

# CHIPS & Chatter

THE SILICON VALLEY WOODTURNERS' NEWSLETTER

Next Month's  
Program:  
TBD

## March Program: The Morse taper and how to make one



Steve Dahout gave a presentation on Morse tapers and showed us how to make our own Morse tapers. He took us through the process of how to turn a Morse taper and also showed some custom jigs he has made using home made Morse tapers.

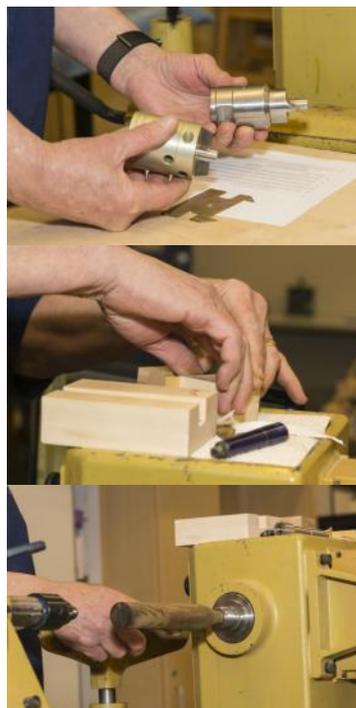
A common misconception is that the various sizes of Morse tapers are all the same angle, just taken at various points along a consistent cone. The angles are close, but not the same so it's important to accurately size the Morse taper.

Steve finished his presentation by showing us a small metal tool he designed that allows you to make a #2 Morse taper. This little tool is something Steve came up about fifteen years ago when he was turning exclusively on a Midi lathe and found it very handy to have around. After the presentation Steve handed out one of these tools to

each member that stayed for the entire presentation. If you missed that meeting and would like a copy of the tool, let Steve know and he will mail you one for \$15.

The link below takes you to a page where you can find a PDF showing how to construct a jig for making your own Morse taper as well as the specs for the different Morse tapers.

<https://svwoodturners.com/best/8819552>



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# The President's Turn

## Challenging Times

We are facing some challenges in our lives right now. This is something no one could have planned for or foreseen. But how we succeed depends on how flexible we are in adopting changes required for a new way of life. We all hope that things will get back to normalcy sooner rather than later. And I personally am looking for the day when we all can get back together and share the cookies, brownies and chocolates from Debbie and the Mackenzies. But until then we are looking for new ways of social interaction.

Here is what SVW (and WBW) are doing to get back into the groove of sharing our passion, knowledge, and fun of wood turning.

We have formed a task team with Bob Bley and Greg Peck as our leaders to do live interactive meetings using the zoom platform. AAW also has proposed and discussed a similar format moving forward. There is a video on the AAW website that you all can watch to see the challenges and solutions available to go into a live interactive mode while sitting at the comfort of your home. You can find this video at:

[https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Chapters/Chapter-Officers-Tool-Kit.aspx?WebsiteKey=c9100f02-c77e-4177-a9bc-7d3eb0216238&hkey=e0bbd3ed-b5bd-4cd2-9151-76053a99fa6e&New\\_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon=11&\\_zs=sI7lb&\\_zl=78X22#New\\_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon](https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Chapters/Chapter-Officers-Tool-Kit.aspx?WebsiteKey=c9100f02-c77e-4177-a9bc-7d3eb0216238&hkey=e0bbd3ed-b5bd-4cd2-9151-76053a99fa6e&New_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon=11&_zs=sI7lb&_zl=78X22#New_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon)

What we have done so far is have a small team of people do a couple of interactive test sessions to discuss and evaluate the feasibility of online

meetings. It looks promising for a small gathering (7 people). We are still in the process of refining the process for larger gatherings. Our hope is that we can gain enough expertise to be able to guide all our members to become laptop/phone/ipad savvy in a short period of time from the lessons we learn in our test meetings.

So please stay tuned for announcements from Greg and Bob on what is in the pipeline for the coming weeks.

As part of this new challenge we will be using new jargons like sharing screen, spotlight, mute, unmute, gallery view, etc. But that will all become second nature to you soon.

On a totally unrelated subject, our search for a new treasurer has come to an end. We have found a new handsome and brainy guy as our new treasurer. Please welcome Jim Loney to the board of SVW and as our new treasurer. Given his strong finance background and cheerful nature we are in good hands.

~ Hari ~

# 2020 Calender of Events

<p><b><u>January</u></b>  <b>Wed. January 8th</b>  <b>BOD January 22nd at 4 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>President's Challenge:</b>            Name Badge</p> <p><b>Program:</b>            Show-N-Tell Forum - Dennis Lillis            Bottom Treatment</p>	<p><b><u>February</u></b>  <b>Wed. the 5th</b></p> <p><b>President's Challenge:</b>            Miniature Turning</p> <p><b>Program:</b>            Mike Lanahan &amp; Dennis Lillis            Coring Systems</p>	<p><b><u>March</u></b>  <b>Wed. the 4th</b></p> <p><b>President's Challenge:</b>            Collaboration</p> <p><b>Program:</b>            Steve Dahout            Jig for forming Morse taper</p>
<p><b><u>April</u></b>  <b>Wed. the 1st</b>  <b>BOD April 1st at 4 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>President's Challenge:</b>            Glue Up</p> <p><b>Program: TBD</b></p>	<p><b><u>May</u></b>  <b>Wed. the 6th</b></p> <p><b>President's Challenge: TBD</b></p> <p><b>Program: TBD</b></p>	<p><b><u>June</u></b>  <b>Wed. the 3rd</b></p> <p><b>President's Challenge:</b>            Thin Stemmed Item</p> <p><b>Program: TBD</b></p>
<p><b><u>July</u></b>  <b>Wed. the 1st</b>  <b>BOD July 1st at 4 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>President's Challenge:</b>            School Donation</p> <p><b>Program: TBD</b></p>	<p><b><u>August</u></b>  <b>Wed. the 5th</b></p> <p><b>President's Challenge:</b>            Top or Ring</p> <p><b>Program: TBD</b></p>	<p><b><u>September</u></b>  <b>Wed. the 2nd</b></p> <p><b>President's Challenge:</b>            Orthogonal Multi-Axis*</p> <p><b>Program: TBD</b></p>
<p><b><u>October</u></b>  <b>Wed. the 7th</b>  <b>BOD October 7th at 4 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>President's Challenge:</b>            Inside Out Turning</p> <p><b>Program: TBD</b></p>	<p><b><u>November</u></b>  <b>Wed. the 4th</b></p> <p><b>President's Challenge:</b>            Kitchen Utensil**</p> <p><b>Program: TBD</b></p>	<p><b><u>December</u></b>  <b>Wed. the 2nd</b>  <b>Holiday Dinner</b></p> <p><b>President's Dinner</b>            Banquet Gift Exchange</p> <p><b>Program: NONE</b>            Holiday Dinner</p>

\*\* Not a bowl, platter, wine stopper

\* Not a sphere or an Egg

## Demos and Workshops

<p>Dixie Biggs</p> <p><b>CANCELLED DUE TO CORONA VIRUS CONCERNS - WILL BE RESCHEDULED</b></p>		
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# SVW Meeting Minutes - March 4th, 2020



Meeting was called to order by Ray Hari

## General announcements:

### Ray Hari –

Asked if new visitors here this night and announced restroom key location.

Treasurer resignation. Ray announced Joe Martinka's resignation as Treasurer. Ray and the club members thanked Joe for his outstanding work as the club's Treasurer. Joe will continue woodturning and pyrography.

Ray announced that Jim Loney has taken on the Treasurer's position at this time.

School donations: we need about 50 turnings for the school fair later this year.

### **The April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is cancelled due to the Corona virus Pandemic.**

April President's challenge – Glue up: Can be 2 pieces or many pieces. Laminated or segmented. **(Cancelled)**

April program – Mark Koenig on turning a large ring **(Cancelled)**

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 event cancelled due to the Corona virus pandemic.**

**John Fox –** John is getting rid of his wood pile. A raffle for the wood brought in \$60.

## **March President's Challenge & make-ups** – "Collaboration"

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

## **March Show and Tell**

**Mathew Bartlett** brought in woodworking/woodturning books for others to take home.

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

## **Break** –

**Program** — **Steve Dahout** on jigs for making Morse taper.

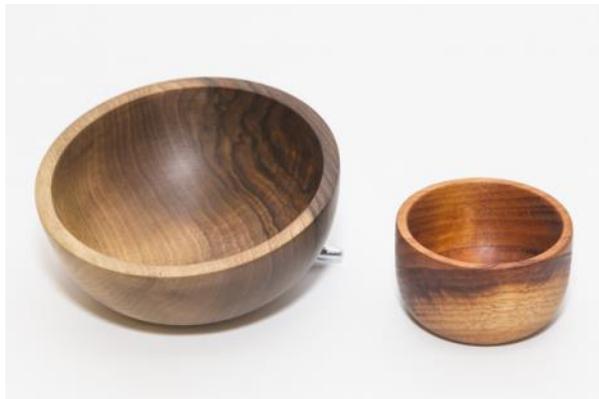
Meeting adjourned

# President's Challenge: Collaboration



**Jerry Galli/John Whittier**

Ambrosia maple bowl with burnt lines and Wagner tool pattern dyed green (John), Ash bowl with burnt lines and Wagner tool pattern dyed purple.



**Jim Loney/Dennis Lillis**

Japanese maple bowl with help from Dennis in finishing the bottom.



**Steve Balsbaugh/Bob Gerenser**

Poplar Beads of Courage Boxes with dyed top and bottom.



# President's Challenge: Collaboration



**Pete Nelson/Johnny Alias**  
Mahogany platters with  
cosmic pattern painted rims.



**Mike Lanahan/Dennis Lillis**  
Prayer wheel with water  
based lacquer airbrushed  
decorations.



**Debbie Mancuso/Dennis Lillis**  
Apricot boxes.



# President's Challenge: Collaboration



**Ray Hari/Dennis Lillis/Mike Lanahan**

Carob bowl (Ray/Dennis), and Paduk prayer wheel (Ray/Mike).

**Mark Koenig**

Name Badge with chip carved name (January makeup), Carob miniature pot (February makeup).



**Joe Martinka**

Natural edge name badge (January makeup).



# Show & Tell



**Tom Nelson**

Platters and bracelets from cutting board and rings from deer antler.



**Glen Krug**

Miniature vases—various woods.



**Joe Martinka**

Arc limited grinding jig mounted in crosswise vise designed to mount on banjo.



# CLUB NOTES

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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](mailto:mskoenig52@gmail.com).

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

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

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

**John Whittier**, [whit10506@aol.com](mailto: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												
Balsbaugh, Steve												
Belden, Charlie												
Bocks, Charles												
Brown, David												
Dahout, Steve												
Fox, John W.												
Galli, Jerry												
Gee, Avery												
Gerenser, Bob												
Hari, Ray												
Koenig, Mark												
Krug, Glen												
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Lee, Kevin												
Levin, Gordon												
Lillis, Dennis												
Loney, Jim												
Martinka, Joe												
McCutcheon, David												
Moody, Marcus												
Nelson, Pete												
Patnude, Gordon												
West, Milton												
Whittier, John												
Yaggi, David												
Pete Zavala												

### 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](mailto:secretary@svwoodturners.com) to volunteer and help make our activities happen.

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## Join Silicon Valley Woodturners

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](http://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

MEETINGS AT WOOD SHOP ARE  
TEMPORATLIY CANCELLED DUE TO THE  
CORNA VIRUS PANDEMIC.



# 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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