



SHAVINGS

FROM THE PREZ



Congratulations, we survived the change into the new millennium. We have apparently ended as an itinerant group and have immersed as a club with a permanent address. For this we are grateful. Grateful to Ernest and Ellen Grabbe for the opportunity to have our collective woodturning treasures under one roof and a place to hold meetings that will expand our capabilities. But, at this time we must also remember that to get here we had been guests at local

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JANUARY MEETING

The next meeting of the San Diego Woodturners will be held at 7:00 P.M. on January 19, 2000, at the San Diego WoodTurning Centre at 12527 Kirkham Court in Poway, California. The program for the meeting will be a workshop on sharpening carried over from the November meeting. Different techniques for putting that elusive "perfect" edge, or shape, on your tools will be briefly demonstrated followed by a "hands on" workshop. During the workshop, you will have the opportunity to try several different types of grinding systems and methods under the tutelage of one of the club's experts.

Different sharpening jigs, such as Oneway's Wolverine and the Glaser System, will also be available for you to try. So bring all those tools in that you have been meaning to sharpen, get some expert help and take home a finely honed set of tools for your next turning session.

"Santa" Claus's knife sharpening system will also be available for your use, so bring in those kitchen knives your spouse has been hounding you about sharpening and take home a set of "razor" sharp knives that will earn you that "Thanks, honey" that's always nice to hear.

There will also be two or three lathes setup to try those new shapes or edges on. This is a don't miss meeting for beginning turners - a real "hands-on", "how do you do that" type of program. There will also be plenty of "meat" for the more experienced turners to get their teeth into. We hope to see you there!

BONNIE KLEIN RETURNING TO SAN DIEGO

Bonnie Klein, lathe manufacturer and international woodturning demonstrator, returns to San Diego on Saturday, February 19, 2000, as the guest demonstrator of the San Diego Woodturners. The demonstration will be held at the San Diego Woodturning Centre at 12527 Kirkham Court in Poway, California, from 9:00 A.M. until 2:30 P.M.

Bonnie Klein is no stranger to the San Diego Woodturners. She has been here several times in the past. Bonnie will be doing demonstrations on basic techniques - tool use and sharpening, wood selection, etc. and on making threaded lidded boxes. She will also be holding two one-day workshops prior to the meeting. We are really looking forward to Bonnie's visit.

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Gallery 21

It's history! The Woodturning Show of the millennium is over. And what a success. The "Show" was acclaimed by artists, familiar with other Gallery 21 shows, to be the finest they had seen.

Indeed the public must have thought so too, as they purchased a record amount of our wood creations. Our total sales were nearly \$5000 (incl. tax), with you the turners selling your "stuff" for \$4,561.50. Our previous "best" total sales was \$3,200. **This reflects the appearance of the show, but more importantly, it reflects the quality of wood art the San Diego Woodturners are producing.**

My thanks goes to the many people who took time out from a busy holiday season to "sit" at the Gallery - several even though they did not have anything on display and those people who did the grunt work of setting up and taking down - Don Kaufmann, Tom Cummings, Don Werth, Nan Bushley. In particular, I want to thank Chuck Luebbers for his 'compulsiveness' about keeping the financial records straight and up to date, and going down many times to open up and train the 'sitters' for the day. I can not forget the very nice, tasty reception put on by our resident chef/caterer - Art Bolic. Lastly, my thanks goes to the participants - those people who brought their creations down to be seen, admired, and (many) purchased, they are the ones who made the show a success. My only regret is that more of our members did not take part and even more, that they did not attend the reception or see the show.

Ken Roth, Chairman

Introduction to Woodturning Workshop

The first workshop of the San Diego Woodturning Centre is at hand. On Saturday, January 29th, at 9:00 A.M. the first ever, "hands-on" workshop of the new San Diego Woodturning Centre will begin. Professional woodturner and instructor, Nan Bushley, will conduct the workshop. Ed Ducharme, a giant among woodturners (pigmy woodturners), will assist Nan.

The first day will cover a) Introduction to tools and equipment; b) Comfort and safety; c) Wood selection and preparation; d) Sharpening methods; and e) Finishing techniques. The second day will concentrate on "between the centers", i.e. spindle work, with several projects to be completed. The third day will be faceplate work, i.e. bowls, platters, etc. Again you will get to complete several projects.

The sessions will be from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. each day. All lathes, tools, materials, wood and lunches will be provided. This is a "hands on" workshop so come prepared to work. Small platforms, i.e. - coke cases, will be provided for Ed Ducharme and others shorter than him to stand on while working at the lathe. (Ed says he doesn't use a platform in his shop - he likes to be at eyeball level with his work.)

The fee for the workshop is \$ 325 payable by check or credit card to the San Diego Woodturning Centre. The Centre accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards. The workshop will be limited to ten students. To make your reservations call (858) 513-0088. If no one happen to be in, be sure to leave a message with your name, phone number and your reservation. The Centre will call you back for confirmation as soon as possible.

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sites such as Cut N' Dried in Solana Beach, Hardwood and Hardware, ShopSmith and of course Bolic Catering. On behalf of the Board (Burl) of Directors, I would like to thank all those mentioned for their hospitality over the years. They will forever remain in our history.

The Studio 21 experience continues to expand the art and talent of our club. By far, this has been the best ever and some how gets better. This is the result of the diligent work of many people. In particular, Ken Roth who has chaired this function and keeps coming back. But also there are many others who have worked hard - the Luebbers, Bushleys, Ducharmes, Kaufmanns and Cummings. I could go on and still leave people off. So, I will address attention to other articles that expand on this in the newsletter. Thank you all who participated whether you had a piece to show or not.

The next year has already some interesting programs, but I must warn that to be able to match last year is going to be short of impossible. But, with our new centre, who knows. Stay tuned. See you at the next meeting.

West Coast Distributorship

The San Diego Woodturning Centre has been selected to be the West Coast Distributor for Vicmarc Machinery Company the manufacturers of the Vicmarc line of woodturning lathes, chucks and other accessories. The first order for lathes, chucks and miscellaneous accessories has been placed and should be shipping in a few weeks.

The Centre should have flysheets and a price list available by the January meeting. If you have been

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Nan Bushley, a retired Navy Nurse, has been woodturning full-time since 1987. Nan is one of the founders of the San Diego Woodturners and was the club's president for four years. She has served as a Director of the club since its founding in 1987. She is now the President Emeritus of the San Diego Woodturners. She is also the current President of the San Diego Woodcarvers Guild. She teaches woodturning at California's premiere woodworking school, Palomar College, as well as individual instruction at her shop in Fallbrook.

Ed Ducharme has been a professional woodworker for almost all of his adult life. He retired from his fulltime woodworking business ten to twelve years ago but continues to be very active in post-retirement woodworking. Ed serves on the Board of Directors of the San Diego Woodturners, handles the audio and video needs of the club and well as any other thing that needs to be done. He has earned the title of "Mr. Do-It-All" around the club, not from his attitude, but his tireless endeavors to do everything he can for the San Diego Woodturners. He is active in the San Diego Fine Woodworkers serving on the Del Mar Fair Design in Wood committee. Professionally, Ed only accepts assignments for spindle work now (because he can't see the top of a bowl when its mounted on his lathe).

thinking about purchasing a lathe in the near future, be sure to check out the Vicmarc line. The quality of their chucks cannot be overstated.

Intermediate Workshops

The San Diego Woodturning Centre will be offering Intermediate Level Woodturning Workshops starting in February. The workshops will be conducted by Don Owen and will be offered on weekends or evenings. If you are interested in attending one of these workshops, let Don know or call the Centre at (858) 513-0088. If we can't get to the phone, just leave a message and the Centre will call you back as soon as possible.

You might want to state what type of project or area of turning on which you would like to concentrate so the program can be tailored to fit. The programs for these workshop will be revised on a workshop by workshop basis dependent on the wants or needs of the attending group. The schedule for this program has not been firmed yet so there is a lot of flexibility in this area also. The fee will be \$ 125 for a six-hour session (weekends) and \$ 65 for a three-hour evening session.

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PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The year 1999 was a very good year; a very good year indeed for the San Diego Woodturners. Starting off at our regular pace but highlighted by the Martin Pidgeon demonstration, things really started moving about May at the annual Ken Roth BBQ. An outstanding Instant Gallery, punctuated by the superb work being displayed, was almost over shadowed by the raffle, which featured the artistic talents of our best turners. This raffle set participation records that have not been topped.

The BBQ was followed in quick succession by a series of demonstrations from world class turners – Dave Regester followed by Alan Batty, followed by Richard Raffan, followed by Mike Mahoney. What a treat it was for the members of this club! And these events being catered by our favorite in-house caterer, Art Bolic. Our average attendance grew from 45 to 50 at the beginning of the year to almost 100 in November and December. What more could you asked for?

Well, how about our new home? Record attendance of almost 100 members at the November evening meeting as the San Diego Woodturning Centre was introduced to the membership. Then Nan's Christmas Party, thoughtfully moved by Nan to the Centre where we had more room – room to even sit down to eat. Yes, 1999 was a very, very good year for the San Diego Woodturners.

But what about this year, the year 2000? What can we do that will surpass 1999? Well, how about a set of demonstrations that will include Bonnie Klein (February) from Renton, Washington, USA; Giulio Marcolongo (May) from Wonthaggi, Victoria, Australia; Richard Raffan (June, tentatively) from Tharwa, ACT, Australia; Jean Francois

Escoulen (July, tentative) Puy Saint Martin, France; Dick Sing (August) from Joliet, Illinois, USA; Michael Holasuk (September) from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada; Mike Mahoney (October) from Provo, Utah, USA. And we are working on others – John Jordan from Antioch, Tennessee, USA; Dave Regester from Devon, England; Trent Bosch from Fort Collins, Colorado, USA, Christian Burchard from Ashland, Oregon, USA, and Dan Kvitka, USA.

Add to these Ken Roth's Annual BBQ and Nan Bushley's Christmas Party, then toss in a couple of hands-on turning workshops with the masters, mix carefully and the year 2000 could add up to be the best year ever.

Bonnie Klein Workshop

Bonnie Klein will be holding two-one day workshops at the San Diego Woodturning Centre prior to her demonstration. The workshops will be held on February 17th and February 18th. The first one-day workshop will be on Basic Woodturning on Thursday, February 17th. The six-hour workshop will lay a solid foundation of basic techniques using the lathes and tools. Students will learn about wood selection, how to use and sharpen turning tools and complete several projects. The lathes, tools, materials and lunch will be provided.

The second workshop will be on Friday, February 18th. This workshop will be on Threaded Boxes. Bonnie will lead each student through the unique

See 'Bonnie' on pasteboard.

Rebuttal

Normally I would ignore what I'm about to describe, but I am one of those who sees an opportunity. I received an unusual letter in the San Diego Woodturners PO box. This anonymous letter started as an informational enlightenment on the New Millennium, in reference to the Millennium Bowl contest for Studio 21. The letter started easily enough to say that the true millennium would start January 1, 2001. OK, no argument. It continued by showing the mechanical definition to the decimal system of tens was not new to me as graduate engineer. OK, so?

But, when the letter got into a nasty questioning of my education, intelligence and how my grade school teacher must have failed miserably that I should write such heresy, I was losing the amusement. The letter continued on into an increasing crescendo of vulgarity. Then, I realized that this letter was not addressed to me, but insinuated the whole Board (Burl) of Directors. That was the last straw. I got ticked. The letter then continued into an irrational dialog of how I should perform something anatomically impossible, how Clinton is at fault, Gore doesn't understand either...Clinton? Gore? What does that have to do with it? And so, I have come to the conclusion, that the author of this letter, who thoughtfully included a yellow highlighted article from our newsletter, has a serious problem and who may even belong to a Millennium cult. Probably missed that Comet, heh? I do hope that this (censored) is not one from our membership, but some poor soul who scanned the Internet looking for Millennium violators. If this person was or is a woodturner, they obviously missed the therapeutic benefits of woodturning.

And how is your Millennium?

Oskar

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process of creating a turned box with a threaded lid including the evolution of the threading jig, cutter selection, wood selection, chucking and technical information about thread pitch including exact measurements. It is a technique she has pioneered and teaches all over the world. Some turning experience is recommended but not required. The lathes, tools, materials and lunch will be provided. She will offer a handout of the process including how to build your own threading jig.

Both of these workshops are six hour classes. The fee for each workshop is \$ 125. The class is limited to ten students (only seven spots remain at publication time). Make your reservations early to catch these truly unique opportunities. To make your reservation, call the San Diego Woodturning Centre at (858) 513-0088. If no one happens to be in when you call, please leave your name, number and reservation and the Centre will get back to you as soon as possible. The Centre accepts checks and credit cards – Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.

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