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Thursday, October 14, 2010

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## Chip Chatter

We are finally getting a little cool weather, the excuse many of us use for staying inside and devoting time to our neglected wood lathes. I encourage you to take this opportunity to turn some master pieces to donate for the year end auction. The auction will be on held during our regular meeting on December 9th. This auction is our major fund raiser for the year and provides the money needed to maintain our club programs.

The slate of officers for 2011, developed by the nominating committee and endorsed by the club board, will be presented to the club at the October meeting. Final elections will be held during the November meeting. The club thanks the nominating committee of Walt Thies and Nick Stagg for their efforts.

A member may only be elected to an office for two consecutive terms. This forced turnover of officers has served the club well by ensuring a constant supply of new ideas. We are fortunate to have many well qualified members from which to select as officers. In addition to the slate proposed by the board, nominations will be accepted from the floor. Any club member in good standing may be nominated.

The following board-approved slate will be presented to the club at the October meeting:

President – Bruce Stangeby for a second term

Vice President – Terry Gerros

Secretary – Rick Lyle

Treasurer – Elling Hoem

Board Position 1 – Jerry Lelack for a second term

Board Position 2 – Bob Hutchinson

The club will be offering a basic cuts class for less experienced turners in early November, to be followed by a practical application class two weeks later. This will be a great opportunity for our new members (or longtime members) to hone their basic skills. These classes will be taught by Nick Stagg and Walt Thies. Details will be found further down in the BURL.

Over the years a number of free classes have been given by our club. The classes have been aimed toward beginning level turning and tool sharpening skills. These classes were put on by club members with the shop space and wood turning skills at no charge to the club. If a member wished to attend such a class, all they needed to do was sign up, bring their tools, and show up.

What has been happening for some time now is no-shows. People sign up for a spot in a class, effectively blocking others who didn't sign up as early, and then don't show. The set up, in material, equipment and assistance from other members, is wasted. A change was needed to ensure a commitment from those wishing to attend a class AND cover the actual costs of putting on a class.

The board of directors has decided that in order to help cover the costs of putting on the classes, and to cut down on no-shows at the classes, we will charge \$20.00 per family for each class. There will only be one \$20.00 charge for a family. Kids must be accompanied by a parent at any turning session. This is a non-refundable but transferable charge to that member. If circumstances later preclude a paid member from attending the class, they are free to sell or transfer their reserved spot in the class to another member. The names of any members on a vacancy waiting list for that class will be provided upon request. The board also voted to approve a set reimbursement fee, payable by the club to Nick, for the use of his shop.

It is our hope that these changes will lead to committed attendance in classes, an increase in the number of classes offered, and expanded class topics to cover all ranges of wood turning skills.

Keep the wood turning and the chips flying.

Bruce Stangeby, President

## Club Business

### Current & Upcoming Events



**October** (Thursday, Oct 14, 2010) Eric Loftstrom will be returning for our club meeting. He will be demonstrating the making of an End grain Vase which will include gilding techniques. He will also be doing a two day hands on workshop Friday and Saturday following the meeting. Additional information provided in the WORKSHOP section.

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**November** (Thursday, Nov 11, 2010)

Here is a brief bio that was provided to us by November's demonstrator, Dean Jordan:

I have been turning off and on since my grandfather, a myrtle wood turner, taught me the basics when I was 11 yrs old. I have been turning seriously for about 12 yrs now. Ten years ago I was one of the founders of the Beaver State Woodturners.

I sell my turnings in several galleries on the Oregon coast. I usually focus on large hollow form turning after spending 2 weeks with the late Frank Sudol in Saskatchewan.

I have tried to take my basic woodturning skills to the next level with carving, piercing, color and work off the lathe. I still do a lot of functional work with basic forms, but I have been doing more sculpture type of work.

I feel that woodturning is an opportunity to bring beauty and form out of wood. Some wood speaks for itself and some cries out for embellishment.

## 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.

Jerry Lelack is still hoping for donations of mini-lathe size rounds, oblongs, or squares of any type of wood that will be used as gifts to new members – some way to get them started in the world of wood turning.

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From Terry Gerros: Currently there is no club wood available, need I say more.

On another note, somehow I have managed to accumulate a number of turning blanks for sale for several people. Oh wait, I brought this on myself.....what started out selling blanks for buddy who is a disabled vet, has spiraled into.....well, a lot of fun. So listed below is what I have available. The blocks are close to wholesale price or below and consist primarily of figured walnut (both claro and English), ambrosia maple, persimmon, mimosa, black locust, myrtlewood, figured maple, maple burl, figured myrtlewood. Most of the blocks are dried and waxed, ready to turn to the finished product. Some of the blocks are green, but waxed. Also available are stabilized pen blanks (figured maple, speckled maple, myrtle wood, buckeye burl), bottle stoppers (buckeye burl), and spindle stock of varying sizes and types of wood. You are welcome to come see

the wood and purchase on Saturdays or at my discretion, please call to make sure I am available. I try to make it convenient for everyone, especially those who want to talk woodturning for a bit. My cell number is 503-580-5013.

All the walnut 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.

Pricing for the walnut 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

The other blanks have the price marked on them. So if you are looking for some killer blanks, give me a call.

### ***Workshops / Presentations***



#### Eric Loftstrom (our presenter for October)

Eric will be giving a hands-on workshop covering triple-axis turning and turning a translucent bowl. The date is October 15th and 16th at Nick Staggs shop from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The cost is \$195.00

Triple-Axis Turning:

This class is designed for turners who want to explore the interaction of multiple curves within a single sculptural piece. In addition to reviewing spindle turning techniques, you will learn concepts of multi-axis turning, sharpening methods to obtain a razor sharp tool edge, and how to produce a clean cut. Time will also be spent experimenting with several techniques of color application to enhance each piece. You will take home numerous samples created during the class to inspire you once you're back in your own shop!

Translucent Bowls:

This hands-on class is designed to equip you with techniques needed to turn ultra-thin, translucent bowls. In addition to reviewing bowl turning techniques, the main focus is tool control techniques used to finesse bowl forms into glowing works of art. Using only basic tools, we will explore many exercises designed to fine-tune your turning skills. The experience of turning several ultra-thin bowls in one day using wet wood will take your bowl turning to a new level. Once you've challenged yourself to turn translucent pieces, any wall thicknesses become easier!

## **Willamette Valley Woodturners Beginners Class**

**When:** November 6th and 7th **Times:** 9:00 am for a three hour class

**Where:** Nick Stagg's Shop

**Cost:** \$20

Bring a drink, chair if needed, eye protection and your tools. The classes will be three hours long and, depending on the number that sign up, we can run all day Saturday and Sunday in three hour increments. The lathes and all practice wood will be furnished.

Classes will include how to make all the basic cuts in woodturning. We won't be making any projects, that comes later. First of all we want to learn how to round up a piece of wood between centers, followed by bead practice, coves, tenons, cones, flats, pommel cuts, ogees, and spheres.

This class will emphasize safety, body stance, tool presentation, wood holding methods and cutting techniques. Once you know how to make these cuts they can be applied to any type of turning application. With the basics mastered through practice, there's no limit to your capabilities. Our intent is for you to be able to take what you learn and go home and practice and at a later date come back and we'll make projects. If you're a new turner, or just want to refresh your skills, this class is for you!

### **Tools Required:**

Spindle roughing gouge

3/8" spindle gouge

3/8" bowl gouge

Skew chisel

If you don't have the tools, don't let that prevent you from attending, the club has some tools you may use.

Sign up and collection of the \$20 fee will be handled during this month's meeting.

For questions please contact **Nick Stagg 503 871-1128** or by email at [ukstagg@dishmail.net](mailto:ukstagg@dishmail.net)

### ***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.

### **Club Member Discounts**

From Terry Gerros: Club orders will be going out on **October 17th**. If our order equals or exceeds \$1,000, Craft Supply gives us a 13% discount plus free shipping. If you order from the sales items, you will receive the club discount in addition to the sale discount, making many items available at very attractive prices.

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).

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

## Minutes of the September 9, 2010 Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Bruce Stangeby. The members then stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

There were 38 members present along with 5 new members and five visitors. The new members are:

Ron Smucal from Mt. Angel  
Ralph Rogers from Sheridan  
Jeff Wimer from Albany  
Martin Powell from Salem  
Don Roberts from Salem

We also had five visitors who are contemplating joining:

Bob Stevens from Arlington, Washington  
Noel Rea from Mt. Angel  
Vard Holland from Salem  
Ben Sudul from Estacada  
Eugene House from Keizer

Bruce asked the new members and visitors to stand and introduce themselves and they did and all were welcomed.

Bruce also advised that Bob Hutchinson did an outstanding job with the demonstrations at the State Fair. There were a number of members that volunteered their time at the Fair and all are to be commended for their effort. Bob Hutchinson should be given very high marks for his outstanding effort of coordinating this event. Most of our new members and visitors found out about our club from the demonstration at the fair. BOB, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR EFFORT!

Nick Stagg introduced Steve Newberry, who gave a presentation on Multi and Concentric Woodturning. Steve has seventeen years of turning experience and also gave a demonstration several years ago to our association. Steve brought a number of examples of his work that were passed around for the members to see. The pieces he passed around were unique and had three, four, or five angles or centers. Steve then turned a piece that was a twisted, triangular form with three centers. He concluded his demonstration at 8:30 PM and the members were impressed with his skill and techniques. Over all, his presentation was well received and members enjoyed his demonstration.

Tonight our members brought a number of pieces for the Instant Gallery. Terry Gerrost presented the pieces with an explanation of each and described the skill used to develop them. The pieces showed that our Association has some very gifted turners who are very artistic with their work. All members are encouraged to share their work and show others their efforts.

After this presentation Bruce announced a two day seminar that will be held in October on the Friday and Saturday after our October meeting. The seminar instructor will be Eric Molstrom who will give a one day seminar on three-axis turning, and a one day seminar on translucent (thin) bowl turning. The cost of the seminars is \$195 dollars. Eric is a well known and respected turner, and a very good instructor. All members are encouraged to attend these seminars to further expand their level of expertise. Even if you are an experienced turner you can always learn something new. See Bruce for further details.

Just a reminder, Terry Gerros puts in our orders for the Woodturners catalog on a monthly basis. If we order a total of \$1000 we get a 13% discount and free shipping. This is a very good opportunity to get needed tools and equipment at a very good discount. Please place your orders to Terry via email. Also,

this is a somewhat time consuming job that Terry does for our members every month and a special thank you goes to him from all of us for his tireless efforts on our behalf!

Our next meeting is as always the second Thursday of each month.

Presented by Rick Lyle, Acting Secretary

## Minutes of September Board Meeting

A board meeting was held on Sept 29, 2010 at the home of Bruce Stangeby. Present were Bruce Stangeby, Walt Thies, Todd Yunker, Bob Thompson, Dave Hanselman, Jerry Lelack, Nick Stagg, and Terry Gerros.

The board voted on and approved a slate of officers for 2011 (names and positions are in the Chip Chatter section above).

Discussion was held on basic classes and it was decided to charge \$20.00 for the classes to recoup costs and cut down on no shows. The board also voted to approve a set reimbursement fee, payable by the club to Nick, for the use of his shop.

It was decided the club would not participate in the Portland woodworkers show because of the cost (\$250.00 last year) for electrical hook up.

It was also decided that we would assemble and give a new member packet.

A discussion was held on the value of critiquing items on the show and tell table. There have been some requests to have a critique available for members work. Although no particular solution was identified, our current thought is to have a space available in the back of the room for those wishing to have their turnings critiqued. We need to identify those up for the task, with the goal being to offer suggestions on form, style, use of materials, amongst others. The show and tell table will strictly be for all members to display their works and discuss with others techniques, etc. No specific time will be allotted during the meeting for this. Discussions and advice should occur before and after the meeting and during breaks.

## Club Announcement

Gordon Little has been a loyal member of WVV for many years. Gordon died on March 30 2010 of either a stroke or heart problems. I had forgotten about Gordon and had lost contact with his niece. I have finally been in contact again and have found out some interesting facts about him. Gordon was never married. He lived alone and worked for OSU as a radiation inspector. I have not seen any woodturning work that he has done, but I am trying to get several pieces to display at our next meeting as a gesture to Gordon. He also has three tons of Wood that has been given to the clubs for the wood raffles. There will be many tools and equipment for sale. I am trying to get an inventory of all of this, and will have it available hopefully by our Nov. meeting. One of the pieces of equipment is a metal lathe, a Grizzly G 4000, 9X19.

Submitted by J.J. Jones

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Executive Board

President	Bruce Stangeby
Vice President	Nick Stagg
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Board Member	Myron Yancey

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Newsletter Editor	Bob Thompson
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Wood Gathering	Jerry Lelack

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