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NEXT MEETING

Second Sunday

March 12, 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.

Challenge: Eggs, or anything green for Easter/
St. Patricks Day

Presentation: Jewelry by Kathleen Sutherland

President's Message

Demos are back!
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We had a great meeting, a solid turn out with several new members, including 10 yr old Zane, and

Daniel who is probably about 6 AND an excellent bowl demonstration by our very own, Bill Loitz!

Beginners and veteran bowl turners alike commented on how much they learned today.

DEMOS ARE BACK!

A BIG thank you to all who showed up early to set up everything for the demo, and for sticking around to make the Legion super clean, allowing for more demos.

We've switched things up a bit, next month Kate will do a demonstration on jewelry, so April's challenge will be, you guessed it, jewelry.

The "ladies" suggested next months challenge (with Easter & St Patrick's Day rapidly approaching) that our challenge is seasonal. I.E., Easter eggs, maybe something green, or 4th of July- ish. OK, anything wood. (Add some color & Turned)

The March meeting is on the 12th. You don't want to miss it, so come join the Gang for another demo.



MORE new faces too! Pat (he's not totally new) is back in town visiting grandchildren, and new member Joe brought David. Jennifer is new to the group, a production turner I understand.

Amy stepped up big filling in for John, she took lots of pictures and notes for our newsletter, thank you!

KUDOS to Rick for stepping and sharing his "issues & challenges" in his edition of bowls gone bad - now that takes courage!

The April demo will feature The Beads of Courage, prepping the Guild for the June meeting when members will present their finished product. THIS is an extremely good charity the club has strongly supported. I recall the Guild gifting 35 - 40 bowls in the past, please make a point of putting a smile on as many children's faces as possible. Let's have a contest! I'll set up some guidelines for CASH prizes.

Judges Pat, Scott & yours truly picked the winners - Rick for the beginners Mike in the "middle", & a TIE for advanced Scott & Bill. When asked, one Past President said ties are fine, another said no way.

You just got filled in on what happened at the meeting, why don't you just come find out for yourself and join us in March!?

Be safe out there, in the shop and remember to smile when sanding, cuz you're almost finished.

Thomas

Meeting Date Changes!

April's meeting would fall on Easter Sunday, so it is being moved a week later, to 4/16.

As usual, **May's** meeting is moved a week later to 5/21 due to Mother's Day,

Upcoming Presentations

March - *Jewelry* by **Kathleen Sutherland**

April - *Beads of Courage* by **Bob Clark**

Upcoming Challenges

March - *Eggs, or anything green to celebrate Easter and/or St. Patrick's Day*

April - *Jewelry*

May - *Weed Pots*

June - *Beads of Courage Boxes*

Other Items

We had some new members this month:

Jennifer Standish

Zain Latif

Many Thanks to **Amy Earhart** for taking the notes and photos this month as I was unable to attend.

John (Editor)

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.

The **Oregon Woodturning Symposium** is now planned for March 17-19, 2023 (per the website).

The **Woodturners Worldwide Online Symposium** is returning for the third year, and will be 2/24-26, 2023. Note that events start fairly early in the morning Pacific Time. Tickets are \$89, with discounts offered by a few vendors including the AAW.

Search *Woodturners Worldwide Online Symposium* - should take you to a sign up page.

CHALLENGE

The challenge for February was bowls 5 to 10 inches. In the Beginning category we had **Rick Silverstein's** two entries. The first was an Ambrosia Maple bowl finished with sanding sealer. This was the winner in the category. The second bowl was turned from Spalted Tamarind and finished with oil.



In the Intermediate category we had **Mike Toth** with three entries. The first was a Mystery wood bowl. The second was an Oak bowl, both finished with oil.



The third bowl was the category winner. It was turned from Mystery wood and had a CA finish.



In the crowded Advanced category **Bob Clark** brought in a nice Cherry bowl finished with Lacquer.



Jim Schopper brought in a small bowl turned from Olive. It was finished inside with Walnut oil and the outside was finished with Carnuba wax.



Henry Koch entered a nice Walnut bowl finished with Woodturners finish and wax.



Craig Sobel entered a faceted bowl made from Maple and dyed Birch with a Watco finish,



His second bowl was turned out of Sycamore and then carved to form flower like petals. Excellent work **Scott!** It tied as the category winner.

Dale Gertsch brought in a bowl turned from Walnut finished with sanding sealer and wax.



Scott Johnston entered two bowls. The first was turned from Black Acacia and finished with semi-gloss lacquer. It had carved feet that are not visible in this photo.

The other winner in the category was **Bill Loitz** with his inlayed bowl turned from Jacaranda with inlay from Maple, Purpleheart and black fish paper. It was finished with a poly oil blend.



Mike Toth brought in a baby rattle turned from Myrtle and finished with walnut oil.



SHOW AND TELL

There were a good number of items in the show and tell this month. We started off with youngest and newest member **Zain Latif** who brought in several turnings. The first was a nice pen turned from Pistachio and finished with friction polish.



James Hurst brought in four very different bowls to share with us. The first was a Maple and Walnut bowl that got cut up using the bandsaw and then had the walnut slices inserted and glued in then turned.



The second was a honey dipper turned out of Maple and has not had a finish applied yet. **Zain** is 10 years old and is showing a wonderful talent for this craft.



The second bowl was turned out of Olive.



The third bowl was turned from Blue Gum Eucalyptus and then pierced. There were some challenges involved and the Boss told Jim to glue it back together and keep it. Enough said!



We finished up with **James** fourth bowl also turned from Blue Gum Eucalyptus and pierced. This one had a more successful outcome. All four bowls were finished with Mylands.



PRESENTATION

Our presentation this month was given by **Bill Loitz**. This was a “test” demo to show our hosts, the American Legion, that we will be good guests and not leave a mess behind when we have other live demonstrations. **Bill** gave a thorough demonstration of basic bowl turning. He explained faceplate mounting and using stainless steel screws. Then step by step instructions on turning and shaping the bowl.



Also included was tool geometry, sharpening and tool selection. Pull cuts, push cuts and shear cutting were also clearly demonstrated. The differences between single bevel and double bevel tools were also explained.



The final result was a nice figured maple bowl that looked fine even without any sanding.



There was much interest in **Bill's** depth gauge so here is a photo.



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