



SHAVINGS

FROM THE PREZ

Hello Fellow Turners,

Our first club symposium had a great turnout with about 100 people in attendance. A good time was had by all. A big thanks to the Woodturning Centre for allowing us to hold our symposium at their site. Thanks to all our demonstrators and our club members for setup and cleanup. Without your support, these events wouldn't take place. Your input and comments are great. Keep them coming.

We have received some good ideas for upcoming topics. Our August meeting will be on "How to Cut Up a Log". Oskar Kirsten will be providing this demonstration. Since he was not able to make the symposium, we pressed him to provide a complete Saturday meeting on the topic. See the adjacent column for details. September will be about photographing your own work, to be presented by Ernest and Ellen Grabbe.

We hope to see you at the next meeting on August 18.

Happy Turning,
Don Owen

San Diego Woodturners

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“From Tree to Me” – How to Harvest Trees for the Best Turning Blanks

Since Oskar Kirsten was unable to participate in the mini symposium due to an unexpected family illness, and since we had more positive feedback for this topic at the symposium than any other, we have asked him to expand the topic for our August 18 General Meeting. Oskar has responded with a terrific program.

He will start the presentation by studying trees in their natural state. “Each tree has its most potential before a single cut is made”, states Oskar. He will look at various live tree situations and discuss how you should plan to fell the tree for optimal turning yield.

Once the tree is on the ground, Oskar will discuss the next steps in harvesting turning blanks. He will explain what to look for and what to avoid when selecting the wood on the ground. He will also discuss what to look for if someone else has already cut the tree up, like when you find “free firewood” along the side of the road.

Next, Oskar will review specific pieces of wood and review them cut-by-cut with a photo presentation. The idea is how to select specific cuts for each step along the way when processing a large section of tree. He will also do this live on a large maple burl.

Finally, Oskar asks that you bring in your difficult pieces of wood. He will conduct an interactive session so that you can ask about specific pieces. If there are enough people in attendance, we have volunteered our trusty president to split the group into smaller working groups.

As an added bonus, he will review finished pieces and explain how the wood orientation either enhances or detracts from them. All instant gallery participants will be asked to discuss their pieces and why they selected the orientation that they did.

This looks to be a very exciting, interactive meeting. Remember to bring your wood chunks and finished pieces for discussion.

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NEXT MEETING

**Saturday 9 am
August 18, 2001**

**Harvesting
Wood**

Oskar Kirsten

The Instant Gallery

The first Instant Gallery of the new-year occurred at the July mini-symposium. We had a large number of entries in every category except for intermediate. In this group, we had no submissions. For all the pieces submitted, the quality and workmanship was outstanding.

Since we haven't reviewed the gallery rules in awhile, I am including them here.

1. You place yourself in whatever category you feel appropriate for yourself. The gallery chairperson reserves the right to bump you up if you are underestimating your skill.
2. You may submit one, two or three pieces each meeting. Please, no more than that. We have some prolific turners that could swamp the gallery if we turned them loose.
3. You may not submit a piece for consideration more than once. We are trying to promote new ideas.

I will offer some additional guidelines for your considerations. These are not rules – just my reflections on the gallery.

- Try to place yourself in the correct category. Even if you have not turned for very many months or years, you may be an intermediate, advanced or even master turner. Don't sell yourself short just because you haven't been turning since before electricity was discovered.
- Hollow forms are not generally considered novice work. If you have started to do hollowing work, you should seriously consider moving yourself out of the novice group.
- Spend plenty of time at the gallery studying all the pieces submitted. Before picking the piece up, make a quick judgment – "like it/don't like it". Once this is done, use your turning skills to evaluate the piece to see if the work matches your quick evaluation. Look at the tool work, the sanding, and the finish. What works and what doesn't work for you? Answer these questions in your mind so that you can take that bit of information home.
- Talk to the submitter to learn about how they did a piece. If you like the finish, for example, ask that person what they used and why.

We will try to have peer reviews more frequently. This is a great way to get another turner's perspective on your pieces. When offered, consider signing up for this.

MIKE DARLOW – September 8

Presented by the San Diego Turning Centre

The San Diego Woodturning Centre is bringing Mike Darlow into town for an all-day demonstration on Saturday, September 8th from 9am to 3:30pm. The cost will be \$20 for SDWT members and \$25 for others. A three-day workshop is available on September 9th to 11th. See Ellen or Ernest for details.

Mike is an internationally known demonstrator and writer with more than 100 published articles and several well known books including *The Fundamentals of Woodturning* and *Woodturning Methods*.

The theme of his September 2001 teaching tour is that turners should turn what they want to, what will give them the most fun, satisfaction, etc. His belief is that many of those turners who have a restricted range of skills and who turn a restricted range of objects will have as much fun, and perhaps even more, by developing a broader base of skills. This will free them to widen the range of the pieces they turn, and they will also turn bowls and hollow forms better as well!

The Raffle Report

Well, the mini-symposium sure brought out the raffle participants. We had a record participation level in the raffle. We had several nice prizes available including the JET dust collector.

For the August raffle, we will have another JET DC 650 1.0 hp dust collector from Juniors Tools. We will also have several other nice prizes including a really nice chunk of maple burl.

Don't forget that we will have two perpetual bowls in the raffle this meeting. Since Joe Fleming won his own bowl at the symposium, he will be bringing another piece along with Herb Hotaling who won the beautiful nest set from Don Owen. We hope to see you there.

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THE VIDEO LIBRARY UPDATE:

We have a few new videos in the library for rent:

- #4 – Thread Cutting by Robert Sorby
- #19 – Decorative Techniques by Robert Sorby
- #88 – The Skew Chisel by Allan Batty
- #89 – Hand Thread Chasing by Allan Batty

For those of you that have outstanding rentals, please remember to return them to the club so that others may enjoy their use.

GALLERY 21 IS COMING

We will once again have our annual Gallery 21 exhibition in the Spanish Village in Balboa Park in December. This year, however, we were able to reserve the first two weeks of December. This means that we will be open during **Christ-mas on the Prado**. The dates are November 30th through December 15th. Because of the early dates, our *Turning of the Year Award* will be given at the November General Meeting. So start building your inventory and start creating that special winning piece. Remember that only current Club members as of July 1, 2001, will be allowed to participate.

San Diego Woodturners Club Calendar

August 2001

- Saturday August 18th from 9:00am to 3:30pm - Harvesting Wood with Oskar Kirsten at the San Diego Woodturning Centre. Bring your troublesome wood pieces.
- Tuesday August 28th at 7:00 PM - Board of Directors Meeting at the San Diego Woodturning Centre.

September 2001

- Wednesday September 19th at 7:00 PM – Photographing Your Work with Ernest and Ellen Grabbe at the San Diego Woodturning Centre.
- Tuesday September 25th at 7:00 PM - Board of Directors Meeting at the San Diego Woodturning Centre.

October 2001

- Saturday October 19th at 9:00 AM - General Club Meeting at the San Diego Woodturning Centre. Program to be announced.
- Tuesday October 30th at 7:00 PM - Board of Directors Meeting at the San Diego Woodturning Centre.

San Diego Woodturning Centre Calendar

See their website for other classes and information: <http://www.sdwoodturning.com/>

August 2001

- August 13-14 - Basic Woodturning from 4pm to 7pm at the San Diego Woodturning Centre.
- August 20-21 - Basic Woodturning from 4pm to 7pm at the San Diego Woodturning Centre.

September 2001

- September 1-2 - Introduction to Woodturning from 8am to 4:30pm at the San Diego Woodturning Centre.
- September 3-4 - Basic Woodturning from 4pm to 7pm at the San Diego Woodturning Centre.
- September 8 - Special demonstration by Mike Darlow from Australia, running from 9am to 3:30pm at the San Diego Woodturning Centre. SDWT members \$20.00 and nonmembers \$25.00.
- September 9-11 - Mike Darlow Workshop from 9am to 3:30pm daily at the San Diego Woodturning Centre.
- May 20th, 21st and 22nd will be a Guilio Marcolongo workshop, bowls and other projects.
- September 17-18 - Basic Woodturning from 4pm to 7pm at the San Diego Woodturning Centre.
- September 22-23 - Intermediate Woodturning: Nested Bowls from 8am to 4:30pm at the San Diego Woodturning Centre.

October 2001

- October 1-2 - Basic Woodturning from 4pm to 7pm at the San Diego Woodturning Centre.
- October 6-7 - Introduction to Woodturning from 8am to 4:30pm at the San Diego Woodturning Centre.
- October 8-9 - Basic Woodturning from 4pm to 7pm at the San Diego Woodturning Centre.
- October 27-28 - Intermediate Woodturning: Hollow Forms from 8am to 4:30pm at the San Diego Woodturning Centre.

**NEW
MEMBERS AND
RENEWALS**

**SEE DON
KAUFMANN**

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See **Tony A.** at the meeting or call
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See **Ken Roth** at the meeting or
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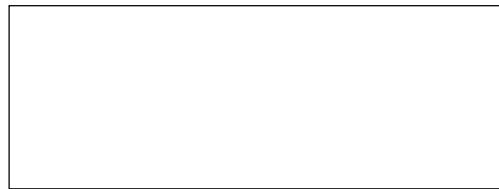
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Harvesting Wood From Trees

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