



# The Burl

Member Chapter

## A monthly newsletter for the Willamette Valley Woodturners

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August 2008

Next Meeting  
Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup> 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/)**

**NOTICE: There will be no September newsletter, The newsletter will resume the following month.**

### ***The President's Chatter***



The July program was really great. A rose by any other name... still makes for an interesting program. I had never seen a rose engine function but now appreciate how simple repeated cuts can evolve into very interesting patterns. What we saw demonstrated was simple in design, can be made by any of you, but was very functional.

The club is moving into a very busy month. We collected logs in June and milled most of them in July. Now in August we will gather for a shared potluck meal and continue milling some logs and processing the wood into turning blanks. Members who do not have easy access to turning wood have additional incentive to attend the picnic. Our regular meeting will have a program put on by a person from Eugene who makes his living turning. In addition we have two opportunities for public demonstrations. We will be at the Steam-up at Powerland near Brooks on the first weekend in August and at the State Fair for the last week of the Fair. There is still space if you wish to participate in either event.

At the July board meeting it was agreed to bring to Salem some of the nationally known turners who sometimes are engaged by the clubs in Portland. To support this activity and other increased expenses we will vote on a dues increase in November. This will be the first increase in dues in the 12 year history of the club and one that is necessary to keep us fiscally sound and able to continue providing good programs.

Nominations are coming up for the 2009 calendar year. Contact Pete Peterson to volunteer to run for an office or the board or to suggest someone you think would do a good job. All four officers and two board members are elected each year. Officers are limited to two consecutive one year terms in an office. So here is your chance to take a more active role.

In September the Senior Center will be closed. For the first time we will be visiting another club for our meeting. On September 4, we will attend a meeting of the Northwest Woodturners. Wear your nametags for the visitation. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter.

Keep the chips flying.

Walt Thies

President

Willamette Valley Woodturners

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



#### **August Meeting**

Mark "Rudi" Rudolph from Eugene will be our demonstrator for August.

He's going to show us how to use and work with some alternative materials, other than wood. The following came from Rudi.

"I started turning way back in junior high school. Working with the lathe was particularly attractive to me at the time because it was the one piece of power woodworking equipment that didn't intimidate me, and I was also able to achieve some degree of success fairly quickly, which was important at that age.

After high school I purchased some basic turning equipment but had to sell it when I went off to college a couple of years later. Then for 15 years or so I didn't turn at all. Around 1990, I found myself in a job that was killing my soul eight hours at a time. In searching for

some sort of creative outlet to keep myself from melting, I thought, "You know, that turning stuff was kind of fun. Why don't you try it again?" And so I bought a lathe and rented the back room of someone's garage for \$30 a month.

I found that turning is sort of like riding a bike: you never really forget how. Of course, with better equipment, tools and instructional aids, I was soon able to surpass my modest junior high school efforts. And then I found a big surprise. There was an artist inside of me! In the fall of 1993 I quit that well-paying, well-benefited, permanent full-time job to go into business for myself. Since then I have turned for my living under the business name Wooden Apple Woodturning.

My primary focus is small gift-type items such as bottle stoppers, pens and pencils, turned boxes and the like. I also sell green-turned salad bowls and one-of-a-kind art pieces. I'm a regular at the Eugene Saturday Market and at various art and craft shows in the region. A niche I fill is short-run duplicating of various turnings, usually in quantities of 20-100. I also work with contractors to replicate old house parts. Over the years, if it's round, I've either done it or probably could figure out how to do it.

Another turning related activity that I greatly enjoy is sharing my knowledge of turning. This takes the form of teaching turning courses at the Eugene Woodcraft store and occasionally giving demonstrations for fellow turners.

I'm looking forward to seeing and talking with you at your August meeting!"

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### Upcoming Meetings

September: Visit to Northwest Woodturners – See Club News & Benefits

October: Bill McCoy      Christmas ornaments

November: Ken Spaur      Details to come

### **Sawdust Session News**



From Nick Stagg

We still need one more participant for the Bonnie Klein class at my workshop.

For those of you who don't know Bonnie, she's famous for her threaded boxes and her highly decorated spinning tops. She also has her own Mini Lathe and accessories, including her threading jig, which she designed.

She's a wonderful teacher and a talented turner and her time is limited between other teaching commitments, so we need to let her know as soon as possible if we can make up a class of six people.

Her fee \$650 per day plus travel expenses, I added \$200 for travel and that makes the class cost \$360 per student for the three days.

If you're a box maker, or would like to make boxes, this is an opportunity not to be missed.

Nick Stagg

You can contact me at

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### **Club News & Benefits**



**Our Member of the Month is Myron Yancy**



Myron has been active in all the club activities he helped with the school turning project has attended the various sawdust sessions, helps with the wood raffle, and has brought his big trailer to help with club activities such as gathering logs and the upcoming move to the new Senior center. Myron is another good example of an active club member who volunteers and then just pitches in and does what is necessary to make the club function. The club does very well because the spirit of volunteerism is running high. Thanks Myron we are glad you are a part of this club.

### **No Regular Meeting in September**

As you know there will be no official meeting in September because of the move involving the Senior Center. However, we are welcome to attend the Northwest Turners for their meeting which is the first Thursday of the month, Sept 4. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm at Chem West, 13500 SW Pacific Hwy #185, Tigard, OR 97223.

Molly Winton will be their demonstrator. She'll also hold a hands-on class Friday, the next day, and an all-day demo on Saturday, for \$30. Both the Friday and Saturday sessions are at Chem-West.

Molly is well known for her textured and burnt pieces and demonstrated the process at the AAW Symposium in Portland. She makes her own handpieces and brands and does an excellent job of explaining the procedure.

Is there an interest in putting together some car pools? We will put out a clipboard with a sign-up sheet on it. Those planning to go to this visitation should sign-up so we can let them know how many visitors to expect. If you are interested in a car pool please so indicate on the sheet when you arrive at the meeting, then check the sheet later to see if there is someone you want to talk to about car pooling. It will be up to individual members to arrange for transportation.

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### **November Elections**

The following have agreed to be on the nominating committee for 2009: Pete Peterson - chair, Jack Knight, Don Roberts, Ken Spaur. They will have a slate to present to the Board by early October. The slate will be announced to the club on October 9 and additional

nominations will be accepted from the floor. At the club meeting on November 13, we will again announce the slate proposed by the Board and call for additional nominations and then vote.

If you have a recommendation for a Board member please contact Pete Peterson. His contact information is at the end of this Newsletter.

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**Future Demonstrators**

We'll have elections for Officers in 2009 coming up in a short while and I'll need to get some Demonstrators lined up for the first couple of months of 2009. This will give the Program Director a start for the New Year.

Here's where I need your help. Who would you like to see demonstrate in the future months? Any ideas? Call or email me and I'll see what I can do, even though they might be a stretch, I'll do what I can.

This will also help me or someone else in their future plans. It's your club so let me hear you thoughts. I'd like to hear the membership's voice on this.

Thank you in advance, Nick

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***Oregon State Fair***



We are still in need of helpers at the State Fair, which is rapidly approaching and we need your help. If you cannot work a full shift maybe you could give an hour or two out of your busy schedule to help the club out it will be very appreciated. Please call either Rick Harris at 503-910-4059 or Bob Hutchinson at 503-581-9948 or Bill Hill at 541-913-0985. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the meeting. Thank You

We will be working the last 6 days of the fair starting on Aug 27 and ending on Sep 1. We are going to be working shifts and you will be able to turn anything you like as long as it will fit on a mini lathe. We will have 4 mini lathes and we need 6 people per shift for breaks and talking to the public, you will need to bring your own tools, wood and anything else to complete your project. Shift hours are as follows

10:00AM-1:30PM

1:30PM-5:00PM

5:00PM-8:00PM

There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting with the dates and times, if you can't be at the meeting just call Rick Harris or Bob Hutchinson and we will make sure you get a spot or 2 or 3 whatever you want. Thanks in advance for your help we have always had a good turnout and we should this year.

## **The Club Picnic**



**Pre-picnic work party:** The club owes a thank you to members who gathered at Jack Knight's place on Saturday July 26 for a work party. Logs retrieved earlier from Coos Bay and some donated by Elling Hoem (new member), were cut into planks and will be further processed into turning blanks at the picnic for members to take home. The following members participated: Rex Brown, Bob Garvey, Jack Knight, Pete Peterson, Ken Spaur, Nick Stagg, Walt Thies, and Myron Yancey.

The club potluck-picnic will be on August 16, starting at 10:00 AM, the meal will start at 12:30. Spouses and guests are welcome.

You can still sign-up at the August meeting. To assure that we cook an appropriate number of burgers, if you have a change in plans and wish to increase or decrease the number in your party please let Walt know.

The club will provide burgers, plastic ware and condiments.

Individuals should bring:

- 1. A dish to share.** Although not intended as a rigid division, the following is suggested based on last name: A – H Salad or Veggies; J--M side dish; P –Z dessert.
- 2. Drinks –** Bring what you want to drink. Ice chests and ice will be provided for those who wish to keep their drink cool till the meal is ready. Ice water will be provided.
- 3. Chairs –** Tables are available but chairs are in short supply. Bring what you want to sit on.
- 4. If you want something other than a hamburger then bring it,** these grills can burn anything.
- 5. Members should wear their name tag,** stick on name tags will be provided for all others.

Starting at 10:00 AM, those who wish can observe or participate in the wood butchering. This is a noisy activity so ear protection is advised. Jack Knight will be demonstrating how to cut logs with a bandmill to get the best turning wood. Slabs that are cut by Jack and those prepared by the pre-picnic work party will be available to cut into bowl blanks or blocks for other turnings. Any who participate in preparing the wood will be welcome to take pieces home for turning. This will be a unique opportunity for members who do not have access to wood or a large bandsaw to get wood prepared for a special project. Those with commitments will leave after the potluck while others will resume processing wood into turning blocks. The afternoon ends when the food and wood are gone.

If you use wood for fuel bring your pick-up to the picnic. There will be about two pickup loads of cants and off cuts available to haul off. Those who are interested in small turning blanks may wish to rummage the cutoff pile at the picnic.

## **New Members**



Welcome to our new member.

Our new member is Bruce Stangeby and he lives in Salem, with his wife Karen, at 432 Stoneway Dr. NW 97304 phone (503) 763-2398 e-mail [bstangeby@comcast.net](mailto:bstangeby@comcast.net). He likes to turn furniture parts like legs etc. He is interested in turning hollow forms

## **Mentors**



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 free to our members. If you can contribute additional skill areas contact Walt and have your name added to the list.

### **Corvallis**

JJ Jones	541-745-3802	plates, natural edge bowls, general questions
Walt Thies mushrooms	541-752-5214	dust collection, Christmas ornaments,

### **Eugene**

Reed Gray	541-463-9634	bowls, coring, tool techniques
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### **Independence**

Nick Stagg	503-838-4817	sharpening, general turning
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### **Jefferson**

Jack Knight	541-327-2647	turning basics, preparing turning wood
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### **McMinnville**

Keith Walker	503-435-1461	segmented bowls
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### **Mill City**

Ken Spaur	503-897-2082	pens, bowls, general questions
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### **Salem**

Jim Coon	503-566-6528	pens and general questions about turning
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## **Club Library**



Pete Peterson is our Librarian.

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!

An inventory of library items is underway. When finished it will enable members to quickly identify items of interest.

## **WVW Board Meetings**



Present at the July Board meeting were Rick Harris, Neva and Bob Hutchinson, Pete Peterson, Nick Stagg, Walt Thies, Joe Torgerson, Keith Walker and Darren Wellington.

The focus of the July Board meeting was on possible changes and positives about the club meetings. A few members leave early after the last break and miss the announcements and Q&A. It was suggested that we make announcements during the first break.

The lighting for the demonstrations is not ideal and our volunteer Nick Stagg is working on improvements.

Sending the newsletter out by Email has resulted in reduced use of the web site. It was agreed to resume the old method of distribution by putting the current newsletter on-line and notifying each member when it is available. The photo gallery has been static for some time. We are currently unable to make changes or additions. It was suggested we look into other ways of displaying a limited number of turned items and other photos. A subcommittee of three was formed to look into the web site in general.

It was reported that membership and attendance are up. The need is still there to welcome new members and make them feel they are a part of our group. There has been a significant increase in the number of items on the Show & Tell table and there is more participation by members. Individuals should not feel slighted if their project is not discussed, there are simply too many for the time available.

The Board authorized Nick Stagg to rent a portable toilet for club events at his workshop. It was decreed unreasonable for everyone to keep using his home facility.



The possibility of increasing the club dues was discussed. The expenses are increasing, particularly printing, rent and payments to our demonstrators. It was agreed to consider increasing the dues for 2009 to \$30.00 with no increase for juveniles. This will be voted upon by the membership.

There will be club elections at the November meeting. A nominating committee comprising Jack Knight, Ken Spaur, Don Roberts and Pete Peterson was selected to find candidates.

Rick Harris is in his second year as treasurer and must be replaced as an officer. Darren Wellington will not run for next year due to other commitments. The Board would like to add a special events coordinator, a job that is currently handled by Rick Harris.

## Officer Reports



### Treasurers Report

By Rick Harris



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**The Secretary's Shavings**

**By Neva Hutchinson**



**July 10, 2008**

**There were 41 people present...including 1 visitor**

**Walt reminded everyone to sign up for the Steam Up and the Oregon State Fair. He also talked about the picnic and said that he would send out more information about the potluck.**

**Also, we will meet at the current location in August, have a visitation in September and be at the new location in October.**

**Jim McCallister was our presenter. He demonstrated ornamental turning. Due to the limited number of ornamental turning machines, all made in the 1800's, turners who want to develop their skills in ornamental turning must create their own machines. Information is available on line by searching: John McGill or Rose Engine.**

**Jim demonstrated the various adjustments and explained how they affected the cutting process. The actual cutting tool is a Dremel with a modified router bit . Jim estimated that putting together a Rose Engine would cost between \$600 and \$1000 depending on whether you could mill your own parts or had to purchase them. Parts can be purchased through John McGill.**

**When you make a cut with a Rose Engine, you cannot go back and clean it up. The cutting process is very slow and is guided by the specific rosette that is on the machine. Different looks can be achieved by changing the angle of the cutting tool. You can also run one pattern, and go back over with another pattern.**

**If you are creating patterns that you want to repeat, remember to take notes with angles, degrees, settings etc.**

**Our member of the month was Myron Yancey. He was recognized for his continuing support of the club and his willingness to donate time and the use of his vehicle when needed.**

**We had over 40 pieces on our show and tell table, ranging from a very large candle stick to very tiny turned earrings. We had examples of alabaster, gummy corrugata, myrtle and mountain mahogany among others. Bill Hill brought his first bowl.**

**We had a recommendation for Antlers Express, Lebanon for a wood supplier. Call (541)451-4543 or Email [antlersexpress@peak.org](mailto:antlersexpress@peak.org)**



**Newsletter Editor's Note**

Please submit all items for the October 2008 newsletter to your newsletter editor, Keith Walker, no later than September 26<sup>th</sup>.

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