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## December 2005 Meeting

**When:** **Wednesday**, December 14th, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Seventh Day Advetist Church, Sunnyvale  
See map at the end of the newsletter

**Plan:** 1) Enjoy a good time with friends. 2) Enjoy our normally great pot luck dinner. 3) Enjoy the turning exchange. & 4) Enjoy the ornament raffle.

## COMING EVENTS

December 14 (Wednesday!!!!).....Annual Christmas Potluck **NOTE THE DAY Change!!!!!!!!!!!!**

January 9, 2006 ..... Next club meeting. Officer elections.

January 21, 2006 ..... First beginner class

2006 Dues are due now!

## WBAW club reporter minutes for November:

**Jim Laflin** was unable to attend this months meeting and **Clarence Kellogg** did a wonderful and rather presidential job for this month. ( Do I sense a 2006 candidate?)

New attendees were **Paul** from Santa Cruz and **Bill** who has done a bit of pen turning.

This Saturday (11/12) an informal class will be formed for anyone desiring help with turning gifts for the Christmas dinner at **Jim Laflin's** home.

The Christmas dinner date has changed to Wednesday, 12/14. The

location and time will remain the same at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Sunnyvale. Specific directions will be posted on the WBAWS website.

January elections are coming up. Vote your enemies and/or friends into service for the WBAWS! If you have neither, consider volunteering yourself. Some positions to consider are President, Program Director, and Ways and Means (supply wood for our auctions and demos). Other positions are available and any position can be shared but mutually consenting adults.

**Bud Trapp** told the club about **Bonnie Klein** coming to our area on Saturday, April 28, 2006 for a day long demo at the San Carlos Woodcraft store and a day long intensive class on Friday April 27. The Silicon Valley Woodturners group will have Bonnie on April 26 & 27 for a two day hands on class in San Jose.

Speaking of San Carlos Woodcraft store, they have a free “pen turnathon” to make turned pens and pencils for people in the Armed Forces this Saturday and Sunday November 12 & 13. This same wild and wonderful Woodcraft store will be hosting **David Marks**, a well accomplish woodworker who has his own television show. He will be presenting on January 28th (Saturday), bent lamination/veneering. January 29th (Sunday) will be furniture construction techniques and January 30th (Monday), bowl turning.

**Larry Maggi** of ‘Ways and Means’ gave a hearty “Thank you.” to everyone who volunteered at the San Mateo Expo Wood Show. He also donated the left over timber to club turners.

Dues are due! 25 bucks is an unbeatable bargain for a year of coffee, cookies, camaraderie, compassion, and commissary of fellow woodturners. Give the dough to Ken Clifford before he wises up and starts to charge more!

**Gordon Rockhill** donned his elvish Christmas cap to bring sense and sanity to the Christmas potluck sign up sheet. The details were both profound and stupefying.

WBAWS staff meeting will be at Jim Laflin’s home at 7PM Monday November 14.

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The ‘Presidents Challenge’ for November was ‘Ornaments’

**Tom Howard** - 3 Christmas ornaments (and tops for Ronald McDonald House)

**Harvey Klein** - a bird house ornament, a bell w/ clapper ornament, a necklace type ornament and a 3 axis turned bottle shaped ornament.

**Peter Pipe** - reverse turned ornament w/ hand cut spirals.

**Mike Sherpa** - a BIG ornament, enhanced w/ leather dye and gravity modifications, also a wonderful spalted ornamental pear hollow form textured w/ a Dremel tool and Watco oil finish.

**Linda Salter** - brought in a beginner type segmented turning that looked not very beginner like.

**Tom Haines** - a Juniper vase from neighborhood timber.

**Richard Winslow** - an ornament from Buckeye burl and Redwood which turned out to very fragile and broke twice.

**John Doyle** - showed us a type of wood we probably don't want to run into again. He brought in two turnings from a Lacquer tree (AKA Varnish tree) that is very attractive, and very toxic.

**Obie Gilkerson** - brought in a large Walnut vase with unusual and attractive grain that was finished w/ warmed Liberon oil finish twice.

**Bud Trapp, Grant Allison** and **John Brugo** - brought in tops for the Ronald McDonald House

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**Tom Howard** introduced a special guest to our meeting; The famous **Chris Stott**, who wowed us with his box making abilities. His demonstration was both humorous and educational.

Club minutes by **Steve Baum**, club reporter



## **April and the annual Wood Carvers and Wood Turners show will soon be here.**

This is an excellent opportunity to show what we turners do. There will be new rules to make entering easier. Of course, the new rules will be announced long before April. But, now is the time to start making that “extra nice” piece (or pieces) that really shows the world what you are capable of making. Don’t procrastinate and enter a wet, green turning that will warp as the viewing public watches. Any questions or suggestions feel free to contact me.

Grant Allison

### **Its that time of year! Your Dues are Due.....**

Annual dues of \$25 are due on an annual calendar year basis. You can pay your dues anytime from the November meeting to the February meeting. **There will be a \$10 penalty for renewing your membership after the February meeting.** If it is more convenient, you can mail your dues to the treasurer at 13163 La Cresta Drive, Los Altos Hills, 94022. Make checks payable to WBAWS.

**Policy:** Members joining between January 1 and October 31 will be charged \$25 for that calendar year. Members joining in November or December will be charged \$25, but that fee will include the following calendar year.

### **A Note from you Club Historian**

FROM THE MAY 1990 issue of “The Bay Area Woodturner society”

Mark Rand wrote “ Ignorance is bliss! Without ever really thinking about the problem of gluing oily wood, I glued up some Coca Bola last year with Weldbond. This is a one part glue which is labeled “Universal Space Age Bonding Adhesive.” I did not clean the surface of the wood and it had been at least a week since I cut the pieces. I also did not use a jointer since I don’t have one. I had no problem with the glued sections. It turned on the lathe just fine.

The only problem I have had with this glue is sanding it off on the flat surface near the glue lines.

## President's Note

Those of you that did not attend the last meeting missed a great demo on box making by one of the worlds leading experts, Chris Stott. A picture of one of the 3 boxes that he turned that night is included in your newsletter.

We hope you are planning on attending the Christmas pot luck this year. Unfortunately we were forced to move the date to Wednesday from Tuesday due to a conflict with the facilities. If you haven't contacted Gordon Rockhill and arranged for the dish that you will be bringing for the pot luck, please do so as soon as possible. Also, don't forget to bring an ornament for the tree. We will be having a raffle for the ornaments again this year. Every year we see some wonderful ornaments. The turning exchange is something that we really want to keep the quality of the gifts at the high level that our members are capable of turning. If you don't have time, or the unfortunate event happens and the piece falls apart, don't worry you will still have a good time even if you don't participate in the exchange. If you do, make sure that it is a gift that you are proud of and bring it wrapped, so when you stand up and present it to the luck winner, you will enjoy the anticipation that they have while they are opening the gift, as well as be proud of the admiration that and thanks that you receive. Although the church does not charge us, we pass the hat for a \$5/each donation for the use of the building. Please remember that the church requests that we do NOT have any alcohol. Thank you.

Elections are coming up and will be held in the January meeting. While we have had a few members step up and volunteer, we still need more candidates for the offices. So come prepared with nominations (including yourself!). It takes more than just a few people to make this club run and grow. We need your help to keep this club active. If you think that you could do part of the job, but not all of it, offer to help. Some one else might just step up and do the other part of the job. I'd like to thank the current and past officers for all the work and time that they have put in.

Its time to think about the 2006 AAW Collaborative Turning Challenge. Do we have anyone that would offer to coordinate this activity? Leroy Nelson indicated that he might be interested in doing this. Are you still? We always have plenty of people that are willing to turn and participate, but we need someone to drive the selection of the project and coordinate pulling it all together.

Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy new year.

### **Grant Allison - Club historian**

This article was in the May 1990 copy of “The Bay Area Woodturners Society” and the May 12, 1990 issue of the American Woodworker. This still holds true today. So read and take notice....

While a person was drilling a piece of wood laminate, the air near the person’s face exploded. The reason was wood dust from the wood which was impregnated with phenolic resin was heated by the drill bit. The heat caused the explosion. The caution was to clear the air with a vacuum as you drill.

### **Beginner/Novice classes to start in January**

As we have talked about there is a need to some classes that teach basic turning skills. We have decided that the best way to accomplish this is to have Saturday sessions, running 9AM to roughly Noon once a month. Jim has graciously offered his shop to hold these, and we will be looking for volunteers to help with the instruction. A tentative proposal for these classes would be as shown below. The officers are discussing the proposal and may make some changes.

Jan 21st, 2005: Getting blanks from a log. This would cover things like how to use your chain saw, sealing the green blank for use later, bandsaw work, etc. While we are planning to make most classes hands on, this one will be limited. Bring ear and eye protection. If you have a chainsaw and would like us to inspect it, feel free to bring it.

Feb -- Sharpening. Bring your tools and eye protection. Plan to do hands on.

Mar -- Mounting blanks. This would include screw chucks, face plates, tape, glue, etc. Enough to get you going.

Apr -- Rough turning & seasoning wood. This includes taking the blank to a rough bowl, the “double turning”, bowl savers, “drying wood”.

May -- Finish turning of a bowl. Include green turning to completion, dry wood turning, sanding and finishing bottoms.

Hopefully this gives you an idea of what we are thinking, and we will be collecting suggestions for future classes. Such as, boxes, spindle turning, natural edge bowls, pens, miniatures, etc. Please drop an email to David Vannier (dsvannier@yahoo.com) if your are interested in these session as either a student or a possible instructor.

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### Driving Directions to the Seventh Day Adventist Church

Take the Fremont exit off Hwy 85. The church is on the left side of Fremont, between Hollenbeck and Sunnyvale Saratoga. You will need to make a U-turn to get to the church. Please park in the back, where you

