

January 2024 Chips & Chatter

The Silicon Valley Woodturners' Newsletter

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February Meeting: Feb 7th at 7:pm (Come early for conversation time with your fellow turners.)

Program: Mark Koenig - Spindle turning tools and techniques

President's Challenge: Thelma Mackenzie Chocolate Display Competition



January Program: Display Platter

Jerry Galli took to the lathe for our January demo.

He demonstrated the steps he uses in creating a nice platter built on its own decorative raised base.

Perfect for a display of delicious treats.

See more pictures from Jerry's demo on page 6

President's Turn

January 2024

We got a good start to the new year with our January meeting. It was nice to see a good turnout at Maker Nexus in Sunnyvale, including three new visitors. Thank you to those who participated in our Show-and-Tell / President's Challenge. I enjoyed seeing what you've all been turning. Our visitors must have enjoyed what they saw as well, as they are now our three newest members!

SVW has always been about the enjoyment of learning and growing our own skills, while sharing our art and passion for woodturning. I'm excited about this upcoming year and the opportunities we have to continue and expand on that in our new meeting location. We've got a full calendar of demos, including three professional presentations this year, and our monthly show-and-tell to learn from each other and ask questions. We are also expecting some new opportunities this year to collaborate with Maker Nexus and potentially share some of our woodturning expertise with a wider audience.

If you haven't had a chance yet to see all that's going on at Maker Nexus, please ask one of their staff for a tour either before or after our meeting next time you are there. In addition to the laser cutters, 3D printers, sewing lab, electronics lab, metal shop, and so much more, you might notice that in the back corner of the wood shop there are half a dozen lathes calling for attention. Since there's currently not a full-time woodturning instructor at the facility, their woodturning calendar of classes has been mostly for equipment certification and occasional basic woodturning projects. This presents ample volunteer opportunities for a woodturning club with the collective knowledge and expertise of SVW to help out with mentoring, curriculum development, assistance with woodturning instruction, and who knows what all else.

As we're still figuring out what our collaboration with Maker Nexus will look like I'm hoping you'll come up with some ideas about how we can spread our love for woodturning to the maker space members and the wider community. If you'd like to volunteer as a woodturning mentor, assistant instructor, or anything else please let me know. The willingness of SVW members to share their expertise with others has always been one of the selling points of the club.

Which reminds me of one more thing I wanted to mention. Many of you saw the impressive wood turned lamp shade that Dennis brought to the January meeting. He offered to show his techniques for such a delicate turning to anyone who wanted to come to his shop as he turned another one a couple of days later. Unfortunately I couldn't make that demonstration, but it put a big smile on my face to hear that a couple of our new club members were there. I thought wow, what a great first experience of the camaraderie and talent in this club!

Kevin

Meeting Minutes

To: Kevin Lee, President SVW
From: Tim Cole, Secretary SVW
Date: January 10, 2024
Subject: January General Membership Meeting Minutes
Attendance: **Jim Loney, Jerry Galli, Dennis Lillis, Greg Peck, Mark Koenig, Kevin Lee, Tim Cole, Steve Dahout, Paul Rygaard, Jean Whittier, Tom Stutz, Marcus Moody, Angela Gunn, John Whittier, Milt West, Don Bonnett, Edy Chung, Dan Boehmke, Dave Gill, George Matthew, Dean Caudle, Roman Chernikov, Jerry Pruitt, Dave DeHaan, James Craig, Girish Kalele**
Via Zoom:., **Jim Gott, Barbara Loney, Mike Lanahan, Gordin Levin, Jon Sauer,**

Kevin, find below the minutes from the Silicon Valley Woodturners January 2024 General Membership meeting.

1. Welcome and introductions - Kevin Lee
 - a. New members: **Girish, Jerry Pruitt, Dave DeHaan**
 - b. New board introductions
 - i. Heads up, as Secretary Tim will be taking an inventory of all Club assets, so anything you have in possession which is a club asset, please report it to Tim
 - c. Newsletter: an important part of our educational Non-profit charter and helps communicate the Club's activities and our role in the community; we are looking for a volunteer to help with the newsletter
 - d. Kevin has a message from the city of Mountain View, they are holding an event on April 20, 2024 and have asked if we want to participate.
 - e. February President's challenge, Thelma Mackenzie chocolate display contest for prize money. Colin Mackenzie is the retired member who donated a significant amount. He asked that the club remember Thelma Mackenzie of Mackenzie Chocolate Shop in Santa Cruz. All entries are donated to the shop. Next month bring your display piece and Dennis will bring the pieces to the shop where the shop staff will vote on the winners.
 - f. Video from Tina's demo is not ready yet, Mark will get that started next.
 - g. Dennis shared his resources for wood and anchor seal.
 - h. Refresh New Member Welcome letter
 - i.
2. Treasurer's report ~ \$19,000 in the bank at year end.
 - a. Dues are \$35, send checks to Tom Stutz.
 - b. Question, where did the \$19,000 come from? Mostly from a retired member who donated money and tools.
3. VP Report- Jerry
 - a. 2024 Calendar review
 - b. Mike Mahoney coming on Sunday, March 10 at Makers Nexus, \$30-35 entry fee
 - c. Volunteers needed for demonstrations
 - d. Sally Alt on June 9, Sunday all day
 - e. Eric Lofstrom on October 5, Saturday all day. Eric is available on Sunday for private lessons,
 - f. Going to share with West Bay Woodturners.

- g. Jerry got 150 pen kits from Woodcraft, need to start turning these for the Pens for Troops. Jerry's efforts are to both provide the support the troops and also to hopefully get recognition from the AAW
- 4. President's Challenge
 - a. Ironman competition – someone who does all the President's Challenge gets the Ironman award.
 - i. 2023, four people did first 4 months, but records are not clear for all 12 months.
 - b. January 2024 Challenge: Name badge OR Whatever you want to bring:
 - i. Kevin Lee - Acorn,
 - ii. Jim Loney – Madrone Bowl
 - iii. Steve – microphone holder...
 - iv. Jerry – Pizza Cutter
 - v. Milt West -can opener
 - vi. John W. – bottle stopper
 - vii. Angela – Name Tag and small bowls
 - viii. George -Name tag and natural edge wing bowl
 - ix. Edy – Kokeshi dolls
 - x. Paul – Lathe wheels
 - xi. Dennis – lamp and shade (Dennis is going to be turning two more lampshades in the coming weeks and volunteers to demonstrate)
 - xii. James – Goblet save image
- 5. Jerry Galli demonstration of a bowl for the Thelma Mackenzie chocolate display contest
- 6. Raffle from President's Challenge and show and Tell
- 7. Club roster to be updated via email
- 8. SVW will propose joining the WBW Slack

SVW 2024 Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;">Jan 10</p> <p>PC: Name Badge -or- 'Turners Choice' of a recently turned piece for an extended show & tell about you!</p> <p>Program: A Woodturned Chocolate Display - by Jerry Galli</p> <p>Jan 31: Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Feb 7</p> <p>PC: The Thelma MacKenzie Chocolate Display Competition. (Cash prizes for top three - judged by Ian MacKenzie.)</p> <p>Program: Spindle turning - by Mark Koenig</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mar 6</p> <p>PC: A Spindle turning</p> <p>Program: Panel discussion on Finishing & Style. Show & Tell pieces may be submitted for panel critique if desired.</p> <p>Sun. Mar 10: Mike Mahoney @ MN 10:am - 5:pm; \$30/\$35</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Apr 3</p> <p>PC: Not 'Just a Bowl' add some detail or embellishment: (square, beaded, pierced, painted, burned, fluted, carved, .?..)</p> <p>Program: Goblet Demo by: Don Bonnett.</p> <p>Apr 24: Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 1</p> <p>PC: Goblet</p> <p>Program: Quick Projects bottle stopper, mushroom, egg, handle, top, weed pot, whistle</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 5</p> <p>PC: Top, whistle or toy.</p> <p>Program: Top competition</p> <p>Sun. June 9: Sally Ault @ MN 10:am - 5:pm; \$30/ea?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">July 10</p> <p>PC: TBD Jewelry? Home-made tool/jig? (S. Ault followup)</p> <p>Program: Multi Axis -Mark Koenig</p> <p>July 31: Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Aug 7, 14, 21 ?</p> <p>PC: Multi Axis (turning air)</p> <p>Program: Picnic</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sep 4</p> <p>PC: Collaboration</p> <p>Program: Hollow form - Dennis Lillis</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Oct 2</p> <p>PC: Donation Program: wood and blank prep (& storage & drying)</p> <p>Sat. Oct 5: Eric Lofstrom @ MN 10:am - 5:pm; \$30/ea? Skew (sharpening), End grain Box, Square bowl, Embellishments</p> <p>Sun Oct 6: Eric Lofstrom Private Lessons @ your shop</p> <p>Oct 30: Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nov 6</p> <p>PC: Lidded Box or Hollow Form (Lofstrom followup?)</p> <p>Program: Inside Out Turning? Demo by: _____?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dec 4</p> <p>PC: Ornament or gift</p> <p>Program: Holiday Dinner</p>

January Program: Display Platter (cont. From page 1)



President's Challenge and Show & Tell

The combined President's Challenge and Show & Tell this month was to bring a Name Badge and/or A Recent Turning. Here are some pictures of the participants:

Kevin Lee – Acorn



Jim Loney – Madrone Bowl



Steve Dahout – microphone holder



Jerry Galli – Pizza Cutter



Milt West – can openers



John Whittier – bottle stoppers



Angela Gunn - Name Badge and small bowls



President's Challenge and Show & Tell (cont.)

George Mathew - Name Tag



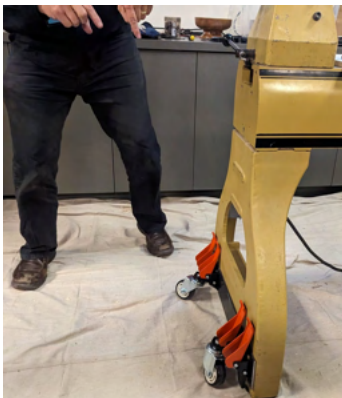
and natural edge winged bowl



Edy Chung – Kokeshi dolls



Paul – Lathe wheels



Dennis – lamp and shade



James Craig – Goblet save



Iron Man Status:

2024 Iron Man Status												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Angela Gunn												
Dennis Lillis												
Edy Chung												
George Mathew												
James Craig												
Jerry Galli												
Jim Loney												
John Whittier												
Kevin Lee												
Milton West												
Paul Rygaard												
Steve Dahout												

IRONMAN Rules:

- There are twelve challenges listed for the year. In order to qualify for Ironman you must show that you have completed all twelve challenges.
- Challenge entries should generally be shown at the meeting corresponding to the challenge schedule, but makeups will be accepted later.

Club Notes:

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Property Mgmt.			

Meeting Location:

Silicon Valley Woodturners meetings are generally held on the First Wednesday each month at 7:pm at:
Maker Nexus
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