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NEXT MEETING

Second Sunday

June 9, 2024

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. **You can also park in the Church lot next
door (downhill side)**

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

Challenge: Beads of Courage (not a challenge)

Presentation: ????

President's Message

Greetings,
Woodturners!

We had a small
gathering at this
month's meeting. Many
of you are gearing up
for the big event in
Portland—the AAW
Symposium starts
Thursday! Safe travels
to all attending, and
bring back lots of inspiration and stories to share.
Hope to see you there.

Welcome, Jeanette!

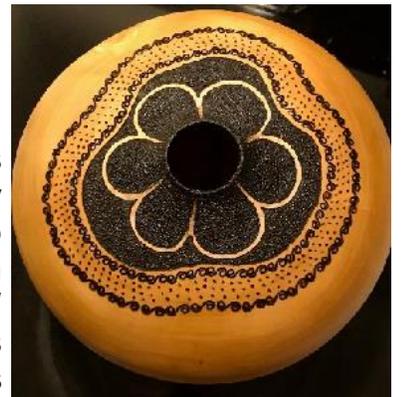
Let's give a warm welcome to **Jeanette**, our newest
member! She discovered us at the Art Exhibit booth
in Pasadena over the weekend. A big thanks to
Scott and everyone else who volunteered to spread
the word about our club.

The Fall of Rockler

In some not-so-great news, the Torrance Rockler
store is closing. Rockler has been a significant
source of new members for us. Moving forward, our
presence on social media and the internet will be
crucial for growing our membership. **Cody, Scott,**
and I will be reviewing our current website. Your
input is vital—this is YOUR club. If you have any
ideas or feedback, please let us know.

Save the Date: June 2 – Eli Avisera Demo

Do not forget June 2! The renowned turner Eli
Avisera will be giving a demo, you don't want to
miss it. So far, **only about 10 people have signed
up.** We need at least 30 of you to sign up. The cost
is just \$35 for an excellent demo from 9 am to 4 pm,
including breakfast (okay, several donuts), Carey's



famous coffee, and an all-you-can-eat pizza lunch. Please email me directly to confirm your attendance.

Shout Out to Scott Johnston

Another huge shout-out to Scott Johnston for setting up our booth at the art show in Pasadena. Thanks to Scott & the rest of the Guild members, we're reaching more people and growing our community. This is how our Guild flourishes!

Next Month's Challenge: Beads of Courage

The challenge for next month is BEADS OF COURAGE! At the April meeting, our fine turners committed to making 30 lidded boxes. Cody, a new turner, pledged to make five with the help of Mr. Loitz. I'll be helping him too. Who else will step up?

Making a difference in a child's life is a key focus for our club. Put a smile on a child's face.

Calling All Turners

Alright, I'm calling out a few members to make at least ONE lidded box for a child:

- **Steve Smith** - mahogany peg leg material?
- Jim Schopper
- John Fisher
- Carey Cares – please make it larger than a thimble!
- Carl Haney
- Craig Rovello
- Thomas Cassidy
- Henry Koch
- Scott Johnston
- Mark Marion
- Cathy! (Yep – you)

Who else will join the challenge? A significant fine awaits you if you don't participate... jus' sayin'!

See You in June

Looking forward to seeing you all in June with a lidded box (or three) in your arms.

Yours in turning,

Thomas

CHALLENGE

May's **Challenge** was "*Alternative Materials*"

There were only 3 people that entered items, so they all got lumped together.

Winner was **Carey Caires** with her mini lidded vessel of acrylic and African blackwood, finished with Aussie Oil



Scott **Johnston** sent a "*Carousel*" fashioned from granite, metal, and segmented walnut and maple



John **Fisher** raided the produce department for his material:

A whistle made from a carrot (alas, it didn't really make any toots)



A cup turned from parsnip, oil finish (EVOO, of course!)



His lidded box from Yucca root with a carrot finial actually had a friction-fit top, although it didn't "pop" when opened.



His parsnip top actually spins (sort of)



(Rumor has it that he went home and made ratatouille that night)

Judges were **Bill Loitz**, **Cody Kirschner**, and **Rick Silverstein**.

Challenges for 2024

Amy and **PJ** stepped up to give us a list of challenges for the upcoming year.

(I understand this involved casting several horoscopes, reading mystic runes, and probing the intestines of a goat.)

Jun- *Beads of Courage (not a challenge)*

Jul- *Spinning Top*

Aug- *Fix a Failure*

Sep- *Footed or Legged turning*

Oct- *Finial Box*

Nov- *Jewelry*

So now someone else has to step up and arrange presentations related to the challenges or unrelated like a generic sharpening demo. (Not every challenge needs a preceding presentation.)

Amy and **PJ**

Show & Tell

Just a few items.

Klaus Schmitt had 3 decorated vessels, the second was listed as being sycamore, clear lacquer on all.



James Hurst had an unfinished bowl with pyrography that he wasn't sure he liked or not, sanding sealer for now.



Bob Wohlers had a plate of box elder and olive, inlaid center and applied cornucopia pieces on rim. Poly finish.



John Fisher turned this whistle from maple before trying the carrot one (this one actually makes noise!)



Meeting Dates for 2024

Usually second Sunday of the Month, with a few exceptions

June 9

July 14

August

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8 (Potluck and Auction)

PRESENTATION

We had no presentation at the May meeting.

Other Items

Adam's Forge, which teaches blacksmithing and other metal arts, has found new, nicer digs in Simi Valley (they were east of downtown LA before) Adamsforge.org

Cathy Pearman urges everyone to participate in her pet project - donate blood!

L.A. Grinding, who are actually in Burbank, will make band saw blades to size in addition to their various sharpening services. 305 N Victory Blvd, Burbank, CA 91502

Welcome to new member **Jeanette**, who found us from visiting our booth at the **Artazan** fair that was going on in Pasadena the same weekend as our meeting.

Upcoming Challenges

June - *Beads of Courage Boxes (non-challenge)*

July - *Spinning tops*

Upcoming Events

We will have a demonstration by **Eli Avisera** on Sunday, June 2. Usual 9-4 time frame, donuts & lunch provided. I believe the cost is \$35. Will be at our usual meeting place in La Crescenta

Artazan Fair

We had a booth at the Artazan Fair in Pasadena the weekend of May 19 & 20. Thanks to the following for helping out:

Bill Loitz
Carl Christensen
Cathy Pearman
Chris Dodson
Henry Koch
James Hurst
Sabin Siberman
Scott Johnston



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