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# The Burl

## The President's Chatter

*Walt Thies, President*

Change is all around us, the weather has moved into summer mode, and as always your club is changing and trying some new things. To get to this newsletter you went to the club website and probably noticed is that the website has undergone some modification. Todd Yunker, webmaster, has taken the time to modernize the website to give it a crisper upbeat appearance, some pages have been added and others changed. Change will be ongoing. Todd would accept any volunteer who wants to help update the photo gallery by adding some new photos. Next you notice that the newsletter itself has undergone a facelift. Shortening the newsletter makes it easier to find the information you want and it will reduce our distribution costs to those without email. Some of the lists and information that have appeared in past newsletters have been moved from the newsletter to the website. Change in the way we communicate is an ongoing process. The club thanks Todd Yunker (a recent new member) for taking on the newsletter editor/webmaster roles and for applying his expertise to making the upgrades. Let us hear how you like the new formats and any additional changes you would like to see.

The vote is in and the hats are a great success. Our thanks (and hats off) to Jim Coon for taking the initiative on club hats. Good job.

In June the club is initiating mini-sawdust sessions. We will gather as small groups in informality of host shops for hands on learning of woodturning skills. These gathering are at the direction of the host and may focus on a project or particular skills may be an open shop for each to turn a project of choice. In either case it is a chance for all of us to make chips together, learning new skills or improving old skills. Our new turners are especially encouraged to attend to both learn new skills and to ask questions about those vexing problems that come up when we are working by ourselves. See the sawdust session section of this newsletter, pick a shop to attend and give it a try. We will probably try this several times this year, if the feedback is positive we will plan more if not we will modify this system or try something else that gives us additional lathe time. Club members are a great resource. If you are having problems with your turning bring it to a sawdust session or call someone on the mentor list. We can find help within the club for almost any aspect of woodturning.

*~Keep the chips flying*

# Current & Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**  
**Opens 6:00 p.m.**  
**Center 50+**  
**2615 Portland Rd., NE. Salem,**  
**OR 97303 (503) 588-6303.**

## **June Club meeting**

Allan and Stuart Batty  
Demonstration.

## **New Members**

We extend a hearty welcome to all our new members. We are glad to have you.

## **June 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting:**

### **Allan and Stuart Batty**

Don't forget the meetings scheduled early this month so we can have Allan and Stuart demonstrate for us. Both of them have demonstrated all over the world. This is the opportunity of a lifetime to see the two of them together under one roof. Both highly skilled turners, teachers and demonstrators second and third generation tuners.

They worked together doing production spindle turning in Allan's shop for many years. Then Stuart spread his wings and taught at Craft Supplies U.K. and eventually set up sawmills in Africa to export wood. Allan continued production turning, teaching and demonstrating and set aside some time to develop his own signature pieces. He has a secret ball box, a nut and bolt box and taught many turners the skill of chasing threads by hand. Stuart developed the square bowl when given the job of turning bowls from many species of wood, only to have his band saw blade break and didn't have a replacement! He's also famous for his long stemmed goblets and has one in the White House Permanent Collection. His long deep hollowed bowls, another signature piece, are 1/8" thick; that's right, one eighth of an inch.

Don't miss them, stop in and shake their hands.

Nick Stagg

## **July 9 meeting:**

Scott Leavengood --- Wood properties

## **August 13 meeting:**

JJ Jones --- Hollowing

## **Sep 10 meeting:**

Bob Beck --- pyrography

## **Summer Demonstrations~**

The club has accepted invitations to staff a demonstration booth at two events this year: the Steam-up at the Powerland museum at Brooks, OR and the State Fair. We are invited to demonstrate at the Steam-up both weekends of the event: July 25-26 and August 1-2, from 8:00 to 4:00 each day. Last year was the first year they included a "heritage craft" section, they liked the interaction of the visitors with the woodturners and asked us to demonstrate both weekends of the event.

The State Fair organization has asked us to demonstrate six days, September 2-7, from 10 AM through 8 PM. The club will conduct itself about the same at both events: 1. Bring mini lathes, tools and materials. 2. Each member can decide what they want to turn and bring the appropriate materials and tools. Past experience has shown that turning many small objects gathers the attention of more visitors than one or two large objects. Visitors will often stand long enough to see a small object turned to completion. However, if there are a variety of things being worked on having a long term project or two is not bad. 3. We plan to shift off with some talking with visitors while others turn. 4. Those who participate will get free passes to the events for that day. 5. No-one need stay at the demonstration booth all day. 6. Any member who wishes to demonstrate will be welcome to do so and should plan to wear their club nametag and blue t-shirt (which will be provided by the club).

Additional information will be provided as we get closer to the events. What we need for organizing purposes is a list of those who have an interest in



participating, a list of those who can bring a mini lathe, and t-shirt sizes so the shirts can be ordered. Sign-up sheets will be at the front tables at the next two meetings. These events will be coordinated by Rick Harris (503-910-4059). If you can't make it to a meeting to sign-up please call or email Rick. Sign-up even if you can only make it for a half day, Rick will need all the help he can get. Last year we had a great turn-out for both demonstrations. We can easily accommodate 10 people in the booths at one time.

### **Exploring Art and Woodturning**

A retreat "Exploring Art and Woodturning" sponsored by Pacific NW Woodturning Guild will be held in Gresham on August 7, 8, and 9. Participation will be limited to 20 people. The fee is \$190 for the three days and it includes meals. Reservations must be in by June 18 with a deposit of \$35. If interested contact David Williams, President of PNWG, email [dwilliams97007@yahoo.com](mailto:dwilliams97007@yahoo.com)

## Classes

### *Coming in June*

#### *Tool Sharpening*

Sharpening classes began in February. The classes will be developed and taught by Nick Stagg. Due to the nature of the subject each class will be attended by 4 members but we anticipate many classes. It will take many days to conduct enough classes but the intent is to make them available to any member who wishes to attend. Members will be expected to bring their own tools to the classes. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meetings to indicate your interest in attending a class. We are planning classes on making hollow forms. If you have an interest either send a note to Walt or indicate your interest by signing-up on the "interest" sheets on the table at the entrance to the next meeting.

## Membership Rewards

### *Wood Gathering*

Sign-up sheets will be available to indicate your availability to help with wood gathering. A limited number of members experienced in the use of a chainsaw will be needed. In addition we will be seeking those who have a pick-up or trailer suitable for transporting wood and those who are willing to help with the loading. If logs are obtained a work party will be planned to slab the logs and process the wood to turning blanks. Anyone who learns of a tree or log that is available to the club should notify Roger Molsom (503-304-9418). Anyone looking for wood to use for turning should contact Roger for wood availability. Be patient this activity will need some time to get properly organized and to balance needs for turning wood with available supplies.



### *Supplies*

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 skewers demonstrated by Bill McCoy at the October meeting. Bob Quadros will have the resale items still available at the meeting. It will expedite sales if you bring the correct change for the items you want.

### *Club Member Discounts*

We have given some basic cuts classes and have just started giving classes in sharpening. Many of our newer members do not yet have a basic set of tools and may not have decided which tools they really need for the turning they are interested in doing. By having four sets of tools we can give any member experience in sharpening and using all of the basic tools. The club received an outright gift of two sets of six tools and an option to buy additional sets at a very favorable discount.

#### Group tool order

The club has an opportunity to submit another tool order at a reasonable discount to Craft Supplies USA. To participate in this program the club must submit an order for more than \$1,000, paid for by one source, and delivered to one address. We will get a discount of 13% off of any current price plus shipping is free. For example if we order more than two tools we get a 10% on those tools with an additional 13% taken off and free shipping. Machinery and fluids that require special shipping are not included. If you wish to participate in this program send your list to include catalog number, item name, and price (use the 2008/2009 catalog, or the sale page on their website) and send your list to Walt. We will need to wait with submitting the order until the total is more than \$1,000 so it may be ordered quickly or it may take several months. Contact Walt if you want an estimate of when the next order will be submitted.



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.

Hartville Tool will give club members a 20% discount for the next year and a 15% discount after that: [www.hartvilletool.com](http://www.hartvilletool.com) or 800-345-2396

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).

Show your club card at Rose City Lumber (Westside of Beaverton) and they will give you 10% off of exotic woods and up to 50% off on local hardwoods: [rosecitylumber@live.com](mailto:rosecitylumber@live.com) 503-875-2602.

## The Club Meeting

### The Secretary's Minutes

*By Neva Hutchinson*

*Club Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2009*

There were 68 people present...including 2 visitors, and 1 new member

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Pledge of allegiance

The program for tonight was gadgets and gizmos. Members brought items that they utilize in their turning so that they could share their ideas with the club.

Dick Powell: Items to assist in measuring the inside of a hollow vessel or bowl  
Saran Wrap over your face shield to protect the shield

Rex Brown: A tool for draining his air tank

Joanne Storch: A device to measure spindles so that she doesn't have to use calipers to measure the spindles to guarantee consistency.  
A device to help measure the center on the head and tail stock  
A wooden construction to help make the flutes on legs  
A device to help make knobs for furniture

Bruce Stangeby: A steady rest for turning goblets.  
A cast iron tool rest, milled to hold a piece of steel round stock to improve the rest  
An adjustable bowl chuck that allows for a variety of bowl sizes. He got the plans on the internet. Google Longworth Chuck

Sam Lee Custom made glasses  
A foot control for working on large pieces when the controls are not easily accessible

Doug Smith A device for judging depth  
A very strong magnet to use with drill bits instead of blue tape  
Calipers for making boxes that will also act as a depth gage.  
Tools for making cross hatching  
A tool for cleaning out the bottom of a hollow vessel

Walt announced that the next meeting is June 2 for the Batties who will be turning at the meeting. This is Keith's last meeting since he and his wife are moving to Florida. Reminders about upcoming sawdust sessions Steam up and State Fair and the need to sign up. Dave Anderson told the group about the Spring fling at North Salem High School on Friday, May 22, 2009 and asked for folks to sign up. Rick Harris is coordinating.

Break at 7:37  
Called to Order at 7:50

Dale Larson spoke about AAW and the importance of belonging. He reviewed the resources, the web site and the advantages of belonging. He also told us about the various activities and projects they are involved in.

Walt Thies: Talked about making tools. He recommended the MSC catalog for round stock. He also suggested using black plumber's pipe for handles, and wooden handles that you can make on a table saw.  
Industrial Planer Blades - Use for scraping, make scraper blades. Many of his tools were made to help him create Christmas ornaments.  
Drill Rod. - You buy it at most hardware stores and create all kinds of tool

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Joe Torgerson: Metal bowl sizes out of plastic to mark and cut bowls (it helps to have a laser cutter  
Tool holder

JJ: Tool Carrier  
Bolt and Nut for defining centers  
A tool A tool for holding small pieces of planer blade when you grind them  
A way to hold large auger bits so you don't hurt your hand while holding them  
A hollowing tool made from a pry bar  
A tool made from a spade bit in a piece of pipe  
A parting tool made from a "garage sale" knife

Carl Rodney A tool for dovetailing and a variety of accessories You can turn very small or very large items using this tool

Rick Harris A jig for his table saw to cut pieces for segmented bowls.

Nick Stag A home made tool using PVC, fender protector material and a variety of items to make a vacuum chuck

Nick reviewed the show and tell table  
Walt read the first 5 numbers and the remainder were taped to the window.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50

## The May Club Meeting

*By Dick Powel*

I really appreciate how so many of the club members stepped up to the plate at the May meeting. Otherwise, the Gadgets & Gizmos meeting would have been a flop. I liked how so many responded and shared what they had. During the meeting, I saw that what people had to share was engaging those in the audience; it was prompting them to ask questions. It is hoped people found something useful as they turn.

Also, several people sent a note in the next couple days and said how they'd enjoyed the meeting. A couple even suggested that Gadgets & Gizmos be an annual meeting!

My thanks to all of you.

The July meeting will be Scott Leavengood. Scott is Oregon's only Wood Technology Extension person and will talk to us about wood properties. With a better understanding of wood and how it behaves, we should better understand why our turnings change shape, warp, shrink, etc. He won't be making chips fly but he should help us as we make chips and make better wood turnings.