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Next Meeting
Thursday, May 13, 2010

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The President's Chatter

Summer must be approaching because my inbox is full of email about events and activities that are occurring. Our own club will be busy this summer, so now is the time to plan. I won't fill my entire Chatter with news updates, but I will summarize some of the notable ones. First off, if you are traveling during the following dates and will be in these locations, you might like to know about the following symposiums. I do not plan on making a special trip for any of these events, but thought that someone in the club might; so here they are.

Chula Vista, CA
Saskatoon, Canada
Honolulu, HI
Fisherville, VA

July 17
July 23-25
October 16-17
October 23-24

If you would like more information on who will be there or where it is, please email or call me and I will provide you with everything that I know about the event you are interested in. Additionally, Bruce has arranged for **Eli Avisera** to hold a class/workshop in July. He will be bringing more information to the meeting. Please contact him for details.

The Steam Up at Brooks, OR is approaching. There will be a sign up sheet at the May meeting with times and dates for you to choose from. We were well regarded last year by the visitors and the Steam Up is looking forward to having us return. Everyone is invited to sign up for a time slot and to come demonstrate what you like to work on. Further information will be provided at the meeting. Keep your eyes and ears open for news about the **STATE FAIR SIGN UPS** coming in June.

Do you remember a few months ago when our presenter talked about a product he uses to prevent beetle infestations in his wood. Dick Powell has tracked down this product and has it available for sale in one gallon containers at the May meeting. I understand 13 containers are available. It is a powder you will need to mix with water. I believe it is called **Solubor** and I think he said it will only cost 3-4 dollars. This is a limited supply it appears, so speak directly to Dick Powell if you are interested.

Finally, the café at the 50+ Center would like to extend a special to us. The night of our May meeting, they will be serving **baked potatoes with toppings** in addition to their normal fare of soups and sandwiches. If you are like me a race from work to the meeting, this is an excellent chance to get a good meal and support the center who serves as a “home”.

I am sure the meeting will be fantastic. I will finish my last little league baseball game and join you if I can. Keep turning!

Keep those chips flying!

Jon

Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events

May (Thursday, May 13, 2010)



Larry Miller is the president of Woodturners of Olympia. He is a professional turner offering woodturning classes for groups, individuals or youth. He also does custom, production woodturning spindle work to order, as well as detailed repair work on everything from spinning wheels to antique chairs and tables.

At the May meeting he will demonstrate his method of turning boxes without sanding. Larry is going to turn a Capitol Dome Box for us that will be featured in the May issue of Woodturning Design.

Go to www.woodturnerlarry.com to see more examples of Larry's work.



June (Thursday, June 10, 2010)

JIM HALL will show us the process of adding straight and spiral fluting to turned objects.

July (Thursday, July 8, 2010)

PHIL LAPP will make a presentation on turning a bowl with the lid from the core.

August (Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010)

Ed Glenn is the author of *Turning Custom Duck and Game Calls*. He is going to cover the making of segmented calls including materials, methods and finishing.

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, birch and cherry. First come, first choice. You are invited to come anytime M-F between 9-5pm, Saturday 9-5pm. The wood pile is continuing to grow so please come and take your share. Drive behind the clinic and 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:

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

I also have large blocks of figured and spalted maple now available.

Workshops / Presentations

Sawdust Sessions

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.

The May sawdust session will on making a natural edge bowl. Sawdust sessions are about exchanging ideas and making chips. Bring your tools, a natural edge piece of wood and a lathe if you have one. Wear your club name tag and bring your lunch.

The sawdust session will be on Tuesday May 18th, from 10:00 till 3:00, at Gary McGuire's shop, 17090 Hardel Ct., Woodburn. A sign up sheet and map will be available at the club meeting.

Allan Batty will be at Nick Stagg's shop for a three day class May 17th, 18th, and 19th. Come and learn from one of the few remaining turners who's a Time Served Apprentice and a second generation turner. The class will be structured a little differently this time, with everyone working on a specific project each day, for example: boxes one day, platters the next, and bowls the last day. With this approach the class has a common goal of everyone doing the same thing..... that way we can all learn from each other. You are encouraged to bring your own tools so you can learn to free hand sharpen from one of the Masters of Woodturning. The cost is \$300, from 8:30 until 4:00 each day. The class size is limited to 6. Contact Nick Stagg.



Eli Avisera will present a two day workshop on July 22 and 23. If you are not familiar with his exquisite work please look around his web sight. www.avisera.co.il/

Eli Avisera, born in 1960, grew up, studied and lives in Jerusalem. Between the years 1973-1977 Eli studied at the school of wood art in Jerusalem. Since then Eli has been a professional woodworker and an international woodturning demonstrator and teacher. Eli was invited to many countries to show his unique variety of techniques.

The Woodturners of Vancouver BC are presenting the West Coast Roundup wood turning Symposium for 2010 titled "Creativity in Woodturning" from September 10 – 12, 2010. For more information and a list of demonstrators go to www.gvwg.ca .

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

From Terry Gerros: The Craft Supply order did not reach the minimum last month. I am more than happy to attempt to place another order in March. If you would like to order some supplies, please have your order in to me by Sunday (March 14) 5 pm. We are very close to filling the order so I would like to close this one out. Email your order to gerrost@yahoo.com

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

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