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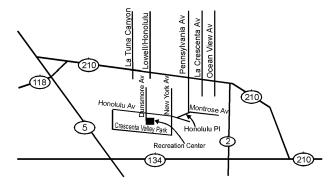
## **NEXT MEETING**

April 9, 2017

Sunday April 9, 2017 2:00 p.m. Sharp

## **HOW TO FIND US**

Crescenta Valley Regional Park Recreation Center Dunsmore & Honolulu, La Crescenta



Thomas Guide 534-E-1

#### **SUNDAY MEETING**

Meetings consist of announcements, a feature presentation, a Challenge, Show & Tell and a wood raffle (except for December).

April 9, 2017

Challenge: Multi-axis

Presentation: Turning Miniatures

by Carey Caires

## **President's Message**

What a great event, naturally I am talking about the World Wood Day (really a week) that I was so fortunate to get to be involved in. It was very inspiring to be surrounded by so many talented artists. The wood carvers were everywhere and did amazing work in the during the week. I enjoyed walking



around to see the progress everyone was making on his or her projects. Some started with a slab off of the side of a tree, including the bark, and carved magnificent relief scenes.

In the woodturning group, we had all types of turners making everything from spinning tops to large off-center table legs. I gave away or traded 6 of the birds that I learned to make from Eli Avisera. One day there were three of us that were making mallets for some of the woodcarvers. It turns out that security at the airports impounded some carver's mallets from carry-on luggage, then once they learned that the Woodturners could make new ones, we became very popular. The next day I turned a couple of drumsticks for one of the drummers in a War Drum group. After that, some us were asked to make dowels for some other project. As usual, people that are not familiar with woodturning are amazed at what we can do. In addition to those of us that had the luxury of electric lathes, there were five human powered lathes. One of which was shipped in from China and the lathe itself was about 100 years old, with the design being ancient. Andy Chen (who organized the woodturners group) brought his pedal powered lathe in from Texas for the event. I am sure that those of you that attended would agree that this was a unique event in the World of Wood.

Hope to see all of you at our next meeting.

Bill

## **PRESENTATION**

#### **CHALLENGE**

The "Challenge" (or was it the Presentation?) was "Tools, Jigs, Fixtures, Tips, etc." We had a variety of ideas and items presented, from fairly simple to the spectacular (Charlie Hulien's Lightning Machine). Hopefully everybody came away with a few good ideas.

## **2017 CHALLENGES**

April -Multi-axis
May - Kitchen Tools
June - Segmented or multi-layer
July - Spinning tops
August - Plates, Platters and Saucers
September - Beads of Courage Boxes (
October - Candle Holders
November - Toys
December - Potluck & Fundraiser

## **SHOW AND TELL**

We had a fairly limited show and tell section this time:

**Dennis Goff** had a bowl of ash finished with walnut oil and wax, and an urn of oak finished with lacquer.





**Steve Cassidy** had a natural edge bowl of birch and a couple of pine Tai Chi sticks, all finished with lacquer.





**Ron Shaffer** had a pierced and wood burned vase of birch with Arm-R-Seal finish as well as some small bowls of mystery wood finished with milk paint and wipe on poly.





**Charlie Hulien** had a couple of oak pieces decorated with his 2000 volt lightning machine, both finished with Defthane poly clear satin.





**Eileen Duffy** had a button box of mahogany with a vintage button, finished with friction polish and wax.



## **2017 Meeting Dates**

Apr 9

May 7 (First Sunday because Mother's Day is the

14<sup>th</sup>)

Jun 11

Jul 9

Aug 13

Sep 10

Oct 8

Nov 12

Dec 10

## **Other Activities**

Rockler in Pasadena held a "Make it in March" day on March 18. Several of our members were in attendance, demonstrating and getting audience participation with pen turning. (Thanks to Amy Earhart for the photos).







World Wood Day (actually more like a week) was held March 21-26 at the Long Beach Convention Center. Woodworkers from many countries were there demonstrating various activities: turning, carving, (from big scale to small), furniture making, etc., as well as some dancing and music (the drum circle was extremely loud).

Of interest (to me) were several types of foot powered lathes; a couple of designs dating back thousands of years. Among the many demonstrators were club members Bill Loitz and Sandy Huse.





## **Finishing Thoughts**

Welcome to returning member: **Donald Bogue** 

Remember to show your membership card at *Rockler in Pasadena* to get a 10% discount on all non-sale items. Remind them to put a check mark in the book for us. We get \$20 gift cards from them that we use in our monthly wood raffle and end of year holiday auction.

Our Webwright, **Anthony Thiessen**, would welcome any photos that people might have for posting on our website: athiessen2@gmail.com

Upcoming demos/events for this year:

Charles Farrar- 4/23/2017

The **AAW Annual Symposium** is June 22-25 in Kansas City, MO. The Early Bird rate is good through May 7, goes up after that.

And from your (slightly deranged) Editor:
There are many ways of mounting work on a lathe, but when planning on using a holding device, you must consider its capacity and reliability, namely: "how much wood would my wood chuck chuck if my wood chuck could chuck wood?

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