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NEXT MEETING

Second Sunday

January 11, 2026

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: Inspired by Emily Ford's demo (tops, platters, rattles, captive rings, etc.)

Presentation: Miniatures by Carey Caires

President's Message

GWG Holiday Auction & Potluck — A Grand Finale for 2025

What a way to wrap up the year! This year's Holiday Auction & Potluck took a *little* extra effort—okay, maybe more than a little. With an



abundance of delicious food (expertly coordinated by **Cathy**), a mountain of auction items, and lots of helping hands, set up started at 12:30 p.m. for a 2:00 p.m. start. Worth it? Absolutely.

Our final meeting of the year drew 45 people, one of our strongest turnouts in quite a while. Momentum? Yes. **Let's keep it rolling.**

A big thank-you to **Amy & PJ, who connected us with Carol Sils.** Carol very generously donated about 50 rough-turned bowls created by her late husband. They were a tremendous hit and deeply appreciated—both for their craftsmanship and the spirit behind them.

We also received a fantastic donation from **The Waddell's of La Crescenta**, who contributed a large collection of woodturning and wood-related books. Let's just say the bidding was enthusiastic, competitive, and fun! .

We were fortunate to have several **Emily Ford** demo pieces in the auction, and Emily went *above and beyond* by shipping down additional beautiful

turnings. We are incredibly grateful for her generosity and continued support of the guild. (Thank you, **Tiprin!**)

Numerous members donated meaningful items, and several contributed very generously in cash as well. The bidding was brisk and lively—thanks in no small part to **Carey's** legendary auctioneerisms (yes, it's officially a word now).

Behind the scenes, **Greg and Susan** logged the wins and money with precision, while **Chris** handled the delivered wins—smooth, efficient, and much appreciated.

Early estimates put the total at around \$3,200, not including additional cash donations. That's a *strong* showing for the guild.

Final Call to Action: Let's Finish the Year STRONG

If you'd like to make a final contribution to help close out the year on a high note, Zelle donations can be sent to: Bill - treasurer4gwg@outlook.com

Every donation—*of any amount*—helps support the guild and build our war chest for the future. Think: our own shop, lathes, tools, and upgraded audio/video equipment.

Attempting to name everyone who helped is risky—we'd hate to miss anyone. Please know this: you are never, ever unappreciated. Every bowl, book, dollar, dish of food, early arrival, and helping hand matters.

Thank you all for your generosity, good humor, and continued commitment to making the Glendale Woodturners Guild what it is, YOUR Guild, and a fantastic bunch of turners.

Here's to a strong close and an even better 2026!

Thomas

Officer Elections

editor's note: *Officer elections usually take place at the November meeting, but since that didn't happen, they were supposed to occur at the beginning of the December Potluck & Auction. That didn't happen either, so I guess that at least for now, last year's officers will remain in place.*

Challenge

Challenge was to raise funds for the club, and we were successful in that.

Show & Tell

Food & stuff to bid on:



Meeting Dates for 2026

January 11

February 22 (*moved for Super Bowl*)

March 8

April 12

May 17 (*moved for Mother's Day*)

June 14

July 12

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13

Challenges for 2026

Thanks to **Amy** and **PJ** for coming up with the monthly **Challenges** a couple of years ago. Since no one has done that since, I have taken it upon myself to create a list of **Challenges** for the upcoming year. - **John Fisher** (editor)

January - *something from **Emily Ford's** demo - Rattles, captive rings, tops, etc.*

February - *Kits - kitchenware, pens, etc.*

March - *Miniatures (after **Carey's** demo in January)*

April - *Fix a disaster, with narrative: "why my piece is in pieces, and how I corrected it"*

May - *Lidded Boxes/Vessels*

June - *Finials*

July - *Collaborative project - 2 or more people working on a project.*

August - *Thimbles, tops, egg shapes*

September - *Combination of Materials*

October - *Duplicates - 3 or more of the same.*

November - *"Best of the Best" - what you're most proud of*

December - *usual Pot Luck and Auction.*

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