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The Burl

The President's Chatter

Walt Thies, President

The mini sawdust sessions in June gave 20 members an opportunity to gather in three different shops to make chips and ask questions. The club thanks JJ Jones, Tom Morrison, and Joe Torgerson for hosting successful mini-sawdust sessions in their shops. We will try the mini-sawdust sessions again later in the year. Our next sawdust session will be on July 25 in our regular venue, the shop of Greg and Debbie Ego. Our resource person will be Joe Torgerson and the project will be pens. This is a great chance for those of you who have never made a pen to try your hand at it. The Torgerson family make and sell a lot of pens each year. Pen hardware will be available at the sawdust session from the club at cost. See the write-up later in this newsletter for details. The sawdust session on July 25 is the same time as the first day of our demo at the Steam-up. We have enough members to support both events.

The club will soon engage in one of our public education events. We will staff a demonstration booth at the Steam-up (Powerland Museum at Brooks, OR) July 25-26 and Aug 1-2, entrance and parking at the venue are free. Rick Harris is organizing this event and is looking for members who are willing to devote part or all of a day to the demonstration. Details are provided elsewhere in this newsletter. The demonstrations present a number of opportunities, not only do we provide an education opportunity to the community but at the same time we provide members with a chance to share turning time and learn from other club members. Some have been heard to say that "I don't know enough about turning to demonstrate to others". But to someone who has not turned before even those with little experience have something to share. At the State Fair last year one of the members demonstrating had turned for less than 20 hr prior to the Fair. If you have considered joining us for the demonstrations but find yourself holding back, consider talking to one of the members who has done it before. They will probably tell you that not only did they learn something themselves and gain experience turning, but that it was a lot of fun.

~Keep the chips flying

Current & Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 9th, 2009
Opens 6:00 p.m.
Center 50+
2615 Portland Rd., NE. Salem,
OR 97303 (503) 588-6303.

July Club meeting

Scott Leavengood.

New Members

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

Paul Beck

July 9th Meeting:

Scott Leavengood --- Wood properties

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.

Upcoming Topics

August 13 meeting:

JJ Jones --- Hollowing

September 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

Classes

Coming in July

Oregon Coast Woodturners Club Lyle Jamieson Demonstration

The Oregon Coast Woodturners club is pleased to host Lyle Jamieson for a one day demonstration. Lyle is known in the turning community for his hollowing tools; but he is also a master sculptor and hollow form turner. If you haven't seen his work, visit it on-line at www.lylejamieson.com

Lyle will be doing the demonstration on Saturday July 11Th at Jerry Kimmel's shop in Yachats. The session will begin at 9AM and last until 5PM, a box lunch will be provided. The cost is \$75.00 per person.

To register please contact Tom Hasting at thasting@yahoo.com ,shop phone 541-867-2992 Cell 503-329-7623

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 skews 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 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 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 503-875-2602.

The Club Meeting

The Secretary's Minutes

By Neva Hutchinson

Club Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2009

There were 74 people present...including 7 visitors, and 1 new member

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm Pledge of allegiance

Dick called the meeting to order at 6:30. Guests introduced themselves

Nick introduced our guests, Stuart and Allan Batty.

Stuart turned first, while discussing the main principals he teaches in his classes:

1. Grain – One needs to know where the end and side grains are. In bowl turning one deals with mixed grain due to the rotation of the end and side grains on the piece. Most catches occur when inadvertently cutting end grain – (face a cutting edge up hill in to the end grain).

2. Chucking – must be secure and safe
3. Sharpening – Stuart does not use a jig.
 1. Correct Type of tool
 2. Correct size for the work
 3. Correct shape of cutting edge eg. Curved or straight cutting edge etc.
 4. Correct cutting angle – Stuart uses 40 degrees the majority of his tools
4. Tool Rest – Height, angle and distance from the piece
5. Lathe Speed – The faster one can turn the better, always keeping safety in mind. Stuart sets the speed “to where he is nervous but not suicidal.” Variable speed is a big asset.
6. Stance – Your foot position is important.
7. Techniques – Straight line (2 Dimensional Cut) or curved line (3 Dimensional Cut).

He gave detailed descriptions of the basics of wood turning...proper stance, speed, etc. while he worked on a bowl. He emphasized the importance of sharp tools.

He demonstrated the “bounce” in bowl turning and explained how to hold the bowl gouge to avoid it.

He demonstrated the use of a negative rake scraper.

He pointed out the value of jam chucking as opposed to vacuum chucking because the thinness of the bowl is not an issue.

We took a break at 7:40.

Meeting called to order at 7:50

We began with Allan Batty. He began by doing a box using English Box Wood which is very fine grained and very hard. He talked about using very minimal pressure on the bevel.

He recommends 300 rpm for cutting threads in a box...20 threads to the inch. He uses a 20 thread per inch thread chaser and recommended against buying coarser thread chasers. Once you establish the thread, it will pull the tool in.

He then demonstrated how to make the cuts match on the two sides of the box. Speed is very important when cutting threads.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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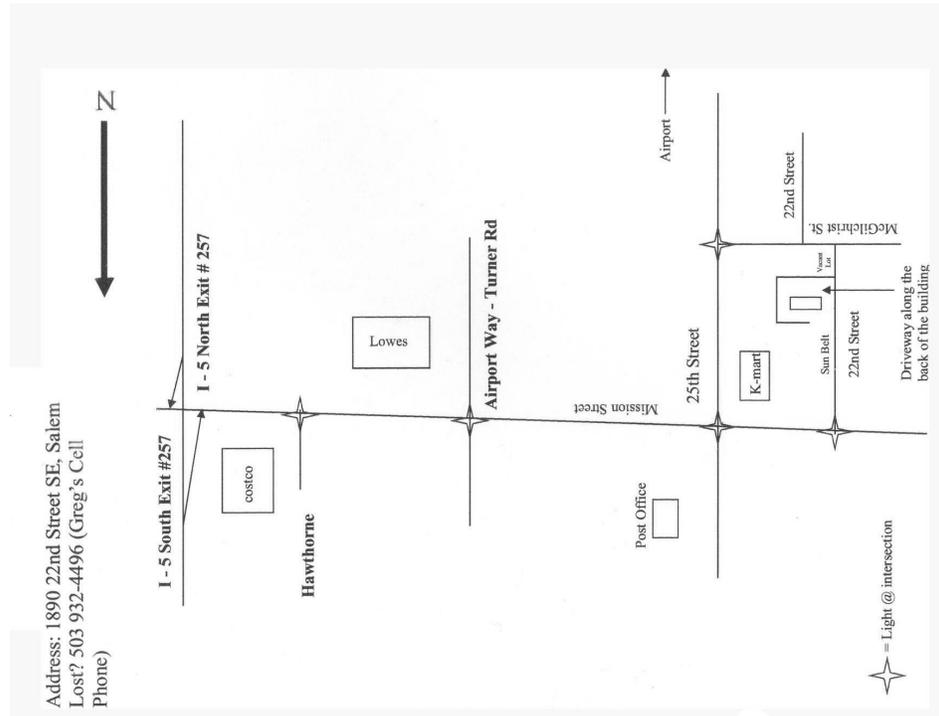
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July Sawdust Session Information

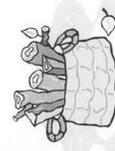


Sawdust Session*



**Saturday, July 25th
8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

Location: The shop at Greg Ego's business,
Rasmussen Spray Service
1890 22nd Street SE, Salem
Next to Sunbelt Rental and across from Cemex
(Map on the back)



What to Bring:

- Name tag
- Portable lathe & turning tools (Stand & Light if you have one).
- Eye Protection (if you don't wear glasses).
- Brown Bag lunch including drink.
- Chair for taking a break.

What will be provided or available:

- Grinder wheel for sharpening
- Band saw, table saw and some tables for lathes.

Project of the day:

Joe and Christina Torgerson will be sharing how to make **turned pens**. The club has purchased pen mandrels, sandpaper, drill bits, and finishing supplies. Titanium Nitride (Gold) pen kits purchased by the club will be available for \$6/kit.

- Bring dry wood that can be cut down to pen blanks about 3/4" x 5"
- Wood will also be provided
- Bring 3/8" spindle gouge

*Due to liability insurance issues, this event is open to club members only.