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## Journal of the Glendale Woodturners Guild

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### NEXT MEETING

Second Sunday

*August 10, 2025*

### HOW TO FIND US

#### SUNDAY MEETING

2:00 pm

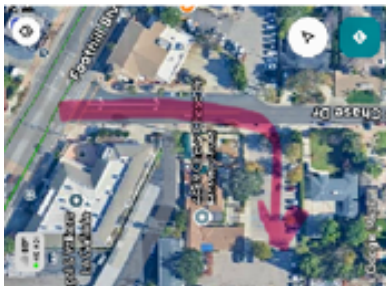
**We've moved to a new site!**

La Cañada Community Center

4469 Chevy Chase Dr

La Cañada Flintridge

near the intersection of the 210 fwy and Angeles  
Crest Highway



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

**Challenge: Textured Touch: two or more types of surface embellishment.**

**Presentation: ???**

### President's Message

Hello Guildmates!

Well... it was a light turnout at our July meeting — maybe everyone's still recovering from too many Independence Day hot dogs. If we haven't seen your smiling face in a while, consider this your official invite to come



out from hiding! We promise not to hand you a skew chisel and make you demonstrate anything. Just come hang out. Eat a donut.....or a freshly made brownie, compliments of Carey. And if life's just gotten busy, drop me a quick email — I'd really love to hear how you're doing.

#### Curves Ahead

This month's challenge, "Curves Ahead," was all about open interpretation — no guardrails, no speed limits. Just turn something curvy and creative. Once again, **Carey**, our reigning "Queen of the Challenge," absolutely nailed it. At this rate, she's going to need a gift certificate organizer... or just use them all at once to buy herself a lathe. BTW - **Carey** always enters the challenge - always!

#### Bill's Bought the Goods

Thanks to **Bill**, we now have a healthy stockpile of Craft Supply and Treeline gift certificates, plus a stack of Treeline catalogs (OK, two) to inspire your next gear binge. Speaking of which — **Scott Johnston**, where are you? We called him live

during the meeting (yes, on speakerphone!) and learned he's deep in honey-dos and getting ready to move. Fair enough, Scott... but we're still expecting a better excuse next time. Come get your catalog and come say hi!

Also — shoutout to **Steve Smith** for introducing us to **Damian** and **Kayla**. Let's see you back soon!

### **Tools of the Trade – and a Website in Limbo**

We now have a fantastic handout called “Tools of the Trade” – a comprehensive guide to all the tools we use. It will make it to the website eventually. Speaking of the website — guess what? We're back to square one. Yep. Ground zero. Again. (Insert collective groan here.) If you know someone — local or offshore — who can finally help us cross the finish line with a working, beautiful, non-imaginary website, please speak up. Bonus points if they can make it look cool and teach us how to update it.

### **Random:**

Completely unrelated... know anyone in the market for a 1999 Harley Davidson Road King Classic in gorgeous condition? Asking for a friend. (Okay, it's me.)

### **Next Month's Challenge:**

#### **Textured Touch**

August's challenge is Textured Touch — any turned form featuring at least two surface treatments. Think wire brushing, carving spirals, pyrography... whatever tickles your lathe. Push your creativity and show us something bold and new!

We're also trying to convince Carey to do a live demo showing how she creates her jaw-dropping pieces. If we can sweet-talk **Mike Toth** into bringing a mini lathe, we might just make it happen.

Have an idea for a presentation? Been itching to show off a new tool or technique? Seriously, don't be shy.

### **In Memory of David Ellsworth**

We pause to honor **David Ellsworth**, a giant in our craft, and send our heartfelt condolences to his wife **Wendy**, his family, and everyone fortunate enough to have learned from him. **David** shaped more than wood — he shaped people,

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## Challenge

The **July** Challenge was "**Curves Ahead**".

All the entrants were in the *Advanced Category*. The winner was **Carey Caires'** bottle stopper (the one on the right) with a flame shape & figure (*did I capture the piece well in the photo, Carey?*). The stoppers were fashioned from purpleheart and cocobolo, Aussie Oil finish.



**Mike Toth** had a maple box with a lid that was also a top



**Mike** also had a bud vase, also maple.



**John Fisher** turned his multi-axis curved creations (one with captive rings) from poplar, lacquer spray and acrylic paint.



**Thomas Cassidy's** 5 inch bowl was of Japanese Pagoda, finished with Hooch.



Judges were: **Chris Dodson, Bill Loitz, Julia Ryan**

## Show & Tell

**Chris Dodson's** Juniper bowl was finished with Maloof Polyoil



**Mike Toth** had once turned bowls and a Che??? Elm vase, no further info provided.



**James Hurst** made this lovely piece from glued up poplar, iridescent emerald green paint covered with iridescent blue spray lacquer. He left the interior unpainted to prove that it was wood, not ceramic.



**Thomas Cassidy** had his wet turned oak "potato chip" platter and some other items.



*(President's Message continued)*

communities, and the future of woodturning. His legacy will live on in every bowl, hollow form, and inspired turner he influenced. Thank you, David.

### **Let's Talk**

Got a topic you'd love to see at a meeting? Drop me a note. I'm always open to hearing ideas! Some of our best discussions have started from a simple conversation or email.

### **Member Spotlight**

A big round of applause for **John Fisher**, a man who shows up and steps up month after month. If you see **John**, give him a high five, a thank you, or a donut. He deserves it.

Keep the chips flying and the gouges sharp.

### **Thomas Cassidy**

President, Glendale Woodturners Guild

## **PRESENTATION**

We had no presentation this month, there was a little discussion on hollowing, etc.

**Carey Caires** will give a presentation on miniatures at our September meeting.

## **Other Items**

Welcome to newcomer **Cameron**, who found us through the website.

**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](http://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

## **Challenges for 2025**

### **Other Ideas tossed out:**

**Collaborative project** - 2 or more people working on a project;

**Bring your own "Best of the Best"**

**Fixing a disaster, with narrative:** "why my piece is in pieces, and how I corrected it."

**Lidded Boxes**

**Finials**

**Combination of materials**

**Thimbles, tops, egg shapes**

**Beads of Courage boxes**

**Tool Handles**

**Part of furniture or architecture**

**Duplicates**

**Bowl under 3 1/2 in**

## **Meeting Dates for 2025**

Usually second Sunday of the Month, with a few exceptions:

**August 10**

**September 14**

**October 12**

**November 9**

**December 14 (Potluck and Auction)**

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