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NEXT MEETING

Second Sunday
October 13, 2024

HOW TO FIND US

SUNDAY MEETING

2:00 pm

We've started meetings again at our new site:***
*** *It's possible we may have another site, stay tuned!*

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: Finial Box

**Presentation: Iwata spray gun demo
by Glenn**

President's Message

Surviving the Heatwave (and Other Tall Tales)

Despite what felt like a group meeting inside a toaster, 26 brave souls showed up for our September meeting. My car thermometer said 122°F after the meeting — wait,



what!?!? But gathering with friends (and the promise of brownies and coffee??) proved stronger than the heat. For those who missed it, we understand... but we missed YOU too. Come join us in October, where the only thing hot will be the turning action!

Thank You, Jim Hurst!

A big thank you to Jim Hurst for his wonderful presentation on piercing! Jim not only gave us great tips on what to do but, more importantly, what not to do. He encouraged us all to go forth, make mistakes, and then pretend we did it on purpose—like true artists. Who's ready for a piercing challenge now? Maybe you'll bring a pierced piece to the next Show & Tell—after all, it's just a few holes, right?

September's Challenge—Carved/Attached Feet

Six fearless Guilders stepped up to take on September's challenge, showing off some impressive work. Shoutout to our judges, Kyle, Katie, and Cody (you can't make that up!). After much deliberation, Carey took home the top honor

with *three* outstanding pieces. Bravo, Carey! And to those of you who sat this one out—what are you waiting for? Join us next time, we'd love to see your creativity in action!

Show & Tell Highlights

Show & Tell did not disappoint this month, either! One standout was a beautifully completed platter from Cathy Pearson, inspired by Eli's demo. Cathy was all smiles, giving huge thanks to Bill for his assistance. Well done, Cathy! And for those who brought pieces, thank you for sharing your passion with us. For those who didn't... well, LET'S GO!

October's Challenge: A Finial Box

Alright, folks, time to fire up your lathes because October's challenge is to turn a Finial Box. What's a Finial Box, you ask? It's a box... with a fancy top, with a finial! Get creative, think outside the box (pun intended), and let's see what you can come up with. Remember, even if it doesn't come out perfect, you'll have something unique, and of course a design opportunity for Show & Tell—and probably a good story to go with it!

Next Month: Iwata Spray Gun Demo

We've got a real treat for you next month! Glenn, the Iwata rep, will be giving us a demo of their high-quality spray guns. These aren't just any tools, folks—these are the Ferraris of spray guns. At the Portland symposium, the LPH-80 was hailed as *the* spray gun to have. I just bought one—who's with me? Don't miss this demo, it's going to be a spray-tacular event! (Yes, I went there.)

Special Events This Month

- **Sept 14-15:** Bill Loitz is opening John Peck's treasure trove of a shop—full of lathes, tools, and more than you can possibly imagine! 989 Hillside Terrace, Pasadena, 10 AM - 3 PM. Let's help clear IT ALL OUT on Saturday!
- **Sept 21-22:** Carl Haney is opening his warehouse to sell his extraordinary collection of Japanese antiques, collectibles, and walnut slabs that'll make anybody drool. You don't want to miss this! 420 S Date, Alhambra, 10 AM - 3 PM.

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Challenge

The **September** Challenge was "**Footed or Legged**". There were several entries, all placed on the *Intermediate* and/or *Advanced* sections of our little table cloth, so they got judged as one category.

The winner was **Carey Caires**, with her 2 footed bowls and (actually hollowed!) urn. Olive, black & white ebony, cocobolo, no finish specified.



Thomas Cassidy had a little footed bowl of olive, mineral oil finish.



Rick Silverstein gave us a segmented "oval" bowl from maple & mahogany, oil and wax finish



Mike Toth turned his square footed bowl from ambrosia maple, then decided it needed a lid, which he fashioned from the popular "unknown" wood.



Scott Johnston's multi-axis legged vase was of maple with black finish.



Henry Koch created his footed vessel from walnut, *Modern Masters* paint finish.



Judges were: **Cody Travis, Kyle Hamon, Kate Sutherland.**

Show & Tell

Mike Toth's bowl was finished with walnut oil, group consensus: the wood was black acacia.



He also gave us two more bowls, these of cedar, again walnut oil finish.



Surya had two small undercut bowls of ash,



James Hurst crafted a "fog" wood bowl, acrylic paint & satin lacquer finish.



Two pieces of "bug feasted" sycamore,



and an ash spinning wheel bobbin. Tried & True was the finish on all.

Glad to be "back in the saddle", **Cathy Pearman** showed her "Eli Avisera" bowl, which she had a partial hand in creating.



Young turner **Zain Latif** brought us an oak bowl with polyoil finish,



and a Tree Topper of carob and maple, wax finish.



Upcoming Challenges

October - *Finial Box*

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.)

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 few exceptions

October 13

November 10

December 8 (Potluck and Auction)

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**.

PRESENTATION

James Hurst gave us a presentation on piercing. He talked about working on thick and thin walled pieces, and how his design layouts may be influenced by the fact that he is left handed.

Using the indexing function supplied with or added to the lathe, as well as the tool rest as a straight edge helps him to set up patterns.

He showed several instances of mistakes he has made: not re-truing the outside of a piece when reversing it to hollow; attempting to do sanding *after* hollowing and piercing; poor choice of wood for strength. He claims that he owns the copyrights to all these, you will have to come up with your own types of mistakes.

He showed several types of piercing tools, from Dremels to dental drills, and various cutting tips available. He recommends watching a **YouTube** video titled "*Piercing on the Cheap*" from the Denton Woodturners; it has a lot of good information.

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

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Cody's Building Us a New Website!

Exciting news—Cody Travis is hard at work building a brand-new website for us. **Have ideas? Want to see something cool? Now's your chance to let him know.** This is YOUR website, so let's make it awesome together. Suggestions, photos, anything you'd like to see—bring it on!

Social Media? You Bet!

Annalee has volunteered to help us step into the 21st century by taking on our social media presence. We might even get Cody and Craig involved (and hey, maybe *you* want to help too?). This is going to be a big deal for growing our club's visibility and membership, so huge thanks to Annalee for stepping up. **Let's grow this club together!**

Our New Home—Still in the Works

I'm working on it, and while we're not there yet, rest assured that progress is being made. Stay tuned for updates!

Next Meeting: October 8th

Mark your calendars for October 8th! Dust off your lathe, make that Finial Box, and load up your car with Show & Tell pieces. We can't wait to see what you've been working on, and if the weather cooperates, we'll even turn down the heat... metaphorically, of course.

Good day fellow Wood Turners! We were pretty lean on the turnout for this month's meeting, only we had 27. What would you like the Guild to do to increase participation? I'd love to hear from you, email me directly.

Thomas

Upcoming Events

Adam's Forge in Simi Valley will be having a *Festival* on Saturday November 2. Metalwork of various types, leatherwork, probably axe throwing, and other demonstrations and activities planned. General Admission is free, may be fees for certain activities.

New email system?

The *GroupWorks* platform that we have been using to distribute the Newsletter and other information has permanently shut down. **Craig Sobel** set up an account in Gmail that we will be using, at least for now. You should receive an email either containing the Newsletter as a pdf or a link that will take you to the newsletter. Stay tuned! - editor

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