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Next Meeting  
Thursday, June 9, 2011

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## Chip Chatter

I am especially looking forward to this month's meeting. Our demonstrator will be our own Darren Wellington. He is going to show us how to make clam shell boxes during his demonstration and will conduct a sawdust session on Saturday to give everyone a chance to make their own. I have never made a clam shell box and am looking forward to doing so.

The club will soon engage in one of our public education events. We will staff a demonstration booth at the Steam-up (Powerland Museum at Brooks, OR) July 30-31, entrance and parking at the venue are free. The demonstrations present a number of opportunities. Not only do we provide an education opportunity to the community but at the same time we provide members with a chance to share turning time and learn from other club members. Some have been heard to say that "I don't know enough about turning to demonstrate to others", but to someone who has not turned before, even those with little experience, have something to share. If you have considered joining us for the demonstrations but find yourself holding back, consider talking to one of the members who has done it before. They will probably tell you that not only did they learn something themselves and gain experience turning, but that it was a lot of fun. A sign-up sheet will be available at the June and July meetings.

The club has continued its internal education program with classes held by Nick Stagg. On May 29th Nick held a class on basic cuts. Feedback has been uniformly complimentary on both content and delivery. Thanks to Nick for providing a great service to the membership. Additional classes will be provided as members ask for them. We will have an interest sign-up sheet for a class on sharpening and a class on turning bowls at the next meeting or you can send a message to Bruce at any time.

Last month we tried out a change in the format of the wood raffle. The feedback that I have had was positive and we will continue this format. I would like to try something else new at the June meeting. One of the best ways to improve the quality of your turnings is to stop making the same mistakes. The problem is that I often don't recognize my own mistakes. In that vein I would like to start a critique corner of the show and tell table. Anyone that would like to have a piece critiqued place it in that area and after the wood raffle, as time permits,

we can have a gathering of anyone who would like to make a constructive comment on any of the pieces with the owner of the piece.

Keep the chips flying

Bruce Stangeby, President

## Club Business

### Current & Upcoming Events

#### June Demonstration (Thursday, June 9, 2011)



We are fortunate to have our own Darren Wellington as a demonstrator. I wish I had more information to tell you about Darren's life story, but the only website I found attached to his name was a guy in Colorado at Wellington Woodworks who makes vases, pens, and bottle stoppers. I don't believe this is our Darren. I bought 3 of Darren's clamshell boxes at our Christmas auction in 2010. Personally, I was very impressed with his turnings and his finish work. Darren has agreed to do a demonstration on clam shell boxes.

#### July Demonstration (Thursday, July 14, 2011)



*There is nothing more powerful than being inspired by an idea and having the confidence to create that one-of-a-kind piece on the lathe...this is what woodturning is all about!- E.Lofstrom*

Once again we will have the pleasure of Eric Lofstrom as our demonstrator.

Thursday night's demo- "Square-Winged Bowl" During this demonstration, I will create a bowl with an outward flowing square rim. Created from a square-corner blank with basic turning tools, this project will showcase the bowl gouge, finishing scrapers, and several methods of mounting a facegrain blank to the lathe for turning. I will emphasize tool control and creating a flowing form, while aiming for the cleanest cuts possible from my tools. The square-winged bowl demonstration is sure to tease your mind and set your imagination flying!

Friday's all-day demo- "Spindle and Facegrain Technique Building Treasures" (spinning top, egg, sphere, natural edge bowl, and square-winged box). This all-day demonstration will showcase several projects, ranging from very simple to advanced turning and embellishing techniques. The morning will focus on showing fundamental spindle turning techniques I use to turn spinning tops and eggs. I will complete the morning session by demonstrating the turning and chucking methods I use to create wooden spheres. After lunch, I will turn a face grain bowl with a natural edge, then complete the day with turning a square-winged box and showing how to highlight a project with guilding. All projects will focus on tool control, form, and exploring embellishments. The day's tuning will showcase several tools; skew, spindle roughing gouge, parting tool, bowl gouges, scrapers, chucks, etc. All skills and projects turned during this day's demo are worth adding to every turner's toolbox of techniques!

Saturday/Sunday's hands-on-workshop "Spindle and End Grain Techniques + Embellishing with Metal Leaf" (tops, eggs, end grain bowls, and boxes). This hands-on class is designed to equip you with basic skills to create small turned treasures using small spindle and end grain pieces of wood. In addition to learning basic end grain turning techniques, we will explore embellishing techniques to create truly unique artistic pieces. Using basic turning tools, the first day will be devoted to turning "Technique Building Treasures" such as spinning tops and eggs, and small end grain bowls. Emphasis will be on tool control, form, and simple embellishments. On the second day, we will focus on turning end grain boxes and explore basic guilding techniques. Students will take home several samples created during the class for inspiration once back in their own shop.

Please bring the following tools: (note- I will bring a selection of tools which you are free to use if you do not already own a tool listed below) *\*optional tools*

- Bowl Gouge- Fingernail Grind (1/2" dia. shank)
- Spindle Gouge- Fingernail Grind (1/2" dia. Shank)
- Skew (med./lg.)
- Radiused-Edge Scraper- approx. 1/4" thick x 3/4" wide
- Parting Tool
- Multi-Spur or Safety Drive Center (3/8 or 7/8" Steb-Center or equivalent)
- 4-Jaw Chuck- 1" dia. x 8tpi spindle size
- Faceshield (and other appropriate safety gear)
- \*Spindle Roughing Gouge (approx. 3/4")

Sign-up sheets will be available at the June meeting for the Friday demo and the weekend hands on workshop.

## 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.

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**WOODWORKING TOOLS FOR SALE**

1. Sawstop Table Saw, Industrial model, 52" fence system, side table, 5hp, comes with new regular cartridge, new dado cartridge, new dado throat plate, mobile base, USED NO MORE THAN 30

MINUTES - NOT EVEN BROKEN IN YET!! \$4700 or may trade for "late" model powermatic or vicmarc lathe.

2. Grizzly 8x75 Joints with mobile base AND SPIRAL CUTTER HEAD, USED NO MORE THAN 2-3 HOURS, the cutter heads have four cutting sides, have only been used in the factory setting \$800
3. Jet Shaper, comes with mobile base and 1/4" and 1/2" collets for router bits, used two times for a total of about 30 minutes total use \$500
4. Carverwright Carving Machine, model from about 4 years ago, has some accessories and bit set, used for about 2-3 hours, priced to sell at \$800
5. Leigh Dovetail Jig, model D4, with dust collector, used two times, \$250
6. Leigh Mortis and Tennon Jig, with all sizes sold, with brand new Porter Cable router, BRAND NEW AND NEVER USED \$1200

Serious inquiries only contact: Rick Lyle 503-428-2703

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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.

### **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 **June 13**. 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
- 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.
- North Wood Figured Wood can be viewed at North Woods Figured Wood Here's our website [www.nwfiguredwoods.com](http://www.nwfiguredwoods.com) . Please take a look! We're happy to offer you our courtesy 15% discount. Anyone from our club can simply type in "WOODTURNERS" at check out to receive the sale price. No minimum purchase. We've got beautiful Big Leaf Maple, Black Locust, Madronne, White Oak, Ash, Elm and Yew.....turning blanks, slabs, burls and lumber.

## WILLAMETTE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF THE May 12, 2011 MEETING

On May 12, 2011, at 6:30 PM, the meeting was called to order by President Bruce Stangeby. The Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag was repeated by all 63 members and visitors. After the pledge new member Josh Navarette and visitor Joe Marion were greeted and welcomed to the meeting.

At this time President Stangeby made general announcements and VP Gerros spoke about our monthly order to Craft Supply. President Stangeby then introduced Vernon Leibrant who is from Washington State and who was our demonstrator for the evening.

The topic of Vern's demonstration and discussion was on "Turning Bowls From Green Wood." Vern explained that he is a self-taught wood turner and has developed his own turning techniques that may be different from normal techniques. Vern also stated that he fabricates his own tools and then demonstrated how each of his particular tools worked for him.

Vern explained that his technique employs low rpm speed and he showed his method of attaching wood to face plates using lag bolts. Vern said he uses 1/2" lag bolts and said he grinds his gouges to about 45 degrees. Vern also said that instead of hollowing his bowls from the center to the outside he hollows from the outside to the center. Vern recognized that his methods are unorthodox but they work for him.

Vern also said another method he uses is to turn some of the inside and then some of the outside and then go back and start over. Vern also uses a converted hand grinder to sand both the inside and outside of his bowls. Vern's has evolved to become a production turner, developing methods that reduce the time it takes for him to turn out a product as quickly as he can. He said he spent years developing his method of turning bowls from green wood and his methods work for him and he does produce high quality turnings. All present enjoyed his style of turning and enjoyed the presentation.

(NOTE: WVWA does not recommend any method not consistent with normal practices recognized in the wood turning field)

At 7:30 PM we took a break and upon returning the wood raffle was held and the meeting ended.

Presented by:  
Rick Lyle, Secretary

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