

Redwood Empire Woodturners

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Newsletter

A Chapter of the
American Association of Woodturners

March 2011

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 7:00 PM
at the Mix, 75 Kunzler Ranch Road,
Rose Business Park, Ste. "H",
Ukiah (see map below)

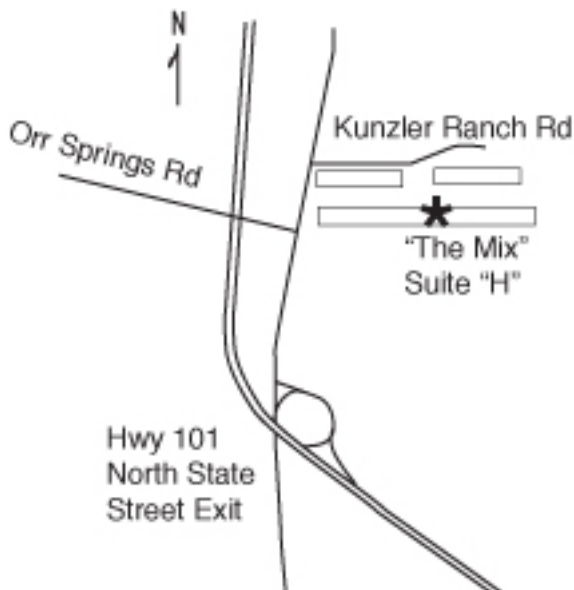
Noble Waidelich will demo how he makes Nut Chucks followed by Sign-up for hands-on nut chuck making at Group Mentor session on March 19.

President's Challenge (Potpourri Boxes) entries due at this meeting. Each member making an entry gets a special raffle ticket.

We will have Show and Tell and the Raffle.

Refreshments: **Bruce Loberg**

Map to "The Mix" for March regular meeting



President's Message

President's Message for Mar. 2011

When Does Craft Become Art?

This month the club will have its first visiting artist Saturday. Judy Price has put together a program which will feature Scott Clark. Scott is coming up from the Wine Country Woodturners in Santa Rosa to show some of his pyrography and air brush painting work. (See elsewhere in the newsletter for more information) Scott's work makes me think about the controversy over when craft become art.

For many years wood turning was certainly a craft that produced architectural and utilitarian items. It's only in the last few decades that very many items produced by turners have been recognized as true works of art. My question is when do our creations move from craft to art?

Many answers to this question include some form of the word "creative". Others talk about "new", "unique" or "original". In fact, today there is no clear and generally accepted definition of art or artist. So today art is whatever we choose to think it is. Great! I still don't have an answer to my question. In my opinion, when a person who has mastered the skills of turning, follows a set of plans or instructions and creates an object, he is a craftsman. When he lays the instructions aside and relies on his own thoughts, ideas, experiences and expectations, he begins working as an artist. Is it art? Well, I guess that will have to be up to you. I would like to hear your thoughts on the subject.

Larry Price

Board

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Mentors

Call the person on this list and set up an appointment to learn about the specialty listed.

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

Last Meeting

The February meeting, with 24 in attendance, included announcements: 1. A non-profit interested in preserving the olive trees at Spanish Missions contacted the club to see if we were interested in turning items for the non-profit to sell in exchange for some of the wood. More details coming soon.

2. It was announced that Dean Miller has volunteered to write up "Woodturning Biographies" on REW members. Writing guides were handed out and we hope to have 1-2 Bios in each future issue of the Newsletter. For further details contact Dean Miller at 245-4438 or millergd59@hughes.net.

3. Judy Price announced that Scott Clark will be coming from Santa Rosa to make a presentation on surface decoration on turnings with emphasis on woodburning. (See announcement on page 3).

4. Turnings were collected for the display at the Savings Bank of Mendocino County. The display will run from March 1st through April 29th.

5. Several Potpourri Boxes were displayed and it was announced that the official deadline is postponed to

the March meeting where each person who enters a potpourri box will receive a special raffle ticket. The drawing will be separate from our regular raffle. Everyone who enters a potpourri box will be eligible for this raffle with several nice prizes.

The February Demonstration was presented by George Waterstraat on how to keep your lathe in good shape. A cleaning with WD40 was the first and foremost on the list of things to do. Paper towels will take care of most residue. In stubborn areas steel wool or fine abrasive paper may be needed. See photo of George at work below.



Three members entered the **competition to see who would represent the REW for the AAW's 25th Anniversary Exhibit** at the AAW Symposium this summer. George Waterstraat, Pete Passof and Dave Peck each entered turnings that would make the club proud. Dave Peck's entry was selected to represent our club. He titled his piece, "Where the Redwoods Grow." See photo right.

Also see photo of the Show and Tell plus photos from the Group Mentoring Session on page 4.



Calendar

A Spring Workshop, Saturday, March 12, 2011 10AM-2PM

For those interested in various surface treatments of wood items.

At the Price's house, 201 Pine Ridge Road, Ukiah
10am – Noon Discussion and Display, **Scott Clark**
Lunch: Picnic style (Sandwiches etc.) Bring your own.
Drinks, paper items, Potato Salad provided
(Maybe even cookies)
1pm – 2pm Try some pyrography and/or visit Larry's
Shop

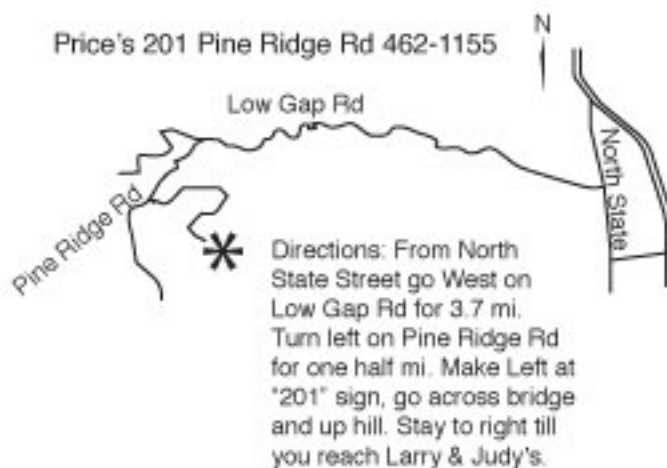
Scott Clark of Wine Country Woodturners,
Santa Rosa, CA is our invited guest speaker and dem-
onstrator. He will show and display his use of various
surface effects including pyrography, acrylic painting,
carving, textures and patterns. His work is in the AAW
gallery of artists.

The workshop is free but **please contact** Judy Price
at lprice707@aol.com or 707-462-1155 **to attend**.
(Need count of attendees, family members welcome)
Bring chair if possible.

Below are 2 photos of Scott Clark's work lifted from
the AAW website. The quality and variety of Scott's
work is very impressive



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Date	Event/Activity
Mar 1, 10:00 AM Tuesday	Set-up Woodturning Display at Savings Bank of Mendocino County. 200 North School Street, Ukiah. Display continues through the end of April. <i>Note: Take-down will be Friday, April 29th.</i>
Mar 10, 7:00 PM Thursday	Regular Monthly Meeting, Noble Waidelich will demo how he makes Nut Chucks. Sign up during the meeting for hands-on nut chuck making at the March 19th Group Mentor Session. President's Challenge (Potpourri Boxes); entries due at this meeting. Each member making an entry gets a special raffle ticket.
Mar 12, 10:00 AM Saturday	Spring Workshop: Scott Clark will visit from Santa Rosa and do a presentation on embellishing woodturnings with pyrography and other methods. Place: Larry and Judy Price's. <i>See article next column.</i>
Mar 19, 10:30 AM Saturday	Group Mentoring Session on Nut Chucks led by Noble Waidelich. Sign up required for hands on. Place: Dave Peck's. <i>See map in February issue.</i>
Apr 14, 7:00 PM Thursday	Regular Monthly Meeting. (Demo and activities to be decided.)
Apr 23, 10:30 AM Saturday	Group Mentoring Session. Noble Waidelich will provide hands on training for making small bowls. Place: Noble Waidelich's. Sign up required for hands-on.
April 29, 10:00 AM Friday	Take down Display at Savings Bank of Mendocino County.

Check out the REW Website
www.redwoodempirewoodturners.com



March Show and Tell

The Show and Tell had one of the best showings in a long time. Entries came from Mack B, Jim B, Don M, Bill H, Dean M, John B, Don R, Noble W, Wendy J, Gary W, and George W. Thanks to all for sharing.



Scott Clark's work continued from page 3



Noble and Larry grinding away at February Group Mentoring Session



If you know of a **potential new member** pass his or her contact info to Judy Price or Dave Peck and we will send the person the REW newsletter.

Redwood Empire Woodturners Member Biography

Dave Peck, Redwood Valley, CA

Spouse's name: Judy

Born/Raised: Eastern Oregon

Occupation: U S Air Force
Officer – Personnel and
administrative positions

Years Woodturning: 19,

Specialty: Marquetry on turnings,

Goals: Do fun stuff

Other Woodworking Interests: From 1975-88 I did a
lot of woodcarving. After 1983 sold marquetry, mostly
through galleries but some craft fairs.

Years in REW club: 16 – one of the founding members.

Favorite Website: Toss-up between AAW's, Weather
Channel & Mendocino County Library.

Workshop: 1 ½ car garage with 2 cars worth of “stuff”.

How many Lathes: 1



instrument it should be the radio. I showed him
though, I learned to play the phonograph.

Favorite Type of Outing: AAW Symposium – Have
attended 5 and plan to go to San Jose, CA symposium
in 2012. What have I learned in all these symposiums
– don't expect to remember it all – just cherry pick
what interests you most.

Other Hobbies: Fly Fishing, Photography, Reading,
Volunteer at Ukiah Library.



How many turning tools: Counted 44, maybe more,
several are homemade.

Can't live without: Other than the lathe, I would say
a grinder with sharpening jig. Dull tools make turning
work rather than fun.

Favorite Tip: Keith Rowley's “Six Laws of
Woodturning.” Within the six – “rub the bevel.”

Favorite Vacation: Hawaii in 79 because it was in
March and we were living in Alaska.

Little known Fact: Tone deaf – High School music
teacher suggested if I wanted to play a musical

Local Opportunity:

May 26 – 30, 2011 5-DAY HANDS-ON TURNING
CLASS WITH GUEST INSTRUCTOR STUART
BATTY

At David Marks Studio, Santa Rosa, CA

Class Size: 10 Students \$875.00 - All materials
included. For more info please email: victoria@
djmarks.com

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wife retires in August '11. We plan to do a lot of RV
traveling. Not sure how that is going to fit in with
my woodworking addiction. The turning club has
been a social pleasure and a great resource for my
woodworking hobby. I intend to be an active member
for years to come. I welcome any member to stop by
and work with me or just to shoot the bull.

Garrel “Dean” Miller

Redwood Empire Woodturners Member Biography

Dean Miller, Potter Valley, CA

When your 64 years old its not easy to put your whole life on one page, so I'll leave out the bad stuff, which will make it considerably shorter. I was born In Moab Utah into a wheat farming family. My father died when I was three months old. Mom moved to Susanville CA and put me into the Blosser family. I had a money poor but enjoyable country farm raised childhood. Dad was a contract farmer, federal worker and unsuccessful prospector. My enjoyment of building things started with raising rabbits, I ended up with hundreds of them simply because I enjoyed building the hutches. They were gable roofed eight unit hutches with a central alley. That was at age 10. Farm work for wages from age 10 all the way through college.

I was always a good student getting good grades but did horrible on the college SAT. Wasn't afraid of hard work, in fact I enjoyed it. That was a big factor in my success throughout life. I consider myself a little above average intelligence but mainly good common sense and constant effort getting me what I strived for. Good athlete for my size. Undefeated wrestler for three years in high school. Not big enough for anything else. B.S. Agriculture from Chico State Univ. in 1964, Minored in partying, girl chasing and genetics. That made me an educated cow feeder.

Joined the air force to avoid being cannon fodder for the army in Vietnam. Flunked the pilots test and they made me a medic because of my strong science background. Did well as a military medic. For a year I was the primary medical provider for a tribe of negritos in the Philippines next to Clark AFB. Didn't know what I was doing but did it anyway. Quite an experience.

Got married and started a family in the military. Got out in 1973 and went back to Lassen County.



Various jobs, logging, farm work, Christmas trees, sawmill, until I landed a job as a medical technician for Calif. Dept. of Corrections. Spent fourteen years there, moving to correctional officer and last correctional counselor before a minor stroke affecting my vision retired me at age 42. There was mass chaos for three years until I got back on my feet as a physician's assistant working for a family physician in Susanville. Four years at that then got fired for demanding a raise and calling my boss a dictator. That's how I wound up in Lake County working as a PA for the Lake County Jail where I worked for thirteen years. Through all this I raised four kids, two girls and two boys plus multiple foster kids for periods of time. I am proud to say my kids are all honest hard working adults now raising their own families.

Oldest daughter is a devoted housewife; second daughter is an emergency room nurse in Oregon. Oldest son is a very good correctional officer at High Desert State Prison. Youngest son is a security guard in Reno Nev.

Ugly divorce in 2003, don't even want to talk about that. Literally gave away the farm in Lassen County. Remarried in 2006 to Louise and now live in Potter Valley. I retired in 08 at age 62. I pride myself in being a good handyman and enjoy property maintenance. Wife is a car nut and would not let me use the garage so have added onto the barn twice now putting together my wood shop and wife's tractor shack. Along with my wood hobby, I am restoring with my wife an antique tractor.

I like all forms of woodworking from home construction to making widgets in the shop all day. Turning, marquetry, intarsia, furniture are my favorites. I will never be a woodcarver. Things that were supposed to be a bear or duck disappear. My

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