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NEXT MEETING

THIRD Sunday

May 19, 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: Alternative Material

**Presentation: B????eads of Courage Boxes
by Bob Clark**

CHALLENGE

The Challenge for **April** was "*Round Balls*"

The "judging" was simply rolling the balls down a starting ramp (provided by **Bill Loitz**) and seeing how far and straight they rolled. Except for one entry which immediately veered sharply left, all the balls managed to reach the scoring line of blue tape on the floor. Our shortest member, **Zain Latif**, was put in charge of marking where each ball passed the line. The "target zone" was determined by rolling a billiard ball twice - the two rolls were only about 1 inch apart, so that was marked with a small wood tower.

There were three balls that actually ran straight enough to knock over the target pin, so they were declared the Tri-Winners: **Thomas Cassidy, Zain Latif, and Dale Gertsch,**





The Starting Ramp



On its Way!

And the Contenders:



Our Linesman, in charge of seeing where each ball crossed the line.



Bill Nelson's various spheres



Ready on the Firing Line!



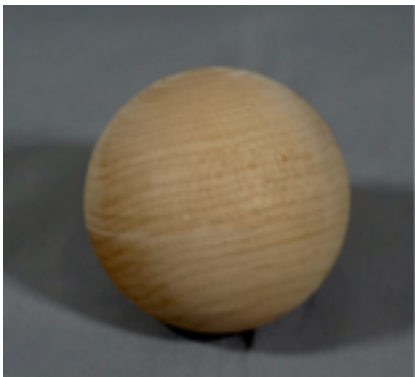
Dale Gertsch's entries, camphor and magnolia



Carey Caires' carob orb was finished with Butcher Block Oil



Henry Koch's birch ball had (surprise!) dye and lacquer.



Zain Latif's co-winning sphere



Thomas Cassidy's straight roller.



Rick Silverstein's oak roller finished with friction polish.



Scott Johnston fashioned his globe from OSB, lacquer and copper



Mike Toth turned this one a while ago. The crack was a later addition.



No tag with this one, but is surely **Scott Johnston's** work.



Mark Fitzsimmon's Olive ball did not want to stay put on the table (camera shy?)

Challenges for 2024

Amy and **PJ** stepped up to give us a list of challenges for the upcoming year.

(I understand this involved casting several horoscopes, reading mystic runes, and probing the intestines of a goat.)

May- *Alternative Material*

Jun- *Beads of Courage*

Jul- *Spinning Top*

Aug- *Fix a Failure*

Sep- *Footed or Legged turning*

Oct- *Finial Box*

Nov- *Jewelry*

So now someone else has to step up and arrange presentations related to the challenges or unrelated like a generic sharpening demo. (Not every challenge needs a preceding presentation.)

Amy and **PJ**

Meeting Dates for 2024

Usually second Sunday of the Month, with a couple exceptions.

May 19 *(moved due to Mother's Day)*

June 9

July 14

August 11

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8 *(Potluck and Auction)*

SHOW AND TELL

Bruce Barron had some *Beads of Courage* boxes.



Mike Toth presented a bowl with some tops and a rattle, walnut oil finish.



Bill Loitz's Olive yarn bowl had polyoil finish.



Klaus Schmitt brought three items: a natural edge lidded vessel of spalted maple, another of walnut, oak & cherry, and an elm vase. He experimented with some carving and inlay. Lacquer on all.



James Hurst showed a couple of bowls of blue gum eucalyptus finished with satin spray lacquer.



Zain Latif's jewelry box fashioned from unknown and African blackwood, wax & polyoil finish.



PRESENTATION

April's presentation, which preceded the "roll off" was by **Bob Clark** on the *Beads of Courage* program. (**June's** non-challenge will be making boxes to be donated to this charity).

He had a slide presentation, and talked about some of his experiences with the program and children that have been involved with it. He has posted the guidelines for the boxes on our Groupworks site.

What About This?

Older, but maybe not wiser?

James Hurst was planning on turning 84 in a few days, his wife presented him with a new Tshirt for the occasion.



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

Welcome to Newcomer **Cody**, who found the group after taking on of **John Fisher's** classes at the *Community Woodshop* in Glendale.

Upcoming Challenges

May - *Alternative Materials*

June - *Beads of Courage Boxes (non-challenge)*

July - *Spinning tops*

Upcoming Events

the **AAW 2024** Symposium will be in Portland, OR, May 23-26. *Registration is now open!* There is a \$40 per person discount available if 5 or more people sign up from a chapter. There is a link on the registration page to set up this offer.

Sarah Livingstone is in charge of the Registration Desks at the upcoming AAW Symposium, and she is looking for volunteers to man them. You get a Symposium Tshirt if you volunteer. See the AAW website under Symposium info to volunteer (very easy sign-up). Other areas at the Symposium are also looking for volunteers.

We will have a demonstration by **Eli Avisera** on Sunday, June 2.

President's Message

Name Badges! Do you want a new name badge for the **AAA Symposium** next month? Example: Your badge could include your first and last name, along with the *Glendale Woodturners' Guild and Pasadena, California*. If you're interested, let me or **Bill Loitz** know right away!



We had a great turnout for the rolling ball challenge, with around 20 people eager for the big roll-off! We had THREE WINNERS: **Dale, Zane**, and yours truly. **Zane** and I had the honor of working with none other than **Bill Loitz** on our creations, proving once again that **Bill** is an outstanding turner, teacher, and mentor! A big thank you from the entire club, Bill!

Eli Avisera is coming to town for a demo on June 1st. Email me if you want to attend. **Eli** is a highly skilled turner, an excellent demonstrator, and a long-time friend of the club. DO NOT miss this one!

Thank you, **Bob Clark**, for doing a great job presenting the **BEADS OF COURAGE** program. It is our **June** challenge. Please start on your lidded box for this exceptional cause. In the past, our club has presented three dozen (or more) boxes. At the meeting, the club committed to completing 30 boxes! That's right, THIRTY! The Guild supports this wonderful program and anything we can do to improve the lives of the children. PLEASE PARTICIPATE!

We don't have a presentation planned for the May meeting. Can anyone help the club out? Remember, the May meeting is on May 19th since we're shifting it for Mother's Day.

Who wants to do a presentation in May? Do you have a nomination?

The May challenge is alternative material. Let your creativity shine! Just make sure you draw out your work first, or you might have to deal with **Scott**. He's got a friendly smile, but.....

June, *Beads of Courage*. **July** is *spinning tops*. ANOTHER fun challenge! FYI - turning a top is much easier than a round ball. There will be HUGE cash prizes for the winner (s). A roll of pennies, or Susan B Anthony dollars.....or fifty dollars worth of Bazooka bubble gum.

The club meeting just wasn't the same without a didgeridoo presentation to kick things off—what happened, guys? Who is ready to take some lessons and fill in?

The **San Diego County** Fair is from June 12th to July 7th, and the SF woodworking group has made the annual Amtrak trek to enjoy this huge display of woodworking and turnings! Let's get a group together! Even better, who's a member of their club or knows when they're planning to go? Let's join them!

The Guild has been aiming to update the website for a while. **Tony** has made some recent changes. Please review the site and help upgrade it to make it more appealing and welcoming. Since **Rockler** has closed, and we got a lot of new members from them, the Internet and our webpage are crucial going forward. **Scott, Jim** (?), and I are working together to make it happen, but we need your help.

Get in the shop, grab your graph paper, and compass, and start creating! And remember to be safe - we know how DANGEROUS a compass can be!

Thomas

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