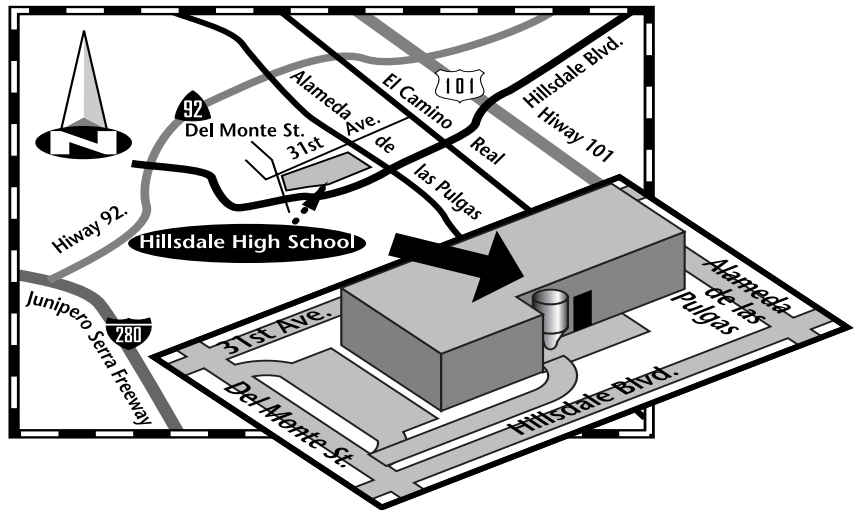
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### Thank you Woodcraft!

Don't forget - when you make a purchase from the local Woodcraft store, give your receipt to the treasurer. Woodcraft reimburses the club 3% on all our members' purchases.

### Club Discount at Craft Supplies

Richard Winslow consolidates order requests for Craft Supplies until the order total is large enough (\$1000) to submit for the bulk discount. He requires payment in full up front, as the amount of the discount varies by item. The discount is refunded when the order has been fulfilled. He distributes the items at the club meeting, or you can arrange to pick them up from him. Contact him at

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