



# The Burl

A monthly newsletter for the  
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**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday June 10, 2021 6:30 PM**  
**using ZOOM**

## President's Message June, 2021

### Remembering

Because of some unique circumstances, this month's message will be brief, and hopefully to the point.

As I begin this month's President's Message, I'm on an airplane flying to Milwaukee to attend a funeral. On Memorial Day, Henrik and I, and about 35 musicians of the Marion County Citizens Band played a short concert in Mt. Angel honoring the members of America's armed forces who gave their lives in service to the country.

It is times like these that make me think of all who came before us-and of those who follow.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the turners who showed us first the fundamentals, and then the more advanced tool and lathe skills that we use each time we step up to the machine. In my case, it began with Mr. Hannah, my seventh-grade Industrial Arts teacher, whom I have mentioned in these Messages in the past. Many years later, Nick Stagg took me under his wing and showed me how a properly-sharpened gouge and good technique can tackle all but the gnarliest end grain as a bowl is refined. Lots of demonstrators at our club meetings have added to these techniques, and for each lesson I am grateful.

Over the years I have students in my shop to whom I try to pass along lessons it took me 50 years to learn, not turning, but in the art and craft of furniture and cabinet making. I'm also grateful for that opportunity, and for the chance at preventing some of the mistakes that I learned the hard way. (As an aside, those lessons were WELL-learned).

My message to our membership this month is a simple one. Whenever an opportunity presents itself to pass along the wood turning skills you've developed, don't let it pass you by. Take advantage of it. Someone will thank you, and hopefully, one day will have the opportunity to pass them on to another generation.

Be a mentor. Find a student. Take them to your shop - and Let the Chips Fly.

~~Jeff Zens

May 13, 2021

## Willamette Valley Wood Turners Club Meeting - Zoom

Submitted by Milt Engelke

Call to Order at 6:30 PM by President Jeff Zens leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
30 In attendance, one guest Mr. Ray Wright.

Business issues discussed prior to Demonstration:

Marc Vickery, Vice President has been reaching out to Center 50+ in hopes of reopening however its availability and activities are under the control of the city of Salem.

The President asked for a show of hands of those interested and ready for returning to open in person meetings. Scanning the gallery it would have appeared unanimous.

Marc Vickery presented the SHOW-N-TELL from several members. Dick Powell continues to provide excellent presented works each month with others also contributing.

DEMONSTRATION BY Mike Mahoney [www.bowlmakerinc.com](http://www.bowlmakerinc.com) lives in California amongst a Pistachio orchard, and storage area full of bowl blanks (for sale), seasoned lathes and an awesome shop for all to envy. Much of his presentation was on practicality and preparation of wood for turn essentially from log to bowl type including dealing with green wood, seasoned wood, and storage treatments. He has an excellent web site (see above) with numerous video's and images (gallery). He is a world renown turner who has been turning for more than 35 years. Great knowledgeable presentation. Thanks Mike.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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## Lathe and tools for sale

by a friend of Jerry Lelack, Dave Lockard

Offers accepted at [sawdustface@gmail.com](mailto:sawdustface@gmail.com)



## Upcoming Demonstrators for 2021

NOTE: due to the Coronavirus, the next several months are to be provided through Zoom. As of July, Glenn Lucas is still set for a zoom meeting. BUT if sufficient vaccines are completed, and risk levels drop, the state may see clear to allow the Center 50+ to begin holding meetings on a restrictive level. Scheduled meetings are all subject to change.

Date	Name	Website	Topic	Saturday Class
6/10/2021	Eric Lofstrom	<a href="https://www.ericlofstrom.com">https://www.ericlofstrom.com</a>	Square rimmed bowl	no
<b><u>7/10/2021</u></b> <b><u>Saturday!</u></b> <b><u>10:00 am</u></b>	Glenn Lucas	<a href="https://www.glennlucaswoodturning.com">https://www.glennlucaswoodturning.com</a>	Lidded box with the lean toward Beads of Courage	no
<b>SPECIAL NOTE ON GLENN LUCAS!</b> <b>THE ZOOM MEETING WILL BE ON <u>SATURDAY JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 10 AM!</u></b> <b>Glenn will be presenting from IRELAND at this time due to the time difference.</b>				
August has not been set. Please let us know if interested in an informal summer gather outdoors. MAYBE SATURDAY AUGUST 14 <sup>TH</sup> ? Want to host and have room for 30 – 50 members AND PARKING if that many get interested?				
For remaining 2021: Please express an interest of ANY Demonstrator or weekend workshop you would like to see to Marc Vickery				

PLEASE NOTE:

June 2021 meeting:

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

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](mailto:halepaumarc@gmail.com)  
Call if I can help in any other way.

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## ERIC LOFSTROM



Eric's earliest memories of creating with wood are in Grandpa's dirt floor, basement workshop; he had a special place at the bench, right next to the scrap bin. Eric grew up around woodworking, but had never learned about a tool called the lathe until the first weekend in October of 2001, while attending a free demo at a woodworking store in Sumner, WA. It was here that his woodworking trajectory changed and the woodturning adventures began. A demonstration on turning pens and letter openers was all it took to hook his curiosity. Creating shavings on a lathe consumed Eric's thoughts for the next few weeks as he wrapped his brain around how a finished piece could emerge from rough materials so quickly! After hearing all the details (several times), Eric's wife pursued this spark of excitement and set his woodturning journey in motion with a mini lathe and tool set for Christmas. Years later, Eric's woodturning enthusiasm continues to grow.

Like many turners, Eric began with scraps of 2x4s and "factory sharpened" tools. Several startling catches in the first few projects quickly focused him on the why and how of creating curls instead of settling for sawdust. Gaining tool control and improving technique became a personal quest. Whether creating a fitted lid box or multi-axis turning, a translucent or winged bowl, a hollow form or exploring surface embellishments, Eric enjoys projects which both challenge his skill and stretch his creative curiosity.

In the fall of 2002, Eric began a membership with the South Puget Sound Chapter of the AAW. He enjoyed serving on the board of directors from 2005-2012 and representing the club at several woodworking shows in addition to mentoring others at the club's monthly sawdust sessions. He began demonstrating and teaching woodturning classes at local woodworking stores in 2006. Since then, Eric has taught at multiple symposiums and has become a highly sought-after instructor for woodturning clubs across the United States and Canada. The constant exposure to other turners continues to transform his awareness and understanding of turning fundamentals.

Conscious of the importance tool control plays in creating pieces, Eric believes it is not only important to know which techniques work but also why they work. As a passionate teacher and woodturner, Eric is on a mission to impact the world of woodturning by helping others build confidence in tool control and developing their own creative voice!

*There is nothing more powerful than being inspired by an idea and having the courage and confidence to create that one-of-a-kind piece... to Eric, this is what woodturning is all about!*

## **Biography: Eric Lofstrom as Woodturning Artist and Teacher**

Working with wood has been a source of peaceful intrigue since Eric Lofstrom's childhood. When creating, Eric aims to practice "presence," or mindfulness, so he can stay safe and make the most of his time creatively. He strives to balance the seemingly opposite goals of absolute physical control and creative surrender. Eric intentionally zooms in on the finest material details, while also acknowledging how various elements play to a piece's artistic message. Approaching studio time in this way may not be the most productive in terms of volume, but it allows Eric to explore and fully understand things in a more satisfying way.

As an artist, Eric aims to create clean-lined forms with minimal distraction. Eric uses grain, color, and texture to invite an intimate conversation with his work. He enjoys working within self-prescribed constraints, focusing his exploration to develop philosophical concepts into series. Currently, Eric's work represents curiosities relating to water, energy, and the essence of human-being.

Elementary Physical Education Teacher by day and Woodturner by night, Eric is a dynamic and passionate teacher. His time away from school is filled with woodturning instruction at clubs and symposiums throughout the United States and Canada. Eric's educational background in Athletic Medicine, Biomechanics and Sports Pedagogy shines through in his teaching of how body movement influences every aspect of woodturning. Simplifying the complex skill of tool control into basic building blocks is Eric's favorite way to empower others with increased depth of understanding and confidence. Eric's woodturning instruction thoughtfully balances the technical teaching of woodturning skills with artistic embellishments to inspire creative expression. A teacher and coach to his core, Eric's mission is to share an exuberance for exploration, connect with authenticity and presence, and to engage in meaningful work with the understanding and excitement that accompanies a growth-mindset.

Eric is well known as a premier teacher of woodturning skills and creator of wood art. His demonstrations and hands-on classes are highly acclaimed by AAW clubs, woodworking stores and symposiums; Creativity in Woodturning Symposium in Washington State (2008, 2009), Oregon Woodturning Symposium (2015, 2019), Utah Woodturning Symposium (2015), Mid-Atlantic Woodturning Symposium (2016), Rocky Mountain Symposium (2017), Southwest Area Turners Symposium (2017), AAW National Symposium (2018), Tennessee Association of Woodturners Symposium (2020), Turn-On! Chicago Symposium (postponed to 2022), Alaska Woodturners Association Wood Turning Symposium (2021), AAW Presents (2021).

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.northwestwoodturners.com)

**Cascade Woodturners** (Portland, OR)

[www.cascadewoodturners.com](http://www.cascadewoodturners.com)

**Beaver State Woodturners** (Eugene, OR)

[www.beaverstatewoodturners.com](http://www.beaverstatewoodturners.com)

**Oregon Coast Woodturners** (Newport, OR)

[www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com](http://www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com)

**Southwest Washington Woodturners** (Vancouver, WA)

[www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com](http://www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com)

**South Coast Woodturners** (Coos Bay, OR)

[www.southcoastwoodturners.com](http://www.southcoastwoodturners.com)

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