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NEXT MEETING

Second Sunday
November 9, 2025

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: **Calabash bowl (see President's column)**

Presentation: **Chainsaw sharpening by Carl Haney**

President's Message

Glendale Woodturners Guild – October Update

Attendance is up a bit, 25 in the room this month — great to see some new faces and old friends alike. **HOWEVER**, let's grow GWG, and share our passion!



Tiprin brought a guest from the Bay Area, **Tina [last name pending]**, who teaches turning workshops and will likely join us for a future demo. And **Rex** was back with his son — hope he's on our email list now!

Emily Ford Demo – What a Show!

Emily was fantastic — funny, skilled, and full of tips and inspiration, she is an excellent turner, and demonstrator. Thanks again to **Tiprin** for bringing her to town! If you missed it, don't miss the next one — *these pros are always top-notch.*

(And if you attended, double-check you've paid your full demo fee. We're a little short.)

Tiprin brought **Emily's** baby rattle and Christmas ornament **Emily** made, and we will likely get her hollow form to sell at the **Holiday Auction!**

October Challenge Recap

This month's challenge: a bowl 3½ inches or smaller.

Ten fine entries in the Advanced group — but surprise, surprise, **Carey, Chris, John, and Mike**

didn't win. Yours truly took it home with an Ironbark Eucalyptus Calabash Bowl (it's been a while!).

Next month's challenge: Turn a Calabash Bowl — any size, no straight lines, round bottom, no foot. Let your creativity float!

Coming Up

- Next Presentation: Chainsaw Sharpening with Carl Haney
- NO November 16 Demo - too much too soon
- **Holiday Auction: Coming soon — start gathering goodies and bring your most ridiculous White Elephant entry (PRIZE \$) (just toss it at the end, pase!).**

Community News

The Community Center partnership is moving forward! Staff loved the **Emily Ford** demo, and we're planning an Open House in January (?) — simple projects, public turnout, and volunteer fun.

Also, **Rick Silverstein** announced the Arboretum needs help to sand and oil benches in exchange for some primo wood. We have about 10 signed up — join the party!

Big Thanks

Huge shout-out to **Steve Smith**, who showed up for his first ever demo and donated generously to support the club — and to **Mark Ashley**, who chipped in even though he wasn't there!

That kind of kindness keeps us turning.

Donations are tax-deductible and can be Zelled to treasurer4gwg@outlook.com (Bill Loitz)

Demo Wish List

Who do you want to see next year? John Beaver, Graeme Priddle, Eli Avisera — or someone new?

Shoot me your favorites soon so we can start booking!

Let's finish 2025 strong!

We're growing, connecting, and turning out great work — with a few laughs along the way.

See you at the next meeting!

— **Thomas Cassidy**

President, Glendale Woodturners Guild

Challenge

The **October** Challenge was Small Bowls (under 3 1/2 inches)

All the entries were in the *Advanced Category*, where the winner was President **Thomas Cassidy** with his tiny calabash shape bowl, iron bark eucalyptus, poly blend hooch finish.



Chris Dodson had two bowls from the same piece of persimmon, one finished with OB Shine juice, the other with Maloof polyoil.



Carey Caires had a Buckeye burl bowl finished with Aussie Oil. She demanded that I show the bark inclusion!



Mike Toth had a selection of small bowls, walnut oil finish.



John Fisher had a "double ended" bowl of cherry, Scratch Free finish, and a winged piece of unknown with some burl figure, yellow and brown die applied.



Judges were: **Tiprin, Tina, Mark Fitzsimmons**

Show & Tell

James Hurst was at the *Arrowmont* school recently, and returned with several items, all fashioned from poplar, some carving, acrylic paint applied.

A vase and a candlestick



A "dirty pour" disc:



Mark Fizzsimmons made an extension of elderberry for his wife's slightly too short hiking stick.



2 carved plaques:



A wig stand, don't have any further info.



Tiprin Follet found out what happens when you bake your piece in the microwave too long:



Emily Ford Demo

On October 4th, we had professional turner **Emily Ford** from Utah do an all-day demonstration for us.



She created a number of items during the demo: tops (which she has turned by the thousands, and are a great skill builder), captive ring rattles, ornaments, and a platter.



PRESENTATION

Vice President **Tiprin Follet** gave a presentation on Carving. She discussed power shaping tools, as well as hand tools - knives for "whittling" and gouges for "carving".



If you've created a "less than perfect" bowl, it's a good opportunity to carve the piece, especially if it has a hole in the bottom already. She also spent some time showing us how to carve faces, one of her favorite projects.



Upcoming Presentations

November - *Chainsaw sharpening* by **Carl Haney**

December - *Pot Luck and Auction*

January - *Miniatures* by **Carey Caires**

February - *Swirly Bowl* by **Craig Sobel**

Other Items.

VP **Tiprin Follet** introduced visitor **Tina** from the Bay Area who is an accomplished tuner and artist.

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

For those not already aware of them, *StopLoss Bags* provide a good way to preserve partially used finishing liquids. Just Google the name for many sources.

Meeting Dates for 2025

Usually second Sunday of the Month, with a few exceptions:

November 9

December 14 (Potluck and Auction)

Challenges for 2025 (and beyond)

An Upcoming Challenge may be **Miniatures**, after **Carey** gives her presentation..

Other 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

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