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The President's Chatter

I nearly forgot this letter. Like a lot of you, I am busy running around and staying busy with tasks. I look over at my lathe from time to time to check on it and sometimes, when the hectic events around me have slowed, I sneak over and turn a small piece or two.

I want to share a quick story. I was successful for the first time in selling my work! The first sale was about a year ago; a pen and I was promised the money "real soon". Needless to say, I never saw any money and this more recent sale counts as my first "complete" transaction; money and all.

The officer's discussed some interesting thing at their board meeting in January. Bruce gave us a line up on the March and April demonstrators. Read about that later in the newsletter. They sound like great demos. There was also talk about creating a "Marketplace" on the website where sales flyers, announcements of events, and other email specials would be stored for members to review. The officers felt that rather than saturate your email with junk and spam, we would try to house information for you to look at when you like. I hope it works as well as we hoped.

Finally, I want to thank Neva for all of her hard work as secretary. She has been extremely loyal to the club. With Bob's recent stroke, she has continued to help the club despite the increased requirements being made on her. Thank you Neva! Having said that, I would also like to thank Don Larson for stepping in to the secretary role to relieve Neva. Don said he will fill the role for the remainder of the year and I am excited to have another set of willing hands. Please take some time to thank a club member for the work you see them doing. It is because of the willingness of everyone to pitch in, that our club does so well.

Keep those chips flying!

Jon

Minutes for our January meeting.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Jon welcomed new members and visitors. Gary McGuire gave us an excellent presentation on craft fairs, with tips on what works, what doesn't work, how best to prepare yourself, both emotionally and with product, and the do's and don'ts once you're on site.

During the evening the votes on which gavel would be used by our new President was tallied. The winning gavel was the work of Nick Stagg and beautifully turned from cocobolo (we think).

Club Business

2010 Annual Dues

Dues for 2010 are \$30.00 per family and were due on January 1, 2010. If you've yet submitted your dues for this year please use the updated membership application form found on our website. 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

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.

March 2010

(THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010)



ERIC LOFSTROM has been a woodturner since 2001. In 2006 he began monthly demonstrations and teaching woodturning classes at local woodworking stores. He is a member of the South Puget Sound chapter of the AAW. I first saw him demonstrate at a Jimmy Clewes Symposium put on by the Woodturners of Olympia. He is very conscious of the importance of tool control. "I believe it is not only important to know which techniques work but also why they work" His presentation on woodturning basics will have a lot of information for new turners and the experienced turners will also pick up some new ideas.

April 2010
(THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010)



Molly Winton was introduced to woodturning while in high school. An pottery class introduced her to the form and design which became the foundation for embellishment of her turning, be it branding, pyrography, coloring, texturing or carving. The inspiration for her design is Native American and prehistoric art.

Molly will give a hands-on workshop on April 9th from 9-4, location to be announced. The cost will be \$95.00. She will give participants an opportunity to learn pyrography (wood burning) and how to use it to decorate bowls and other turned objects. A signup sheet and materials list will be at the Feb. and March meetings.

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. 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). 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. Terry can be reached at 503 580-5013.

From Terry....People need to come get some of the wood that is being stored here. 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.

Sawdust Sessions

(Saturday Feb. 13) *Open Shop Sawdust Session (Sorry, members only)*

This will be at the shop of Bruce Stangeby 432 Stoneway Dr NW Salem. Saturday Feb.13, 9:30 until 3:00
A sawdust session is an opportunity for hands-on learning. Those who have a portable lathe are asked to bring them and an appropriate chuck. The club has one portable lathe that will be available. We expect to share the lathes so that all who want to turn will get some lathe time. Any member is welcome to come and bring tools to work with or projects that are causing you a problem. Help will be available. Normally a sawdust session will not involve a formal presentation such as we have at monthly meetings. I urge new members to come. It is a great way to meet other members and develop your turning skills.

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 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.

- Exotic wood is offering a discount of 15% off any orders placed at: www.exoticwoodsusa.com . (This includes sale items and free shipping on orders over \$300). Use promo code ewusaAAW

Next Group tool order February 15, 2010. Be sure to place your order with Terry Gerros by Sunday, February 14. Terry can be reached at 503 580-5013.

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