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Chip Chatter

The start of a New Year gives us the opportunity to look back on the year just past. In addition to 11 turning demonstrations during club meetings, club members had the opportunity to take classes from some world-class turners.

In April, Molly Winton held a workshop on wood burning and branding. In July we were fortunate to have Israeli turner Eli Avisara lead a two day workshop on many different aspects of turning. In October Eric Lofstrom led a two day workshop featuring triple axis turning and the making of translucent bowls. All of the workshops were well attended, well done, and enthusiastically received.

Our Vice President, Terry Gerros, has some great demonstrators lined up for this year. He also has a great idea for integrating the information gained from workshops with sawdust sessions that will multiply the knowledge of the workshops throughout the membership of the club. Please see a further explanation from Terry further down in the BURL.

To further our mission of promoting wider community interest in woodturning the club participated in two public demonstrations of woodturning. In early August we staffed a woodturning demonstration booth for two days at the Steam-up event sponsored by the Powerland museum in Brooks. In late August the club staffed a demonstration booth for six days at the State Fair. By all accounts both demonstration events were successful and well received by the public.

Our final activity for the year was primarily a social meeting and dessert auction. The auction portion of the evening gathered money to support the club's activities. There were a lot of nice pieces donated to the auction. Dave Colsen was our auctioneer, assisted by Nick Stagg; he kept the crowd entertained and the bidding moving at a brisk pace.

Everything that the club accomplished was a result of the volunteers who stepped forward to make it happen. Participation is key to having a successful club, one that provides the activities desired by the members. In

every activity there were a few who led but many who helped. Each of us can expect to take from the club only a little more than we contribute. The successes we had this year were a direct result of members getting involved. Thanks to all who stepped forward and gave a hand.

The new board will meet after the January club meeting to map out a plan for the year. You can influence particular club activities, the selection of demonstrators, and subjects covered by sawdust sessions by indicating preferences on your membership application form or by directly contacting one or more of the officers or board members. Participate in club activities, and make things happen.

Keep the chips flying,

Bruce Stangeby, President

From the VP's prospective,

I just about have the demonstration program lined out for the year, and I believe it is going to be a great year of demonstrations, workshops and sawdust sessions. What I am currently planning is 4, 2 day workshops and several all day demonstrations, especially for those not interested in participating in the workshops. Sawdust sessions are going to be held either the weekend of our normal meeting or the following weekend. I am suggesting the theme for each sawdust session be based upon the demonstration or workshop. My plan is to incorporate all three so we gain the most knowledge and improve our turning skills. As an example: In April, Dave Schweitzer will be here for the club demo, Friday all day demonstration, and 2 day weekend workshop.

The club demo will be either a program titled All About Bowls or Hollow Forms with Fluting and Finials.

The following Friday, Dave will do an all day demo on small platters with a crescent, finials, hollow forms and fluting. That weekend the workshop will cover both faceplate and spindle work, much like the Friday demo, except this is hands on. What I propose for the following weekend or two (depending on your participation), is those attending the workshop put on the sawdust session based on what we learned. This way those taking the workshop will get to practice what we learned and hopefully teach those unable to attend.

Naturally those who attended the Friday demo will be given first choice for the sawdust session, hence it may be that we offer more sessions so everyone gets a chance to practice what we observed at the club demo.

Make sense? Anyway, it seems like a great idea and will be a lot of work, especially those willing to take the workshop, then offer to teach (as best we can) what was learned...it reinforces info for everyone.

Here is what is in place so far:

- March: Reed Grey.....Bowl turned from a cube on the bias. The following Saturday, Sawdust session on bowl coring with the McNaughton, Oneway and Woodcut systems.
- April: Dave Schweitzer, read above.
- May: Vernon Leibrant, TBD, the following Friday, all day demonstration on large bowls
- June: Darren Wellington, Clam shell boxes, followed on Saturday with Sawdust session on Clam shell boxes.
- July: Eric Lofstrom...Yes, I have asked Eric to come back again, he is a great demonstrator and teacher.
- August: Open
- September: Dale Larson, TBD
- October: Keith Gotschall, TBD, Friday all day demo and then 2 day workshop. Sawdust session the next weekend or two based on the workshop/all day demo.
- November: Open
- December: Christmas Party/Auction

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January: Nick Cook, TBD, Friday all day demo and then 2 day workshop.

February: Open...Maybe Graeme Priddle from New Zealand, still sorting this out.

If you don't know who some of these people are, please do an internet search. Most have websites which are pretty darn impressive.

Terry

2011 Annual Dues

Many thanks to those of you who have already paid your 2011 dues. However, I need to remind everyone else that your 2011 dues (\$30 per family) were due on January 1, 2011. For those who have not "gotten around" to sending in their dues, please do so immediately...if not sooner. The dues we each pay help the club organize the activities, pay for the meeting room, and provide for the interesting presenters we have throughout the coming year. Without a good idea of a budget, and knowing how many members we have, it is difficult to plan. Please do your part, use the 2011 updated membership application form which is attached to the BURL, and send in your dues TODAY. The updated 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 renewal application (last page of this newsletter) and send it with your \$30 check made out to **Willamette Valley Woodturners** to: Elling Hoem, WVW Treasurer, 3308 Hidden Valley Dr NW, Salem, OR 97304-2323. I am asking everyone who is not current to take care of this now. Your being current allows us to get the picture roster completed and printed in a timely and accurate manner, as well as to get the name tags printed so they can be distributed at the January meeting. Thank you for your cooperation and your support. I hope that you and your families all had a very wonderful holiday season. We should all be looking forward to another successful year in the club and I look forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming meetings. Thank you.

Elling Hoem
WVW Treasurer

It's Gavel Making Time

The January meeting is Gavel time. It's a little different from last year, as John Zwemke served as President for a portion of the year and Bruce Stangeby served the remainder.

John deserves a gavel as a memento so we should have our usual competition and let him pick if he wants the one he got last January, which Bruce has now, or chose from this year's entries.

So get busy, sharpen your tools and start your lathes. I hope to see a big entry at the January meeting. There's no excuse not making one as I'm including a link to a tutorial, courtesy of Turned Treasures, on all you'll need to complete one!

http://www.turnedtreasures.com/project.html/gavel_turning/gavel.html

Nick

Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events

January Demonstration (Thursday, January 13, 2011)

Nick Stagg will show us how he uses different bevel angles on his bowl gouge to complete the insides of bowls. Several different angles will be demonstrated, along with the reasons for their application. Once learned the technique will dispense with use of scrapers and torn end grain. If there's time, he'll also explain how to turn the inside of a natural edged bowl.

February Demonstration (Thursday, February 10, 2011)

Walt Thies will show us how to take a log from a tree, to the lathe, and to a finished bowl. This will be primarily a slide show featuring the log in various stages of preparation: Showing where to cut, removing the pith, maximizing the use of the wood, marking the blanks to be cut, band-sawing, and rough turning and sealing. All you'll need to make your own wood! If you have problems doing this, don't miss the meeting.

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 Gerros: I have managed to accumulate a number of turning blanks for sale from several people. Oh wait, I brought this on myself.....what started out selling blanks for a 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, myrtle wood, figured maple, maple burl, and figured myrtle wood. Most of the blocks are dried and waxed, ready to turn to a 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 fiddle back, 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

None scheduled through February at this time.

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: Club orders will be going out on **January 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 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).

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

Gilmer Wood now offers our club a 10% discount on purchases made there. If you haven't been to Gilmer's, it is well worth the trip to Portland, if only to make your mouth water and make you cry if you leave empty handed.

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