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# The Burl

Member Chapter

## A monthly newsletter for the Willamette Valley Woodturners

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### Next Meeting Thursday, December 10, 2009

Doors open for dessert, auction set-up, and visiting: 5:00 p.m.  
Auction Starts : 7:00 p.m.

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## The President's Chatter

With the arrival of the holiday season our club activities have traditionally tapered off. It is a time of the year when we all have many commitments. For most of us attending club meetings is at the bottom of a very long list, besides most of us really want to go to our shops and create gifts using some of the skills and techniques learned earlier in the year. Still, there are still a few club activities to report.

Our participation in the Woodworkers Show in Portland was a success! We had six lathes in the booth and all were working most of the time. There were 19 club members who participated in this event. In addition to having had a great time turning and learning with the help of friends, we have one new member and many who are interested in visiting our club.

The November sawdust session on making Christmas ornaments was a success. Many of us had a chance to learn some new techniques and gain some ideas for Christmas projects. The club thanks Gregg and Debbie Ego for providing their shop as a venue for this event.

At the November meeting the slate of officers proposed by the board was elected to manage the club's business for 2010. However, change happens. Our newly elected secretary, Eric Dinger, has been accepted into graduate school and now will be unable to serve in that position. Fortunately for the club, Neva Hutchinson volunteered to continue in that position until a replacement can be found. Thanks again Neva!!

Nick Stag just completed a series of six more sharpening classes at his shop. Thanks Nick for your efforts at club education. There are a few more members who signed up for the sharpening class and a group who have signed up for the basic cuts class. These classes will be scheduled and everyone on the list will be accommodated.

It is time to begin thinking about trying your hand at making a gavel. Our incoming president will be presented a gavel at the January meeting made by one of the members. Details are elsewhere in the Burl.

Our final event for the year is the dessert potluck/auction. We hope you will plan to come, bring your favorite dessert (having a few copies of the recipe is always a good idea) and contribute a turned object or two for the auction. It's a great time to spend a fun evening with friends.

Keep the chips flying,  
Walt Thies

## Minutes of the November 2009 Meeting

November 12, 2009

- There were 62 people present...including 5 visitors, and 2 new members

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Opened with the Pledge of allegiance

The meeting was called to order and the first action was to vote in the new officers for 2010. The results of this election, and additional assistant positions, are shown below:

### Executive Board:

**President** – Jon Zwemke

**Vice President** – Bruce Stangeby

**Secretary** – Eric Dinger/Neva Hutchinson

**Treasurer** – Gary McGuire for a second term.

**Board Position 1** – Myron Yancey for a second term

**Board Position 2** – Jerry Lelack

### Non-executive Permanent Positions:

**Webmaster:** Todd Yunker will continue.

**Newsletter Editor:** Bob Thompson

**Librarian:** Pete Peterson

**Assistant Librarian:** Terry Gerros and Don Larson

### Coordinators:

**High School Mentoring Program:** Rick Harris

**Steam-up:** Walt Thies

**State Fair Demonstration:** Bob Hutchinson

**Woodworking Show:** VACANT in 2010;

**New Members:** Bob Garvey and Tom Morrison

**Facilities:** Dave Hanselman

**Facilities Assistant:** Jack Howard

**Calling Tree:** Richard Pucillo and Carl Rodney

**Wood:** Jerry Lelack and Bob Hutchinson.

**Video:** Nick Stag

**Video Assistant:** Steve Rabun and Larry Curry

**Craft Supplies Group Order:** Terry Gerros

**Photo Roster:** Walt Thies to be replaced in 2010

Dick Worthey was then introduced and began his demonstration of streptohadrons, irregular shapes created using turned pieces cut and recombined in multiple tier steps. *Woodturning Full Circle*, by David Springett, is the book Dick used for his guide. The book is available from Craft Supply. We will be ordering a copy of the book for the library.

Announcements made:

1. Member of the month: Pete Peterson
2. We need a volunteer to help set up prior to the meetings

3. The wood turners had a good time at the Portland Wood show and Walt felt that there was a lot of interest in what the club does.
4. Reminded folks that there were signup sheets on the secretary's table for basic turning, sharpening, and a sawdust session for Christmas Ornaments at Ego's shop from 9:00 to 2:30 on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.
5. Dessert potluck for the December meeting.
6. Thanked Nick for his help and for providing shop space for the many classes and training sessions that are held there.

Break at 7:45, Called to Order again at 8:00

Announced: If there is anything that anyone wants in the Burl, please contact the editor of the Burl (Bob Thomas) so that he can get it into the next issue.

Bruce Stangeby then reviewed the wood on the wood table. There were a variety of hats, Christmas ornaments, canisters, and a clock.

Finally, a reminder to bring a dessert to the potluck, and a donation for the auction table. Half of our operating budget comes from the finished wood auction.

Meeting ended at 9:50

### Minutes of Board meeting 11/19/09

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Walt, Gary, Jerry, Bob Hutchinson, Pete, Bob Thompson, Neva, Myron, Terry

- Walt called the meeting to order and reviewed his original goals when he started as the President. We agreed that all of his goals had been accomplished during his time as the president.
- Bob H. discussed wood gathering and that it was going well.
- Jerry Lelack talked about prepping wood for new members. His suggestion was to prepare a square and a round so that the beginners were able to start right away.
- Gary McGuire talked about the need for a winch to help with loading and unloading of wood. Given the age and physical condition of many of our members something needs to be done to assist in lifting. Also he wanted to discuss finances.
- Pete would like to pare down the library. Don Larson and Terry Gerrose will be joining to help with the library and hopefully the three of them can review and dispose of low usage or poor condition books.
- Terry was concerned about liability issues
- Myron was concerned about safety with chain saws and wood gathering at private homes and at demonstrations. Walt stated that if we have a club sponsored event, we are covered by the AAW policy.
- WALT SUGGESTED THAT ALL MINI LATHES THAT ARE TAKEN OUT TO PUBLIC VENUES FOR DEMOS, SHOULD HAVE A 12" PLASTIC SHIELD TO PROTECT THE OBSERVERS. IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT WE REFER THIS TO THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN JANUARY TO MAKE A DECISION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- WALT SUGGESTED THAT WE DEVELOP A POLICY REQUIRING THAT A PARENT OR GARDIAN BE PRESENT WHENEVER MINOR CHILDREN ARE PRESENT AT A CLUB FUNCTION. MOVED AND SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- IT WAS CLARIFIED THAT THE CLUB WILL PAY A "GENERAL" AAW MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR THE OFFICERS EACH YEAR.
- IT IS THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD THAT WHEN MEMBERS BRING WOOD TO A DEMONSTRATION OR SAWDUST SESSION, IT SHOULD BE SOUND AND IF IT HAS BARK, IT SHOULD BE TIGHT TO THE WOOD.

- **DESSERT AUCTION: WE HAVE THE AUCTIONEER, PLACE AND NEED SOMEONE TO GET IT ORGANIZED. NEVA SAID SHE WOULD DO IT. NEVA SAID SHE WOULD PROVIDE THE COFFEE POT AND PUNCH. KEN SPAUR , RICK HARRIS AND GARY MCGUIRE WILL BE TAKING CARE OF THE PADDLES, MONEY, ETC.**
- **AFTER THE CURRENT ROUND OF TRAINING, NICK WILL NO LONGER BE GIVING FREE LESSONS. HE WILL BE CHARGING FOLKS OUTSIDE OF THE CLUB WITH A REDUCED FEE FOR CLUB MEMBERS WHO WANT TO GO FOR TRAINING. CLUB MEMBERS WILL STILL BE ABLE TO TAP INTO THE MENTOR PROGRAM WITHIN THE CLUB.**
- **GARY PASSED OUT THE FINANCIAL REPORT. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT IT BE A RUNNING 13 MONTH REPORT SO THAT WE COULD COMPARE TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR.**

MEETING ENDED AT 8:50

## Member of the month

The club recognizes a member of the month for those times when someone has gone above and beyond the call of duty for the club. This month we are recognizing the efforts of our club librarian Pete Peterson. Pete has worked on the library for several years now by himself. The club has gotten big enough so that there is more to do on that task. Fortunately there are two volunteers who will be helping Pete. Pete has worked at this task for the past three year and been there faithfully every meeting. Pete we appreciate the time and effort that you put in. Members like Pete who just pitch in and quietly work in the background make this club run smoothly and it makes being an officer much more fun. Pete, thank you for all you do for us.

## Club Business

### 2010 Annual Dues

Hello Everyone,

I wanted to drop a note to remind everyone that the 2010 dues (\$30 per family) are due January 1, 2010. Please use the updated membership application form, which was updated this year to include asking your permission to add your name to membership lists given to vendors who offer club members a discount. All of the vendors we deal with promise not to share our lists further; however, we will respect your desire to have your name omitted if you wish.

You can access the application on our web-site with just a couple of clicks. The application form needs to be completely filled out even though much of the information is the same as it was last year. Sometimes there are errors in our records and the application form is the easiest way we have of validating your contact information.

Please fill out the application and send it with the \$30 to my address which is printed on the application. I am asking everyone to take care of this as soon as possible to help me with the paperwork and to allow us to get the picture roster completed and printed in a timely manner. Thank you for your cooperation and your support. I hope that you all have a very Merry Christmas.

Best regards,

Gary L McGuire

Several years ago the club imposed consequences on those in arrears after February 1: (a) a \$10.00 late charge, (b) withdrawal of library borrowing privileges until dues are paid. The club is now big enough that an accurate roster is essential to the smooth administration of the club. We will again be producing a picture roster and with your cooperation should have it ready for distribution at the March 2010 meeting.

## *Current & Upcoming Events*

### **DECEMBER, 2009**

(Thursday, Dec 10th) **Dessert Potluck/auction**

The December meeting of the Willamette Valley Woodturners has been a social event since the first year the club met. Our club membership includes the whole family. Members are asked to bring their favorite dessert and the guests they think would enjoy the evening. Plates, utensils and drinks will be provided. The evening has two events, a dessert potluck followed by an auction.

For the past five years the club has added an auction of woodturnings (a few other craft items are included). Money from the auction and our annual dues provide funds to run our club. In recent years the auction has provided one third to one half of our operating budget. Members are encouraged to bring a special woodturning piece or two to donate to the auction. We have hired the same auctioneer that has helped us for the past few years. It should be an evening of exciting fun. Attached is a page that can use to advertise the auction, feel free to share it with friends who might like the opportunity to purchase a nice turned object or perhaps do some Christmas shopping. If the past few years are an indication, there will be many very well done pieces available at the auction. We have an amazing number of new members as well as more experienced members who are making very fine pieces.

It is rumored that there will be one or more quilts donated, if so they will be sold by raffle.

Event Schedule:

5:00 - Doors open

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

5:30 - 6:45 Dessert potluck, and viewing of auction items.

6:45 - 7:00 Viewing of auction items, arrival of interested members of the public

7:00 - 8:45 Auction, we expect that non-club members will join us for the auction.

8:45 - 9:00 Pay for purchased items and clean up the room.

### **JANUARY 2010**

(Thursday, January 14, 2010)

Our very own Gary McGuire will give us a presentation on craft fairs. How do we get into a fair; how do we price, market, etc.? How do we get on e-bay, or set up our own websites to peddle our wares? Etc. There are some in the club who do craft fairs and there may be others who've given craft fairs a thought but have not actually done it. (After this, those who'd thought about it may be dissuaded from the idea!)

#### **Gavel contest in January**

It has been a tradition in our club that an incoming president is presented with a member-made gavel at the first meeting of the year. This is a heads-up for those who wish to participate. The challenge for the month of January will be to turn a gavel for the new president, Jon Zwemke. This can be of any wood and the design is up to you. The gavel entries will be laid out on the show-n-tell table at the beginning of the January meeting. Members will be asked to look at them and vote by secret ballot. The winning gavel will be presented to Jon to use for the year and keep.

### **FEBRUARY 2010**

(Thursday, February 11, 2010)

Bruce Coblenz is a retired OSU Wildlife professor who does craft fairs. The idea for his presentation is that, for example, he can't take an hour or so to make a single bottle stopper when he knows he may sell 200 at a fair. Therefore, he must have some jigs or methods so he can be efficient. The idea for us is that we may want to make 20 bottle stoppers for Christmas gifts but we don't exactly want to spend 20 hours doing so. With March, we'll see the changeover to Bruce Stangeby, the club's new vice president and the programs he'll develop. The idea to wait to March is to give him some time to develop his programs.

## Membership Rewards (sorry, available to club members only)

### *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 into turning blanks. Anyone who learns of a tree or log that is available to the club should notify Jerry Lelack (503 510-1577) or Bob Hutchinson (503 508-3279). Anyone looking for wood to use for turning should contact Jerry or Bob for wood availability. Be patient – wood is available when it is and this activity will need some time to get properly organized and to balance needs for turning wood with available supplies. The intent is to gather wood, process it to usable pieces, store it at the home of Terry Gerros', and then make it available to members. Pick up will be on scheduled days and times. Please sign-up on the appropriate sheet if you're interested.

### *Classes and workshops at Nick Stagg's shop* (printed with the concurrence of Nick Stagg)

For the past three years Nick has been organizing and giving classes in sharpening and basic turning to members of the club. At least 75% of the club members have taken one or more classes from Nick.

Several things have happened during the past three years which make a change necessary:

The club has grown dramatically, thus there are more of us who want and need lessons. The classes that have been offered evolved from individual or group mentoring sessions to structured classes requiring more materials and much more preparation time. While mentoring of club members will still be available on request, it is in Nick's plan to charge a nominal fee for structured classes to offset some of his overhead. Nick has indicated that as workshops and classes are developed and announced, club members will get a steep discount on any basic turning and sharpening classes.

It has been Nick's long term plan for several years to charge for classes and workshops offered to woodturners in this region and beyond. To that end he has expanded his shop, added more power and has been collecting lathes and equipment which will allow him to conduct workshops and teach in his shop. Although in 2010 we will all have to pay a little for structured lessons, Nick is looking forward to offering help to any members that request it. The class structure and content will continue for beginners and improvers, and for those that are beyond basic skills, more advanced classes will be available.

For those that may want an alternative to mentoring or structured classes by Nick, there is a list of club Mentors on the club website.

An important point is that those members on the list for sharpening lessons (4 remain) or the basic cuts class (12 remain) will receive the free classes they registered for. Those classes will be scheduled soon.

### *Desired Programs or Sawdust Sessions*

Bruce Stangeby is our new vice president and among other things will be responsible for finding and arranging for programs and sawdust sessions. If you have a topic, project, or technique that you would like to have explored in one of our formal or informal programs please contact Bruce. He will welcome all suggestions and at this stage of his tenure there is still time to accommodate specific topics. Bruce Stangeby, 503-763-2398, [bstangeby@comcast.net](mailto:bstangeby@comcast.net). If you have the room in your shop to accommodate 12 or more members for a sawdust session consider calling Bruce and volunteering to host a session.

### *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 (\$10/gal). Recently the club purchased a small supply of half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool, HSS rods (\$3) 1/4" x 8" used to make the round skewers demonstrated by Bill McCoy at the October meeting, and depth gauge (\$5). Bob Quadros will have the resale items still available at the meeting. Please bring the correct change for the items you want.

## Club Member Discounts

- 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.

## Next Group tool order January 18,2010

Craft Supply had a successful year with our club or was it we all saved a significant amount of money through club orders this year. As of the last order our club purchased near \$12,000.00 worth of turning supplies from CS with an average savings of 14.65%. Our group purchased everything from lathes to pen supplies. Purchasing with the club minimally saves you 13% and if you play your cards right, you can literally save more, in some cases 63%, as some of us did in our last order. Tool purchases usually result in 23% savings, except on sets and specialty items. All in all it has been a great deal for everyone. Remember our minimum order is \$1,000.00 for the club discount and it doesn't take much many members ordering a few items to reach the minimum. Prepare and send your order to Terry Gerros (503) 580-5013; [gerrost@yahoo.com](mailto:gerrost@yahoo.com).  
**The order will be sent in on January 18, 2010.**

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