



The Burl

Member Chapter

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December 2008

Next Meeting
Thursday, December 11th 2008

Open for Auction Set-up & Visiting: 5:00 p.m.
Auction Starts: 7:00 p.m.

Center 50+
2615 Portland Rd., NE. Salem, OR 97303
(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/)

The President's Chatter



In the January Chatter we will take a look back at the year but so far it looks like 2008 will go down as one of the club's most active years. We now have 108 family memberships, a significant increase for the year. In November and early December there were/will be several activities. Once again the mentoring program at North Salem High is operating. By the time you read this there will have been two days when WVW club members worked with Dave Anderson (Industrial Arts instructor) to provide high school students an opportunity to sample wood turning during their wood shop class.

We just completed three days of classes for WVW members. The activity was organized and sponsored by Nick Stagg in his shop in Independence. Nick developed classes to teach basic wood

turning skills. A total of 26 club member/students participated in this learning experience. Nick was assisted by 11 club member/mentors; who freely admit that they too learned and sharpened their basic skills. As a follow-up, in early December there will be four skills building classes to turn Christmas ornaments, again in Nick's shop.



In November we had an excellent and well attended seminar on turning wood hats presented by JoHannas Michelsen. Following a raffle, the hat made during the demonstration was won by Clayton Stearns and was turned to fit his head. There is a picture on the club's website of a justifiably proud Clayton wearing his hat. We are trying to get him to bring it to the December dessert/auction so we can all see it. We are starting a rumor that for a price you can have your picture taken with the hat.

Our last big function for the year will be our dessert/auction on December 11. See details elsewhere in this newsletter. To support our club's mission of providing turning education we have two sources of funding. Club dues, which the club approved to be \$30/year starting in 2009, and the auction of items turned and donated by club members. This year we will have an ornament exchange at the December meeting. Bring your family and visit with friends, sample wonderful desserts, and bid wildly to take home a prized turning or two.

A reminder, our 2009 dues are due by January 1. Our new treasurer's job will be much easier if all members pay their dues before January 1.

Keep the chips flying.
Walt Thies
President
Willamette Valley Woodturners

Current & Upcoming Events



December Meeting

The December 11, meeting of the Willamette Valley Woodturners will be the annual auction/potluck. Family members and friends are welcome. The potluck will be a dessert potluck not a meal, additional food will not be provided by the club. As in the past members are encouraged to donate turned pieces that will be auctioned. The auction has in the past provided a substantial portion of the club's operating budget. There will be a Christmas Ornament exchange for those members who wish to participate: 1. Bring an ornament, which you have turned in the past year. 2. Fill out an Instant Gallery form and leave the form and ornament at the check-in table and receive a raffle ticket. 3. At raffle time a spouse may choose an ornament as their ticket number is called or, if there are too many, a raffle ticket will be randomly drawn and attached to each ornament, the spouse gets the ornament bearing their ticket number. Assuming that the honor system works, each member bringing an ornament should leave with an ornament, hopefully a different one. There will also be a special raffle for a quilt made and donated by a member's spouse.

Event Schedule:

5:00 – Doors open

5:00 --5:30 Place donated pieces, ornaments, and desserts on the appropriate tables, socialize.

5:30 – 6:30 Dessert potluck, and viewing of auction items and ornaments.
6:30 – 6:45 Ornament exchange, clean-up from potluck, and put away residual dessert items.
6:45--7:00 Viewing of auction items, arrival of interested members of the public
7:00 – 8:45 Auction Non-club members may join us for the auction.
8:45—9:00 Pay for purchased items and clean up the room.

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Upcoming Meetings

January: Reed Gray and Nick Stagg. Two Different Ways To Turn A Bowl
February: Malcolm Tibbetts. A Discussion And Slide Show Of Some Of The Most Amazing Segmented Turning You Will Ever See.

Sawdust Session News



No cost ornament class for beginning turners Dec 5 and Dec 6

This class is available to any WVW member. In November classes were conducted to teach basic wood turning skills. This class is an opportunity to use those skills to create some small Christmas ornament projects and will be open to any WVW member. This class will not involve hollowing, segmented turning or advanced chucking techniques. All materials and tools will be provided however, students with tools are encouraged to bring them.

The four classes will be the same and last four hours. This will provide enough time to complete three or four different Christmas ornament designs. We are currently selecting the projects and can't be more specific as to which ornaments; but they will require the use of basic woodturning skills. The class format will be step-by-step instruction followed by hands on doing; mentors will be available to help.

The classes will be offered at Nick Stagg's shop at four times: Friday Dec. 5, 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00 and Saturday Dec. 6, 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00. The time 12:00-1:00 both days will be an opportunity to join other students and mentors for a brown bag lunch.

All supplies and equipment will be provided. However, you must provide eye protection for yourself. If you do not wear glasses then purchase some sort of safety eyewear. We recommend a closed neck short-sleeved shirt. You are encouraged to bring your own tools

Please reply to this ASAP if you wish to participate in this activity, we will honor your request as best we can in the order in which they are received. Please indicate your flexibility as to time, some folks may need to shift time so as to accommodate as many as possible. If you can make it on Friday consider making that your first choice; we anticipate that most members will favor Saturday. In addition to students we are again issuing a call for members who can mentor the students. It will be a big help to hear from potential students and mentors soon.

Please respond to Walt at wqthies@comcast.net.

Club News & Benefits



The next date for mentoring/instructing students at North Salem High is Friday, Dec. 12. Dave Anderson, the woodworking instructor says "How about if we have two or three people demonstrating bowls, weed pots, or something else new they are excited about, and the rest turning pens. I still have quite a few blanks left from last spring." Contact Rick Harris or Bob Hutchinson if you want to participate or need more information.



This month we wish to recognize Jack Knight one of the founding fathers of this club. Over the past 12 years he has mentored most of the early club members, had numerous sawdust sessions at his shop, has presented more programs to the club than any other two other members combined, and he and his wife Margaret have hosted half of the club picnics at their home. We wish to express our appreciation to Jack Knight for all he has done and continues to do to support the club.

The club has ordered the HSS rods that Bill McCoy used at our October meeting to make his round skew for the fine detail on the ornaments. With shipping we will resell to club members at \$3.00. A second order has been placed with the same company for half-round protractors (used for measuring the bevel on tools) and a few adjustable angle depth gauges (used for measuring the depth of small items like closed vessels and boxes; the total order was such that we pay no shipping, the items will cost \$6 and \$4 respectively. Bob Quadros will make these items available at club meetings. This is almost half the cost of a protractor if you can find it. If there is a big demand more can be ordered.

Jon Zwemke is looking for an 8 lb, 4 jaw chuck. The Vicmarc was the best looking of the bunch. He would prefer a single key chuck because "I only have two hands". Another brand would be OK. He has a Shop Fox mini lathe and thinks it is 8 tpi and 1-1/4 inch. Contact him at home, 503-584-1539

New Members



Please extend a welcome to our new members. For privacy reasons, we are holding contact information from the web version of the Burl. The contacts will be sent in a separate email.

Douglas (Doug) Shuster and spouse Miae.

Louis (Louie) Smith and spouse Rosemarie..

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	541-752-5214	dust collection, Christmas ornaments, mushrooms

Dallas

Myron Yancey	503-623-8930	pens, bowls, S & P grinders, boxes
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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

Bob Garvey	541-327-2332	bowls and spindles
Jack Knight	541-327-2647	turning basics, preparing turning wood

Keizer

Roger Molsom	501-304-9418	bowls, general questions
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McMinnville

Doug Smith	503-472-5616	basic turning skills
Keith Walker	503-435-1461	segmented bowls

Mill City

Ken Spaur	503-897-2082	pens, bowls, general questions
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Sheridan

Rex Brown	971-237-5309	pens, general questions
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Salem

Jim Coon	503-566-6528	pens and general questions about turning
Tom Morrison	503-364-3090	segmented bowls
Pete Peterson	503-363-0945	bowls, pens, general questions

Club Library



Pete Peterson is our Librarian.

All members are welcome to check out up library. This includes any combination of Items should only be kept out for one that time, please bring them back so then check them out again later. Thanks An inventory of library items is underway. When finished it will enable members to quickly identify items of interest.



to three items at a time from the club books, VHS tapes, DVDs, magazines, etc. month. If you can't read or watch them in someone else can take a turn. You can for your cooperation!

Officer Reports



The Secretary's Minutes

By Neva Hutchinson

Club Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2008

There were 74 people present...including 12 visitors.

**Pledge of allegiance
Introduction of New Members
Introduction of Visitors**

Walt opened the meeting with the election of new officers:

**Pres: Walt Thies
Vice Pres: Dick Powell
Secretary: Neva Hutchinson
Treasurer: Gary McGuire
Board Member: Joe Torgerson
Board Member: Myron Yancey**

Next the group voted on raising the dues from \$20 per year to \$30 per year. The motion was made and seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Lou Wakefield from the Willamette Valley Woodcarvers made a presentation about the canes that we have made for them. They have given a total of 118 canes to date. He told us how much they appreciated our help but figures that the project is pretty much complete.

Ken Spaur was our featured instructor. He demonstrated the art of making pens. He uses a roughing gouge, a skew, two parting tools and a barrel trimmer. You will also need an adjustable pen mandrel. Be sure to keep track of the grain so that you drill your center hole correctly and the grain on both ends of your pen matches.

Prior to the break, Walt made two motions previously approved by the board. The motion put forth by the board is as follows: " Starting with the 2009 calendar year a paid membership is for the whole family." This will clear up the confusion of having different rates for adults and pre-adults. The motion was made, seconded and approved by a voice vote. A second motion from the board concerned honorary life memberships. "Members who celebrate their 80th, or greater, birthday and who have been active club members for the preceding five years will automatically become honorary life members and will be excused from paying dues in succeeding years." The motion was made, seconded, and approved on a voice vote. Walt acknowledged Nick Stagg for hosting the training classes at his home and asked if there were additional members who would like to have classes. If so he asked that they sign up tonight to show their interest.

Break was at 7:35

Meeting reconvened at 7:50

Ken demonstrated pressing the metal pieces in to the wooden barrel.

Nick covered the show and tell table including “one handed turning” by Rich Harris who is recuperating from shoulder surgery. There were over 30 pieces on the show and tell table.

Break 8:15

Reconvened at 8:33

Walt asked for topics that people wanted to discuss.

The membership discussed working with burls and especially the stability of the burl.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 with the announcement of winning numbers on the wood table.

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Newsletter Editor’s Note

Please submit all items for the January 2009 newsletter to your newsletter editor, Keith Walker, no later than December 27th.

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