



THE SILICON VALLEY WOODTURNERS' NEWSLETTER

The November
Program:
Dennis Lillis
Snowman Box

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October Program: Top Contest

October's program highlighted tops from several categories allowing turners of all capabilities to enter:



Steve Dahout took the Open Class with his top named "Krakken" and his unusual pull string contraption .



Mike Lanahan took the honors in the string pulled category.



Glen Krug and his miniature top took the honors for smallest top.



Kevin Lee and his tops took the honors for most colorful tops.



In the finger spin category Kevin Lee's top spun for 40 seconds while Joe Martinka's top lasted for 30 seconds.

The President's Turn

Lifeblood of our club

The lifeblood of any wood turning club are the volunteers. Without volunteers all the club activities come to a screeching halt. We have been blessed with our share of volunteers over the years who have built this club to what it is today. It is their hard work and dedication that we enjoy today every month when we come to meet. For that we are all very thankful to every one of them. This month I want to concentrate on three such volunteers who have taken on an onerous task spending days and nights to take our club to a higher plane next year.

During one of our turn-n-learn sessions in August I had a casual conversation with Jerry Galli, and he mentioned the website of Gold country. That discussion along with the many problems we've had with our yahoo group over the years prompted me to talk about it to the board and some other members about reviving our website. In my mind I had some reservations about getting it done since it involved finding people to do it and spending a lot of time evaluating and developing something new.

I have known Joe Martinka for over a couple of years now. My initial introduction to him was when I first volunteered to help with the pen turning class in the school. Though he initially appeared to be a serious guy I soon realized he has a softer, caring as well as somewhat of a playful and goofier side in him. But the side of him that I admire the most is his innate thirst to help others especially the kids and who ever surrounds him. He has been instrumental in reviving the school workshop, rearranging and organizing the wood pile and fixing every machinery that breaks down. He spent days and weeks putting together a revised teaching curriculum for the pen turning class and taught the kids not only how to turn pens but make little tops and advanced concepts in spindle turning. He was very meticulous in teaching the kids the proper body posture and handling of the gouges for spindle turning. He often spent money from his own pocket to go and buy stuff like storage

shelves to keep all volunteer stuff tidy and organized. He has been our treasurer for over a year and a half now and knows firsthand the sacrifice in time and effort it takes to keep all the club finance activities in top shape. Joe took upon himself the challenge to test out the Wild Apricot site builder for creating a new website for our club. He has not only been living and breathing the task of evaluating the site builder but also formed a team to help with the development of a beta site. I want to say that what he has undertaken to do is a tremendous job that is very time consuming for him and his team mates. I want to take this time to thank and appreciate Joe for all the things he has done as well as continues to do for the club.

The other 2 people I want to highlight and thank are Pete Zavala and David Yaggi. We have known Pete for a long time now. He is instrumental in maintaining and making changes to our website. When Joe asked during our last meeting for some volunteers to help with the development of the beta site both Pete and David threw in their names in the hat. They both have spent valuable hours along with Joe in developing the beta site.

Thanks also goes to the many beta testers who are involved in testing and suggesting improvements to the beta site. I know that if we end up adopting the new changes, as I said before it will truly elevate our club to a higher plane in terms of communication and ease of management of our club going into 2020. I want to leave the description of what is happening with the beta site and a more detailed writeup of the effort going into it for a later time.

When we see Joe, Pete and David next time let us all take a minute to thank them personally for the effort they are putting in for the betterment of the club.

~ Hari ~

2019 Calendar of Events

<p><u>January</u> Wed. the 3rd BOD at 4 p.m.</p> <p>President's Challenge: Spindle Turning Program: Dennis Lillis Lathe Maintenance</p>	<p><u>February</u> Wed. the 6th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Collaborate/Training Program: Charlie Belden Beyond Bowls</p>	<p><u>March</u> Wed. the 6th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Something That Makes Noise Program: Mike Mahoney remote demo Turning a Platter</p>
<p><u>April</u> Wed. the 3rd BOD at 4 p.m.</p> <p>President's Challenge: Platter Program: Bob Gerenser/Mike Lanahan Beads of Courage Box</p>	<p><u>May</u> Wed. the 1st</p> <p>President's Challenge: Beads of Courage Box Program: Pete Zavala Identical Twins / Complimentary</p>	<p><u>June</u> Wed. the 5th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Identical Twins/Comp. Program: Don Bonnett Turning a Sphere</p>
<p><u>July</u> Wed. the 10th BOD at 4 p.m.</p> <p>President's Challenge: Sphere or Egg Program: David Vannier Basket Illusion</p>	<p><u>August</u> Wed. the 7th <i>T&L on the 24th</i> Multi-Axis Turning</p> <p>President's Challenge: Winged Bowl Program: Mark Koenig Multi-Axis Turning</p>	<p><u>September</u> Wed. the 4th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Multi-Axis Turning Program: Dennis Lillis Inlay Work</p>
<p><u>October</u> Wed. the 2nd BOD at 4 p.m.</p> <p>President's Challenge: Top or Wildcard* Program: Don Bonnett Top Contest</p>	<p><u>November</u> Wed. the 6th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Inlay or Embellishment Program: Dennis Lillis Snowman Box</p>	<p><u>December</u> Wed. the 4th <i>Holiday Dinner</i></p> <p>President's Challenge Snowman Box or Ornament Program: Holiday Dinner</p>

* Something not on this year's list

Demos and Workshops

October - David Ellsworth	October 13 - Workshop at Silicon Valley Woodturners woodshop	October 19 - Demo at the Bridges Community Church, Los Altos
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Priddle/Enger Demonstration, Sept. 8, 2019



In September we had the pleasure to host Greame Priddle and Melissa Engler for a full day demo. The day started with the design, turning, and embellishment of one of their "Ammonite" bowls. Greame gave a short demo of turning one of these bowls and then Melissa took over the embellishment process. She began by drawing the pattern of ovals forming a spiral from the top to bottom of the bowl. Next, using a ball burr in a micro motor handpiece the ovals were cut. The top rim was burned with a fine tip to form a stipple pattern. A toothbrush was then used to apply color to the bowl. White milk paint was applied



and left to partially dry before being wiped off the high spots. Finally, a colored cream wax was applied to the milk paint to give a 3D appearance. The bowl was then remounted on the lathe and paint removed from the top. Greame made a point that the foot should carry some design tying it to the pattern in the bowl.

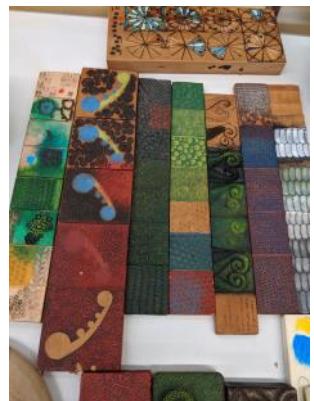
The remaining portion of the day included several techniques for embellishing wood. Greame showed us how to make our own tips for pyrography. This included making a knife tip from 16 gauge Ni chrome wire and a round tip made from an old ball



burr. Of course you need one of Greame's "Vaporizer" wood burning units or make your own unit to supply enough current to heat up the ball burr. Using the ball burr he showed how to burn a pattern in an egg he had turned.

Other embellishment techniques demonstrated included burning different patterns, some power carving, and lots of methods of coloring. Melissa demonstrated more pyrography and painting with acrylic paints. She had a bunch of practice boards showing different patterns and color combinations.

Greame demonstrated how he made the flower pattern on one of his signature pieces. He started by drawing and burning the pattern of the flower and then did some relief carving to form a 3D flower. The flower was finished with red acrylic paint for the leaf and then some yellow dots on the stamens.



A great day was had by all.

David Ellsworth Demonstration - October 19, 2019



In October we were honored to have David Ellsworth visit us and impart his decades of knowledge. David is famous for his thin walled hollow forms and the development of tools and techniques for thin wall "blind" hollowing. He is a founding member of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) and served as the first president. For those interested, his book "Ellsworth on Woodturning" is a highly recommended read.

His demo covered how to turn a rimmed bowl, a natural edge bowl, and a natural edge bowl using hollowing techniques as well as some tips on sharpening. Starting with a rimmed bowl he discussed the use of his bowl gouge having a 60 degree nose angle and pronounced swept back wings. Most of us have heard we must turn in a downhill direction or a direction where the wood fibers are supported by those below the ones being cut.

David described how he has developed a technique of making a

finish cut in the "wrong" direction to prevent tear-out.

After roughing out the rimmed bowl David showed us how to turn a natural edge bowl.

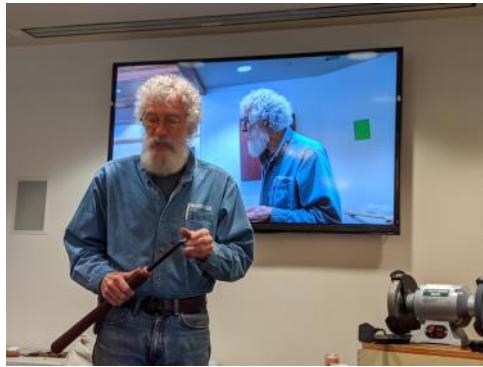
During breaks David was surrounded by members asking questions that he graciously answered. This is a reason to come to the demos - you always can get answers from professionals on how to improve your turning skills and solve specific problems you are having.

The third bowl David turned required the use of his hollowing tools. Even though the form appears to have a large opening when spinning the opening through which the tool must pass was rather small. David got up close and personal with the lathe by sitting on the ways so



he was in a more comfortable position for turning. He had to be careful when turning near the bark to prevent tearing it out.

To end the day, David discussed sharpening with an emphasis on attaining the Ellsworth Grind.



Meeting Minutes - October 2, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Ray Hari at 7:03 p.m.



- Ray held a moment of silence for Jack Todd, joined SVW club in 2003. Jack passed away late September.

Visitors: Tom Stutz, David Yaggi, Pete Nelson

WELCOME! GLAD YOU'RE WITH US TONIGHT!

General announcements:

- **Ray Hari** announced temporary suspension of volunteering at the school shop.
- **School Donations** — John Whittier
 - ◊ Donate by August for school raffle at Back to School Night in September. Make sure to sign the piece. Donations accepted year round. Fifty pieces this year, ~\$1,000 donated.
- **Elections, membership, December Banquet, Pens for the Troops** — Gordon Patnude,
 - ◊ Announced that VP position is open — Programs, demos. Would have assistance from current VP.
 - ◊ We have 78 members now.
 - ◊ **Banquet at the Blue Pheasant** in lieu of December meeting: Prime Rib, Salmon, Chicken, Vegetarian dinners. Cost is ~\$37, includes tax & tip, not drinks.
Sign up on Yahoo Group by November 26.
 - ◊ **Pens for the Troops** — Due at the November meeting
- **New website for the club** — Joe Martinka,
 - ◊ Yahoo is restricting/eliminating features the club needs. Joe is exploring **Wild Apricot** site. He explained the process to check it out. He needs help with 1) beta testing, 2) Customer Acceptance with virtual meetings every 2 weeks, 3) Developers. Joe explained dues, security. Joe passed around a sheet asking for volunteers to the 3 items above.
- **CA GLUE** — Tom Kenyon will **not** be here November.
- **Anchor Seal 2** — John Whittier and Dennis Lillis, Let them know, so can bring to a meeting.

Staff Reports:

- **Demonstrations** — Don Bennett
 - ◊ November, snowman box (**Dennis Lillis**).
 - ◊ **Dixie Biggs** in May, 2020. Demonstration and Workshop
- **Newsletter** — Mark Koenig, Continuing to catch up.

October President's Challenge & make-ups — “Inlay/embeddishment”

- See the Member and their work in the President's Challenge photo section of this Newsletter.
- **Raffle** — Raffle tickets drawn.

September Show and Tell —

- See the Member and their work in the Show & Tell photo section of this Newsletter.

Presentation — Top Spin-off

- Members showed and spun their tops. Quite a show!

Meeting adjourned

President's Challenge "Top or Wild Card"



John Fox

Top

Firewood top with wipe-on poly finish.

Tom Schmida

Sphere and Winged Bowl

Juniper sphere and Leaco dendron winged bowl.



**Make-up for
July and August**



Johnny Alias

Tops

Acrylic top and mahogany top.



Steve Dahout

Top

Long spin Gancalo Alves top named The Krakken.



Gordon Gatnude

Bowl (Oct. wild card)

Flaws-N-All bowl, walnut?
Wipe-on poly finish.



President's Challenge "Top or Wild Card"

Joe Martinka

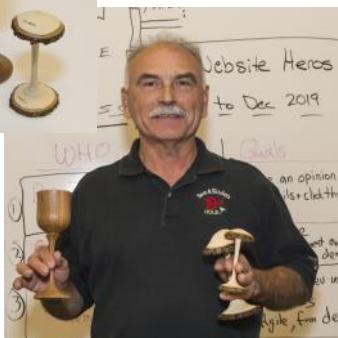
Pete Zavala

Goblet

Elm goblet with spiral stem.

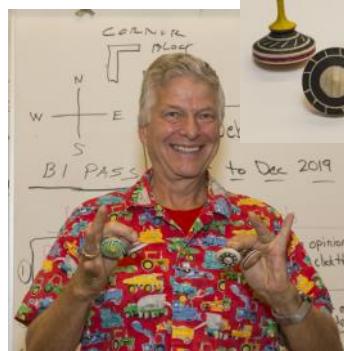


Sept. Make-up



Tops

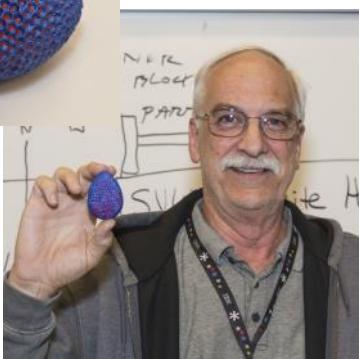
Four tops with embossed, chattered, sculpted, and colored.



Bob Gerenser

Bowl (Oct. wild card)

Black Acacia bowl fixed with veneer and mystery wood middle ring.



Mark Koenig

Egg (Oct. wild card)

Turned egg with burned pattern and acrylic paint finish.



Mike Lanahan

Top

Pull top made from purple heart and mystery wood holder.

President's Challenge "Top or Wild Card"

Kevin Lee

Tops

Tops of various shapes and colors.



Don Bonnett

Top

Blackwood top with tulip wood inlay.



Glenn Krug

**Miniture Turnings (Oct.
Wild Card)**

Two miniature hollow form vases.

Show & Tell

Jerry Galli

Flask, Jewelry Box, and Platter

Maple/Ash flask with lacquer and Danish oil finish. Maple and Ebony jewelry box with lacquer and Danish oil finish. Ash platter with red dye and gold cream rim with lacquer finish.



Mark Koenig

Sphere

Weighted sphere ensures that multi-colored circle always faces upward.
Finished with acrylic paints.



Joe Martinka

Two Bowls

Offset maple burl bowl with water based lacquer finish. Carob natural edge bowl with water based lacquer finish.



Dave Vannier

Burner and Priddle piece

Current controlled burner. Two pieces inspired by Greame Priddle.

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Volunteer Instructors / Mentors

The turners below have graciously offered to open their shops to help members who want to learn to sharpen, try something new, or master a technique that just doesn't seem to be working. We all love to share. You just have to ask.

Willing to help? Contact Newsletter Editor to join this list.

Mike Lanahan, mikelan@aol.com, (408) 926-9330 Pepper Mills, Segmented, and Shaving/Makeup Brushes.

Dennis Lillis, denjillis@gmail.com, (408) 353-3821 Hollowing, sharpening, and coring.

Gordon Patnude, gppatnude@comcast.net, (408) 267-6789 Pen Turning and general turning questions.

John Whittier, whit10506@aol.com, (408) 761-3941 Sharpening, design, natural edge bowls, boxes, goblets, tool control, you name it. Anything but segmenting.

2019 IRONMAN

An IRONMAN is one who successfully completes all 12 President's Challenge projects for the year. Those who meet the challenge are awarded coveted and distinctive IRONMAN name badges. A blue bar in the accompanying chart means that person has completed the project for the month indicated. You needn't be a great turner, you just need to participate. Make something in our Challenge theme and bring it to the next meeting.

Editor's Note

If I've somehow overlooked your President's Challenge entry, send an email to

Greg Peck

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IRONMAN Rules

- There are twelve challenges listed for the year and in order to qualify for Ironman you must show, by the end of the year, that you have completed all twelve challenges.
 - Challenge entries should be shown at the meeting corresponding to the challenge schedule.

For a more detailed description of the President's Challenges, go to:

[https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SVWoodturners/files/Presidents Challenge/](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SVWoodturners/files/Presidents%20Challenge/)

SVW NEEDS YOU!

It takes more than the officers and program chairs to make our club function at its best. If your name's not in the column at right, we still need your help in other ways to manage some of the club's activities.

This is a HELP WANTED ad, and we need you to respond. There are always things that need doing. In particular, we need:

- Volunteers for shop tours
- Volunteers to present/demonstrate at meetings
- Members to write up their profiles for the newsletter
- Short articles or Tips & Tricks for the *Chips & Chatter* newsletter

Please contact Mike Lanahan to volunteer and help make our activities happen.

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Want to join a great group of turning enthusiasts in an atmosphere of sharing and camaraderie? Become a member of Silicon Valley Woodturners. We meet on the **First** Wednesday of each month. See page 2 for details. Drop in at any meeting and check things out. To join, contact John Whittier (see contact list), or just complete the application form below and mail with check to Grant. Learn more about our club on the web at www.svwoodturners.org.

Silicon Valley Woodturners Membership Application

Please print and mail with a check payable to SVW for \$35* individual (\$45* family) to:

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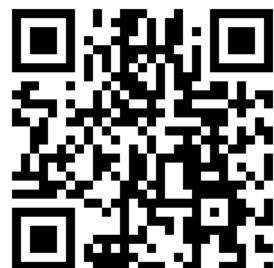
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Current Member of AAW? Yes ____ No ____

Member-ship*	Renewal	2 nd Quarter April - June	3 rd Quarter July - Sept.	4 th Quarter Oct. - Dec.
Individual	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$10
Family	\$45	\$35	\$30	\$15



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Next Meeting...

Join us Wed. Nov. 6, 2019 @7:00PM

Santa Clara High School Woodshop

3000 Benton St, Santa Clara, CA

It is right across the street from the Baptist Church sign, and just past (coming from Kiely) a No Entrance sign.

Nov. Program: Snowman Box

Nov. Challenge: Inlay or Embellishment,
December Challenge Snowman box

Dinner before the Meeting:

Watch for email update



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