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## Journal of the Glendale Woodturners Guild

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### NEXT MEETING

Second Sunday

*June 11, 2023*

### 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.

(non)Challenge: **Beads of Courage Boxes**

Presentation: **????**

### President's Message

Hello fellow Woodturners! We had another great meeting, the crowd was a bit light (about 30) **please mark your calendar for June 11 and join us next month.**

It is Beads of Courage time. **IT'S BEADS OF COURAGE TIME!**

Let's get turning, turners! **This is an extremely worthwhile event,** and our club has always come through. Somehow, somehow, let's get **50 litter boxes (LIDDED** – I use voice text often, it picked up litter boxes – we'll see how many of you actually read the newsletter!) finished for the children and **let them know we care! !**

**Please welcome two new guests, Jarred from Rockler, Zack, a student of John Fisher's.** We are pleased you joined us, hope to see you June 11th.

**NAME BADGES!** Please wear them!

**Bill Loitz has once again been generous with his time,** making all the name badges for the club. If you don't have one, please get your name to me ASAP so we can get one made for you. And please wear it. I'm old and can't remember....whatever it is I'm supposed to remember. Remember the club instituted a \$500 fine if you don't wear one\*. **CHALLENGE WINNERS!** ZANE won the intermediate challenge, that's right folks, 10 yr old ZANE WON the weed



## CHALLENGE

pot challenge, well done, Zane! Chris Dodson won the advanced challenge with a beautiful display of talent! And **Bill Nelson** took “weed pot” to a whole new level with, well, his weed pot work. He admitted he was retired, explaining why he clearly has sooo much time on his hands. Truly clever, Bill! That got him a \$25 gift card BTW. (check out the picture!)

Grant brought up the San Diego Fair, which runs between June 7, and July 4, and it gets over 1 million visitors! They have an outstanding woodturning and woodworking section. In the past, the San Fernando Valley Woodworkers has taken the train down as a group for the day. **That kind of camaraderie would be great for our group.**

WHO'S IN?

Many thanks to Tom Hall for a very good presentation about working with resin and vacuum processing. He provided a great handout and offered his assistance to the club. **Thank you Tom!**

**WE NEED PRESENTATIONS FOR JUNE AND JULY! Who is offering?**

The July challenge: copy or duplicate a piece - something you've turned, somebody else has turned or a picture of a piece. You will need to bring the picture or the piece with you to compare to your finished product. For each piece you bring, and each Beads of Courage box you bring, you will receive \$100\*.

Jim Hurst kindly stepped up to help us find a new webmaster - while we really appreciate Tony and his work, it is time we need to bring this “closer to home”, and (re) build the site. **Jim may regret his “offer” (I coerced him) to help, or in his words, “opened his big mouth”, but let's help him out.**

**This is not complicated. Who do you know? We need a webmaster.**

Like it or not, FB, Instagram etc. is here to stay, social media, and web presence is how it happens. Let's increase our presence and grow. Woodturning will probable slowly die off **if WE don't bring woodturning to the community and youth. Make a difference.....**

\*Just kidding – now we find out who reads my newsletter.

Be safe turners, get off your duff, turn, and join us!  
- Thomas Cassidy

Our Challenge for April was *Weed Pots*.

**Zane Latif** had the only entry in the *Beginning* Category, so it was bumped to *Intermediate*, where it won. Boxwood, mildly sanded.



The *Advanced* winner was **Chris Dodson**. Chinese Elm finished with walnut oil.



**Chris** also had a lemon wood piece, finished with walnut oil.



**Thomas Cassidy** gave us several bottle form vases, some pierced, some not: Unknown wood and walnut both finished with walnut oil



pecan and ash, Bill's hooch finish.



**Rick Silverstein's** entry was of Bocote finished with lacquer.



**Mike Toth** had several oak pieces, walnut oil finish.



**Scott Johnston's** maple piece was carved & textured with silver and black glaze



## SHOW AND TELL

**Bill Haskell's** Olive hollow forms were finished with oil & lacquer.



**Bill Nelson's** "pot with weed" was crafted of oak & other woods, sterling silver, Emmets Good Stuff Poly and paint finish.



This nice pendant of Cocobolo, spot ebony, opal & copper inlay finished with lacquer had no maker listed.

**Caire Caires** had two miniatures (surprise!): spalted maple, red cedar, Mylands & wax finishes.



Judges were: **Caire Caires** and **Bill Haskell**

**James Hurst** had some bowls: cherry(?) wipe on Polycrylic;



maple, possibly quilted, Mylands finish;



Baltic birch, wipe on Polycrylic, with some resin inlays to hide screw holes.



**Craig Sobel's** Seven circles endless loop was fashioned from *many* pieces of maple with a walnut base, finished with Watco.



## PRESENTATION

Our presentation for May was by **Tom Hall** on *Vacuum Processing and working with resins*.

He talked about various wood hardeners, not all of which are suitable for stabilizing for turning.

Stabilizing resin is typically absorbed into porous wood by a vacuum process and cured with heat. Along with providing a handout, he discussed his tests and experiences with the process, and showed some equipment, both purchased and home made.

If you are interested in trying it without investing in the equipment, contact him, as he has it available and is willing to help.



*(No, Really! The one that got away was THIS big...)*

*Editor's Note: Craft Supplies USA also has a video on their website showing the process.*

## Other Items

Welcome to Newcomers:

**Zachery Quemore**  
**Jarred Joyce**

## Upcoming Events

The 2023 **AAW Symposium** will be in Louisville, KY, June 1-4

the 2024 Symposium will be in Portland, OR, May time frame.

## Upcoming Challenges

**June** - *Beads of Courage Boxes (not judged)*



**July** - *Replica of something you've turned, someone else has turned, or even a picture of a piece you like.*

**August** - *Burnt Offerings-Pyrography*

**September** - *Miniatures*

**October** - *Colorful Things*

**November** - *Off Kilter or Off Center Turning*

## Upcoming Presentations

**June** - *TBA*

**July** - *TBA*

**August** - *Texturing by Bob Clark*

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