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NEXT MEETING

Second Sunday

January 14, 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.

Face coverings are currently optional, mask up if you feel more comfortable with one.

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: **Thin Bowl**

Presentation: ???

President's Assistant's Message

The Glendale Woodturners Guild Annual Potluck and Fundraiser of December 10, 2023 was a success-- despite the abrupt change of plans required by the surprise Covid quarantine that kept Tom, Bill and Chris away from our



festivities! We certainly missed them but we did enjoy socializing with friends and families, tasting an interesting variety of hot dishes, cold salads and delicious desserts and supporting our club through the auction. The turnings donated by our members and the pieces produced by our professional demonstrators were very well received and the tools and equipment that were auctioned off will certainly enhance the skills of many of our members.

Carey Caires was our auctioneer, **Craig Sobol** and **Amy Earhart** tracked the bidding and were our bookkeepers, **Jim** made sure the successful bidders received their items. **Bill Nelson** and **Carl** the wood guy were great about measuring slabs, etc. and many people lent a hand with set-up and clean-up. Thank you to everybody for supporting the group!

Regards,
Cathy Pearman

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.)

Jan- *Thin Bowl* (Announced at the Nov. meeting)

Feb- *Base Design* (Since we just had this presentation)

Mar- *Carved Piece*

Apr- *Rolling Ball*

May- *Alternative Material*

Jun- *Beads of Courage*

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**

Meeting Dates for 2024

Usually second Sunday of the Month, with a couple exceptions.

January 14

February 18 *(moved due to Super Bowl)*

March 10

April 14

May 19 *(moved due to Mother's Day)*

June 9

July 14

August 11

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8

CHALLENGE

Challenge was to raise funds to keep the GWG going strong, successfully met!

SHOW AND TELL

Lots of good food & drink.

PRESENTATION

Kirk DeHeer from Craft Supplies USA did a demonstration for us on Saturday December 2. We had several visitors from the El Camino Turners join us for this event.

Kirk is a full time employee and instructor at the **Dale Nish** school located in Provo, Utah at the Craft Supplies USA store.

The **Dale Nish** school offers various turning classes by noted instructors throughout the year (see their schedule at the CS site: woodturnerscatalog.com.) Many of our members (your editor included) have taken classes there and have been very pleased with them.

He talked about catches and other problems in turning, discussed different steels and tools, and turned several items, including hand chasing threads.

The items he turned during the demo, as well as other items he had brought along were donated to our Auction.



Some of the attendees (those who were willing to be shot).

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!.

Upcoming Challenges

January - *Very Thin Bowl* (or so rumor would have it).

Upcoming Events

the **AAW 2024** Symposium will be in Portland, OR, May 23-26. *Registration is now open!* There is a \$40 per person discount available if 5 or more people sign up from a chapter. There is a link on the registration page to set up this offer.

Matt Monaco demo on Feb 18-19(???)

President's Message

Hola Woodturners! As many of you are aware, while working in the shop the day before the highly anticipated Annual Potluck and Holiday Auction, Senor **Loitz** and I found ourselves exposed to Covid. I'm not naming any names, but **Chris Dodson** happened to be the carrier. **Chris** felt really bad about the situation, but he is by no means to blame. This guy works SO hard all the time for the club, and really gives it his all! So, there we were, poised for a successful auction, only to find ourselves at home. Very strange.

Despite my absence and lack of firsthand experience, reports indicate that we had an outstanding holiday auction, and 2023 was indeed a fantastic year for the Guild. Rumor has it that the collective weight gain from the great food was measured in metric tons.**

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Once again, the auction surpassed expectations, raising an impressive \$2,800! A special mention goes to **Sarah** for her generous donation of \$500. Let's follow her lead and contribute a few dollars to close out the year, all while benefiting from a tax deduction. A sincere thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of the auction. In my absence, I asked our Culinary Queen, **Cathy Pearman** for a short write up: (see page 1)

Our December 2nd demo by **Kirk DeHeer** was nothing short of amazing! Kirk's demonstration skills, instructional prowess, and wealth of technical knowledge make him an invaluable asset. He's a walking encyclopedia! Wait, what IS an encyclopedia? Zane, do you know? A huge shout out to **Tiprin Mandalay-Follett** for hosting **Kirk** and inviting him to share his expertise.

I express my gratitude to each of you, as you are the heart of the Guild. Without our members, the Guild simply would not exist. If we haven't seen you recently, I invite you to join us in 2024. Mark your calendars for **Matt Monaco's** demonstration on February 18-19; sign-ups will commence shortly after the new year.

To commence the New Year, I've appointed (ok, bribed) **Tiprin** as our new Vice President. Although **Tiprin** hasn't officially accepted the position, she has graciously agreed to collaborate with several of us to secure 5-6 demonstrators for 2024. Please extend your thanks and congratulations to **Tiprin** at the next meeting. (OK, I'm in trouble now)

I wish you and your families the BEST Holiday season, ever! Remember not to overindulge, watch The Rose Parade (and game too) and stay safe! Oh, and be kind to each other, even your in-laws! Looking forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Thomas

***Since the US has not officially adopted the metric system that the rest of the world uses, the gains may be measured in pounds and inches, or if you're in the UK, in "stones". (editor's comment)*