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9 AM 3rd Saturday

of each month

Sep 19th

Oct 17th

Nov 21st

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NOTE: This will be a shortened version of the Newsletter as I was not in attendance...however **Ernie Miller** gave me notes and photos for the issue...Thanks Ernie!, J. Long

**Guests: Bill Clark – Bakersfield
Glenn Bolivar – Grover Beach
Gabriel – Lompoc**

Announcements:

Bill Kandler reminded us of the Nipomo Library Craft Sale, September 9, 2009. Call 929-3615.

Fall Picnic: October 4 at Nipomo Regional Park.

Gordon Rowland requested suggestions for future **Demos**.

There was a demonstration of the “Elbow” hollowing tool on the club lathe.

Challenge Project – Soup Ladle



Bob Gleason: Pine was the source for this ladle.

Bill Kandler: A jam chuck was used for his offering.

Rick Haseman: Used the Berger technique on this ladle of a very light wood.

Show and Tell

Tom Bullock: He displayed three pieces: a segmented bottle stopper, a natural edge bowl and a hollow form.

Rick Haseman: An open segmented vessel.

Gordon Rowland: A natural edge Oak bowl.

Jack Morrison: An open segmented piece.

Mike Magrill: Two large segmented bowls.

Bill Hrnjak: A rather dramatic piece, the bowl is Curly Maple/Rosewood. >>

Bill Clark: A Buckeye Burl vessel with interesting grain pattern.

George Paes: Described a new style **Forstner Bit** as described on page 101 of the Summer issue of **Packard Woodworks Catalog**.



Photos from the Display Table...





Editor's note:

These photos tell me I shouldn't miss a meeting...We have some very talented members and an inspiration for all of us to strive to increase our techniques and vision.

A Heads-Up from:

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From: David@DavidReedSmith.com
Sent: 8/11/2009 7:11:36 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time
Subj: Shear Spear article

Hi I've just posted an article on my web site on making a "Shear Spear" detailing tool.

The URL is: http://www.davidreedsmith.com/Articles/ShearSpear/shear_spear.htm.

A printer friendly (5 page) version is at:
<http://www.davidreedsmith.com/Articles/ShearSpear/ShearSpear.pdf>

The pyramid point tool is a versatile tool that leaves a good surface off the tool because when held horizontally it automatically works as a shear scraper. But the point of the pyramid tool is rather blunt—usually in the neighborhood of 80°, which limits its usefulness in making adjacent beads or undercutting design elements. I've tried for years with limited success to modify the tool to give it a more acute point while still maintaining its shear scraping action. Even reducing the angle as little as 20° to around 60° entailed some really long and forever-to-grind bevels. Perhaps it's a sign of limited patience, but I've found that the longer I have to grind the less likely the tool will be sharp in the end.

This year it finally dawned on me that I could start with rectangular stock instead of round, and I didn't have to sharpen the tool along the whole 45° bevel. It not only worked but it was cheap. I bought a 1/8" x 1/2" HSS parting tool from Penn State Industries for \$9.95, complete with handle, and cut the tip with an angle grinder to a rough 45°. I made a simple jig to simplify sharpening (it's hard to precisely match the small bevels on the tip by eye) and ended up with a sweet little detail tool with an effective point of nearly 30°. It will form and even undercut beads on bowls, and cut beads that are too small to roll with a skew on spindle work. Not that I recommend it, but the truly skew terrified could substitute the Shear Spear for V-cuts, beads, facing cuts, and forming pommels.

David

NEXT MEETING:

9:00 am, Saturday, September 19th, Odd Fellows Hall at 520 Dana St.

San Luis Obispo

**Challenge project:
A Needle Case**