



SHAVINGS

FROM THE PREZ



Hail Fellow Woodturners!
Happy Holidays to All! 'Tis the season to be turning. There's no better gift to receive than a handmade gift, and speaking of handmade gifts, our Christmas Party & Gift Exchange is this Saturday, Dec 9th. Please bring a finger food for 10 to 12 people and a gift related to woodturning or woodworking or a handmade something. The party will be from 10 AM to 2 PM.

December will also be the last month that Ernest Grabbe will be our

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LET'S 'PAR-TEE'

This Saturday, December 9th, the San Diego Woodturners will hold their thirteenth annual Christmas Party from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the San Diego Woodturning Centre at 12527 Kirkham Court in Poway. All Club members and their families are invited to come join with other members in sharing the holiday spirit.

The party is "pot-luck" so bring a finger food to share with 10 to 12 other people. Almost anything goes and we have had some great feasts at past parties. You will not go away hungry, that is for sure.

We also have a gift exchange. Bring a small item, preferably something to do with woodturning and preferably, something turned, but no matter what, bring something. When you bring a gift, you get to exchange it with one of your fellow club members and you both come away winners.

The Christmas Party is for strictly relaxing, enjoying the fellowship of woodturning club members, and having an enjoyable time. As at past Christmas parties, live entertainment will be provided by **Ed Ducharme & the Tones**—"Big Band Sounds of the '30's in the '90's (*oops, better change that '00's, Ed*). Joan Ducharme will be performing as lead singer for the group at the party, even though it's rumored that she retired earlier this year.

Oskar Kirsten will be entertaining us during the big band breaks on his Classical Spanish Guitar. If you haven't had a chance to hear Oskar play before, you won't want to miss this opportunity. Also, Nan and the Nanettes will be doing their special rendition of Bing Crosby's "White Christmas". This year promises to be a great party, entertainment wise.



Art Bolic's Catering, the San Diego Woodturners in house caterer, volunteered to bring full Prime Rib dinners with all the trimmings for everyone, but at the last minute had a paying customer sign up so he had to renege. Oh, well, maybe next year, Art.

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NEXT MEETING
Saturday, 10:00 AM
December 9, 2000
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Raffle Update

The November raffle turned out to be a great success. And just for the record, I did not win anything. The Oneway Mastercut gouge and handle was very popular. We have decided, therefore, that the January raffle will include another Mastercut gouge. Because the next meeting is Nan's Christmas party and we will be trading Christmas presents, etc., there will not be a raffle at the December meeting. I am still looking for ideas for raffle prizes. Please call me with your suggestions. Joe Fleming: (858) 586-0562.

LAST NEWSLETTER

This is my last newsletter as your newsletter editor, not, hopefully, the last newsletter of the club. I have enjoyed being the newsletter editor during the past three years. I have learned a tremendous amount about woodturning and the club. I have met and talked to many members of the club and the woodturning world that I would not have had the opportunity or taken the time to do without my responsibilities as newsletter editor.

Unfortunately all good things must end and I must end my term as your newsletter editor.

At this time, the club still does not have a replacement editor. If you would like to help the club and yourself and get more involved in woodturning, please contact one of the Board members and volunteer to help out with the newsletter. It is an experience you will enjoy.

Gallery 21

A special Woodturning Gallery, hosted by the San Diego Woodturners, opens at Gallery 21 in the Spanish Village of Balboa Park on Sunday, December 17th, 2000. The show runs through December 31, 2000. The Gallery, featuring only work by members of the San Diego Woodturners, grants our members a venture for displaying and selling their work in a high traffic location. The show will be open daily from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (5:00 P.M. on Saturdays and Sundays).

Members may show up to three pieces of their work at any one time and the pieces must be for sale (place high prices on those you don't wish to sell). The pieces must be primarily wood, though other media may be used for accent.

The show has been attracting more and more attention every year, with last year's show setting sales and attendance records with over \$4,300 in sales. This is a golden opportunity to have your pieces shown and purchased.

This year's gallery will also feature a raffle of the 'Bowl of the Year' to help offset the cost of the show and the reception.

The set up for the show is Saturday, December 16th. Bring your pieces to Gallery 21 in Spanish Village at Balboa Park between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM to enter them in the show and forthcoming sale.

We still need volunteers to man the Gallery during the show. Please contact Don Kaufmann at (858) 755-2007 to sign up for this very worthwhile project.

2001 Dues Being Accepted Now

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editor of the monthly newsletter. I don't think we could say enough of the fine job that he has done on the newsletter, the Centre and so many aspects of the club. Thanks Ernest for all that you do and all that you have done. (*Ed: Your welcome*)

On Saturday, November 18, I came home to find 20 woodturners cleaning my backyard. It seems that someone put out the word that I was moving and needed help cleaning and trimming my yard. Well that was true that we were planning on moving. But now that my yard is so clean, my wife and I have decided to stay put. (Just kidding) Some of the turners said they were just returning a favor that I had done for them. I can't remember what that was, but I will never forget what they did for us. The moral to this story is – don't let your hobby get carried away. If you have a lot of wood that you haven't turned and probably could never turn, then bring it to a meeting and give it away. Thanks again to everyone that helped out.

On November 30th, a few members of the club showed up at the U. S. Marine Reserve Headquarters to help deliver the toys that were bought with the money from our TOPS FOR TOTS drive. We delivered TWO vans of toys, filled to the top, for the Toys for Tots program. It sure felt good to be a small part of this very large effort. We vowed to the Marines that next year we would fill 4 or 5 Marine Hummers. Ellen Nielsen-Grabbe was the chair person in charge of the drive and I feel she did a fantastic job. So thanks to all who helped make a few kids have a better holiday.

Don't forget to pay your dues. We are still looking for a few people to help out with club doings. So if you can, **PLEASE** give us hand.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR to all.

Don Owen & Family

Centre News

The next three months promise to be outstanding at the Centre. Beginning in January, Richard Raffin from Canberra, ACT, Australia, will be presenting a demonstration and two workshops. Richard is probably the best known woodturner in the world today. He demonstrates regularly at symposiums and clubs throughout the world. He has authored several books with accompanying videos on woodturning and has magazine articles published regularly. He was featured on the cover of Fine Woodworking magazine in December and the author of the woodturning article for the January 2001 edition.

Richard will be demonstrating on Saturday, January 27, 2001, from 9:00 AM until 3:30 PM. He will conduct two workshops following his demonstration. The first will be a three day workshop beginning on Sunday, January 28th, and the second a special two-day workshop on boxes beginning on Wednesday, January 31st. The fees for Richard's demonstration are \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. The fees for his three-day and two-day workshops are \$425 and \$295, respectively.

Dave Register from Devon, England, returns to the San Diego Woodturners on Saturday, February 17th for a demonstration. Dave's demonstration will be followed by a three-day workshop. Dave has authored five books on woodturning and is a monthly featured writer in the Woodturning magazine published by the Master Craftsman Guild in England. Dave also teaches woodturning at Parnham College in England.

Christian Burchard will be here in March for a demonstration and workshop. Christian is a top rated demonstrator from Oregon. This will be his first visit in this area and we are looking forward to seeing Christian. We will have more information on Christian's demonstration and workshop in later

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Remember, we now handle Glaser tools. See you at the Christmas Party.

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

Ernest and Ellen Grabbe

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

**SATURDAY 9:00 AM
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