



# Redwood Empire Woodturners

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## Newsletter

A Chapter of the  
American Association of Woodturners

### February 2012

#### Next Meeting

**Thursday, February 9, 7:00 PM**  
**LDS Church Gym**

**1337 South Dora Street, Ukiah** (see map below)  
Two demonstrations this time! **Mike Smith**, from Willits, will be demonstrating a sharpening system that he sells through some of the large woodworking outlets. And **Michael Toivonen** will give us information about ebonizing local woods. President's Challenge will be discussed. Regular activities will include show & tell, and the raffle.

Refreshments for this meeting: **Mack Brown**



1337 South Dora St

#### President's Message

I've been setting here thinking about announcing the **upcoming president's challenge**. There have been lots of good ideas from the membership. Some would be difficult turning, some easy. I think I will go with one of the ideas using plywood, but I want to give everyone a chance to express their skill and creativity. So here we go! The challenge to be **completed for the April meeting** is as follows.

**Turn something from "plywood"**. The item must be made from no more than one board foot of material. You may cut it or glue it any way you like. You may purchase plywood or make your own from wood laminations. No lamination can be more than one quarter inch thick.

There will be awards for turning and for creativity. If you have never worked with plywood there will be plenty of help available.

See you at the February meeting with more details.

Larry

## 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.

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

## Last Meeting

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Eighteen members and 1 guest present for the meeting at the LDS Church on South Dora. It's the first time we have met at this location and find it an excellent venue for our meetings. Do we have a volunteer to bring a Dust Buster or another type of small vacuum to help with the cleanup? If you would like to help please call Larry Price at 462-1155

Pete Passof gave the demo on making salt and pepper shakers. Pete's handout was very comprehensive. If anyone who was not at the meeting wants a copy let Dave know and he will send you one.

Show and tell had a large turnout with exceptional pieces. (See photos on pages 3 & 4.)



Left: Pete Passof shows a glued up blank ready for making a salt and pepper shaker.

The two photos below illustrate the show and tell table.



# Calendar

Date	Event/Activity
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Feb. 23, 12 pm	Board Meeting at Pete Passof's house. All members are invited to attend. Bring your own lunch.
Mar. 8, 7 pm	Regular Meeting - Details to follow.
April 14,	Tentative Date for a REW, Hands-on, Workshop
June 8-10,	AAW Symposium in San Jose, CA



Above: John B shows one of his bowls.



Right: Michael T with a nice bowl.

Below: The raffle had a nice selection this time.



Right: Mack B also had a very nicely made bowl.



## Looking for something new

when searching around for information on the Internet? You may want to go to:

<http://www.woodworkersinstitute.com/Page.asp?p=4>

where you will find a bundle of good information from the United Kingdom all in one place.

I found especially interesting their sections on “Projects” and “Techniques”. Point your mouse to the Projects section and click to find specific on faceturning, spindle turning, segmented turning, and hollow forms. From there, you will see several categories to choose. Each category has great pictures together with narrative on how the author actually creates his project.

As an example, under projects, click faceplate work, then bowls and then choose “pyrographed tree bowl” where the author takes you through a dozen steps with great photos on how he carved out a simple tree and embellished it with wood burning. A great tutorial for those wanting to branch out in their skills.

Pete Passof

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## Two Safety Thoughts

*This is the start of a regular column in the newsletter about safety. The material will be coming from the AAW’s safety guidelines. To see the full list Go online to the AAW webpage on safety for the lathe:  
<http://www.woodturner.org/resources/safety.htm>*

1. Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses that include side protectors. Use a full faceshield for bowl, vessel or any turning involving chucks and faceplates.
2. Fine particles from a grinder and wood dust are harmful to your respiratory system. Use a dust mask, air filtration helmet, proper ventilation, dust collection system or a combination of these to deal with this serious issue. Be especially mindful of dust from many exotic woods, spalted woods or any wood from which you notice a skin or respiratory reaction.

## 2012 AAW Symposium: June 08 - 10 San Jose, CA

**Many areas at the Symposium are open to the public**, and do not require registration. These areas include the Instant Gallery, Trade Show, all of the Special Exhibits, and the Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) auction. The banquet requires a ticket, but after the banquet, the doors will be opened to the public, so galleries and collectors who may not want to attend other symposium functions can bid on EOG auction items.

**Technical and Vocational Ed teacher’s symposium registration fee** (not including banquet ticket) **will be waived upon request** - AAW membership required. A Technical and Vocational Ed teacher is defined as: one who works in these fields full-time, and in an accredited public or private grade school, jr high/high school, technical school or college. If you qualify, give the AAW office a call at 651-484-9094 to register. Symposium registration will begin online in the members area beginning in January.

**The Instant Gallery**, a feature of each AAW Symposium, is the largest display of turned-wood objects shown under one roof. It is an amazing showcase of interesting and varied work. If you are registered for the Symposium, you can bring three of your best pieces to add to the excitement. (Demonstrators may submit 6 pieces.) Those artists who submit pieces to the Instant Gallery have the option to sell their work while it is on display.

The following link gives current information about the symposium. Check back often as new information will be added frequently during the next few months.

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2012/>