



President's Message

Harvey Klein

Fellow Woodturners

I want to let you know the Picnic is coming up June 1st. and will be held in Los Gatos at Vasona Park. So please mark your calendar for that date, it will be a lot of fun. Our next meeting will be April 12th. Also mark your calendar for the 25 & 26 of May for the San Ramon Arts and Wind Festival 10-5 both days. As you know the club is going to have a booth there giving us an opportunity to let everyone know about the club. I want to thank Jim Abreu and all those who have helped to make this possible. Please contact Jim and sign up to man the booth. I would also like to thank Lanny and Leo who are working hard on a hand-out for the club. I hope to see you all at the next meeting.
Harvey

Leo's Corner

Leo Lichtman

The woodturners' picnic is an annual event we all look forward to. It is the only event our clubs have which involves all the other clubs. Each year, when it is time

for the picnic, members and their families hop in their cars and drive, cumulatively, many thousands of miles in order to be together for a few hours. If gas prices don't come down again before summer, I estimate that we will spend enough, just on gas, to buy a top level lathe. And then there's the time. How many people will spend more time on the road than they do at the picnic?

We have a problem because we are so spread out. One of our chapters is up near Mendocino, in the north, while another, at the southern extreme is down below Fresno. Year before last, when BAWA hosted the event, at a really nice park in Martinez, we had one of the most successful events ever. A lot of the credit is due to the hard work and thorough planning by our officers and members. It was really a great day. I believe another reason for the picnic's success was its central location. We deserve no credit for this. We just happen to be at the center of the Northern California woodturning universe, and that makes it easier to put on an event that is within reach of all.

But, what happens when the

event happens to be hosted by Redwood Empire Woodturners, or Sequoia Woodturners? Will people really drive for five or six hours EACH WAY? This question has led to a proposal to hold the picnic in a "central location" every year. Okay, so for BAWA, or West Bay, or Silicon Valley, that's pretty handy. These three groups can easily support and attend the picnic, which will generally be within 50 to 75 miles of home. But what happens when Mendocino, say, is host to a picnic which is to be held "centrally"--in the Bay Area? Will their members attend their own picnic? And how in the world will they deal with the logistics. Who will volunteer to do the work--the hauling and setting up and cleaning up--hundreds of miles from home? Ask Joe Donahue, or Bill Small, or Wayne Shipman, or any of the others who were involved. Site selection, layout, planning, catering, equipment, and all the rest. Could they have done the same good job if our picnic had been sited somewhere north of Sacramento, say?

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The Bay Area Woodturner's Association is a local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Our purpose is to provide a meeting place for local turners to share ideas and techniques and to educate the general public regarding the art of turning. The Association meets the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center in San Ramon. The Association periodically sponsors exhibitions and demonstration by local and internationally known turners.

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Board of Director's Meeting Notice

BAWA Board of directors meetings are held at Denica's Cafe (in the same center as WoodCraft) 8AM to 9:30AM. On the day of the scheduled club meeting. Board meetings are open to all members. Contact Harvey Klein if you would like to be on the agenda.

Presidents Challenge 2003

January: *Pen*

February: *Turned box*

March: *Candle sticks*

April: *Plate or Platter*

May: *Members competition*

June: *Segmented vessel*

July: *A pair of hair sticks*

August: *Natural edge something*

September: *Small blank shal-
lence. Each person starts with
the same size blank and we see
what he or she can come up with*

October: *An inlay of something
other than wood.*

November: *Members competi-
tion*

December: *Ornaments*

The President's Challenge is organized to prepare members for our club competitions. The challenges prior to the member competition are the same as the categories in that competition. The demonstration/workshop will correspond to the subject of the next month's challenge. This schedule offers you an opportunity to see one, make one, and compete.

Club Meeting Dates & Topics 2003

January 11: Turning a box.
Robert Whitworth

February 8: Wood finishing.
Ron Ashby

March 8: Thread Chasing.
Dick Jessing

April 12: Stave bowl construc-
tion. *Jim Rodgers*

May 10: Vacuum chucking.
Richard Sherry

June 14: TBD

July 12: TBD

August 9: TBD

September 13: TBD

October 4 (1st Sat.): TBD

November 8: Christmas Orna-
ments.

December 6 (1st Sat.): Christ-
mas party

Leo's Corner cont.

I am afraid we have a problem without a solution. The more I meet new people in our groups, the more I am impressed with the amount of brainpower we have. Are people thinking about this? Are the clubs talking to each other? The next picnic is scheduled for June 1, which is not far off, but fortunately it is being hosted by the Westbay Woodturners, and will be located in Los Gatos. This means we can coast for at least another year before something has to be decided. I suggest that the Executive Committees of the various chapters set up a get-together on June 1, and the next picnic, to get this discussion started. Or, with e-mail, they could get started right now.

You can register on line at www.woodturner.org or use the registration form at the end of the Spring 2003 edition of the American Woodturner.

Note From the Editor

Jerry Decker

The 17th annual AAW National Symposium will be held on the West Coast this year. And, if you are like me, you may want to register early and get the best rate on the show and the hotel room.

The symposium will be held in Pasadena with 3 full days of exhibitions starting on Friday June 27th. Here is an opportunity to see some of the better demonstrators in the world in one location; view the wares of leading manufacturers and meet all of the great folks that make the turning community so special.



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What program topics would you like to see at future Meetings?

What Kind of Lathe/s do you use? _____

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(American Association of Woodturners)

Annual dues are \$40.00 per year.
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