

West Bay Wood Turnings

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Club Message

Next meeting on Oct 14th, at 7PM, at New Location.

For directions see below.

Minutes of the West Bay Woodturners' Meeting, 9/9/08

The meeting was held at Hillsdale High School, San Mateo, CA. President Clarence Kellogg opened the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Guests were introduced. These included John Tyler, Andy Lopez, and Gabriel Fonseca.

It was reported that we have \$4,000 in the bank. Bud, librarian, reported briefly on our library. Bob has shirts for sale. Richard reported that the next Craft Supply order is in the works but not enough has been ordered yet.. Larry asked for volunteers to sign up to work at the next Woodcraft show at the San Carlos store on September 26 and 27. He passed around a sheet asking for participants.

It was announced that our next meeting will be held in a center next to the police station in Los Altos on October 14th. Information on the location and directions will be included in the next newsletter.

The president's challenge this month was a piece turned in response to a magazine article. Gene Franz presented a bowl with ebonized edge. Jerry Campbell offered a segmented bowl called an Indian blanket pattern. It was his first attempt and he was congratulated on how beautifully it turned out. Warren Atkins showed another segmented bowl with turquoise inlays. Grant Allison made a cane with an eagle's head top from American Woodworker's magazine. Rich Winslow showed a pen the shaft of which was made from compressed flower petals, and as he said, a lot of CA glue. It came from Woodturner's Design magazine.

Under show and tell, Jon Ross showed two walnut bowls. Tony Dowden had an ash spittoon, and Tom Howard a small walnut bowl with an ebonized rim.

Peter Pipe presented for newcomers his ongoing tops project, with tops made to donate to the Ronald McDonald houses. He had a turnover top and a new design that was shaped like a bowl with a foot. To spin it one had to turn the base and not the top shaft, there being none.

After the break it was announced that the AAW had acquired a John Sauer piece for their permanent collection.

The demonstration was given by Harvey Klein, who made a turned Christmas tree ornament. He started with a small black acacia block, which he turned into a column. He then rounded down the tailstock end, and then cut into it always up, making an oval. He didn't part it off yet, though, first drilling it, then sanding the outside and thinning the inside through the drill hole. Once he was satisfied with it, he coated it with his own homemade French polish, which consisted of Zinnzer shellac, linseed oil, and

denatured alcohol.

After turning this piece, he put a piece of maple, about the size of a pen blank, into the chuck. First he turned a tenon on the tailstock end and saw that it fit the drill hole in the oval. Then he turned a long finial from most of this piece, slanting it thinner toward the headstock end, and putting a small ball on that end. Then he sanded that piece and parted it off. The stub end remaining he turned into a shorter finial, again beginning with the tenon and fitting it, then turning, sanding and parting off. After completing the pieces, and polishing, he glued them together and put a buffer in the chuck, buffing the whole piece. He hangs the piece using a jeweler's pin rather than a screw eye.

It was announced that next month's president's challenge will be to make a Christmas tree ornament. The meeting adjourned around 9:10 p.m.

Paul O. Williams, reporter

Directions to next meeting site, Oct 14th: in Los Altos, Not at Hillsdale.

From: Us Hwy 101 & San Antonio Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94301 US
To: 1 N San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA 94022-3000 US

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

A) Us Hwy 101 & San Antonio Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94301 US

1. Start out going SOUTH on SAN ANTONIO RD/SAN ANTONIO AVE toward E CHARLESTON RD. Continue to follow SAN ANTONIO RD. (go 3.4 miles)
2. End at 1 N San Antonio Rd Los Altos, CA 94022-3000

B) 1 N San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA 94022-3000 US

>> TOTAL ESTIMATED TIME: 7 minutes | DISTANCE: 3.44 miles

From: I 280 & S El Monte Rd, Los Altos, CA 94022 US
To: 1 N San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA 94022-3000 US

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

A) I 280 & S El Monte Rd, Los Altos, CA 94022 US

1. Start out going NORTHEAST on S EL MONTE RD toward S EL MONTE AVE. (go 0.2 miles)
2. Stay STRAIGHT to go onto S EL MONTE AVE. (go 0.7 miles)
3. Turn LEFT onto FOOTHILL EXPY/CR-G5 W. (go 0.3 miles)
4. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto S SAN ANTONIO RD. (go 0.6 miles)
5. End at 1 N San Antonio Rd Los Altos, CA 94022-3000

B) 1 N San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA 94022-3000 US

>> TOTAL ESTIMATED TIME: 4 minutes | DISTANCE: 1.66 miles

Other News

See the website for more complete details of news and Events. There are now several photo galleries of the work of Club Members online.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Next Club meeting: Oct 14th is at a new place in Los Altos, see above: at 7PM.
See the website also for these directions and more details. Agenda: vacuum chucks.**

President's challenge: Christmas Tree Ornament.

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