GLENDALE WOODTURNERS GUILD

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September 13th Meeting

The Challenge

Combination of Materials.

Meeting Dates

September 13
October 11
November 8
December 6 - Holiday Auction

Meeting Content

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

Demonstration Dates

Club Updates-Rob Freeman, VP

Our members took refuge from the heat and humidity for the September meeting at the La Crescenta Community Center. The meeting was conducted by the esteemed Carey Caires as Thomas couldn't attend and I was late. Welcome to our two guests, Tom and Petros. Tom mentioned he is a a 20 year woodturner, who likes working on hollow forms. Thanks for joining us!!!!!

Amy Earhart informed us of a new monthly printed (with a digital option) newspaper dedicated to woodworkers in the LA area. The newspaper covers events, stories, opportunities and resources to help woodworkers thrive and connect. The newspaper is about 8-10 pages and costs $11 in print or $5 digitally. Amy has subscribed and recommends it. The group putting out the newspaper is also scheduling monthly meetups and field trips. You can check out details at https://woodonthestreet.com/. Amy also volunteered to rehouse the Guilds Jet Midi lathe that has been stored at Carl Haney's business for the last few months. Thank you Amy and Carl!

The Southwest Association of Woodturners (SWAT) symposium was held recently and we heard from John Fisher who attended as did James Hurst and Thomas Cassidy. SWAT is a 3 day event held in Waco, Texas and features excellent demonstrators, trade shows, galleries, and hands on turning. Check it out at https://www.swaturners.org.

Chris Dodson gave an update on our camera equipment and asked us to give thought to how we want to deploy it moving forward. Do we want to keep recordings for our website or YouTube channel? How do we want to store recordings? Is there someone with editing expertise and/or desire to edit videos? Should we invest in a second camera, possibly a GoPro in order to have wide and close up views? Lots to consider so give us your thoughts and suggestions!

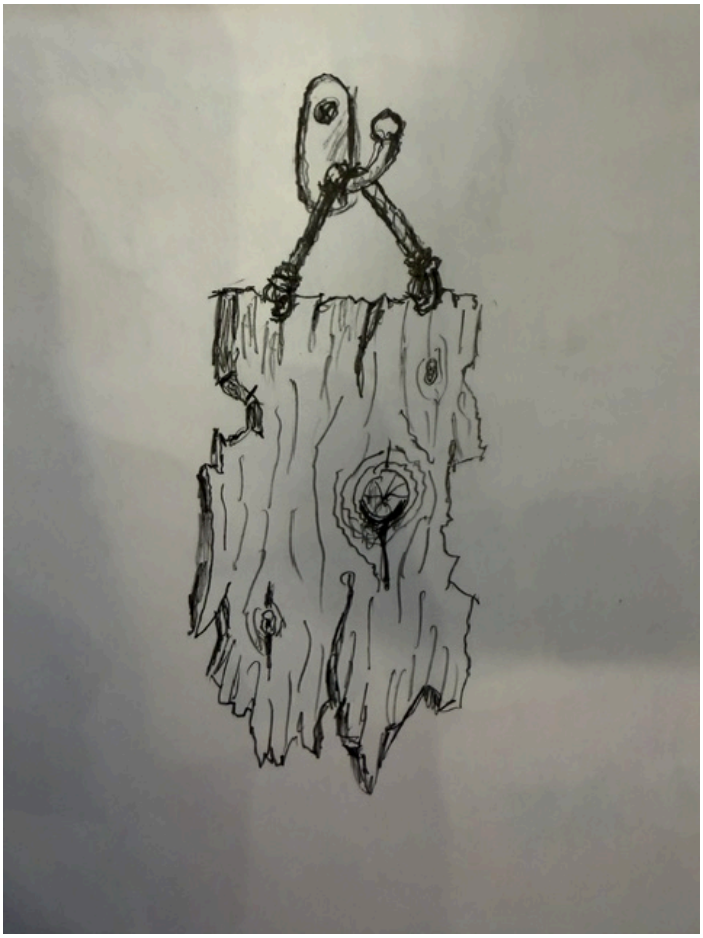
Bill Loitz, our Treasurer, gave a general financial overview of our income and expense trends over the past 5 years. Do you have a challenge you want to see us to have in 2027? Also, the call is out for presenters during the meetings for next year as well. I'm setting

Club Updates, cont.

the challenge and presenter schedule now so thank you to those who've expressed interest. We want to see what you have to share with the club!

Next month's meeting is October 11 . Mark Fitzsimmons will present Centering and Mounting Irregular Pieces of Wood. The Monthly Challenge is Duplicates- 3 or more of the same.

I'm in awe of this clubs talent so bring your show-and-tell and your challenge project next month!



Irregular piece of wood mounted on wall.
Come next month for better alternatives.

Presentation
High Speed Rotary Tools



James Hurst brought us up to date on the various rotary tools that can be used to embellish/carve/pierce our turnings. High torque flex shaft grinders can be found for $100 or so on Amazon. They can be bought with foot pedal control, though he prefers not to use one. A cordless Dremel for $80-160 can also be used. It can accept 1/16 or 1/8 inch collets and can be put on a base to act like a router.

A step up in speed and quality are the Micromotor machines. They run about 30,000 rpm and are quieter than a Dremel. However, the older versions have low torque. A newer brushless, computer chip version is now available which is much more powerful. It costs about $250 and James is awaiting the imminent arrival of one to test out. there is a much cheaper model available but it only supports a 3/32 inch collet and James advises us not to get this one due to its limitations. The other machines available from the various online sites, such as Treeline, may have different appearances and brand names but they are all about the same price and work the same.

You can find cheap dental handpieces on eBay but they require special bits with a flat on the shaft and James advises against them. James does recommend his device that runs 400,000 rpm using an air compressor. He uses CA glue to make sure the tubing doesn't pop off. He recommends FG701L and FG702L bits (FG for friction grip and L for long) which are fairly cheap on eBay. Also, diamond coated cutters are very good for sanding rough cuts

Key takeaways include

- Make sure to match the torque needed for your application to the tool you will be using:
- Make sure whatever you get supports the collet sizes and bit shanks you want to use.
- Make sure the handpiece you buy will fit the machine you use. Look at the picture of the attachment as it may not be stated.











Challenges for 2026

October - Duplicates - 3 or more of the same.
November - "Best of the Best" - what you're proud of the most.
December - Pot Luck and Holiday Auction

Our Location

La Cañada Community Center
4469 Chevy Chase Drive
La Cañada Flintridge 91011

Free parking is available.

The Community Center shares a parking lot with the preschool. Please park in the **unassigned** spots only.

Click here for a map link.

The Month's Challenge

Combination of Materials

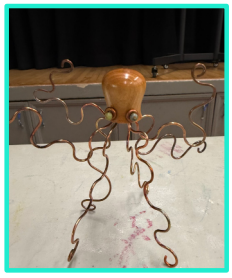
Our expert Judges this month were **Robert Freeman**, **Chris Dodson**, and **Zane**.

After careful deliberation, the judges awarded **Carey Caires** the prize in the Advanced Category for her miniature red goblet. She earned praise for the shape and proportions as well as the color of the wood being replicated in the acrylic. She also brought in a bottle stopper, stand of mushrooms, vase, pedestal bowl , and a very whimsical octopus. Materials included various woods, aluminum and copper wire, and acrylic.



Carey Caires. Larger than life winning entry, above, on right



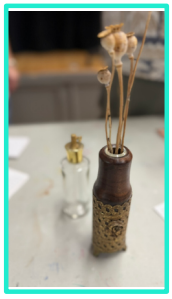




In the Intermediate Category, **Carl Haney** won for the precise fit of the iron Japanese teapot lid to his turned bowl. He also repurposed metal from an old atomizer to create a weed pot. Also, a Jatoba, Black Walnut, Copper, and Bamboo turning



Carl Haney's winning entry





The Month's Challenge

Combination of Materials, cont.

Mike Toth brought in bud vases, a top, and a pen. Wood, acrylic, and copper were used. He was able to cut the copper using the fine diamond shape EasyWood carbide cutter. Cutting slowly is advised and be careful of cuts in your skin from sharp metal fragments. Personal safety and proper personal protective equipment should always be a top priority when turning.













Tiprin Follett submitted her royal Queen nutcracke of wood and handmade clothing and jewelry. .

Mark Fitzsimmons gets the prize for largest turning with his, in progress, Titanium and Walnut Burl Asteroid Battleship. If you think this is cool, wait till his presentation next month



John Fisher presented a cherry goblet with stainless steel rings and an enigma. How did he get the rings on the stem?

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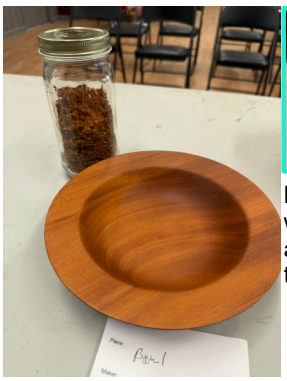
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Show & Tell





Mike Toth brought in wood shavings to see if anyone could help identify the wood species



Tiprin Follett shared a pyrography embellished Box Elder bowl in progress.



Jay Reid's Cocobolo bowl



Mark Ashley spent 4 years carving this beautiful lady on a dining room table leaf found after the Sylmar earthquake



Carl Haney brought in several more bowl blanks of the same wood from which similar bowls could be turned. His donation of the blanks to the monthly raffle generated a significant increase in ticket sales.



After being inspired and instructed by Craig Sobel, **Rick Silverstein** made this segmented vessel of Maple, Padauk, and Chechen.