



The Burl

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Next Meeting
Thursday April 8, 2020 6:30 PM
using ZOOM

President's Message, April 2021

Planning the Return to Normal

The Club enjoyed a terrific interactive remote demonstration last month. Trent Bosch, a well-known turner and frequent guest of the Club, gave a really nice demo on turning and then carving a "sunburst" platter. Trent has been a leader and innovator in the use of technology to present remotely to clubs across the country, developing his technology capabilities well before the outbreak of 2019 – 2020. He has a great 3-camera setup, a capable video switcher, and he is aware of which camera will offer the best perspective of the phase of the project he is trying to convey.

He also has the capability of recording these demos, and he recorded ours – and it's available to the membership to replay and review until the end of the month. If you watched him live, or if you missed it, go to Trent's website ([here is a link directly to our archived video](#)). You will need a password, which is the 11-digit Meeting Code sent to members via Henrik's e-mail on March 11. If you cannot retrieve that email, please contact Marc Vickery, Henrik Aberg or me and we will supply the password to you. The video is just under 2 hours in length, and begins at the start of Trent's demo. The business portion of the club meeting was not recorded. If you missed the meeting or simply want to review what you saw, this is a great opportunity. And by the way: Trent is kind of a tool junkie (aren't we all...) and there are some neat tools in use in this demo. The particulars of each are described in detail in the video.

As nice as the remote demo was, I know we are all looking forward to the days when life returns to normal and we can get back together again – in person. Your Board has been talking through the logistics of doing just that, and I want to provide the membership with an update on this subject.

We operate under the same restrictions as any other group in Marion County. Beyond the county government restrictions, because the Salem Center 50+ is a city facility, we are at the mercy of Salem city government. We do not know (as of this writing) when the Center 50+ will re-open for our needs. Our planning has assumed that it might be in time for a June meeting. Much if not all of the decision process will hopefully be based on real science and an analysis of the illness patterns. With the vaccination rate holding steady at a high rate, by late May or early June most of the membership should have already had the opportunity to receive both immunizations.

The problem we're faced with is that a one- or two-week advanced notice of re-opening is insufficient to plan in-person demonstrations, and we just don't know how much advanced notice we will receive. So our first meeting or two after re-opening might not involve a demonstrator. Instead, what we would like to have lined up and ready to go is an in-person show-and-tell meeting so we can share with each other the work we've been doing during the lockdown. You all can help with this by finishing up the unfinished projects you have in the shop and getting together your best work to show to the group. We might not have a lot of time to actually pull together our first meeting, so I am asking you to be ready with your show-and-tell items.

We've also talked about a summer swap meet, or a barbecue, or some other outdoors event that would happen on a weekend and take the place of a Thursday night meeting. We might turn that event into some kind of club-wide fundraiser.

If you have thoughts on these or other ideas for meeting resumption, please get in touch with Marc Vickery, our Vice President and meeting planning guru.

One final note. A club-wide email in the last month or two might have conveyed the impression that the Board is considering remote demonstrations as a replacement for live, in-person demos. Let me assure you that this is not the case. I don't want to say it will **never** happen: imagine that suddenly Richard Raffan developed the same technology as Trent Bosch and started to make himself available via video. I think the club would take a hard look at an opportunity such as that. However, there are serious technology issues on our side that would need to be overcome before we could consider such an opportunity. Without getting too far down in the weeds, let me say that the internet connection we would need for a demo at the Salem Center 50+ is, at this time, not available to the Club. We've looked, and asked, and it's just not there right now. So: once meetings resume, we're going to try very hard to get our club up and running just like it was before this mess landed on our shores.

So get ready. Get those projects finished up – and Let the Chips Fly!

~~ Jeff Zens

Ice storm damage at the Morrison Estate (Scott's mother's place)



Before picture from Google Maps. Big Catalpa tree.



After the ice storm.



Club members busy harvesting wood.
Left to right: Marc Vickery, Gary Dahrens,
Kevin (not a WWV member), Scott Morrison.



Thank you card from Mrs. Morrison.

Willamette Valley Woodturners Club Meeting - Zoom - March 11, 2021

Submitted by Milt Engelke.

Call to Order at 6:30 PM by President Jeff Zens leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.

31 In attendance.

Business issues discussed prior to Demonstration:

Walnut oil sales have reached the 50% of volume with numerous club members enjoying access to this high-quality oil. Message has been sent to other Oregon clubs offering up to 5 gals to a club with a modest price increase going to our club treasury. There are approximately 30 gals of Anchor Seal (\$9/gal) available from Jeff Zens as well. The project was initiated by Darcy Tataryn with Jeff Zens being the point of contact and distribution to desiring members.

A local church in Salem experienced an Oregon White Oak tree falling in the vicinity of Kubler and Commercial. The church is offering the wood in return for a few turned items from the tree to be used in their 50 anniversary celebration in November. For more information contact Jeff Zens.

Guest presentation by Trent Bosch; trentbosch.com hailing from Fort Collins, CO. He has posted his presentation on his web site <https://trentboschtools.com/archived-march-11th-sunburst-platter-demo-willamette-valley-woodturners/> Log in is required as his instructions indicate using the original Meeting ID for the Zoom meeting. Excellent presentation on the blending of turning, carving and texturing.

Future demonstrations are being scheduled: At the present time and in the near future the following will provide for distance demonstrations.

May 2021 Mike Mahoney <https://bowlmakerinc.com/> Also one of the 2019 Oregon Wood Turners Symposium Demonstrator.

Good participation with 31 in attendance. The benefit of a front row seat and with Trent Bosch's link the opportunity to revisit the presentation in its entirety.

Excellent presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Upcoming Demonstrators for 2021

NOTE: due to the Coronavirus, the next several months are to be provided through Zoom. As of June, Eric Lofstrom is still set for a zoom meeting BUT may be our first real live demonstrator if the rules change and we have a place to meet. Scheduled meetings are all subject to change.

Date	Name	Website	Topic	Saturday Class
4/8/2021	Emiliano Achaval	https://www.hawaiiankoaturner.com	All about the Hawaiian Calabash	
5/13/2021	Mike Mahoney	https://bowlmakerinc.com	Many Demo topics to chose – PLEASE attend the meeting to state a choice of topics you would like to see	
6/10/2021	Eric Lofstrom	https://www.ericlofstrom.com	Many Demo topics to chose – PLEASE come to the meeting to state a choice of topics you would like to see	Not yet. BUT IF COVID RULES ALLOW IT, IT IS POSSIBLE!!!!
FOR remaining 2021: Please express an interest of ANY Demonstrator or weekend workshop you would like to see to Marc Vickery				

PLEASE NOTE:

April 2021 meeting:

To bring the photos for Show and Tell to the meeting, PLEASE forward by email to me at my address below.

Sawdust sessions:

I have decided to not schedule further sawdust sessions unless someone specifically requests a session. The turnout over the Covid period has been a struggle and it seems a challenge to continue the idea of generating interest where there seems to be none.

I wish it were not so.

As to scheduling for 2021, member input is requested. Bear in mind we may not be able to continue to provide as many demonstrators on a paid basis as there is very little income coming in to support demonstrators and other expenses.

If members have ideas about fundraising please feel free to bring it to the table!

In the world of technology, I discovered some members found Zoom a bit of a hurdle. IF YOU want a practice session, please email me a note asking to be invited.

And if you have a best time include it in the email me and we can discuss a time that works for you.

Please feel free to reach out to Marc Vickery if you have questions, observations, ideas, or any other concepts.

Thanks,
Marc

503-544-0647

Email to halepaumarc@gmail.com

Call if I can help in any other way.

Emiliano Achaval, wood lathe artist. Located in Maui, Hawaii



I started turning about 24 years ago. A huge Big Island Koa tree fell in my yard. A friend of mine stopped by to see if I wanted to sell the wood...

I hesitated, and he offered to teach me something to be able to use the beautiful wood all over my yard. I ordered an entry level Sears Craftsman lathe and some soft carbon steel turning tools...

I'm a self-taught turner, never had a lesson, but I did buy lots of books and old VHS tapes about woodturning. My good friend Cole Warren allowed me to go watch him turn at his old gallery in Makawao; his help was invaluable. I doubt I would be where I'm now if it wasn't for Cole's help. I'll always be grateful for his support, teachings and advice. Cole's willingness to share what he knew always stayed with me. Another one of my very

first mentors, was my wife's cousin, Johnny Baldwin. He gave me lots of advice and share his wood pile with me. One of the palm tree pieces he gave me, he said that if I found a bullet in it, he wanted it. General Patton had shot at it, while doing a handstand and drinking whiskey, on a dare, in a party at his house, during world war 2... Johnny brought many world-class turners to Maui, letting everyone come for the learning experience...

It was the foundation of my learning experience, sharing the knowledge with fellow turners, that led me to be one of the founding members of the Maui Woodturners Association. I was voted as the first President on February of 2016. We are a chapter club of the American Association of Woodturners.

10 years ago I purchased an Australian made lathe: a Stubby S750, in my opinion, one of the more solidly built and most versatile lathes available anywhere in the world today. It weighs around 800 Lbs with the added sand, needless to say, there is no vibration at all, even with big unbalanced pieces

I turn almost exclusively Koa wood, with the occasional fruit tree like Lychee, avocado, and mango. Also the occasional hard to find Milo wood, Pheasant wood, and some other rare native trees... If it's wood, and it's nice, I will turn it...

Woodturners!! Truly a great honor. I'm now a contributing writer for the best woodturning magazine in the world, Woodturning UK, keep an eye out for my articles!

I'm the President of The Maui Woodturners Association. A nonprofit club dedicated to the education and organization of those interested in woodturning. We are a chapter club of the world's largest woodturning organization, the AAW. For more info about the club: www.mauiturners.com

My studio is located near the town of Makawao, in the heart of Upcountry Maui, The Valley Isle. Visitors are welcome. Contact me for an appointment. I always have finished pieces available for sale.

The windfall Koa wood that I use comes from the slopes of the extinct volcano Haleakala, "The House of the Sun"

I create one of a kind native Hawaiian woods turned lathe art. Koa Calabashes, salad bowls, lidded hand chased threaded boxes, hollow forms, urns, custom orders.

Working closely with customers is a lot of fun, call me to talk about designing your "family heirloom" work of art.

I sign all my pieces with a wood engraver with KEA, Katie & Emiliano Achaval. Katie is my wife, my biggest supporter and critic, my work is a group effort, I would not be here writing this if it wasn't for her.



**Maui Curly Koa Hollow Form
with 3 carved feet**



**Large Maui Koa Hawaiian
Calabash with pewa patches**



**Woodturning Maui Milo Natural Edge
Bowl with Carved Feet**

Membership Rewards

Chain Sharpening Service from Jeff Zens: I have an electric chain sharpener and can accurately sharpen your chains and adjust depth stops for your saw chains. This service will restore the chain to “factory-new” condition. Most chains for 18" and shorter bars can be sharpened for \$10.00. Longer chains (up to 30" bars) are \$20.00 Badly damaged chains might be a little bit more. I will also tell you if the chain has reached the end of its useful life, and will not sharpen a chain beyond that point. This price is only available for club members.

Supplies

The club purchases a few supplies in bulk and sells them to members at club cost. We routinely have superglue (\$5), black or brown superglue (\$10) accelerator (\$10). Additionally, the club has a small supply of half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool, and depth gauges (\$5). HSS Round Tool Bits rods (1/4" x 8") are also available (\$3). These are available at club meetings: see Jerry Lelack at the meeting to purchase. Anchorseal (\$9/gal) and walnut oil (\$20/gal) are available through Jeff Zens. You will need to bring your own gallon containers; contact [Jeff](#) to make arrangements.

Wood Gathering

Anyone who learns of a tree or log that is available to the club should notify Gary Dahrens, (503) 260-9778.

From Terry Gerros

I am a distributor for Stick Fast CA glue, Sharpfast Sharpening systems, the Holdfast vacuum chucking system and Saburrtooth Carving bits. If you have an interest in these products, give me a call or send me an [email](#) for details.

Club Member Discounts

- **Club Member Discounts at Craft Supply:** The club’s order is processed the Monday following our Club meeting if it equals or exceeds \$1,000. Craft Supply offers us a 10% discount **plus** free shipping on almost all items (lathes and other heavy items are excluded) and occasional additional discounts on certain other items and quantity purchases. If you order from Craft Supply’s current sale items, you will receive the club discount in addition to the sale discount, making many items available at very attractive prices. For detailed instruction for ordering see the article in the November 2015 Burl, available on the club’s website. Questions? See [Jeff Zens](#).
- Club members are registered with **Klingspor’s Woodworking Shop** at www.woodworkingshop.com or 800-228-0000, they have your name and will give you a 10% discount.
- If you show your club card at checkout time to the cashier at **Woodcraft** in Tigard they will give you a 10% discount (May not apply to some machinery).
- **Exotic Wood** is offering a discount of 15% off any orders placed at: www.exoticwoodsusa.com. (This includes sale items and free shipping on orders over \$300). Use promo code ewusaAAW
- **Gilmer Wood** now offers our club a 10% discount on purchases made there. If you haven't been to Gilmer’s, it is well worth the trip to Portland, if only to make your mouth water and make you cry if you leave empty handed.

Club happenings in our area

(Please visit the club's website listed below for additional information)

Northwest Woodturners (Beaverton, OR)

www.northwestwoodturners.com

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR)

www.cascadewoodturners.com

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR)

www.beaverstatewoodturners.com

Oregon Coast Woodturners (Newport, OR)

www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com

Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA)

www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com

South Coast Woodturners (Coos Bay, OR)

www.southcoastwoodturners.com

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