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# Turning Times

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## Turning Miniatures

Written by Ron Sahl

This month's demo featured our own Dave Morgan. Dave is known for his nautical knots, miniature surfboards, and turned hats. Today, Dave showed us how to make miniature items with a few simple tools. He also showed that you don't have to have a mini lathe to make miniatures. His demo was conducted on the club's full size Jet lathe. Some of the tools Dave used were shop made. The back end of a long drill bit can be ground to make a small skew like tool. Also, some tools may be too thick and need to be ground thinner to fit the need of making miniatures. The one tool that he did buy was the magnifying visor that you can see him wearing in the picture to the right. If you wear bifocals, like I do, you know that when you are working on the lathe, the bifocals are in the wrong place for close up viewing of items still on the lathe. So the visor lets you get the same close up view, or better, and adjust where it is in your field of view. Well now that we have all the tools we need, what do we do with them to make our miniature turning? First Dave goes to his wood pile, well his wood box. I would say it was the size of a shoe box, but that would be an exaggeration. This is where he keeps his wood that is no more than a few inches in length. The wood needs to have very close grain in

order to hold up to the small cuts made.



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## Monthly Challenge

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One of the main goals of the Inland Woodturners is to educate and inspire its members in the art of wood turning. Each month a member or a guest instructor will lead a presentation or a demonstration related to the art of wood turning. The following month's challenge is loosely based on the presentation; all members of the club are challenged to take what they learned and use it. We realize everyone does not have the same tools and equipment; challenges are designed with that in mind. If the demonstration is a full size platter and you only have a mini lathe, your challenge is to make a smaller platter using the same basic shape. If the challenge requires a special tool you do not own or want to own you may be able to take your project to another club member's workshop and/or borrow the needed tool. If you meet the monthly challenge, and present your challenge piece to the club at the next meeting, you will be entered in the drawing for a \$25 gift certificate from Craft Supplies USA. If you meet all 12 Challenges for the year you will be eligible for the Ironman year end award.

## Wood Raffle

One of the ways this club covers expenses is the monthly wood raffle. Members are encouraged to bring a chunk of wood or two for the raffle. Raffle tickets are a buck each or six for five dollars. Some of our best work has been done with raffle wood, part of the fun is figuring out what you can make from a piece of raffle wood.

## Show and Tell

Each meeting everyone in attendance is given an opportunity to show work other than the monthly challenge. Items in show and tell should meet the following guidelines.

1. Something you made yourself out of wood even if it was not on a lathe.
2. Something you crafted yourself using your lathe, but not necessarily out of wood, it could have been made out of acrylic, plastic, deer antlers etc.
3. A specialized tool or jig you made or purchased for use in your workshop, that you feel the members of the club would be interested in.

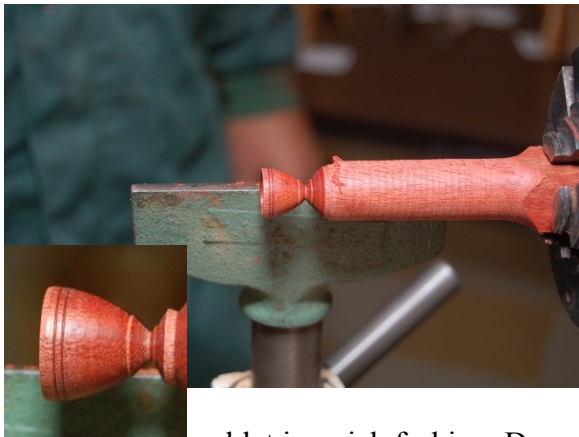
If you present a show and tell item you will be entered in a drawing for a \$10 gift certificate at Craft Supplies USA.

## Turning Miniatures

Here you can see a miniature Christmas ornament that Dave turned into ear rings.

Dave proceeded to put a piece of wood in the chuck and start to turn it round. As he proceeded, he found a crack the would have been a problem, so he removed the piece and selected another. Many times it is better to not make your turning more difficult by using a piece of wood that is not suited for the project you are working on. The next piece of wood looked to be a pen blank size and was a nice red color. I think it was Red Heart. Well, as you can see he turned a very nice goblet. As

you can see he added two burn lines for decoration around the rim of the goblet. It is important to include these details even in your miniature turnings.



### min·i·a·ture

noun

a greatly reduced or abridged form or copy

Dave defines as a 1/11th scale copy

After finishing the goblet in quick fashion, Dave was asked to make a small lidded box. As you can see from the miniature acorn lidded boxes and the equally small tall box next to it, Dave was up to the task. Using the same piece of wood, he went to work.



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# Woodturning Classes

Written by Ron Sahli

One of the goal of the AAW and the Inland Woodturners is to improve the turning skill of our members.

Our monthly meetings include a demonstration and challenge to expand and improve every members skills. The club also arranges for professional turners to demonstrate and teach in small hands on classes. Some of us may want to pursue more structure and individual instruction. To help those so inclined, I have assembled a small list of local Turning Classes. The list is by no means complete and I need your help in completing the list. Please email me the name and website of any local school that you know of.

William Ng Woodworking  
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The Woodturners Catalog  
Provo, Utah

<http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/Sales/4>

Palomar College  
San Marcos, California

<http://www.palomar.edu/woodworking/maps.htm>

## Upcoming Events

### OCTOBER

**Sunday the 21st at Goeske center from 1:00pm to ~ 4:30pm**

IWT Meeting with demonstration by Bob Nay on Xmas Ornaments. Bob as well as being the club's treasurer, also turns some of the nicest small turnings.

**Saturday the 27st at Rockler Ontario 9:00am to mid-afternoon**

Rockler craft fair. Bring your turned items to sell along with carvers and scrollers.

### NOVEMBER

**Saturday the 17th, all day demo by John Jordan from 9 AM to 4:30 PM.**

**Saturday the 17th at Rockler in Ontario 9:00am to ~ 2:00pm**

Bring your lathe and turn in front of the crowds, promote the club, or just come and offer moral support.

**Sunday the 18th at Goeske center from 1:00pm to ~ 4:30pm**

IWT Meeting with demonstration by Jim Sciolla on turning a donut box. Don't miss the chance to see Jim in action. Heckling will be strictly encouraged. **This will also be our annual club officer elections. So get involved and run for a position. The club can only do what it's member volunteer for.**

**Sunday the 18th , all day small class by John Jordan from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. Price to be announced later.** This will be an all day class with hands on instruction from the newest Honorary Lifetime Member of the AAW.

### DECEMBER

**Sunday the 16th at Goeske center from 1:00pm to ~ 4:30pm**

IWT annual Christmas party and celebration.



# Show and Tell

This month's show and tell contained many great items!



# Challenge / Show & Tell Forms

Below are copies of the Challenge / Show and Tell forms. If you find yourself having to borrow a pen, struggling to remember the type of wood or finish used on your project at the meeting, then print out this page and fill in the forms in the convenience of your own home.

We will still have forms at the meeting as well.

**Please remember to circle if the form is for the Challenge or for the Show and Tell. It makes my life a lot easier.**

## INLAND WOODTURNERS

Challenge / Show & Tell Form  
(please circle one)

Month: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Turner: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Piece: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Type(s) of Wood used: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Finish used: \_\_\_\_\_

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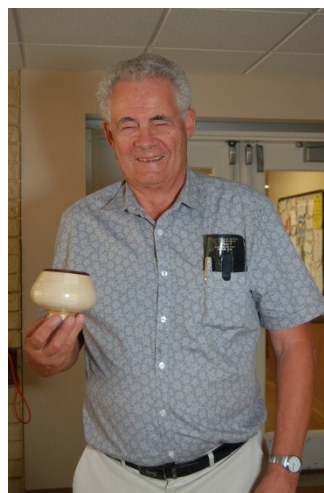
# Challenge Segmented Turning

This month's challenge was to make a segmented turning.

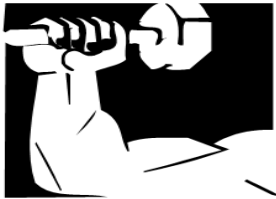
This was a challenging project and involved a lot of new turning and non-turning skills. I can tell you from my own experience that I made a lot of mistakes and therefore learned a bunch. The challenge items brought to the meeting showed that we have some who have a lot of experience with segmented turning and some who tried it for the first time. For those who brought in half completed pieces and those who just brought in pieces, I am sure you have expanded your woodturning envelope. Great Job!



# Challenge Segmented Turning



# Iron Man Challenge 2012



	<i>Mortar &amp; Pestle</i>	<i>Matched Items</i>	<i>Spin top</i>	<i>Hollow Forms</i>	<i>Multi- axis Turning</i>	<i>Turn a Thon</i>	<i>Seg- mented Turning</i>	<i>Minia- tures</i>	<i>Xmas Orna- ments</i>	<i>Donut Box</i>	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Gary Bingham	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Larry Cooper	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Darrell Harris	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Dave Holzberger	X	X	X	X			X				
Brad Joplin	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Robert Love	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Darrell Luthy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Dave Morgan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Tom Perkins	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Ron Sahli	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Jim Sciolla	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Richard Spencer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				

## Iron man Challenge Criteria

Your wood turning must meet the requirements for that particular Challenge. It must be timely, done or at least completed after the demonstration and turned in within two months. You must fill out the challenge questionnaire, and present it to the group.

## Segmented Bowl

The first step was to form the outside of the piece to the right size. Being that the width of a pen blank was way too big for a small lidded box. This was followed by hollowing out the inside using a small hand held drill bit. The then finished up with a hollowing tool made from an Allen wrench. He then parted this off and when to work on the top. Making sure the top fit snug, but was still able to be removed without the use of a pair of pliers.



Well as you can see from the results, the goblet and lidded box would fit anyone's definition of a miniature.

**Thanks Dave for the Great Demo**

### Dave's Tip;

Making a miniature of a piece you plan to turn full size can tell you a lot about the proportions and placement of details on the final piece, while taking a lot less time and using minimal materials.

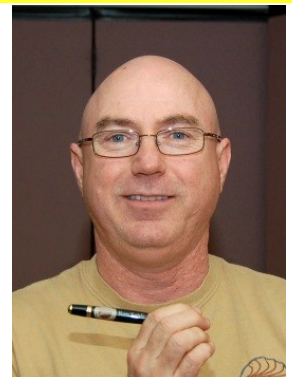


## Newsletter Editor's Notes

As always I am looking forward to your comments, suggestions, and criticisms. They are all welcome.

**I encourage all of you to submit an article to be included in the newsletter.**

If you have any ideas for suggestion, please email me at [Ron@sahli.us](mailto:Ron@sahli.us) or call me at 951-203-8257.



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