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## NEXT MEETING

Second Sunday  
*March 9, 2025*

## 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: Decoration Using Parting Tool ( see examples on page 7)**

**Presentation: Weed Pot (aka Bud Vase)  
by Bill Haskell  
(see Challenges for 2025 on page 6)**

## President's Message

**Dear Guild Members and Friends,**

Our gathering on February 16, 2025, was more than just a meeting, it was a moment of connection and reflection for all of us. It marked the first time we've come



together since the devastating winds and fires that so deeply affected our community and touched the lives of many of our members.

We began with a moment of silence to honor the thousands who have been impacted by these events. It was a solemn reminder that while woodturning may bring us together through creativity and craft, it's our compassion and support for one another that truly defines this guild.

As your president, I want to say from my heart how deeply concerned I am for all of our members, our families, and our broader community. In times like these, it is not just about what we create with our hands but how we can lift each other up. The question we must all ask ourselves is, how can we help each other, our community, and our friends as we begin to heal?

Healing is not about forgetting the struggles we've faced; it's about honoring them while taking small, meaningful steps forward. It is a delicate balance, one we will walk together with respect, care, and solidarity. I'm grateful to every one of you for

showing up and being part of this community. Let's continue to support one another as we move forward.

### Welcome to New Friends

At this meeting, we were honored to welcome two new guests, **Peter** and **Dave**. We're re excited to have you with us and look forward to seeing your creativity and passion take shape within our guild.

### Support for Our Members

Please join me in keeping **Jim**, **Tiprin**, and **Bill** (and forgive me if I'm leaving someone out) in your thoughts as they begin the challenging journey of rebuilding. Your presence and encouragement mean more than words can express.

We had 28 members in attendance this month, a nice show of community spirit. Thank you to everyone who continues to make our meetings possible. From setting up the space to ensuring everything runs smoothly, your dedication doesn't go unnoticed. Please take a moment to personally thank these quiet heroes the next time you see them.

### Upcoming Events and Challenges

Mark your calendars for the AA Symposium in Minneapolis, June 12 - 16. It promises to be an incredible opportunity to learn, connect, and be inspired. John can help you secure a discount for every five members who sign up, reach out if you are interested!

This years challenges are sure to spark creativity and push boundaries:

A Vase Challenge

Miniature Turning - Carey to demo?

Reclaimed Wood Challenge

Fix a Mistake

Turn a Christmas Ornament

Rolling Ball Challenge

Spinning Top Challenge

Football & or an Egg Shape Challenge

Textured Turning

We're re also excited for our annual *Beads of Courage* event, tentatively planned for August or September. It's always a highlight of our year and an opportunity to give back in a meaningful way.

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## Show & Tell

A variety of stuff:

**Bill Haskell** just *had* to stop and get some pieces of an ash tree that was being taken down. Here are two hollow forms made from that tree, along with some photos he took. (Note the tree trimmer dwarfed by the tree!)



**Mark Fitzsimmons** had a natural edged bowl of Jeffrey pine that was burned in the Station fire.



**Carey Caires** (whose pieces would *never* have a problem fitting into that 3x3 volume), had her small "Rising from the Ashes" box of olive and holly burnt wood, Aussie oil & alcohol ink.



**John Fisher** had his "some assembly required" piece that was created for the cancelled January Challenge that needed to fit into a 3 in diameter by 3 inch tall cylinder. He also created the hole to prove the pieces fit in it (before assembly)



**Chris Dodson's** marble wood platter had Walrus oil and Crystalline wax finish.



**Craig Sobel**, who gave us a demo last year on making these Mobius forms, finally finished his piece. Walnut & maple, lacquer finish.



**Mike Toth** had been busy, a box and three bowls. Milk paint on one of the bowls, walnut oil & wax finishes.



**Klaus Schmitt** had two cedar bowls with oil finish.





**James Hurst**, whose place was one of those destroyed by the fires, brought in his "baptized in fire" lathe chuck.



## Other Items

Welcome to newcomers **David Feiner** and **Peter Tarbox**

**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](http://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

Member Spotlight: A Heartfelt Farewell to Henry

## 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 [duryredbaron@cs.com](mailto:duryredbaron@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

No judging took place at the February meeting. (I guess we were being non-judgemental)

## PRESENTATION

There was no Presentation at the February meeting.

### *(President's column continued from page 2)*

We want to give a gigantic shoutout to **Henry**, who has been a cornerstone of this club for years. **Henry**, you have shown up time and time again, sharing your craftsmanship, participating with enthusiasm, and hauling those coolers meeting to meeting without fail. You've been an example of dedication and passion for all of us.

On behalf of everyone, we wish you the very best in your next adventure. You will always have a place here with us.

Looking Ahead

Our next meeting will be on March 6, and yes, that's Daylight Saving Time! What does actually happen that day Clocks, move ahead or back? Don't be late or early, or spring sideways or fall apart!

-Thomas Cassidy

## Challenges for 2025

**Bill Haskell** will be doing a presentation on Weed Pots (Bud Vases) at the **March** meeting. He plans on giving out blanks for people to turn their own **Vase/Pot**, which will be the **Challenge** for the **April** meeting.

**Ideas tossed out:**

**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**

**Combination of materials**

**Thimbles, tops, egg shapes**

**Beads of Courage boxes**

**Tool Handles**

**Part of furniture or architecture**

**Duplicates**

**Bowl under 3 1/2 in**

*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:

**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)

## March Challenge

Decoration using parting tool - here are a couple pieces by **Hans Weissflog** using that type of technique. Feel free to put your own interpretation on this challenge.



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