



# The **BURL** Newsletter

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## *Dennis Ivans 'Turns' Plain Mason Jars Into Art*

### **MAY DEMO 'PUTS A LID ON IT'**

By Scott Hampton

Dennis Ivans offered us a crowd pleasing demonstration on creating turned jar lids that can fit on all types of jars, from Mason jars to 'pop on' lids for large candy jars.

Dennis turns his lids out of all kinds of materials, from wood to stone. Each one requires skill, and imagination. Dennis explained that you can make the lids look very plain up to very ornate and detailed.

Dennis also uses an electric branding iron to brand his name inside of the lids. "Doing this adds a personal touch to your project" says Dennis.

Dennis also likes using large beads to decorate the tops of the lids, and the beads also help in creating a knob/finial that is used to help take the lids off and on the jars (see bottom photo). Dennis buys his beads at bead stores and arts/crafts stores like Michaels. etc. Dennis uses a metal pin (copper, brass, etc.) to attach the beads. He also uses CA glue and epoxy.



Dennis used a piece of redwood burl to make the demo project.

Dennis used a variety of turning tools including gouges and scrapers.

Dennis first roughly shaped the outside of the wood, and also turned a spigot on the outside of the lid for mounting in a scroll chuck. He uses calipers to measure the spigot to fit the chuck jaws.

You also need to measure the threaded lid that came with the jar, so while rough turning you don't make your project too small.

After rough turning the outside, remove the lid from the screw chuck, and turn the lid around and mount it into the scroll chuck. Once the lid is seated in the chuck, you turn the inside the same way you would a bowl.

First flatten the the surface, then mark the measurement you took of the jar threads on the flatten surface. After marking the wood, you turn away the wood inside the measurement mark using a gouge.

While turning the inside, you need to turn the bottom and sides flat. This is best done using a scraper. You need to turn it so the threads fit snugly, but not too tight, as glue will be used to hold the threaded part in place.

While the wood is still mounted in the chuck, you can turn some of the outside



and add details such as beads, etc. You should also sand the inside at this point.

After removing the project from the lathe, Dennis uses this opportunity to brand the lid with an electric branding iron. To keep the branding iron from scorching, Dennis sprays water on the wood before branding.

Dennis uses MINWAX Antique Oil for finishing non-food projects and Mike Mahoney's Walnut Oil for food projects.

To attach the threaded ring with CA glue, first apply quick accelerator spray to the metal ring, and apply the glue to the inside of the the lid.

Everyone learned a lot from this demo, and hopefully many members will give 'turning a lid' a try.

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*July Meeting...*

# **Tool & Wood Swap Meet**

*...Don't Miss It*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all are doing well. The symposiums have come and gone and I saw a lot of our new members in San Jose. They seemed to be having a good time. Many of us came back much lighter in the wallet if you know what I mean.

In May Dennis Ivans gave a great demo on sprucing up a display jar with a custom lid. It was very interesting to watch and see his technique. Thank you, Dennis, for a great demo.

I received a memo from the Nor-Cal clubs about Doug Fisher demonstrating next May. I took his class in San Jose. He could only cover so much in two hours. Doug is an up and coming turner who does some great work. I will share more with you at the next meeting.

At July's meeting we will be having a regular meeting followed by an ice cream social and a swap meet. Bring your tools, wood, and cash. Come see your woodturning friends and cool off with some ice cream from Fresno State.



**Tye Putman**  
Club President

## MINUTES OF THE MAY 2012 MEETING

By Tommy Tucker

The May meeting was opened by Club President Tye Putman at 10:00 am.

New member Mickey Lloyd was introduced.

Tye suggested that the July meeting be a little different. We are going to have an Ice Cream Social and a Swap Meet. This will be on Saturday, July 28.

In September we will have nominations for the Board of Directors. Openings include President, Vice President, and Executive Board positions.

It was announced that we urgently need a new newsletter editor. Scott Hampton has helmed this position since 2007, and he would now like to move on to other club duties.

Chris Grothe reported on the Utah symposium. He said it was down slightly to 400 people. He told us that one of our favorite demonstrators, Mike Mahoney, is moving from Utah to Northern California.

Our Video Chairman Mike Cunningham requests "Please return your videos at the next meeting so that others can use them." He also said that if you cannot attend the meeting, please mail the video back to him in time that he can let another member use the video. He also said the club now has 122 videos in the library.

Dennis Ivans took over for a great presentation on how to turn Mason Jar Lids. His wife suggested the idea to him as he explained the project got on the top of the priority list.

Dennis was well prepared with plenty of samples to pass around. During the demo he gave us lots of tips like "do not make a snug fit," "Use epoxy to attach to the metal lid," "Do not get glue on the seal," and other important tips that will make this project much easier and enjoyable to create.

Dennis used a piece of redwood for the demo but explained that you can use up scraps of any species. Dennis showed the complete process as well as embellishment. Then he put on a demo on how to use an electric branding iron to put your logo on your work.

The demo went on till 12:15 and was packed with all the info you will need to make your own lids.

Tye took over and asked the membership for thoughts on the club renting a storage facility handy to our meeting place in Fowler. It will be used to store the video/audio equipment, and the club's lathe and tools. It was very favorable to all in attendance. The Board had a short meeting and approved the idea.

Last but not least Tye stumped the group with a what is this question that turned out to be a ravioli cutter.

The raffle was held by Terry and as usual I did not win so I felt it was uneventful.

President Tye closed the meeting at 1:30.

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**Meeting Dates:** The Sequoia Woodturners meet the last Saturday of the month, every-other-month starting in January each year. Location and time of meeting will be announced in the newsletter and on the website.

**Club Website:** [www.sequoiawoodturners.org](http://www.sequoiawoodturners.org)

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SCOTT HAMPTON**

# MAY SHOW & TELL 'SPRINGS' FORWARD WITH BOWLS AND BOXES

Craig Miller: Three bowls and an Alan Lacer jamb Chuck

Tony Wortner: Bud vase, banks and a bowl

Gary Rose: Long stem goblet, walnut lidded box, bud vase

Larry McCartney: Oak plate, lidded walnut box with finial

Mike Cunningham: Loquat bowl, olive dish

Dan Wilcox: Oak Bowls

Doyle Rogers: Box, square bowl, milk can lid

Jerry Irons: Platter with exotic wood inlay

Jack Schwartz: Lidded bowls, Juniper



### Club Challenge

Ken Kenoyer: Barbecue hook and tool handle

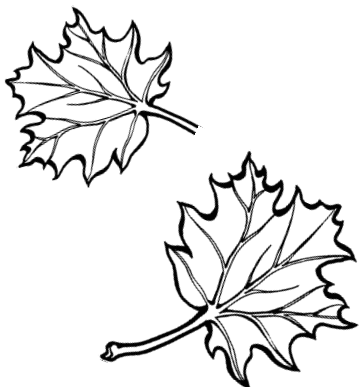
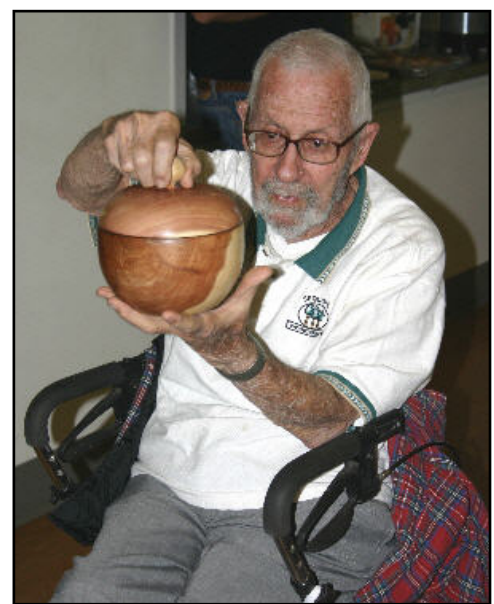
Jack Ritche: Lidded finial wood box

Howard Atamian: Pistachio bowl

Doug Green: Bay wood bowl

Chuck Smith: Lidded bowl, baby rattle, bowl and a whip

Kelsey Smeltzer: Tools he makes



# 2012 VETERAN CANE PROJECT A SUCCESS

By Scott Hampton

Veterans at the Fresno VA Hospital were given a special gift from the Sequoia Woodturners and the Central Valley Woodcarvers. The two clubs joined forces once again and created several Eagle Canes destined to be used by disabled veterans here in the Central Valley.

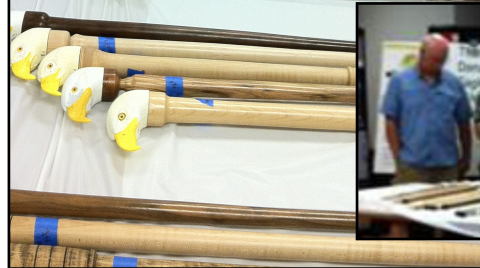
A special ceremony took place at the VA hospital on June 21st, with both members of the clubs and veterans in attendance.

Local TV stations ABC30 and KMPH26 also attended and broadcasted stories about the cane project on their news programs.

Chuck Smith and Howard Atamian coordinated the project, with several members of both clubs donating their time and talents in creating the canes. A big thank you should be given to all those members who were involved in making this project happen.

*On A Side Note: Being a disabled veteran myself, I know how important these types of projects are. Every veteran who receives one of these canes will treasure their new 'Eagle' with pride. I want to personally thank everyone who helped with this project.*

*Scott H.*



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## NEXT SEQUOIA WOODTURNERS MEETING SATURDAY, JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>

### MEETING STARTS AT 10:00 AM

### LOCATION: FOWLER REGIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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**DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy. 99, take the Merced St. exit, turn east (towards mountains) onto W. Merced St., continue on W. Merced Ave., drive across the railroad tracks, then turn right onto South 7th Street. Library will be on the right-hand side.

