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NEXT MEETING

Second Sunday

January 12, 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. **You can also park in the Church lot next door (downhill side)**

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: Happy New Year Theme,
Fits into a 3 inch by 3 inch cylinder**

Presentation: Glenn from IWATA on spraying

President's Message

**Guild Newsletter:
Wrapping Up 2024
and Charging Into
2025!**

Well, fellow Guild members, we did it (YOU did it) —**BIG TIME!** Our holiday auction wasn't just a success; it was a roaring triumph, all thanks to the dedication and hard work of our usual, dependable crew:



- Bill
- Craig
- Carey
- Chris
- Cathy
- Another Craig (yes, we've been blessed with a double Craig bonus)
- Henry

...and a few other silent heroes behind the scenes – who did I forget?

But the biggest round of applause goes to **Jim Schopper**, who generously donated some absolutely stunning pieces from his **Bob DeVoe** collection. These exquisite works turned a good old-fashioned auction into an unforgettable event. Normally, we approach the \$3,000 mark each year, but this time we soared to **\$4,630!** Another

big contributor was **Carl Haney**, again. And thanks for all of you who donated the goods.

If you're still looking to make a tax-deductible donation before the year ends, hey—don't let us stop you! Send a check to our treasurer, **Bill Loitz**.

Get Ready for 2025!

Can you believe it's just around the corner? The 2025 calendar is set! Here's the scoop:

- **February meeting** will be bumped to **February 16** (the week after Super Bowl).
- **Mother's Day** meeting will be **May 18** (again, the week after).
- **Father's Day**, no change.
- For **June**, many of us will head to Minnesota for the AAW Symposium, running June 12–15. We'll meet the **Sunday before, June 8th**. Mark your calendars, book your flights (John Fisher already did—**you?**), and he's set up a discount for a group of five or more. If you've been, you know it's a don't-miss event. Haven't been? IT'S A MUST-DO. If you've got plans, cancel them. Go!

We're also gearing up for a new round of monthly challenges. The participation in 2024 was on the lean side—too hard? Too easy? Too “meh”? Tell us what you think! Remember, these are **challenges**, not “slightly harder than normal.” Get involved! If you have suggestions, speak up, or I'll pick some doozies! (OK, I already did.) BIG thanks to **PJ & Amy** for coming up with a great list for 2024!

Presentations & Challenges

We'll be rolling out a complete schedule soon. Our hardworking VP, **Tiprin**, has sent out emails for demo planning and has a sweet list of bucket-list presenters. Have a talent you'd like to share or a technique you've been dying to learn? Our January presentation will feature IWATA super rep **Glenn**, who will demonstrate a variety of “things to shoot” and will be happy to shoot one of your pieces. He is very knowledgeable and a great presenter, learn how to make finishing your piece even easier.

The **January Challenge** is a wide-open **Happy New Year** theme. Loads of room for creativity! But here's the catch: it must fit in a **round 3” x 3” cylinder**. If it touches the edges or sticks above

the top, it's disqualified—and you'll be fined \$25. Measure twice, cut once.

Here's to a record-breaking 2024 and an even more exciting, growth-filled 2025.

Happy Holidays, be safe in the shop, and out & about. Cheers, everyone!

Thomas

2025 AAW Symposium Discount Offer

The 2025 AAW Symposium will be held in St Paul, Minnesota from June 12 to 15, 2025.

They are once again offering a **\$40/person discount for 5 or more members from a club**. I am willing to be the focus person for this - please contact me if you are interested, my email is durnredbaron@cs.com. Once I have at least 5 people committed to attending, I will request the discount code which you will use when you sign up.

- John Fisher (newsletter editor)

Challenge

December's Challenge was to raise funds for the club, looks like we did well.

Show & Tell

Lots of good stuff to eat!

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!.

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

Amy and **PJ** stepped up to give us a list of challenges for 2024, now it's time to create challenges for the upcoming year.

Some preliminary ideas that were tossed out at the November meeting:

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

If somebody (or more than one body) will step up and create a list of challenges, I will be more than happy to list them. - newsletter editor

Audio/Visual person needed

Chris Dodson has been handling our Audio/Visual equipment for some time now, he needs someone to replace him. Duties involve storing the equipment and bringing it to meetings. Most meetings will at least need the microphone and speakers set up, camera and projector for certain events. Contact him and/or President **Thomas Cassidy**.

Meeting Dates for 2025

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

January 12

February 16 (*Feb 9 is Super Bowl*)

March 9

April 13

May 18 (*May 11 is Mother's Day*)

June 8

July 13

August 10

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14 (Potluck and Auction)

PRESENTATION

Many things to bid on & good food to eat.

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