



## SHAVINGS

FROM THE PREZ



The original plan for July was to skip it and go straight into August with Allan Batty. However, several of you said that you would have the Woodturner's DTs and needed that info fix. We were able to get two willing members to give a talk this month on finishing and the chemistry behind it. And they are two retired MDs to boot.

As this phenomenal year progresses, let me simply make some observations on the approaching costs. The quality of turners who will be com-

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## JULY MEETING - FINISHING

July's meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M., July 21st at Cut and Dried Hardwood at 341 South Cedros in Solana Beach. The presentation for the meeting will be a synopsis of Bob Flexner's presentations on finishing from the American Association of Woodturners' Symposium in Tacoma, Washington, last month. Don Kaufmann and Ken Roth will be the presenters. A lot of myths and misnomers will be exposed. Which finishes are food safe? What is the best finish for green wood? Does soaking in oil help or harm your finish?

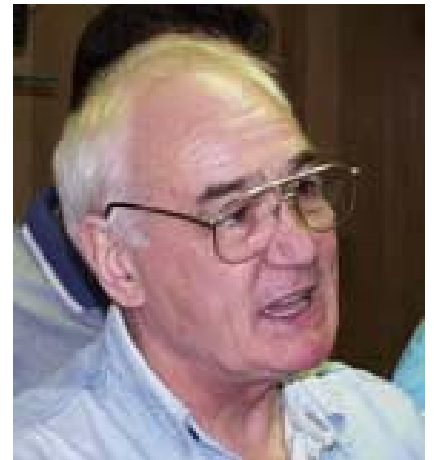
ing here in the next few months is part of this "phenomenal" year I alluded to. This quality does come at a price. However, not only can we bring them to you, but it appears as if we can cater lunch via Art Bolic and his group. So, if you were to go to say, Provo, your costs per hour, not including lodging and meals, would probably be 4 or more times the cost of what these next few sessions will cost per hour. Remember that when you come and you see the prices asked. You are getting a bargain, will have closer view and get easier access to the turners than you could get elsewhere. See the lead articles for details.

Please do come and get into this opportunity. We are expecting a following from other SoCal clubs and anticipate to handle all. We will get to other details at the next meeting.

Cheers, Oskar

## ALLAN BATTY

Allan Batty, professional woodturner, teacher and demonstrator from England will be our guest demonstrator in August. Allan learned woodturning the old fashion way, going through an apprenticeship program for several years then becoming a journeyman/craftsman. He worked full time as a production turner for most of his adult life.



His skill, teaching ability and quick wit has made Allan one of the more popular demonstrators at the BYU Symposium in Provo. He has returned to demonstrate at Provo several times. His demonstrations always draw a standing room only crowd. He is often a featured instructor at the Craft Supplies school in Provo.

Allan is visiting San Diego as a guest of our member, Dr George Sanger. A reception will be held for Allan at

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**NEXT MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 7 PM  
JULY 21, 1999  
CUT & DRIED  
HARDWOOD**

# RECALLED

## MAGNETIC BASE LIGHTS

We received notice from Harbor Freight Tools that the Magnetic Base Lights that we have been using in our raffles for the last couple of years have been recalled. There is a manufacturing defect that may cause electrical shock or a fire.

Instructions from Harbor Freight Tools state emphatically to:

**IMMEDIATELY STOP USING THE ITEM EVEN IF THERE IS NO APPARENT DEFECT**

If you have won one of these lights in a raffle over the last two or three years, bring the light to the next meeting or return it to one of the Board Members. The club will take care of returning the lamp to Harbor Freight Tools. We have passed out 39 of these lamps at our raffles. We would very much like to get them all back. You will be given a free raffle ticket when you return the lamp.

## Gallery 21

Well, it was off, now its on again. Gallery 21 that is. Gallery 21, a special studio in Spanish Village at Balboa Park, will be the location of a special woodturning showcase hosted by the San Diego Woodturners from December 16, 1999 through December 31, 1999. This will be YOUR opportunity to have your work put on display and / or for sale at a gallery operated by and exclusively for the San Diego Woodturners.

The studio is usually only available every other year, but this will be our second year in a row to have the studio available for the club. Start getting those pieces ready. There is only five months remaining to build up your inventory for the show.

Ken Roth will be the show chairman for this year. He will be announc-

# Dave Regester

Our June meeting featured Dave Regester from England as the lead off man for our year of 'phenomenal' demonstrators. The meeting seemed to be a great success. We had 61 members and guests attend the demonstration and stay for lunch. Dave demonstrated his prowess with the skew chisel by spindle turning a couple of simple pieces including the baby rattler shown in the photograph. He demonstrated turning a platter, which was given away at the raffle - Ed Persons was the lucky winner, I believe. He highlighted his demonstration with his signature turning of a "trunion" box (a name he coined) featuring a lidded box on a stem with several captured rings including the box lid,



both inside and out side of the box.

The program featured several first for the club which worked out well. First the demonstration was held at Art Bolic's Catering. The noise and traffic was greatly reduced from other loca-

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### Gallery 21

ing this year's rules soon, but they should be similar to those in the past. This is a very special chance for the members of the San Diego Woodturners to show off their work.

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George's home in Coronado on Friday evening, August 6th, from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. There will be more information on the reception in the August newsletter.

Travel times and arrangements again force our August meeting to be held at a special time and place. The meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday August 7th, at Art Bolic's Catering. The June demonstration held at Art's was very successful and this one should be even better. Art will be providing coffee and pastries before the meeting as well as a buffet lunch. There will be a Seven dollar (\$ 7.00) charge for the food. There will be a Fifteen Dollar (\$ 15.00) charge for the demonstration for members and a Twenty-two Dollar (\$ 22.00) charge for non-members.

The large tent will be used again for the demonstration. This time there will be two TV's for easier viewing. The tent has been lined to reduce the glare on the television screens, hopefully eliminating one of the problems with the outdoor use of the televisions during the day.

We will not have the availability of chairs from the Chula Vista schools at this meeting so please bring your own chairs.

## RECEPTION for ALLAN BATTY

There will be a reception for Allan Batty on Friday evening the 6th of August from 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. at the home of Dr. George Sanger, 515 First Street in Coronado. Stop by to meet and welcome Allan to San Diego and the San Diego Woodturners. Please RSVP directly to George Sanger at (619) 435-3419.

## The Cost of Demonstrations

The San Diego Woodturners, through the hard work of the Board of Directors, is very fortunate for the opportunity to host demonstrations by some of the great names in woodturning today. However, as Oscar stated the cost of these opportunities is very real, especially to a relative small group like our club. So how much to these demonstration cost?

By contacting many different demonstrators, we have found that most

demonstrators charge from \$ 350 to \$ 750 per day, plus expenses. In negotiating with the demonstrators, we learned they also realize the costs, especially travel expenses, are often more than any one club can afford, so they try to schedule trips so that several clubs can share in the expenses. It is through this medium that we are able to bring in the high quality demonstrators, many from overseas, that we have lined up for the

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tions we have used. The demonstration was held under the 'big' tent, keeping the demonstrator and the viewers out of the sun. And there was plenty of room for everyone.

We had a special boom for the tv camera which allowed us to zoom in on the work without having the picture blocked by the demonstrator or other viewers. The monitor was mounted high enough for everyone to see, but we did have problems with the glare from the bright daylight outside the tent. (Hopefully this problem has been resolved by lining the tent with a dark cloth). Ed Ducharme says the videos turned out exceptionally well, with high quality pictures and good clean sound.

Art Bolic outdid himself, as usual, by not only preparing a great lunch, but had coffee and pastries available before and during the meeting. Brandon Bolic claims we went through six sheets of six dozen cookies each, beside the donuts, fruit and brownies that they served.

Several members expressed positive comments about the setup, the location and the exceptionally high quality of the demonstration. Most members stayed until the end of the last demo at 2:30 P.M., another record for the club.

The next twelve months will feature several demonstrations of the quality and caliber that this one had. We can really look forward to an outstanding year of top of the line demonstrations by internationally known woodturners.

## Instant Gallery

The new Instant Gallery format seems to have caught on by the June meeting. We had twenty-three pieces submitted by sixteen members, just short of the record number at our annual barbecue. The Novice Class was won by George Arai. The Intermediate award went to Tom Cummings for his 15 inch Carob bowl with a natural edge. This was Tom's second Intermediate ribbon, which moves him automatically into the Advanced Class. Rick Harrel picked up the honors in the Advanced Class with his Maple Burl Bowl. Ken Roth picked up his second ribbon in the Master Class with a Carob Vase which was also 15 inches tall.

Somehow, the photos of last months winners got misplaced. If they are not located by the time the newsletter goes to press, we will try to find and include them next month.

Be sure to bring your latest turnings to the Instant Gallery at this month's meeting on Wednesday, July 21st, at Cut and Dried Hardwood in Solana Beach. If time permits, we will take pictures of individual submittals to be featured in the Gallery section of our web site.

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next twelve months and hope to continue in the future. By sharing these expenses, we can obtain excellent demonstrators in the \$ 600 to \$ 700 per day range.

Of course, even this level of expense forces us to charge for these demonstrations. Based on our average attendance at our demonstrations, the Board has set the fee at \$ 15 for members and \$ 23 for non-members. If there are excess monies collected, they can be used to offset the costs of future demonstrations. Although this may seem

## FUTURE DEMONSTRATIONS

The next year is going to be a great year for the San Diego Woodturners. We have scheduled several outstanding, well known, international woodturners for demonstrations at our club in San Diego. Each of these turners has demonstrated at the BYU Symposium in Provo, the American Association of Woodturners Symposium and many other symposiums around the world.

We actually started our "YEAR of DEMOs" in June with Dave Regester from England. Dave was the first in our series of international demonstrators. His demo was well attended and received.

Continuing in the same basic format, we will have:

**ALLAN BATTY** from England on Saturday, August 7th. See the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

**RICHARD RAFFAN** from Australia on Saturday, October 2nd. Richard is a regular demonstrator at the BYU symposium in Provo and instructor at Craft Supplies in Provo. He has published several books and videos on

woodturning. He has been a guest demonstrator in San Diego once before.



This will be the September meeting but Richard's travel schedule requires the meeting be moved to this date. In addition to the demonstration, Richard will be teaching three, six hour classes. One each on Friday, Sunday and Monday. The classes will be limited to four students each. There will be a fee of \$ 125 per class. Call Nan Bushley at (760) 728-0591 for additional information or to reserve a spot. Strictly first come first serve.

**MIKE MAHONEY** from Provo, Utah on Saturday, October 16th or 23rd. Mike, a continuing member of the San Diego Woodturners, relocated to Provo, Utah, several years ago to become a full time turner. He is a production woodturner, specializing in bowls, nested bowls and hollow forms. The last couple of years has seen a tremendous growth in Mike's success and popularity. He was the subject of a feature article in 'Woodturning', England's

### Demonstrations

high to some, a four hour demo only costs \$ 3.75 per hour. At the BYU Symposium in Provo, the base fee is \$ 12.75 per demonstration hour. And this does not include the cost of room and board that can easily add another \$ 10.00 per hour to the cost. Therefore, isn't the \$ 15.00 charge for the demonstrations really fair and reasonable?

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact one of the Board members or attend the next Board meeting to express your thoughts.

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premier woodturning magazine and is now demonstrating in England.

**BONNIE KLEIN** from Renton, Washington on Saturday, February 18th, 2000. Bonnie, the sister of San Diego Woodturner, Nancy Barnhart, is well known to the San Diego Woodturners and many others around the world. Bonnie, besides being a regular demonstrator at the BYU Symposium, has demonstrated in England, Australia and France. She manufactures her own line of mini-lathes. She has several videos on woodturning out.

**DICKSING** from Joliet, Illinois, tentatively scheduled in April, 2000.



Dick has several books out on turning

## The San Diego Woodturners, How We Work?

The San Diego Woodturners is a non-profit organization, dedicated to providing education, information and organization for those interested in woodturning. Trying to follow this "mission statement", the Board of Directors of the Club handle the general 'business' of the club at a separate

pens, humidors and other small objects. He is a regular demonstrator at BYU and the American Association of Woodturners Symposiums.

**JULIO MARCOLONGO** from Australia, tentatively scheduled in June, 2000. Julio is new to the international woodturning circuit. He demon-



strates regularly in Australia and was introduced at Provo last year and returned this year. His woodturning skills along with his humorous stories has made him a sought after demonstrator.

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meeting. The General Meetings are dedicated to some type of program about some aspect of woodturning.

The scheduling of events, budgets, duties and responsibilities of Board members, assignment of tasks, etc. are handled at the Board meeting. It is an open meeting and any or all members may attend. It is held the first Wednesday of each month at the Denny's restaurant on Miramar Road. The meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. and is usually over by 9:00 P.M. By handling the 'business' side of the club at the Board of Directors meeting, the General Meetings are left open for the programs that provide "education and information" side of woodturning.

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The main item of business at every meeting is the program for upcoming months. Since "... those interested in woodturning" includes everyone from the novice through the professional woodturners, the Board works hard to develop programs that fit all levels of interests and skills. It is difficult to select a program that can hold the interest of the more experienced turners and still be understood and helpful to those just starting out; i.e., only those thinking about or getting ready to buy a lathe would be interested in the comparison of the different brands available on the market. Tool sharpening, on the other hand, is an often requested program because it is one of the more difficult but necessary skills to understand and develop, sometimes even eluding the more experienced turner.

A survey conducted a year or so ago within the club indicated the most of the members preferred programs that featured a demonstration or even a more hands on, workshop type of program. The selection and scheduling of demonstrators must necessarily be done several months and sometimes over a year in advance. For example, we started talking to Bonnie Klein about returning to San Diego for a demonstration eighteen months ago. When we finally got together to pin point the date (last November), the next date that Bonnie had available was in February of 2000, fourteen months later.

Once the programs are selected, scheduled, followed up on and confirmed; the logistics of putting on the programs must be determined. With 150 plus members, no permanent home, no storage facilities and a limited budget, the logistics of pulling off an above average program often prove very taxing. The bare minimum facilities - the club lathe, electricity, shade, chairs and a few tables - take quite an effort to bring together from all over the County.

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# ALLAN BATTY

## HOSTED BY THE SAN DIEGO WOODTURNERS



**THE SAN DIEGO WOODTURNERS ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO VISIT OUR CLUB AND WATCH ONE OF ENGLAND'S MOST RENOWNED WOODTURNERS, ALLAN BATTY, DEMONSTRATE HIS WOODTURNING SKILLS & TECHNIQUES ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH, AT 8360 CLAIREMONT MESA BLVD. IN SAN DIEGO.**

**ALLAN'S DEMONSTRATION OF HIS SKILLS IN BASIC AND ADVANCED WOOD TURNING TECHNIQUES, MASTERED THROUGH FIFTY PLUS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, ALONG WITH HIS UNIQUE WIT AND HUMOR, WILL ASTOUND AND ENTERTAIN YOU.**

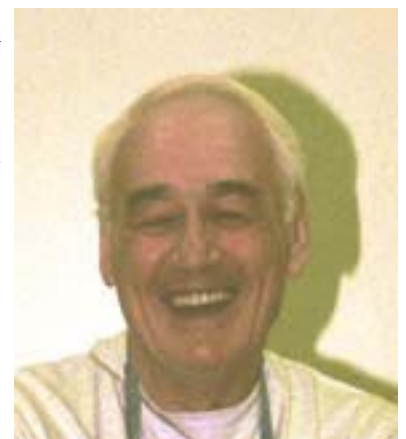
**THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ONE OF THE GREAT WOODTURNERS IN THE WORLD TODAY ON HIS FIRST AND ONLY VISIT TO SAN DIEGO SHOULD NOT BE PASSED UP.**



**THE DEMONSTRATION WILL BE HELD FROM 9:00 AM UNTIL 2:30 PM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH, AT THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF THE PARKING LOT AT 8360 CLAIREMONT MESA BLVD. IN SAN DIEGO.**

**COFFEE, DONUTS AND OTHER PASTRIES, AVAILABLE BEFORE THE DEMONSTRATION, AND LUNCH, CATERED BY ART BOLIC'S CATERING SERVICES, ARE INCLUDED IN THE DEMONSTRATION FEE OF \$22.00 FOR MEMBERS AND \$30.00 FOR NONMEMBERS.**

**SEATING IS LIMITED, SO RESERVE YOUR PLACE BY CALLING (858) 748-2348, 8 TO 5, M-F, OR LEAVE MESSAGE.**



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Then add to that the raffle prizes, wood, tools, coffee, snacks, video camera, sound system, etc., etc., etc. and the task list really grows.

These tasks are divided between the Board members. Each one taking on the responsibility of completing one or more of the tasks. Many of these tasks take more than one person to complete so other Board members end up volunteering to help out on other jobs. The end result, most of the Board members take on a lot more than they should or can handle comfortably.

With the increase in the number of demonstrations and providing for higher quality programs, the Club needs additional help in preparing for, setting up and taking down the facilities used in putting on these programs. People to help set up the tent the day before the demo; helpers to take it down and fold it up after the demo; members to help set up the camera and tvs; help with the raffle; help with the Instant Gallery. There are many places to pitch in if you are interested and want to participate in your club instead of just being entertained.

Oscar will be asking for volunteers to work on some of these committees at the next couple of meetings. Be a doer, pitch in and help make this a most successful club.

**Tools For Sale**

Craftsman 12" Bandsaw, wooden stand, motor, sanding accessories. Call or see Oskar Kirsten - (619) 274-3472

**For Sale****Cyanoacrylate Glue (CA)**

Six (6) Minute Epoxy

CA Glue	\$5.00
Six (6) Min Epoxy	\$7.00

See **Russel Duff** at the meeting or call **(619) 270-8884**

**For Sale****Klingspor Sanding Pads/Disks****FLEXIPADS (Arbors)**

2" at \$ 8.25 (\$8.95 + Post in cat.)

3" at \$ 9.25 (\$9.95 + Post in cat.)

**Sanding Disks (Kling-on)**

2" at 0.12 ea (25 or 50 in a box)

3" at 0.18 ea (25 or 50 in a box)

See **Ken Roth** at the meeting or call **(619) 487-4814**

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