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## Journal of the Glendale Woodturners Guild

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### NEXT MEETING

Second Sunday

*October 12, 2025*

### HOW TO FIND US

#### SUNDAY MEETING

2:00 pm

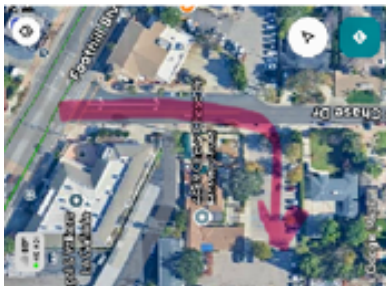
**We've moved to a new site!**

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: Bowl 3 1/2 in diameter**

**Presentation: ??**

### President's Message

#### September Meeting Recap

The September meeting was on the smaller side (under 20 in attendance), but we had a great time....without you? Nah.....come out of the shop already. Is it possible this is the



reason why you didn't make the last meeting? ***"I stayed home to practice turning... and somehow ended up watching YouTube videos of people turning."***

#### Challenge Recap: Wig Stands

**Thanks to Mike Toth** for the outstanding challenge suggestion—he not only came up with it, he made three wig stands! This is more than just a challenge—it has the potential to become an ongoing project where the Guild can get these stands into the hands of cancer patients who need them. ***All that I give, is given to myself***—so jump in and participate!

**KUDOS to Julia Ryan**, who not only took the notes for this month's meeting, but also jumped into the challenge with determination. Julia brought just one piece of her wig stand to share—a smart and bold move—and **it was extremely well done**. She's a perfect example of what happens when we support each other, push ourselves a bit further, and never hesitate to bring what we're working on.

(Pro tip: the Guild is not here to judge—it's here to cheer you on. If your piece wobbles a little, remember, it's a design opportunity.)

#### Community Center Update

After a few too many delays, our conversations with the Community Center are finally moving in the right direction! They now have a much clearer picture of what the Guild is all about and how we can partner. With their reach of over 12,000 regular email subscribers plus strong social media, this could be a real boost for our visibility, demonstrations, and member growth. Each year, more than 1,000 people sign up for the events.

Details on structure and costs are still being finalized, but the outlook is very promising.

#### Storage Woes: The Whiteboard

Remember the high-end electronic whiteboard that was donated to us? IT NEEDS A TEMP HOME!! Please help—storage continues to be an issue. Believe me, if I could store it myself, I would. For now, it's back at the company who generously donated it, but they don't have the space either. It's about the footprint of a small toaster, but it's a \$15,000 piece of equipment—let's not risk losing it.

On the bright side, the Community Center may be able to lend a hand with space solutions in the near future. Fingers crossed.

#### Mark Your Calendars – October 4

**Don't miss the Emily Ford demonstration at the Community Center.** This is a terrific opportunity to watch a top notch expert turner in action.

One more important note: our bylaws are showing their age. It's time to dust them off and bring them up to date so they reflect the Guild we are today—and where we want to go tomorrow.

#### Upcoming Demonstrations

I know some members have concerns about presentations and demos. Please know this is a priority—we can't be a turning guild without turning demos.

- **October 4** – Emily Ford demo at the Community Center
- **November 16** – Originally Kirk DeHeer, but he can't make it. Possible alternative: Tom Wirsing. Have another idea? Speak up!

**CRITICAL: If we don't have strong participation at our demos, they won't be sustainable. Professional turners are highly skilled, and this is our chance to learn directly from them.**

***Please email me directly and let me know you will be joining us - we really need 30, and will still lose a bit of dough.***

Not been attending meetings? Please reach out to me personally so I can understand what's keeping you away—and how I (we) can make your experience better.

This Month's Challenge: Bowls!

Our next challenge is simple (*on purpose*) but full of possibilities: turn a wood bowl, 3 ½ inches in diameter. HOWEVER, you are encouraged to let your creativity run wild—add texturing, embellishing, or coloring—ANYTHING.

**TIP: BE LIKE CAREY. She always participates. And she always has fun. Carey has won so many gift cards, she traded them in for a car!**

Looking Ahead

**Tiprin has kindly offered to share her skilled carving talents** with us in a presentation at next month's meeting. CAUTION: she's really good. (Don't miss it—you'll regret it.)

Whether you're a seasoned pro or just roughing out your first project, the Guild is only as strong as the members who show up, turn wood, and share. Let's make sure every meeting is about learning, laughing, and lifting each other up.

See you at the lathe,

**Thomas Cassidy**

President, Glendale Woodturners Guild

## Challenge

The **September** Challenge was Wig Stands..

by **Mike Toth**:



No info:



by **Julia Ryan**:



*I have no idea if any judging took place, since I (editor John Fisher) wasn't at the meeting. - Photos were taken by **Thomas Cassidy**. -*

Judges were:

## Show & Tell

A black acacia butter knife by **Chris Dodson**, Walrus Oil and wax.



**Carl** intended this to be a bowl, but...



**Carl Haney** had a walnut & ash weed pot:



No info on the following:



**Zain Latif** had a weed pot of Carolina cherry:



**Mike Toth** bought this at SWAT:



## PRESENTATION

**Carey Caires** was to do a presentation on miniatures, but I heard that she fell ill and was not able to do it.

Probable presentation in **November** on chain saw maintenance and sharpening by **Carl Haney**

## 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](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

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:

**October 12**

**November 9**

**December 14 (Potluck and Auction)**

## Challenges for 2025

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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