



# The Burl

# A monthly newsletter for the **Willamette Valley Woodturners**

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**Next Meeting  
Thursday February 14th 2008**

**Open for Library & Visiting:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Meeting Starts:** 6:30 p.m.

**Salem Senior Center (Lunch Room)  
1055 Erixon Ct. NE, Salem, OR 97301  
(503) 588-6303.**

**A map of this location is on our website**

**Note: If the Salem-Keizer schools are closed on the day of the meeting due to inclement weather, then the Senior Center will also be closed and the meeting will be canceled. When in doubt, call the Senior Center at the above number before 4:00 p.m. to verify if they will be open that evening. Alternatively, check online at [http://www.newsbridge.net/Salem-Keizer\\_Sch\\_Dist/](http://www.newsbridge.net/Salem-Keizer_Sch_Dist/)**

## **Editor's Note**



**This month's newsletter is longer than usual. Be sure to read the President's Pen and the WVW Board Announcements .**

Please submit all items for the March 2008 newsletter to your newsletter editor, Keith Walker, no later than February 29<sup>th</sup>. His e-mail address is: [keithreklaw@verizon.net](mailto:keithreklaw@verizon.net)

## ***Current & Upcoming Events***

## February Meeting

Phil Lapp

**Our Demonstrator for February is Phil Lapp. He'll be demonstrating his handled bowls. He's been before, but we heard from several people that they wanted to see it again because they didn't take notes.**

## Upcoming Meetings

### March

Don Roberts: Platter and Discs

### April

Fred Kline: Game calls

## Sawdust Session News

Joe Torgerson has kindly offered the use of his shop as a place for us to meet and bring our woodturning woes. If you're having a problem with clean cuts, tear out, sharpening, finishing etc., Bring your problem with you so enquiring minds can see, I'm sure someone will be on hand to help out.

You'll see from the list of tools available that if you have some wood that might need rounding up to fit your lathe, Joe has a big bandsaw. If you intend to turn to show your problem, bring your tools and a chunk of wood. If you just want to turn, that's fine, bring your tools and wood. If you bring your own chuck the two big lathes are 1 1/4" spindle size. This is not a formal lesson, it's more for folks to interact and have some fun.

In addition, Joe has a large supply of wood on hand that's available for purchase, both in log form and cut into slabs. Or, if you don't see the size you need, it can be custom cut.

Tools available: Large Powermatic lathe; Large Jet lathe; Jet mini lathe; 2 grinders; 20in band saw; 4in band saw; 50in sawmill.

Date: February 16th.

Time: 10:00am until whenever.

Location: 24901 Hidden Valley Road, Philomath, Or. 97370      Telephone # 541 929 3560

Bring a sacked lunch and a drink with you. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting on the 14th.

## Canes for Veterans

If you have any finished cane shafts, please bring them to the February meeting.

## Time to Pay Dues for 2008!!!

Membership dues for 2008 were due and payable by January 31st.

To encourage members to pay their dues on time, the following rules have been put in place:

- For members who pay their dues in full no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>, the dues will continue to be \$20.

- As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, a late fee will be imposed, and the dues for renewing members will be raised to \$30.
  - In addition, starting at the February meeting, the librarian will be given a list of unpaid members. Anyone who is not current on his or her dues will not be allowed to use the library.

**Please remember that you can mail your dues directly to the club Treasurer, Rick Harris. His address is on the back page of this newsletter.**

**There is a basic overhead in preparing the newsletter. If you no longer wish to be a member of the club, please notify Rick Harris. We will then take you off the newsletter distribution list.**

**Thanks so much for your cooperation!**

**AAW News**

**This announcement is carried over from the January newsletter, as it is still topical.**

The AAW has announced the following exhibit at The American Art Company in Tacoma: The 8th Sculptural Wood Invitational. The show runs May 15th through June 14th, 2008. Some of the top wood turners from across the country and Canada will be exhibiting their latest work. To see work from the 7th show please click on the following: <http://americanartco.com/page.aspx?cid=209&eid=85>

**The exhibit will be online <http://americanartco.com/> just prior to the show opening.**

## **Club News & Benefits**

Nick Stagg would like to know if there are people interested in taking a class from Stuart Batty in Nick's shop this year. His classes are excellent with the emphasis on correct cutting techniques, tool presentation and sharpening. He doesn't teach you what to turn, he teaches you how to turn! You can contact Nick by email or phone (see the last section of this newsletter).

In April of this year, the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers is participating in the huge Multi-Guild Show at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. If you are interested in renting a booth please contact Gary Bankston at [qbanks6472@comcast.net](mailto:qbanks6472@comcast.net).

**Jack de Vos, a professional wood turner from Australia, will be making presentations with the Northwest Turners in April. See the [attachment](#) with this newsletter.**

## **Tip of the Month**



### **From Nick Stagg**

When using superglue on light colored woods you usually end up with a stain. One way to avoid this is to prepare the split for filling and wipe some Danish oil or other barrier around the area. It might be a good idea to cover more than you think you might need as superglue runs!! Wipe off the surplus oil and spray accelerator in the split and fill with your normal method, and then apply the superglue. You'll notice that the excess glue runs off, but the rest is attracted to the accelerator.

To fill my voids I use African blackwood shavings ground to a powder in an old coffee grinder. I usually enlarge the split and pack it using a small sharpened screw driver. It takes several compactations to get a good repair. If you don't have African blackwood, you can use old coffee grounds, reground, for the same effect.

### **New Member Announcement**



A big welcome to our newest members!

We have a new member, his name is Bob Garvey, his wife's name is Ortie, he lives in Jefferson and has been turning for 1 year and owns a Powermatic, he likes to turn bowls. His e-mail address is [kc6uky1@qarv.us](mailto:kc6uky1@qarv.us)

Dave Anderson is another new member. His wife is Nancy and he is the North Salem High wood shop teacher. He has been turning for 35 years and turns bowls, boxes, candlesticks, and goblets. E-mail is [dandersn@meritel.net](mailto:dandersn@meritel.net).

### **Mentors Available**

Whether you are a new turner or have been turning for a long time, there is always something new to learn. If you need help on any skill, please call one of our volunteer mentors. This service is always free to our members:

Jim Coon (pens)	(503) 566-6528
Don Ditto	(503) 566-8185
Reed Gray	(541) 463-9634
J. J. Jones	(541) 745-3802
Jack Knight	(541) 327-2647
Ken Lake	(503) 851-7468
Ken Spaur	(503) 897-2082
Nick Stagg	(503) 838-4817
Walt Thies	(541) 752-5214

Send a note to our newsletter editor if you would like to be added to the mentor list.

## Club Library



All members are welcome to check out up to three items at a time from the club library. This includes any combination of books, VHS tapes, DVDs, magazines, etc. Items should only be kept out for one month. If you can't read or watch them in that time, please bring them back so someone else can take a turn. You can then check them out again later. Thanks for your cooperation!

## WVW Board Announcements



The 2008 board met in January, and plans to meet three more times through the year, more if necessary. The board agreed that decisions would be made by consensus after discussion. Any club member who has a suggestion should share it with a board member and it will be discussed at the next meeting. The following are decisions from the January meeting:

**Nametags:** Nametags will be handed out at the February meeting. These will fit into the badge holders that we have been using, please bring your old badge holder to the February meeting. They have a clip so they will hold without damaging fabric. The nametags are yellow with the first name enlarged. If you arrive at a meeting without your nametag pick up a temporary blue tag at the entrance. Visitors will be provided a temporary red nametag. There are at least three reasons for nametags: 1. Nametags make it easier to meet other members and remember the names of people we see briefly only once or twice each month. 2. If you want more information about an item in the instant gallery, nametags make it easier to find the owner. 3. By wearing a common nametag it will be easier to spot a stranger that has just wandered in. In recent meetings some items have gone missing including turnings and library materials. Please help by consistently wearing your nametag and introducing yourself to anyone not wearing a nametag.

A few members use nametags that they have made or have from other organizations and should feel free to continue wearing them; however, please wear the yellow nametag as well. A yellow nametag (or temporary blue one) will be necessary to use the library or to participate in the wood raffle. To help encourage wearing the yellow nametag at each meeting, Sheriff Bob Quadros will be collecting a free-will offering of \$1 for the library fund from any member not wearing a yellow nametag or a temporary blue nametag by the start of the second break.

As always, introduce yourself to other members but make a special effort to get to know folks with a red visitors nametag. We are a friendly club but it is easy to visit with old

friends at breaks and not make time to reach out to a newcomer. We will ask visitors for a name, phone number and email address, give them a visitors nametag and send them a newsletter the following month.

**Greeters:** We would like to have 2-3 members standing around the entrance greeting folks as they arrive. Members are encouraged to do this on a voluntary rotating basis. The duties of a greeter are few: introduce yourself, remind other members to wear their nametag and direct visitors to the sign-in sheet and visitors nametags and if a person is not in the right room direct them back to the information desk to find the correct room. After they sign in tell visitors about the club and the library and introduce them to at least one other club member.

**Q&A time:** The board decided to add a special time during the meeting when members could ask questions about turning issues. We have great depth and breadth of experience within the club. If you are working on a project and are stumped with how to accomplish some step there is a good chance that within the club someone else has already solved the problem and at least two or more others will also want the answer. The time spent on Q&A will depend on time available. If the question is complicated, requires extensive explanation or requires hands-on for understanding we will make it the subject of a future program or sawdust session. Bring your turning questions to the February meeting.

**Wood Raffle:** The board decided to streamline the wood raffle. With a club of 70 a combination of the wood raffle, clean-up, picking up items from the instant gallery and rearranging the tables and chairs has made for a lot of noise and confusion. Often the person calling the numbers has to shout to be heard at all and some numbers are missed. Further, it appears that it was during this end of meeting turmoil that items have gone missing. We will try a different approach and reevaluate after three months. Sale of raffle tickets will stop at the end of the first break. Before the start of the second break the first five numbers drawn will be announced and members or visitors with those numbers will select their wood during the break in the order that their number was drawn. Enough additional numbers will be drawn to account for the number of pieces of wood remaining. The numbers will be posted on a reader board and made available at the end of the business meeting. Members can check if their ticket is a winner and then proceed to the table to select a piece of wood. Unless multiple pieces are wrapped together please observe the rule of one ticket for one piece of wood. If your number is towards the end of the list it would be appropriate that you hang back a little and let the early numbers choose first. While the raffle will take less time we believe that the outcomes will be about the same. Previously, after holders of the first few tickets had selected wood, the remaining wood was not always selected in exact order of the number called just because of distance or not hearing the number or the member was just slow. This streamlined system will allow members to quickly check their numbers and move on to help with clean-up.

**Meeting Agenda:** As a result of much discussion the following agenda will be initiated at the February meeting and then reevaluated after three months: 0. Doors open at 6:00, before the meeting pick up a nametag, visit the library, and socialize with members and visitors. 1. Meeting called to order, 6:30; 2. Pledge of Allegiance; 3. Program first half; 4. First Break, 10 min starting approximately 7:30; 5. Program second half. 6. Discussion of Instant Gallery; 7. Announce first five numbers of the wood raffle; 8. Second Break, 10 min starting

approximately 8:20 (sheriff collects \$1 from those with no nametag), 9. Q&A time; 10. Business meeting; 11. Wood Raffle numbers available, pick up your wood, clean-up, and rearrange tables and chairs.

Once you have checked the wood raffle numbers and collected your wood please help rearrange the tables and chairs. The meeting room will be open at 6:00 and the library soon there after. Library materials can be checked out by anyone with a yellow nametag before the meeting or at the first two breaks. We must be done and out of the room at 9:00.

## ***Officer Reports***



### **The President's Pen**

By Walt Thies



As we start our twelfth year as a club it is a good time to be the president of the Willamette Valley Woodturners: our membership is at a record high, we have good cash reserves, we have a solid record and tradition to build on and the board for 2008 is enthusiastic and has many ideas. The executive board consists mostly of members new to the board with a good mix of age, experience with the club and experience at turning. Their first meeting was on a cold and snowy night yet there was 100% attendance. This group got so excited about discussing new ideas that they worked through a break that would have included coffee and brownies. Anyone passing up chocolate brownies is almost suspect! Since its founding the club has evolved and experienced changes getting better with each passing year, yet the primary goal has remained unchanged; to promote woodturning and provide high quality educational opportunities to our members and to the community at large.

Consistent with the evolving needs of the membership the board has made minor changes in the agenda of our monthly meetings and provided a list of suggestions for vice-president NICK STAGG to consider as he develops this year's program. Although not formally declared, it was clear that the program theme this next year will be "back to basics". Member feedback indicates a desire to learn, relearn, or brush up on basic turning skills. If there are particular skills or programs that you would like to see presented this year please pass the suggestions along to any member of the executive board. To make recognition easier board-member JOE TORGERSON is providing distinctive name badges for the board. At the February meeting look for secretary SARAH LETTERMAN, she will be providing a name tag/membership card for current members and asking you to check your picture and data in a "proof" copy of the picture-roster. Sarah expects to have a copy of the roster for each member at the March meeting. In addition to collecting dues from new members, treasurer RICK HARRIS is coordinating the club's effort to help reintroduce wood turning to students of member DAVE ANDERSON'S shop classes at North Salem High School. Rick is also forming a committee to coordinate another important education outreach project, our club's demonstration booth at the State Fair. Stay tuned! Board-

member DARREN WELLINGTON will be coordinating a streamlined version of our wood raffle to be introduced at the February meeting.

This will be an interesting and exciting year to be a member of the Willamette Valley Woodturners. I hope to see you at the meeting on February 14.

Keep the chips flying,

Walt Thies

President.

Willamette Valley Woodturners

**Treasurers report**  
By Rick Harris



**Beginning Balance** \$5750.66

**January Income**

Dues \$ 260.00

Raffle \$ 65.00

Glue \$ 15.00

**Total January Income** \$ 340.00

**Expenses**

Newsletter Copies \$ 11.00

Envelopes for Newsletter \$ 3.78

Stamps for Newsletters \$ 41.00

**Total Expenses for January** \$ 56.28

**Ending Balance as of 25Jan08** \$6034.38

## The Secretary's Shavings

By Sarah Letterman



Our first meeting of the year was on January 10th. Of the 42 people present, 2 or 3 of them were visitors.

Reed Gray was our demonstrator, he showed things to make using those small but significant pieces of wood. He made a drawer pull, top, string top, lidded box, brush handle, porridge stirrer and bead.

Turner of the month was Keith Walker. Keith is a new member and stepped up when we needed someone to do the newsletter and web site. For his efforts he was presented with a \$20 gift certificate to Craft Supply.

 The gavel challenge was held at the meeting. A gavel made by Nick Stagg won the challenge and was presented to President Walt Thies.

The 2008 executive board had their first meeting on January 24th. Present were: President, Walt Thies; Vice President, Nick Stagg; Secretary, Sarah Letterman; Treasurer, Rick Harris; Board members, Darren Wellington & Joe Torgerson; Past President, Ken Lake; Librarian, Pete Peterson and Newsletter editor, Keith Walker.

Walt discussed his main goals for the club in 2008. The members also brain stormed ideas to be considered for the club. New name tags and a picture roster of all club members will be available to all members. We also discussed the general membership meeting program.

## Librarian's Report

### Overdue Items:

Several of our overdue items have been returned, but some are still out. Please get these back to the library as soon as you can. If you can't attend the next meeting, contact a club officer and they will be happy to pick them up and turn them in for you.

If you are listed as having something checked out, but you don't have it, please let the librarian know. We will mark the item as lost, and remove you from the list.

### **Chris Weaver:**

- "Fundamentals of Sharpening" (DVD) by the AAW. Due April 2007.
- "Woodturning E-book Volumes I and II" (CD) by Steven Russell. Due April 2007.

### **Perry Trammell:**

- "Turning Bowls" (book) by Dick Sing. Due April 2007.
- "Turn a Bowl" (book) by Ernie Conover. Due April 2007.
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## **Mystery Person:**

- The book “Turning Boxes with Richard Raffen” was checked out at some time, but no one signed the card or put down the date. Please check your shelves - if you have the library’s copy of this book, please return it!

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## **Member Chapter**