



The Burl

Member Chapter

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Willamette Valley Woodturners

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January 2009

Have a Wonderful Turning Year in 2009

Next Meeting
Thursday, January 8th 2009

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

Important Notice

Membership dues of \$30.00 (includes family membership) for 2009 were due by January 1, 2009.

Late payment costs the club time and resources and makes it more difficult to maintain the roster and plan activities. In 2007 it was agreed to impose a late fee of \$10 on renewing members who pay after January 31.

The President's Chatter



The start of a New Year offers the opportunity to reflect on the year just past, and for the Willamette Valley Woodturners it has been an active year. In addition to 10 great turning demonstrations during club meetings, members had the opportunity to take club sponsored classes from four world-class turners. The following classes were hosted by Nick Stagg in his shop: May: Soren Berger demonstrated turning balls and offset turning as he showed how to create his signature scoops. June: Stuart Batty conducted a hands-on workshop on spindle cutting techniques, sharpening and bowl turning. October: Bonnie Klein conducted a hands-on workshop on threading and making boxes. November: JoHannes Michelson demonstrated turning his signature wooden hats. All were well attended, well done, and enthusiastically received.

In the winter we had three sawdust sessions, the first was an open shop, an opportunity to explore many turning questions. The next session was a discussion on re-turning, in the next Nick Stagg led a discussion on re-turning. That was followed with a session with members sharing ideas on finishes. Sawdust sessions continued in the fall with nine club-sponsored half-day classes designed to get new turners started and to help the rest of us improve our basic woodturning skills. There are plans to continue offering classes or open shops in 2009 to improve basic turning skills and sharpening.

Community outreach and education started with a commitment for club members to mentor students at North Salem High and help introduce woodturning to the school shop program. The student mentoring program is expected to continue into 2009. In the summer Willamette Valley Woodturners teamed up with the Capital Wood Carvers to provide 118 turned and carved canes for wounded veterans.

To further our mission to promote wider community interest in woodturning the club participated in two public demonstrations of woodturning. In early August we staffed a woodturning demonstration booth for two days at the Steam-up event sponsored by the Powerland museum in Brooks. In late August the club staffed a demonstration booth for six days at the State Fair. By all accounts both demonstration events were successful and well received by the public.

The club gathered and processed turning wood during the summer. Logs were gathered in June and most were slabbed in July. In August we gathered for a potluck picnic and a half-day work party to process the remaining logs and cut bowl blanks. Most club members benefited by increasing their supply of turning wood. .

Our final activity for the year was primarily social - a dessert potluck/auction. If there is enough chocolate present you can't have a bad dessert potluck; there was plenty of chocolate. The auction portion of the evening gathered money to support the club's activities. There were a lot of nice pieces donated to the auction. Dave Colsen was our auctioneer, assisted by Nick Stagg; he kept the crowd entertained and the bidding moving at a brisk pace.

As with other clubs built around a jointly practiced activity, everything that the club did or did not do was a result of the volunteers who stepped forward to make it happen. Participation is key to having a successful club, one that provides the activities desired by the members. This year the club was managed by a consensus of the board and activities were the result of team effort; in many cases a large team. In every activity there were a few who led but many who helped. Each of us can expect to take from the club only a little more than we contribute. The successes we had this year were a direct result of members getting involved. Our thanks to all who stepped forward and gave a hand.

indicate if you have a lathe (mini works fine) that you can bring to a sawdust session. To be successful we need to balance the space, the number of lathes and the number of attendees. We want to assure that all who want to turn on a particular day have a chance.

Important elements for a successful sawdust session are preparation and outlook. Come ready to make chips and discuss turning. If you have questions you want answered, bring a project, or tool that you need help with and don't be afraid to step up to a lathe and show others what is not working for you. Someone in the session will be able to help with any technique you are having trouble mastering, if not available at that session then help will be found later. No question should go unanswered. If you don't have a question then put a project on a lathe and be prepared to make chips and answer questions for others. The primary purpose of this club is education and sharing information.

If you have suggestions for sawdust session topics contact Dick Powell, Walt Thies or another board member. Let us hear from you about topics of interest.



Classes January 17 + 18

The Willamette Valley Woodturners are pleased to announce another basic-cuts techniques class aimed at our less experienced club members. Cuts learned at previous classes will be reviewed followed by some new techniques. If you missed the classes held in November/December that is OK. Many in the earlier classes indicated a desire to have more instruction or mentored turning time. The club is trying to organize another weekend series of techniques classes. Sign-up sheets will be available at the January meeting or send a message to Walt (wqthies@comcast.net). If there is enough interest we will expand the number of class days.

Format and timing:

Four hour classes: 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00 with a brown bag lunch between. An instructor will be showing how to do the cut and then hands on practicing, with mentors available for help. Limit 8 students per class. Send a message to Walt (wqthies@comcast.net) to indicate your first and second preferred times; first come first served. The classes have been planned for January 17th at 8:00 AM and 1:00PM and January 18th at 8:00AM and 1:00 PM.

Don't forget your face shield or glasses and your tools.

There have been many requests for a sharpening class and we intend to develop that in the very near future. We will also have classes to make a particular item and sawdust sessions where a group gathers to turn and share information, but without the structure of a class.

This basic-cuts class is open only to club members. You may reserve a place in the class if you have sent a completed 2009 membership application form and check for your dues (\$30) to club treasurer Gary McGuire.

From Nick Stagg

I just heard from Ray Key and he can be here for a hands-on class for platters and bowls. He will fly into Portland on March 21st.

Ray has turned platters for a living for a long time and we all know how skilled a box maker he is. You can reserve a spot now. Mark your calendars and plan to attend, more details to follow.

Club News & Benefits



Thank You from Nick Stagg

I want to thank you, the members of The Willamette Valley Woodturners for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Vice-President in 2008.

It was a fruitful and eventful year for the club; we accomplished a lot and added many new members. All of this wouldn't have happened without the aid of those of you who volunteered and came to the front when help was needed.

As we look forward to 2009 my shop is still available for classes or Sawdust Sessions. I'm negotiating with Ray Key to come in March for a hands on class. Between the Utah Symposium and the A.A.W Symposium it looks like Alan and Stuart Batty will conduct a hands on class together, so we have some good things ahead.

Speaking of good things: I'm leaving you in the very capable hands of Dick Powell who takes over from me as your Vice President for 2009. Please give Dick the help and support that you gave me so we can make the year ahead even more enjoyable.

Nick Stagg

Announcement

The club purchases a few supplies in bulk and sells it to members at club cost. We routinely have superglue (\$5), black or brown superglue (\$10) accelerator (\$6) and Anchor Seal (\$13/gal). Recently the club purchased a small supply of half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool and HSS rods (\$3) 1/4" x 8" used to make the round skew demonstrated by Bill McCoy at the October meeting, and 5-piece caliper sets (\$7). Bob Quadros will have the resale items at the January meeting. It will expedite sales if you bring the correct change for the items you want.

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If anyone still wishes to be part of a club order from Craft Supplies (13% discount and free shipping) contact Walt prior to the January meeting. Email is best wqthies@comcast.net or you can call 541-752-5214, provide the item name catalog number and price. Once an order has been assembled you will be asked for payment.

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FOR SALE: Jon Zwemke has six basic tools (craftsman) and a lathe for sale. \$100.00 to a club member (He is asking \$125.00 on ~~Craigslist to non club members~~). This will not be posted on ~~Craigslist~~ until after the January meeting. You will get first chance at buying it. It is a variable speed, Montgomery Ward lathe with 3 basic packages (one rest and one each of live and dead centers) and will do 3" maxed it out on bowl diameter yet. They are a good starter set for cheap. All you will need is wood. Buy it now and he will throw in one 3 foot piece of locust, (green and freshly fallen) approximate diameter is 9 inches. The wood will be sealed with Anchorseal after the meeting Thursday. Contact Jon at zwemkejs@yahoo.com.

SOLD

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.

<u>Corvallis</u>		
JJ Jones	541-745-3802	plates, natural edge bowls, general questions
Walt Thies	541-752-5214	dust collection, Christmas ornaments, mushrooms
<u>Dallas</u>		
Myron Yancey	503-623-8930	pens, bowls, S & P grinders, boxes
<u>Eugene</u>		
Reed Gray	541-463-9634	bowls, coring, tool techniques
<u>Independence</u>		
Nick Stagg	503-838-4817	sharpening, general turning
<u>Jefferson</u>		
Bob Garvey	541-327-2332	bowls and spindles
Jack Knight	541-327-2647	turning basics, preparing turning wood
<u>Keizer</u>		
Roger Molsom	501-304-9418	bowls, general questions
<u>McMinnville</u>		
Doug Smith	503-472-5616	basic turning skills
Keith Walker	503-435-1461	segmented bowls
<u>Mill City</u>		
Ken Spaur	503-897-2082	pens, bowls, general questions
<u>Sheridan</u>		
Rex Brown	971-237-5309	pens, general questions
<u>Salem</u>		
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 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



The next board meeting to be reported on will be October 16, 2008.

Officer Reports



December Treasurers Report
By Gary McGuire



INCOME:			Explanation
	2009 Dues	\$630.00	
	Quilt Raffle	\$80.00	
	Hardware	\$157.00	Sale of half round rods, depth gauge and protractors
	Auction	\$1,802.50	
Total In		\$2,669.50	

Expenses:

Office Supplies	136.27
Class Expense	450.26
Hardware & Tools	\$391.05
Club Copies	\$38.21
December Meeting	\$342.17
Library	\$115.96
Total Out	\$1,473.92
November Balance	\$3,174.91
December Balance	\$4,370.49



The Secretary's Minutes
By Walt Thies, substituting for Neva Hutchinson



Club Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2008

There were 72 people present.

At 5:30 the meeting was opened with the Pledge of allegiance. The schedule for the evening was outlined and the dessert potluck began.

At 6:30 the meeting was called back to order for the ornament exchange and drawing for the quilt (made and donated by Eileen Walker). The dessert tables were cleaned up and final

preparation made for the auction. A new name tag was presented to our newest Honorary Life Member, Jack Knight. Jack joins other honorary life members Leigh Roberts (September 2007) and Don Waddsworth (July 2004). In the future, anyone who has been a member for at least five years will become an Honorary Life Member in December of the year of his or her 80th birthday and will be excused from further club dues.

At 7:00 the auction began, conducted by Dave Colson with assistance from Nick Stagg. The auction concluded at 8:20. All financial business was conducted, the room put back in order, and vacated at 8:50.

While many worked to make the evening a success the club thanks the following unsung heroes for putting in an extra effort: Nick Stagg, Myron Yancey, Rex Brown, and Ken Budeau for coming early to prepare the room and set-up the video equipment, Eileen Walker for providing a quilt to be raffled; the Howard Family for filling in at the front desk for Neva Hutchinson; Bob Garvey and his crew of greeters; Mona Quadros and her kitchen crew for set-up and clean-up of the dessert tables; the 19 members who supplied 44 items to be auctioned and to the members who were the successful bidders.



Newsletter Editor's Note

This edition of the Burl marks the start of the second year of my term as newsletter editor and Webmaster. The success of the Burl is due to those club members and officers who diligently submit reports, thoughts and program information. They are always well written, requiring little or no editing on my part and are always submitted timely. I thank them for their help. It has been a learning experience, particularly with the web site. I have enjoyed the task immensely and look forward to continuing the effort.

Please submit all items for the February 2009 newsletter no later than January 31st.

Keith Walker



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