



Redwood Empire Woodturners

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Newsletter

A Chapter of the
American Association of Woodturners

December 2011

Next Meeting

Christmas Party Time!!!

When: Thursday, December 8 (regular meeting night) but at **5:00 PM** for “no host” cocktail time. We will move into the dining room at about 5:30.

Where: The Broiler (see map below)

Cost: The turning club is picking up half the \$25 price so it will be \$12.50 each for members and their guest.

Menu: You choose at mealtime from – New York Steak, Grilled Chicken, BBQ Ribs or Deep Fried Prawns. (each item includes Potato, Salad, Coffee/tea, Dessert, tip and tax.)

Activities: Show and Tell – bring your best two or three pieces that you’ve made this year. We will NOT have a raffle this time.

If you have questions or want to sign up contact Judy Price at 462-1155.

President’s Message

The first (*of four*) Saturday holiday craft sales will be over by the time you read this message. You will be getting a report from Judy Price and I hope she will be able to report good fun and good sales. The best weekend opportunity will be Dec 2 and 3. This will be first Friday. If you are not familiar with first Friday, it’s the first Friday of the month when most stores stay open till 8PM. The art center will have wine tasting and snacks which really brings in the people. The club table will be setup both days and I hope more members will bring items to sell. Remember the club will get 10% of the sale price. The sale will continue on Dec 10 and Dec 17 so you have time to make some items to sell. The club can use the money. (*editors note: see article and photos on page 3*)

I want to thank Gary Wallaert, the retiring librarian, for his efforts over the years. Also thanks to Judy Price, retiring as treasurer, for her past efforts and for her continuing help as membership chairman.

A big welcome to the new officers! Dean Miller will serve as librarian and Mack Brown will serve as treasurer. A big thank you to everyone who helps to make the club a more successful organization!

Larry Price



Board

President - Larry Price 707-462-1155
Vice President - Pete Passof 707-462-8588
Treasurer - Mack Brown 707-591-1742
Newsletter - Dave Peck 707-485-7458
Librarian - Dean Miller 707-245-4438
Raffle – John Brugo 707-485-8226

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's 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

Last Meeting

November Meeting Report

The meeting got off to an inauspicious start when Dave's lathe started squalling. (Turns out it was just the fan as several suggested.) After changing to a Jet Mini the slightly off balance walnut blank wanted to dance around.

Norm stuck with it and even put the pieces he was working on into the raffle! Following are some of the things that your editor picked up from the demo.

1. It's not necessary to re-true the spigot on a roughed out bowl blank after it has dried and warped out of shape. Just orient two of your chuck jaws with the long axis of the oval shaped spigot. This centers the blank evenly between the two jaws and they provide sufficient holding power to go ahead and turn the bowl.

2. Speaking of roughed out bowls, Norm numbers each rough out and keeps a logbook giving kind of wood, where he got it, when it was roughed, etc.

3. When finishing he uses lacquer thinned 50/50 with alcohol. He finishes on the lathe and after applying the finish proceeds directly to buffing and applying wax. No need to wait, just go ahead and apply wax. Norm feels there is no need to apply more lacquer because the next coat will just melt



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Calendar

Date	Event/Activity
Dec. 8, 7 pm	Christmas Party - Anticipate details at the November meeting.
Dec. 17,	Mentoring session cancelled due to proximity to Christmas.
Dec. 29, 4 pm	Board meeting at Pete Passof's. All members are welcome to attend.
Jan. 12, 7 pm	Regular meeting - details to follow.

Holiday Market 2011

Crafts Sale
at Art Center Ukiah
Each Saturday Nov 26 - Dec 17
10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Plus Fri Dec 2, 5pm to 8pm

Come by and say hello to Larry Price and other members. Larry has his table plus a Redwood Empire table for use by REW members to sell their turnings. For more information contact Larry Price - 462-1155 .

See photos below and bottom right from Nov 26th session.



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what's already there.

Because the demo ran long the **Show and Tell** didn't get it's full share of attention. Here are some photos. Most of the items in the first photo are by George Waterstraat. If you have something in the photo and I haven't acknowledged it my appologies. The second photo has a field of mushrooms turned by Jim Brandyberry.



Thanks to all who helped move tables out of the shop and back into place and to Pete and Larry for photos.

Dave



From the AAW

Best Practices - Safety

The best practices area of the AAW website is used to share ideas, techniques, and methods among the membership and chapters. You can find everything from presentation skills to tax suggestions for chapters.

We are soliciting input from the chapters and members to help expand our safety content in the best practices area. In addition to hard copy documentation, we will open it to video materials as well. Send your ideas and contributions to Dan Luttrell <mailto:danluttrell@verizon.net> for consideration.

From Pete Passof:

I did not realize that **John Brugo** was such an accomplished turner even though I knew he was associated with a very active woodturner chapter in the Bay Area.

If you have not seen his work, click the site below:

<http://www.westbaywoodturners.com/gallery/Brugo/index.html>

Eye problem:

From the AAW Forum

Ok guys (and gals). Last night while turning I got a foreign body in my eye. Used cordial "shot" glass to rinse eye ball-several times-it was quite painful. After fussing 30 minutes with eye tricks, I called my friendly veterinary ophthalmologist and he met me at the veterinary clinic in 20 minutes after inquiring if I could drive. He numbed it, scanned with slit lamp, then rolled the lid back and there it was (I had told him he couldn't miss it-it was as large as a golf ball). He snatched it out with a Q tip. Said it was very sharp, and embedded -almost like someone had cut it with a sharp gauge!!!! It was no speck. I could see it without my glasses on!!!!

Following is one of several responses:

People pay me to take things out of their eyes and I have several suggestions—

1. I get a lot of dust drifting down from my hair after turning (a few more years and this will cease to be a problem) and have taken to wearing a motorcycle man bandana while turning. It's one more thing that comes off prior to leaving the shop and the dust behind. My faceshield and respirator fit over it very easily.
2. Most of those pesky under the lid foreign bodies can be removed with the 'pull your upper lid over your lower lashes' trick. You probably tried it and your vet friend explained why you were unsuccessful in commenting on the embedded/sharp properties.
3. **Every wood working shop and fire wood cutting area should have some eye wash handy. It's only \$4 at wally world and should be more comfortable than plain water. It comes in a squeeze bottle that allows you to squirt a comfortable stream, which I think works better than the cup.** Those of us who are fussy about our eyes will need assistance with this. It helps to keep both eyes open.

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