



SHAVINGS

FROM THE PREZ



Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a chance to do some turning this month, especially over the long holiday weekend, and was able to try the things you learned from Dick Sing at last month's demo. One of the tips I came home with was a new finish, it has been working out pretty good on my last few turnings.

On September 16th we have Michael Hosaluk from Saskatoon, Canada, doing a demonstration sponsored by "THE CENTRE". A few years ago, at the Provo Symposium,

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The next General Meeting of the San Diego Woodturners will be held at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, September 20, 2000, at the San Diego Woodturning Centre, 12527 Kirkham Court in Poway. And as our President, Don Owen says in his "Shavings from the Prez" article, this month's meeting has "something for everyone". We will have four lathes setup for mounting and turning demonstrations and two grinding stations for sharpening demonstrations. After a short group meeting for announcements, etc., we will break up into smaller groups for the individual demonstrations.

The mounting demonstrations will be held on two of the lathes. The demonstrators and demonstrations will be rotated about every 15 minutes. There will be demonstrations on 'between centers mounting', 'mounting with a scroll chuck', 'reverse mounting', 'jam chucking', etc. There will also be two or three grinding stations set up for demonstrations. One or two stations will feature Oneway's "Wolverine" grinding system, the other station will feature the Tormek grinding system.

There will also be two lathes set up for 'Top Turning Demonstrations'. One demonstration by Chuck Luebbers will be turning solid tops from a maple block. The other demonstration will be tops assembled by gluing a 3/8" dowel through a maple block. This demonstration will be led by Don Owen.

All demonstrations will feature a little 'hands-on' work by participants if they so desire. Multiple lathes and multiple simultaneous demonstrations is one of the great benefits available at the Woodturning Centre. Now that summer is over and school is back in sessions, we hope our attendance picks up over the last couple of months. Please make every effort you can to attend our regular meetings and support the club functions.

Mike Mahoney and I watched Michael's demo. Later that evening Mike and I sat around discussing Michael's demo while passing around a box that Michael had turned. It was so intriguing, neither one of us could put it down. I think most of you will enjoy this demonstration and it will spark a little creativity in your own turning.

On Wednesday, the 20th of September, the regular club meeting will have 'something for everyone'. We

will have 4 or 5 lathes set up - Showing as many 15 minute demos as we can squeeze in. The demos will include different ways of mounting, reverse turning, between centers and many others. And with the Top-A-Thon coming up, this month we will have two lathes demonstrating different styles of tops that you can make at the show. We will also have two grinding stations set up for demonstrations.

Our Top-A-Thon is fast approach-

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MICHAEL HOSALUK

Well known Canadian turner, Michael Hosaluk, visits the San Diego Woodturning Centre on Saturday, September 16, 2000. Michael Hosaluk, craftsman, artist, designer and educator, lives outside Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, with his wife Marilyn and four children.

Michael is internationally recognized as one of the world's most creative "turners" which is demonstrated by the great demand for his teaching skills and for his work to be included in exhibitions. He has lectured and demonstrated extensively throughout Canada, United States, Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain and France.

His works have been exhibited in Canada, Australia, Taiwan, France, Germany, China, Japan and the United States. The Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, The Woodturning Center in Philadelphia and the Saskatchewan Arts Board in Regina are among the collectors who have included his work in their permanent collections.

Michael is comfortable using any media that serves his purpose. His work covers a wide range of objects and materials ranging from functional vessels

and furniture through to entirely sculptural pieces. He is constantly challenging the limits of interpretation in the field of woodturning. As a result, his work displays a strong command of material used to explore exciting ideas.

He retains close ties with traditional and at the same time breaks free of those ties to explore entirely new directions. His work is humorous and elegant, possesses character and gesture, full of references to architecture, nature and culture.

Michael's demonstration will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude around 3:00 PM. Coffee and refreshments will be available before the demonstration. There will be an hour break for lunch. A catered lunch is optional. Michael will instruct a three-day hands-on workshop following the demonstration. There are still a couple of days available for his workshop.

This is a rare opportunity to see and visit one of the world's great woodturners and artist.

Please note, the Centre's "Store" will be closed until after lunch, during Michael's demonstration.

INSTANT GALLERY

OWEN BOYS CLEAN UP

Don and Donny Owen took first places in the Instant Gallery at the August meeting in the Master and Novice categories. This was Don Owen's second win and gets him a \$25.00 gift certificate. Also winning for the second time and receiving a \$25.00 gift certificate was Russell Duff. Russell will move up from the Intermediate class to Advanced.

The number of entries was down in August from the first month under our new Gallery Rules but not the quality. Some very impressive pieces were shown. Remember this is a gallery with an opportunity to win valuable gift certificates and an opportunity to learn and advance your skills by showing your work and discussing it with friends who have the same interests.

See you at the September meeting. GG

NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
September 20, 2000
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Tops for Tots

The San Diego Woodturners 'Tops for Tots' program is well under way. The "Top A Thon", scheduled for September 22nd, 23rd and 24th at the Del Mar Fairgrounds during the Del Mar Harvest Festival, is just around the corner. We have had several members making tops in anticipation of the event. Others are just getting started making tops for the event. Some, we hope, are still considering volunteering to help. **AND WE STILL NEED LOTS OF HELP FOR THIS CLUB EVENT!**

The hours for the Del Mar Harvest Festival are 11:00 AM until 8 PM on Friday, September 22; 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM on Saturday, September 23; and 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Sunday, September 24. We are planning on having six lathes operating during these hours. As of today, however, we only have 18 volunteers to man these lathes for all three days. We need a lot more volunteers, especially turning tops at the booth and before the event.

Your help and support in this great Club function would be greatly appreciated. Materials for tops can be picked

THE CENTRE VS THE CLUB

There seems to be some confusion about who or what is the Centre and who or what is the Club. The question is often asked "Is this a 'Club' event or is this a 'Centre' event."

The **San Diego Woodturners** originated to foster a wider understanding and appreciation of lathe turning as a traditional and contemporary craft and a form of art among the general public. This is to be accomplished by providing

up at the Woodturning Centre if you want to turn tops before the event. There are also sign up sheets available at the Centre, or you can call any officer of the Club or Ellen at (858) 513-0088, to volunteer to turn during the Harvest Festival. Every hour donated will help immensely and be greatly appreciated, especially by the "Tots" that will receive the toys at Christmas time.

Letters requesting support were sent out to all of the sponsors of the San Diego Woodturners and over 200 area businesses. The response has been terrific. Several businesses sent in cash donations, others donated materials. In fact, all of the materials needed to make the tops have already been donated and received. Businesses that have donated monies are Gold Insurance, Louis Beacham Construction, Neal Electric, Norm Applebaum Architects and Tri-Dimensional Engineering. The Hardwood and Hardware Company and Olhauser 'The Best in Billiards' Company donated all of the materials necessary for the event. We extend a big **THANK YOU** to these event sponsors.

education, information, organization, technical assistance and publications relating to woodturning.

The **San Diego Woodturning 'Centre'** opened to promote woodturning in the Southern California area by offering classes in all levels of woodturning (education), bringing in guest demonstrators from around the world (information), presenting workshops with these world renown turners (technical assistance), having a gallery to display and sell woodturnings (art) and to have a place locally for woodturners to obtain quality equipment, tools and wood. The meetings of the San Diego Woodturners are held at the Woodturning Centre.

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The Centre supports the San Diego Woodturners club in many different ways. One of the main areas of support is in the programming area. The Centre ends up making a lot of the arrangements for the Club's dem-

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ing and we really need more help if we are going to make it a success. We need top turners (your skill level doesn't matter). THIS IS A CLUB EVENT and it's sure to be a fun time for all. This is our chance to help out the Toys for Tots organization. Please donate a couple of hours of your time to turn or even to sell the tops. Bring your spouses and make it a family affair. Please see Ellen for times and spaces available.

As some of you already know, last month we lost a great woodturner and dear friend. Ray Allen of Yuma, Arizona, died of complications following heart surgery. Ray always said "If you could find a faulty glue joint in any of his turnings, he would give you the piece", and Lord knows we tried while judging his pieces at the Del Mar Fair. Our heart felt wishes go out to Ray's wife, Phyllis, and the Allen family.

See you at the meeting.

Don Owen

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onstrations. However, these arrangements are always reviewed and approved by the Club's Board of Directors before final commitment. The Centre also pays a major portion of the cost of bringing in these demonstrators. The Centre provides accommodations and meals for the demonstrator and pays a prorata, generally three-fourths, of the travel expenses. Thus the club benefits by having the highest quality demonstrators at a more reasonable cost. The Centre also sponsors several events, demonstrations and workshops independent of the Club.

The Board of Directors and the Centre are very aware that every meeting can't be a demonstration, so earlier this year the Board emphasized that the Wednesday night meeting schedule would be adhered to. The Board and the Centre also agreed to reduce the number of demonstrations by visiting demonstrators next year to allow more time for local demonstrations, Club func-

CENTRE NEWS

This has been a busy summer at the Centre. Our first shipment of Vicmarc lathes arrived in early June. Since then all of our workshops and demonstrations featured new Vicmarc VL-300 Short Bed Lathes with Electronic Variable Speed Control. If you haven't had a chance to turn on one of these lathes, stop by one day and try one out. You will find they are really smooth, quiet and powerful. Our second batch of lathes is due in late September. Victor Verrechia, the designer and manufacturer of Vicmarc lathes will also be visiting us in late September to help kick off our pre-Christmas lathe sale. This is the best time to order that lathe you have been dreaming of and yearning for with great dollar savings, free delivery and free setup.

tions and to reduce the number of months with "two" meetings or events. The Centre will continue to bring in monthly, world class demonstrators for workshops and other special events, however.

Apparently there has also been some confusion about which is a 'Club' event or demonstration and which is a 'Centre' event or demonstration. We have tried to be very specific in all schedules and publications by very clearly stating that this is a "Special Centre Demonstration" or this is a "General Meeting" or function of the San Diego Woodturners.

The Board of Directors and the Centre are striving to reach a balance that provides the right mixture of regional demonstrators, visiting demonstrators and instructional programs to fulfill the needs and wishes of the membership. Your comments are welcome.

Our woodturning classes are growing steadily. Our Introduction to Woodturning classes attracted seven to eight new turners per month. Most of the new students were visitors to the Del Mar Fair and were attracted by the display of pieces and the demonstrations put on by members of the San Diego Woodturners. We have also opened an evening Basic Woodturning class on Monday and Tuesday evenings, three weeks a month. We are also receiving a lot of new students as a result of Ron Goldman's publishing of our class schedules and workshops in his magazine, **Woodworkers West**. Ron is one of the sponsors of the San Diego Woodturners. If you haven't read one of his magazines, pick one up and see what you are missing. A lot of good information on local (southern California) events for woodturners and woodworking in general. Information on how to reach Ron is on page 5 of this newsletter.

Our workshops have also been growing. After opening with two full workshops with Bonnie Klein and Mike Mahoney, we settled down to five or six participants per workshop. With Michael Hosaluk, John Jordan and Johannes Michelsen in the immediate lineup, classes are beginning to fill up sooner and faster.

Michael Hosaluk's workshop, limited to six students because of lathe availability, has one one-day and one two-day spots available. Michael's creativity and outgoing style of turning will be a real highlight to those attending his workshops. Michael promised that everyone will have fun during his class.

John Jordan's workshop will be on hollow forms and embellishing your hollow forms and other turnings with carvings and other textured finishes. The demand for his first two-day workshop

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has been so great, we are adding lathes to handle the demand and the second two-day workshop is also filling up.

Johannes Michelsen's (Mr Wooden Hat) November workshop is half full already. In talking with Johannes last week, he anticipates each student being able to complete two hats during the workshop, especially if the participants have the opportunity to attend the demonstration prior to the workshop so the demo will not have to be repeated during the workshop.

These will be three great workshops to wrap up the year 2000. We are scheduling and re-scheduling workshops for next year already with such greats as Richard Raffan, Dave Regester, Christian Burchard, Trent Bosch, Guilio Marcolongo and Judy Ditmer. Our format for 2001 may change, with less open demonstrations – limiting the demonstrations to only the Club's three or four demonstrations for the year. However, the Centre is still planning workshops only every month with many of these great turners.

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