

Redwood Empire Woodturners

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Newsletter

A Chapter of the
American Association of Woodturners

June 2011

Next Meeting

Sunday, June 12, 12:00PM

**Overlook Picnic Area
Lake Mendocino Dam**

(see map on Page 4)

All members, spouses and guests
are invited to attend.

Arrive 12:00 PM
Eat around 12:30 PM

The club will supply fried chicken, soft drinks and ice, utensils and paper goods.

Pot Luck: If your house number ends with an EVEN number bring a DESSERT and those whose house number ends with an ODD number bring a SALAD OR APPETIZER. Or whatever you want.

We'll have Show and Tell. Bring some of your best, recent work to show our guests. Plus there will be a "free" wood raffle. Everyone in attendance will receive a ticket.

RSVP to Larry & Judy not later than June 10th. We need to know how many will attend.

President's Message continued from next column: should win any ribbons and the club will also offer an award for the club competition. Good Luck and hope to see you at the Fair.

Larry

President's Message

It's Fair Time Again

The 2011 Redwood Empire Fair is coming up fast. The entry deadlines are coming up even faster. All the workers at the fair grounds are gearing up for the long days of work ahead. Why do I mention the workers? Because this may be one of the few times when you can put some of your turning projects into a show and get someone else to do all the work.

If the last few years at the fair are any indication, the fair crew will put together another beautiful display for the items we enter. They go far beyond just setting things out on tables. I don't know where they get all the display cases but the results have been much more than I expected.

Why should we bother entering anything in the fair? The club officers are always looking for ways to promote the club and opportunities for club members to show off their work. The fair can do both and costs us nothing.

I think one of the best things we as club members can do to support the club is to get examples of our work out and into public view. So, as a challenge to all club members and for the good of the club, select one or more of your more recent efforts and make plans to enter them in the fair this year. Dave Peck has offered to make the entry process as easy as possible. If you have any problems delivering your entries to the fair other club members will be happy to help.

So, let's see. It's quick, easy, free and good for the club. Opportunities like this don't come along very often. And by the way, there is award money if you

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Board

President - Larry Price 707-462-1155
Vice President - Pete Passof 707-462-8588
Treasurer - Tim Everton 707-994-1864
Newsletter - Dave Peck 707-485-7458
Librarian - Gary Wallaert 707-462-7370

Mentors

Call the person on this list and set up an appointment to learn about the specialty listed. You will decide where to meet, what's needed, etc. It free.

Volunteer	Phone	Specialty
Larry Price	462-1155	Tree to rough blank
George Waterstraat	279-1270	Sharpening, Intro to the lathe Hollow Forms
Dave Peck	485-7458	Spindle turning Boxes & Inlay Sharpening
Noble Waidelich	272-4419	Face Turning
Pete Passof	462-8588	Segmented Turning

Show & Tell included turnings by Pete P, Dean M (see photo with segmented piece below), Mack B, Larry P and Dave P. Larry and Dave talked about how they made potato chips on the lathe.



Last Meeting

Dave Peck demonstrated the basics for making a turned box. The Mix provided video.



Thank you Larry Judy & Pete
for photos

Calendar

Date	Event/Activity
June 12, Sunday	Picnic at Lake Mendocino, Overlook Picnic Area. The club will provide chicken/soft drinks/paper plates/cups/kfs/napkins. Members will bring pot luck. Details and map in the June newsletter.
June 18, 10:30 AM Saturday	Group Mentoring Session. Dave Peck will provide hands-on training for making boxes.
June 30, 4:00 PM Thursday	Board Meeting: Everyone is welcome to attend. This month we will be meeting at Corner Gallery, 201 S. State St. Ukiah, CA

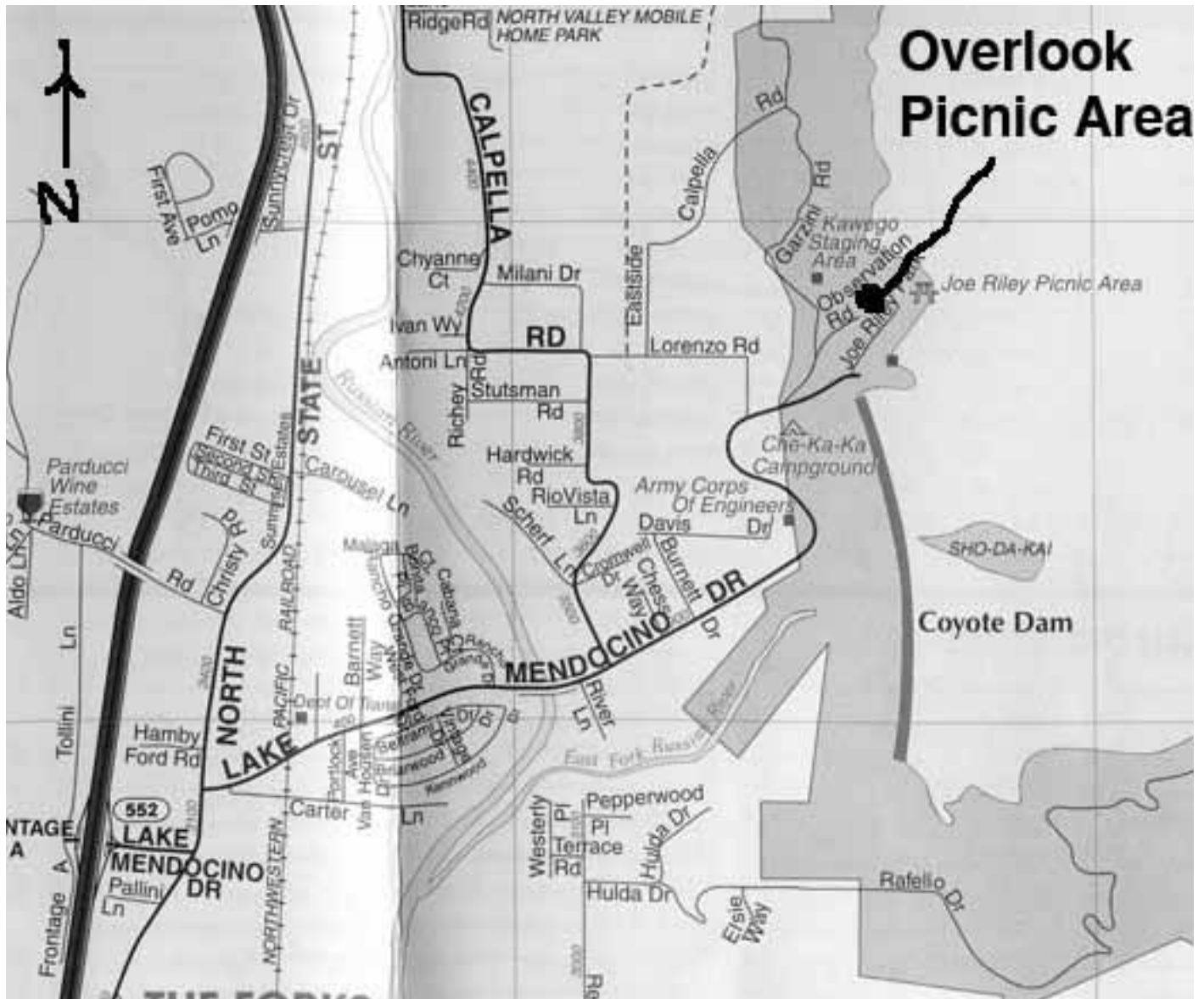


Don't you wish

Dave and Noble provided a **Saturday mentoring session** for 3 members. The basics of spindle turning were covered and practiced followed by the turning of a small tool handle.

Photos courtesy Noble Waidelich





Directions: Take Exit 552 from Hwy 101. Go East on Lake Mendocino Dr. Left at the stoplight. Right at the next stoplight. Follow Lake Mendocino Drive to the top of the dam. Look for Overlook sign on your left. Follow uphill to the picnic area.

From Oneway website.

Q. What things should I consider when setting up my workshop for a wood lathe?

A. In an endeavour to make your life easier, we have compiled a list of things you should consider when configuring your workshop to accommodate a wood lathe. We hope you find it useful.

LOCATION: Ensure you have 360 degrees clearance around the lathe to allow plenty of room for outboard turning, rigs, and jigs. Also consider allowing room for any future attachments (both inboard and outboard).

POWER CONCERNS: For the lathe install a **dedicated** electrical circuit according to the following: **25 Amp breaker with 15 Amp wall outlet**

VENTILLATION AND DUST COLLECTION: sufficient ventilation and/or dust collection or respiratory system for ease of breathing and general health - some woods are toxic.

LIGHTING: Adequate lighting is extremely important to ensure you do not strain your eyes. Florescent lighting is good for general lighting of you workshop. However, consider obtaining some specialized spot lighting which can be easily moved to an appropriate position when working on the inside of bowls or hollow forms. There are lighting attachments available to connect onto our larger lathes for spot lighting purposes. LED head lamps are another option to consider. These are cheap, efficient, and can be purchased at your local hardware store.

WOOD STORAGE: You will want some place to store your wood. You will want to keep the wood storage fairly close to the lathe so you don't have to carry those heavy bowl blanks too far. If you storage area cannot be located by the lathe, at least make sure it is easily accessible. Some form or cart of trolley could be handy getting the wood to the lathe.

TOOL PLACEMENT & STORAGE: Having your tools handy while you turn is a must. A tool cabinet somewhere near the lathe or a moveable tool caddy will make life a lot easier as your tools are always within easy reach.

SHARPENING STATION: Having a dedicated sharpening station close to the lathe will encourage you to sharpen more frequently. Using sharp tools will create a better finish on your turnings and make your time at the lathe more enjoyable.

Redwood Empire Fair (REF) Champion Competition 2011

To support the Redwood Empire Fair (REF) the woodturning club will sponsor a contest to increase the number of entries in the Fair (August 4-7th this year). Entry forms are due not later than July 8th. Entries will be received at the fair July 22-23rd, 9 AM to 5 PM. Entries will be released on Aug 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM.

If you cannot make delivery (or pickup) to the fair, bring your entries to the July REW meeting and pick them up at the August meeting.

The prize for the club champion is a **\$65 gift certificate and possession of a rotating trophy** until the next fair.

Woodturning Club Rules are:

Open to all amateur and advanced REW members. The REF calls these Divisions (Division 374 = Amateur, Division 375 = Advanced, & Division 373 = Professional). Professional members are encouraged to submit entries but are not eligible for the club champion competition. The previous year's champion is not eligible this year. It is up to each person to determine which division they enter. Professionals include paid teachers of woodturning and individuals who earn a substantial portion of their income from woodturning.

The championship is based on the ribbons given by the fair. The following scale will be used to award points:

Five points for Best of Show/People's Choice ribbon (in addition to 1st place points)

Five points for 1st place ribbon

Three points for 2nd place ribbon

Two point for 3rd place ribbon

One point for each entry that does not receive a 1st 2nd or 3rd place ribbon.

REF rules: There are 4 classes (Class 1 = Face Turning, Class 2 = Spindle Turning, Class 3 = Laminated and Class 4 =Any Other). You may enter 3 items in each class so plan on making 12 entries.

A turner from outside our club will be the judge. The REF does not announce the name of the judge prior to the fair.

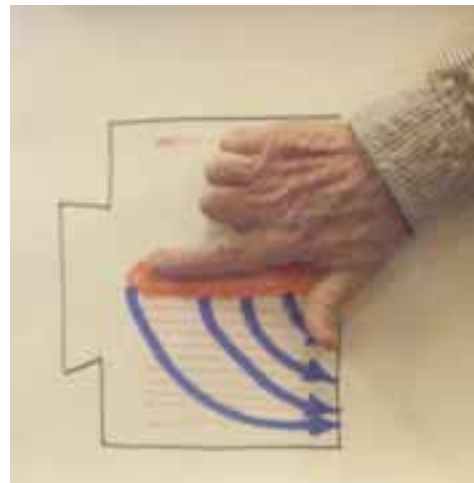
The REF committee (membership pending) will be responsible for tabulating the number of entries, ribbons, etc., and for providing the club President the final tabulation not later than three days after the close of the REF and for getting the trophy engraved.

This committee will also assist in getting entry forms and entries to the fair. Entry forms will be taken at the June meeting and entries at the July meeting making it easy for those who cannot take their entries to the fairgrounds because of work or other commitments.

The Fair's Premium book can be seen on line at: <http://redwoodempirefair.com/2011/2011premiumbook.pdf> and you can get an entry form at:

<http://redwoodempirefair.com/2011/2011nonlivestock.pdf>

We will also have entry forms available at the June picnic.



Cut with the grain

Check out the REW Website
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