



The Burl

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REMINDER

Dues for 2010 are \$30.00 per family and due on January 1, 2010. Please use the updated membership application form found on the website. Fill in all requested information so we can update your contact information.

The President's Chatter

What a year the Willamette Valley Woodturners had in 2009! Between the auction, sawdust sessions, demonstrations, club sponsored classes, and twelve fantastic meetings, I am confident in saying that our members really know how to take care of this club and enjoyed the products of the club's success. Our work as individuals and the time we spent for the good of the club has reflected well on us as the membership continues to grow.

To recap the auction, 87 people attended and the treasury will end with its largest ever balance. That means we should be able to continue to provide services at or above the levels of 2009. As long as we continue to contribute our time and energy to the events that run the club, we should have a great year in 2010. It is never too late to recruit another interested potential member, share a bit of news about woodturning, or attend one of our fantastic monthly meetings. Looking forward to great things in 2010.

~Keep the chips flyin'
Jon Zwemke

Past President's Chatter

As we get ready to start a new year, I want to thank the club for allowing me the privilege of being your president for the past two years. It has been a fun, busy, and rewarding time. Through the efforts of many individual club members we have grown and started a number of new services and activities. This club has many members who have pitched in when they saw a need and did what needed to be done. We have many in the club who mentor new members and who willingly take on the many tasks needed to make the club run efficiently and be a fun organization. As we start a new year I hope that each of you will look for some way that you can help our new president, Jon Zwemke, and the new board make the club even better, and that you will start the new year by helping at least one other member improve their turning skills.

As you have probably guessed, the dessert/auction was a big success. The club gained more in pounds and dollars than at any previous December meeting. Thanks to all of you who contributed to the great dessert table. And a special thanks to those who contributed the over 70 turned pieces that were auctioned and to those who purchased those pieces. The treasury should be in great shape to support the club program in 2010.

Please help the club treasurer complete the task of collecting club dues for 2010. Gary indicated that about half of the members have not paid their dues as of January 1. This is Gary's final year as treasurer and the suggestion has been made that the last three members to pay their dues will automatically be in the pool of candidates for the position of treasurer in 2011.

For those interested in using walnut oil in your finishing processes see the announcements for a source of supply.

I look forward to participating in the Willamette Valley Woodturners in 2010 and in getting back to woodturning myself, soon.

Keep the chips flying,
Walt Thies
Past President
Willamette Valley Woodturners

Minutes of the December 2009 Meeting

December 10, 2009

Due to the auction and dessert potluck there are no formal minutes for our December 2009 meeting.

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 secretary, Neva Hutchinson. In early 2008 our club secretary had to be replaced and Neva volunteered to take on the task. She was elected to the post for 2009. Shortly after our elections in November our elected club secretary accepted a new position, without hesitation Neva again volunteered to fill-in. In December it was Neva who organized and decorated for the dessert pot-luck. Neva is a busy person but always seems to have time to take on additional tasks for the club.

Neva we appreciate the time and effort that you put in and the example you set. Members like Neva, who just pitch in and quietly work in the background, make this club run smoothly. It makes being an officer fun. Neva, thank you for all you do for us.

Club Business

2010 Annual Dues

Dues for 2010 are \$30.00 per family and due on January 1, 2010. Please use the updated membership application form. 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. The form was updated this year to include ask 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. 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. Either present your membership application and dues at a meeting or send them directly to the club Treasurer, Gary McGuire. His address is on the final page of this newsletter.

Current & Upcoming Events

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)

LIBRARY

A friendly reminder to members with books and /or videos checked out from the library. Please return them at this next meeting.

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. Pick up some wood at Terry Gero's place it needs a home. Terry can be reached at 503 580-5013.

Regarding wood storage at my place....People need to come get some of the wood that is being stored here. To date not a single person has come by. There is English walnut, chinaberry, black locust and birch. First come, first choice. You are invited to come anytime M-F between 9-5pm, Saturday 9-5pm. Drive behind the clinic, take as much as you like, cherry pick, be greedy, but come and get some wood. Those of you bringing wood....Call and schedule the drop off with me before you arrive. Remember this storage is for harvested wood only. Do not under any circumstances bring wood from your wood pile and leave at my place.

Terry Gerros is currently selling turning blanks for a friend. The blocks are at wholesale price or below and consist primarily of figured walnut (both claro and english). The blocks are dried and waxed, ready to turn to the finished product. Also available are stabilized pen blanks (figured maple, speckled maple, myrtlewood, buckeye burl), bottle stoppers (buckeye burl), and spindle stock of varying sizes and types of wood. I do not make a penny on these sales. You are welcome to come see the wood and purchase on Saturdays, please call to make sure I am available.

All bowl blanks are 3" thick give or take a bit, and are both english and claro walnut, some have both types grafted together, lots of fiddleback, marbling. These blocks are cut from gunstock material. Some maple pieces are available. Will be expecting more maple, buckeye burl and myrtlewood in the future..

Pricing is as follows:

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| 4 x 4.....\$2.00 | 8 x 8.....\$8.00 |
| 5 x 5.....\$3.50 | 9 x 9.....\$10.00 |
| 6 x 6.....\$4.50 | 10 x 10..\$12.00 |
| 7 x 7.....\$6.00 | 11 x 11..\$14.00 |

I also have the following: Stabilized pen blanks...3/4 x 3/4 x 5 \$2.50 each

Bottle stoppers.....3/\$1.00

You can also get a variety of wood from Zena Timber--call Ben Deumling 503-871-5854 tell him you are a woodturner

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.

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 skews 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.

Walnut oil

At the end of January Walt Thies will be visiting a California Nut Oil processing plant and will pick up a supply of filtered (not distilled) walnut oil for those who make arrangements ahead of time. The cost is \$16 per one gallon container to be paid to Walt on or before January 22. A sign-up sheet will be available at the January meeting.

Club Member Discounts

- 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.

Next Group tool order January 18,2010

The next Craft Supply club order will be placed on Monday, January 18. Anyone interested in ordering needs to have their order to me no later than 5 PM, Sunday, January 17. As in the past, if the order doesn't reach a minimum of \$1,000.00, we will not receive the additional 13% discount and free shipping. Prepare and send your order to Terry Gerros (503) 580-5013; gerrost@yahoo.com.

Your order must be received by Terry by January 17, 2010.

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