

CHIPS & Chatter

THE SILICON VALLEY WOODTURNERS' NEWSLETTER

Next Month's
Program:
Making a Morse
Taper and Jigs

2019 Ironman Awards



At our February meeting the 2019 Ironman awards were handed out to five individuals. Congratulations on a job well done:

Mike Lanahan

Steve Dahout

John Fox

Gordon Patnude

Johnny Alias

Thanks to Bob Gerenser each awardee received a special Ironman badge with the symbol for iron (Fe). An IRONMAN is one who successfully completes all 12 President's Challenge projects for the year. Those who meet the challenge are awarded a coveted and distinctive IRONMAN badge. You needn't be a great turner, you just need to participate by making something for each President's Challenge theme.

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February Program: Coring Systems



For our February program Mike Lanahan discussed how to core multiple bowls from a single blank. He discussed the basics of coring and presented two coring systems: the Oneway Easy-Core coring system and the McNaughton Center Saver coring system. A summary of each system was given with pros and cons and some cost information. Important considerations when coring include: securely mounting the bowl blank by making a large tenon (1/3 the diameter of bowl), correctly sized and cleanly cut; selecting the slowest speed for maximum torque; placing remote STOP switch within easy reach if available; and sharpening the cutter for clean cut.

After his introduction Mike brought in a special guest (Mario of Mario Bros fame?) to help with a demo of the Oneway coring system. The first step was to mark out multiple bowls to be cored. Three bowls were marked out as shown in the photos to the right. In the top photo the diameters of each bowl are marked with the width of each bowl being approximately 1/10 the diameter of the bowl. A second photo shows the depth of each bowl marked out.



These markings were then used to align the cutter. Mike had built a laser pointer jig to properly align the post that holds the cutter blade. One important note for any coring system is that the cutter tip needs to be aligned with the center axis of the bowl. The next step with this system is to set up the support blade below the cutter blade. Now you're ready to start coring.



Our special guest then took over the actual coring of two bowls. Easy does it - don't force the blade into the wood. If the blade start gets stuck due to a build up of chips, stop the lathe, pull the cutter out, and clear the chips. Before restarting the lathe, rotate the bowl in the reverse direction so that when the lathe is restarted there is enough momentum for the cutter to cut through the point where it bogged down. Methods for turning a new tenon in the cored bowl blanks were discussed.

Thank you Mike for an informative and engaging demo and to Dennis "Mario" Lillis for lending a helping hand.

A handout of Mike's presentation can be found at:

<https://svw.wildapricot.org/best/8746684#8746684>



The President's Turn

“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.” – Nelson Mandela

We had a supplemental board meeting this month because we didn't finish our job in the first board meeting due to time constraints. Most of the items discussed were mundane procedural stuff, dotting the tees and crossing the eyes (or is it something else) and making sure that our club is on the right track moving forward. But a couple of items for discussion stood out in my mind. Item #5, Matthew Bartlett donations, and item #6, Brian Havens lathe donation. Discussing such items in the board meetings have a special meaning. Those items were there in the agenda because of the good deeds done by our club members.

As many of you know Matthew Bartlett had made a huge cash donation as well as some brand-new chisels and an exquisite block plane to be gifted to the students of the construction class. In January I handed a check to the school principal and mentioned to him where the money came from and what it is to be used for. He was very happy and thanked us for the donation. The chisels and block plane will be gifted to a couple of deserving students in the construction class before the end of the school year. I can't wait to see the smile and happiness it will bring to the students when they receive the gifts.

Last year Brian Havens donated a Jet mini lathe and some tools to the club. We had discussed what we want to do with the lathe in a previous board meeting. Whether to auction it, raffle it, sell it, keep it etc. During the recent wood event Paul Tamarro mentioned about a friend's daughter looking for a lathe. That person happens to be a young school-

teacher who had started teaching woodworking and wood turning in a middle school a couple of years ago. The board decided that the lathe should be offered to our members first and if there are no takers can be sold to non-members.

In our general meeting during the coffee break Tom Nelson came to me and mentioned he wanted to buy that lathe. He didn't just want to buy the lathe, he wanted to buy the lathe for that schoolteacher. I asked him again just to confirm what I heard. It put a big smile on my face. After I came home, I passed on the message to Paul Tamarro who passed the message to Maija Granfors. We arranged for her to pick up the lathe the following Wednesday.

Maija is a young schoolteacher who is teaching woodworking and wood turning to about 130 middle school students. When I met her, I could see the excitement and happiness in her face.

The kind deed that Brian Havens did by donating the lathe brought in another kind deed from Tom Nelson that has brought happiness to a young teacher. That lathe is going to make her a better wood turner and teacher. She is going to impart her knowledge to the next generation of wood turners who are all fascinated by the pens they create.

As they say, 'One good deed begets another good deed'. In our turning club it is one good turn after another. So, we thank and salute our 3 members, Matthew Bartlett, Brian Havens and Tom Nelson.

~ Hari ~

2020 Calender of Events

<p><u>January</u> Wed. January 8th BOD January 22nd at 4 p.m.</p> <p>President's Challenge: Name Badge Program: Show-N-Tell Forum - Dennis Lillis Bottom Treatment</p>	<p><u>February</u> Wed. the 5th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Miniature Turning Program: Mike Lanahan & Dennis Lillis Coring Systems</p>	<p><u>March</u> Wed. the 4th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Collaboration Program: Steve Dahout Jig for forming morse taper</p>
<p><u>April</u> Wed. the 1st BOD April 1st at 4 p.m.</p> <p>President's Challenge: Glue Up Program: Mark Koenig Turning Rim for Beads of Courage</p>	<p><u>May</u> Wed. the 6th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Beads of Courage Box Program: Don Bonnett Turning a Long Stem Goblet</p>	<p><u>June</u> Wed. the 3rd</p> <p>President's Challenge: Thin Stemmed Item Program: Show-N-Tell Forum Sanding Preparation</p>
<p><u>July</u> Wed. the 1st BOD July 1st at 4 p.m.</p> <p>President's Challenge: School Donation Program:</p>	<p><u>August</u> Wed. the 5th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Top or Ring Program: Members Top Spinning Contest</p>	<p><u>September</u> Wed. the 2nd</p> <p>President's Challenge: Orthogonal Multi-Axis* Program:</p>
<p><u>October</u> Wed. the 7th BOD October 7th at 4 p.m.</p> <p>President's Challenge: Inside Out Turning Program:</p>	<p><u>November</u> Wed. the 4th</p> <p>President's Challenge: Kitchen Utensil** Program:</p>	<p><u>December</u> Wed. the 2nd Holiday Dinner</p> <p>President's Dinner Banquet Gift Exchange Program: NONE Holiday Dinner</p>

** Not a bowl, platter, wine stopper

* Not a sphere or an Egg

Demos and Workshops

Dixie Biggs	March 28, 2020 - Demo at Bridges Community Church, Los Altos	March 29, 2020 —Workshop at Santa Clara High School Woodshop For more info see: svwoodturners.com/best/8663845
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West Bay Woodturners

Dixie Biggs



Saturday March 28, 2020

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Bridges Community Church
625 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos

Admission is \$30 for Members and
Spouses
(Includes lunch for those who sign up
in advance)

\$35 for Non-Members

All Students are Free!

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Silicon Valley Woodturners and West Bay Woodturners are pleased to announce an all-day demonstration by Dixie Biggs. The doors open at 8:30 am. The general public is invited to attend. The admission fee for this demonstration has been discounted and is being sponsored by the two clubs. All day demo covers surface embellishments from simple to simplifying the complex. Use of dyes, grain fillers and colored waxes. For more information on this demonstration and to sign up for lunch, contact Bob Bley, WBAW Program Officer, by email at rbley90@gmail.com , or by phone at 650-465-7539.

Dixie Biggs Workshop Tools & Supplies

March 29, 2020

Tools & Supplies students should bring

Rotary power carver - My personal preference, for what I do, is a micro motor.

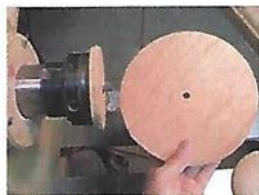
A couple of suggestions are the Mastercarver Micro-Pro Champion, found at woodcarverssupply.com and the Ram 207A Micro Motor or Ram Power 45 found at www.mdiwoodcarvers.com. No need to get the foot control. If you are planning to bring a flex-shaft, such as Foredom, **please check your maximum rpms**. Some of the older ones only go up to 18,000 rpms. This **will** cause you problems. The majority of my carving is done in the 25,000 - 35,000 rpm range. Also, if you bring a flex-shaft I would recommend bringing a portable tool stand. **Be sure to have a 3/32" collet for your carver.**

Carving Burrs - Please bring the following burrs plus your favorites. They can be found at:

MDI Woodcarvers Supply www.mdiwoodcarver.scom 1-800-866-5728

Stump Cutter	#20-B5	\$8.25 ea.
Mini Stump Cutter	#21-SET36	\$5.25
Mini Stump Cutter	#21-SET39	\$5.25
Diamond Tooth Burr	#37-3FSM	\$14.50
Super Coarse Ruby	#15-SC05	\$10.50

Turned Disc - You should bring a turned dome shaped disc about 6"-7" in diameter. This must be dry wood not green. Cherry is the preferred choice. Avoid woods with open grain or ones that may cause allergic reactions. You mainly want a nice tight grain wood with no figure. This will enable you to practice working on a curved surface, before attempting one of your turnings.



1 ¼" thick by about 7" diameter dome shape disc works well. I make mine out of kiln dry board stock.

Woodburner - If you have one

Also Needed: dust mask, ear plugs, old tooth brush and pencil & paper. If you need magnifiers for detail work, don't forget to bring those. A task light is very helpful, also, a cushion to sit on. It's a long day of sitting!

SVW Meeting Minutes - February 5th, 2020



Meeting was called to order by Ray Hari at 7:00 p.m. Attendance: 44

Visitors: Rebecca Tremblay, Jeff Winters, and Dean Caudle

WELCOME, Rebecca, Jeff and Dean! GLAD YOU'RE WITH US TONIGHT!

General announcements:

Ray Hari –

Ironman Badge. Ray presented badge to each 2019 Ironman – Johnny Alias, Steve Dahout, John W. Fox, Mike Lanahan, Gordon Patnude

Announced a Valentine chocolate box given by Mackenzies Chocolates, Colin and Thelma, to be raffled to the club tonight, collections going to the club.

Congratulated Debbie Mancuso for winning the AAW scholarship. Debbie is our new **Women in Turning** (WIT) liaison.

Thanked Dennis Lillis and Dave Brown for a fun, successful wood event. Twenty-seven people attended and took all the wood.

Mike Lanahan is our new election Committee Chair.

March meeting is on March 4th. Presidents Challenge – Collaboration

CA GLUE– Contact Tom Kenyon.

Anchor Seal – Contact Dennis Lillis or John Whittier. It's \$15/gallon.

Staff and Member Reports --

Don Bonnett – Dixie Biggs demo on March 28th. To sign up, contact Bob Bley.

Joe Martinka – Joe gave an update on the SVW Wild Apricot site, svwoodturners.org. He answered members comments about passwords, signing up, messaging, dues. Joe talked offline to people with questions. Process and

Dennis Lillis – Disc cutter was available to members who attended the wood event. A nominal charge of \$3.00 per box of 50 ea. 6" discs (50 ea. 3" discs, 150 ea. 2" discs after cutting). Order the sandpaper online, cut with the nominal charge at Dennis' house.

Greg Peck – Thanked Mark Koenig for getting the newsletters up to date.

Gordon Patnude – Since Gordon is moving, he offered for sale some of his pen blank and stabilizer supplies to members. Any dollar amount paid will be donated to the club.

Ray Hari – Announced the lathe (offered by Brian Havens) for sale to the club. The lathe was subsequently purchased by Tom Nelson as a gift to a wood class teacher.

February President's Challenge & make-ups — "Miniature Turning"

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

January Show and Tell

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

Break – 7:55 to 8:05. Thelma Mackenzie selected the winner of the chocolate raffle and the winner was Steve Dahout.

Program — A coring demonstration by Mike Lanahan. Mike cored one of 3 bowls out of one piece of wood. He used the Easy-Core Coring System by ONEWAY. See Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

President's Challenge: Miniature Turning



Pete Nelson

Miniature goblet, shot glass, and lidded box. Name badge (January makeup).



Johnny Alias

Miniature sea urchin ornament with walnut base and Tagua nut vase.



Charlie Belden

Hammer head, mushroom, pin, and "they went that way".



Pete Zavala

Miniature maple burl hollow form with ebony top.



President's Challenge: Miniature Turning



Jerry Galli

Miniature ash bowl with
Doctor's walnut oil finish.



John Whittier

Miniature natural edge
cork oak cup.



John Fox

Miniature spalted maple
cup with WOP finish.



Steve Dahout

Padauk film can/box with
50/50 finish.



President's Challenge: Miniature Turning



Jim Loney

Toothpick holder, bullet, knob, and name badge (January makeup).



Mike Lanahan

Miniature alder bowl with mineral oil/bees wax finish.



Bob Gerenser

Annual physical "stool" sample (cherry).



Dave Brown

Miniature Spectra-Ply bowl.



President's Challenge: Miniature Turning



Dennis Lillis

Miniature Tagua nut cup.



Sandy Bocks

Cedar Jigger with wax finish.



Milton West

Miniature African Blackwood container and Apple cup.



Kevin Lee

Miniature Black Walnut vase with shellac/wax finish.



President's Challenge: Miniature Turning



Glen Krug

Miniature curly Koa vase.



Joe Martinka

Marblewood shot glass and name badge (January makeup).



David McCutcheon

Tea candle holder.



Gordon Levin

Miniature spittoons.



Ray Hari

Miniature figured Maple pot.



Show & Tell



Pete Zavala

Pepper tree hollow form
with Melachite stone inlay.



John Whittier

Cork oak natural edge bowls
with WOP finish.



Dennis Lillis

Redwood burl natural edge
stacked bowls.



Joe Martinka

Olive Crotch winged bowl
slightly burned in microwave
oven.



Show & Tell



David Brown

Three utility bowls, one birch, and two walnut with salad bowl finish.



David Vannier

Pear bowl burned and colored with metallic acrylic paints in the style of Andi Wolfe.



Jerry Galli

Mulberry natural edge bowl with sanding sealer/Danish oil finish.



David McCutcheon

Cork oak natural edge bowl.



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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. Contact mskoenig52@gmail.com.

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

Dennis Lillis, denjlillis@gmail.com, (408) 353-3821 Hollowing, sharpening, and coring. All things woodturning and this side of psychotherapy...

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.

2020 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.

President's Challenge 2020	January: Name Badge	February: Miniature Turning	March: Collaboration	April: Glue-Up	May: Beads of Courage Box	June: Thin Stemmed Item	July: School Donation	August: Top or Ring	September: Orthogonal Multi-Axis*	October: Inside Out Turning	November: Kitchen Utensil**	December: Banquet Gift Exchange
Alias, Johnny												
Andersen, Max												
Belden, Charlie												
Bocks, Charles												
Brown, David												
Dahout, Steve												
Fox, John W.												
Galli, Jerry												
Gee, Avery												
Gerenser, Bob												
Hari, Ray												
Krug, Glen												
Lanahan, Mike												
Lee, Kevin												
Levin, Gordon												
Lillis, Dennis												
Loney, Jim												
Martinka, Joe												
McCutcheon, David												
Moody, Marcus												
Nelson, Pete												
Patnude, Gordon												
West, Milton												
Whittier, John												
Yaggi, David												

Editor's Note

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

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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.

SVW NEEDS YOU!

It takes more than the officers and program chairs to make our club function at its best. 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
- Short articles or Tips & Tricks for the *Chips & Chatter* newsletter

Please contact secretary@svwoodturners.com 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 last page of newsletter for details on where we meet. Drop in at any meeting and check things out. Learn more about our club on the web at www.svwoodturners.com/hello.

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Next Meeting...

Join us on the first Wednesday of the month (see Calendar for dates) at:

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.

Dinner before the Meeting:

Watch for email update



FOR SALE

Anchor Seal

One gallon Anchor Seal \$15

Contact Dennis Lillis (see Club Notes for contact information).

CA Glue(Superglue)

Contact Tom Kenyon (see Club Notes for contact information).



Smocks, SVW colors. \$30 (SVW patch not included).

Contact John Whittier for details.

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