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NEXT MEETING

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Sunday August 13, 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).

August 13, 2017

Challenge: **Plates, Platters & Saucers**
Presentation: **Lathe Maintenance & Electronic Controls, by Bob Clark**

President's Message

Are we into the Dog Days of Summer yet? It sure has been hot at my house; so glad that I decided to add AC in the shop last year. Speaking of Air Conditioning, the unit at the Community Center this past meeting was working very well, so don't let the heat keep you from attending. This next



challenge is Plates, Platters and Saucers so we should have lots of entries. Looking ahead, I hope that everyone has had a chance to get started on Beads of Courage boxes. Bob's presentation and slide show about the Beads of Courage Program and all the happy kids holding their boxes was real inspiring. Let's see if we can greatly increase the number of boxes this year over what we made last year. So if you made one last year, just make 2 this year. For those of you who made more than 1 last year, just try to make one extra this year. If you have any doubts of the value of this project, just check out their website; <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/>

We have confirmed with Jerry Kermode and only need a confirmation of the room reservation for his all-day demo. Pending confirmation of the room reservation we will be at the Crescenta Valley Regional Park as usual on Saturday, September 16th for the Demo. Jerry is planning on doing a wide variety of things in the demo so there will be

plenty to learn for beginning through advanced turners. Check out Jerry's website to see some of his work; <http://www.jerrykermode.com/>

Until next meeting, try to stay cool and keep turning safely.

Bill

CHALLENGE

The June Challenge was Spinning Tops. Categories were supposed to be less than three inches, and greater than three inches. However, all the entries were of the smaller size.

Tops by **Henry Koch**, of olive, oak & bluegum. No finish specified.



Top by **Carey Caires** of Carolina cherry and maple dowel, finished with Mylands.



Top by **Joe Feinblatt** of live oak.



Tops of Corian and walnut by **Anton Bosch**.



Two tops that did not have a tag filled out, but were by **Steve Cassidy** and **Craig Sobel**. Craig's was the colored one.



Competition!

As Anton's tops incorporated bearings at the bottom, they were disqualified (no metal allowed) from the competition.

There was no judging per se, the winners were determined by seeing whose tops would spin the longest.

Spin-off in progress:



The first match was between **Henry** and **Carey**, which Henry won. Second heat was between **Steve** and **Craig**, where Craig emerged victorious after several false starts. **Joe** had the bye for the first round.

The two first round winners and Joe did a 3-way spinoff: Craig's top fizzled first, and then it was a dead heat between Henry and Joe, which Joe finally won by about 5 seconds. First, second and third places were awarded.

Since the June Challenge winners didn't have to judge, they are still on the hook for judging next month's Challenge: **Nick Tuzzolino**, **Charlie Hulien**, and **Bob Clark**.

SHOW AND TELL

Craig Sobel had a "Tinker-toy vase" of bubinga, unfinished as yet.



Editor's note: as Craig's pieces continue to include more and more empty space, I suspect that sometime next year he will be able to present us with a "Zen" piece, where all the cutting, gluing and turning has taken place, but no actual material is in the final product!

Ron Shaffer had a 3 sided twisted pencil holder of Honduras mahogany, with a clear coat finish, and a curved winged bowl w/lid of mystery wood with a wipe on poly finish.



Joe Feinblatt has been experimenting with fusing glass in a kiln he acquired, and showed a maple and glass vase finished with Maloof's.



Jim Schopper had a peanut bowl of G.O.K. wood finished with coconut oil.



Dale Gertsch had two bowls and a holder for a wide candle, all of walnut & walnut oil finish.



Steve Cassidy had three hot air balloons of mystery wood, finished with acrylic paints, with leather tethers for the baskets.

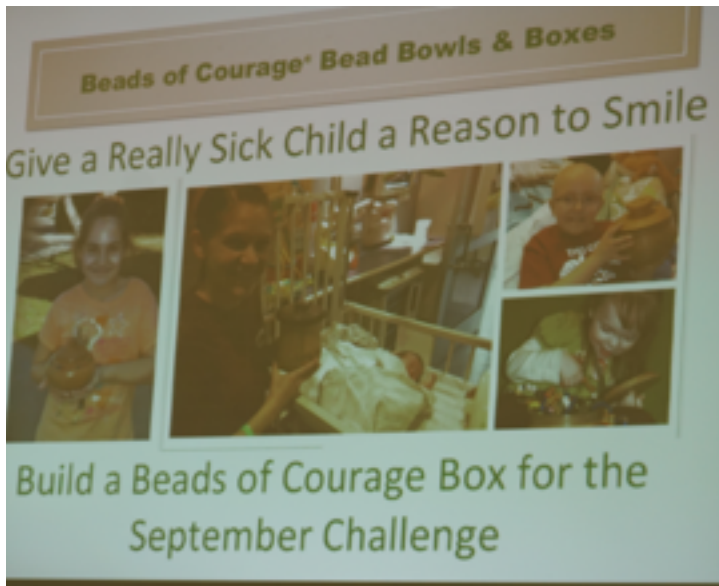


Charlie Hulien had a couple of large segmented vases, one of walnut and maple, the other of walnut, maple and bubinga. Finish was a wipe-on mix of boiled linseed oil, marine spar varnish, turpentine and wax.



PRESENTATION

Bob Clark gave a presentation on the *Beads of Courage* boxes program, which will be the subject of September's "Challenge". These boxes are for children facing serious illnesses to store the tokens they receive each time they undergo a medical procedure in participating hospitals.



We are always looking for presentations for upcoming meetings! As an incentive, we award members with a \$20 Rockler gift card for doing a presentation. Contact our Vice President, **Steve Cassidy**, if you have something to offer.

Upcoming Events

We will have an all-day demo with **Jerry Kermode** on Saturday, Sept 16th (assuming no problems with booking the clubhouse).

2017 CHALLENGES

August - Plates, Platters and Saucers
September - Beads of Courage Boxes (not a Challenge)
October - Candle Holders
November - Toys
December - Potluck & Fundraiser

2017 Meeting Dates

Aug 13
Sep 10
Oct 8
Nov 12
Dec 10

AAW Symposiums

The **2018 AAW Symposium** will be in Portland, Oregon, and the 2019 one in Raleigh, North Carolina. Time to start planning ahead.

Finishing Thoughts

As the day was very hot, after a week of the same, it was nice to find that the A/C in the clubhouse was working! We had a fairly sparse crowd, and no new members presented themselves.

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

He has also started recording the presentations at our meetings, and posting the You Tube links on our website (www.woodturners.org) June's presentation on segmenting 101 by **Craig Sobel** is up there now.

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