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Chip Chatter

I don't know about you but I am getting a little tired of the rain. I live in West Salem and when I go into town I have a good look at the Willamette River and Minto Brown Park on the other side. The river is very high and the park looks like it is under water for the second time this year. I am ready for some dry weather and a little sun.

There are a number of conferences and seminars coming up in the next few months. The Utah Woodturning Symposium will be held May 17 - 19th in Orem Utah.

The upcoming 26th Annual AAW symposium, will be held in San Jose, California Friday June 08 through Sunday June 10, 2012, at the San Jose Convention & Cultural Facilities. The Olympia WA club will be hosting the Olympia Symposium July 28th that will feature David Ellsworth. Closer to home Terry has some great world class turners coming to the club. In May we will have Soren Berger from New Zealand. June will bring Doug Fisher, August is Jimmy Clewes, and October will be Stuart Batty. While not available for the club demo we will also have Stuart Mortimer for a workshop.

I am proposing a small change to the bylaws that will be voted on at the April meeting. All of the elected positions now are limited to two years. The bank makes it difficult to change signature authority on the clubs checking account and it makes changing treasurers every two years problematic. I would like to change the bylaws to eliminate the two year term limit on the position of treasurer.

Ron Fox has made some great changes to our website, with more to come (see article below). If you haven't logged on to <http://www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com/> for some time, go and check it out. If you have any suggestions please tell Ron or one of the club officers.

If you haven't picked up your 2012 name tag or the new roster, they will be available at the meeting.

Keep the chips flying

Bruce Stangeby, President

Member of the Month



Bob Quadros

On an irregular basis our club recognizes a Member of the Month. We reserve this for those times when someone has gone above and beyond the call of duty for the club. Along with the recognition comes a gift certificate to one of our suppliers. This club is run by volunteers and many serve silently just to make the organization run. With a large active group there is much to be done.

For March we are recognizing the efforts of Bob Quadros. This may be the only known picture of Bob actually turning some wood. While I may kid Bob about his lack of shop time, there has never been any question of Bob's loyalty to the club or his willingness to do the necessary behind the scenes work to make the club function; besides which he really is a good turner. For seven years he has been the steward of the supplies that the club buys and resells to members at cost. Bob has handled buying the supplies in bulk and then bringing manageable quantities to our meetings for the convenience of the members. Bob gets our Anchor seal in a 55 gal drum and pumps it into gallon containers. He has the anchor seal and other supplies available at his house and members can purchase them between meetings. Bob has also stored the club's bulk picnic supplies and the club's collection of tables which he transports to our functions. Members working behind the scenes help make this the outstanding club that it is. Thank you Bob for all you do for the club.

Web Page News

Hello Members,

If you have been to the Willamette Valley Woodturners website (<http://willamettevalleywoodturners.com/>) lately you've probably seen a few changes taking place. This is just the beginning of a complete overhaul for the site. So far I've been able to institute dynamic pages using a database of members' profiles. This basic change will allow me to implement security protocols on the website. After this protocol is developed club members will have access to "Members Only" pages where pictures of current or previous works can be uploaded to the site for all the members to enjoy. This is the basic change that the Board Members wanted to see and I will be able to implement it on our new website that is set up in the format I know best; ASP. NET. Visually, the pages have been changed to add more pictures and to simplify the menu across the top of the page instead of down the side of the page. I have also added the mugs of our officers on the contact page so everyone can see what they look like and be able to email them directly.

You can also check out the updated Library page under the "Membership Perks" tab. There is a list of library books and videos. If you have a book or video checked out please return it so that Jerry Lelack and Dave Goetz can keep this page up to date.

Keep checking the website because some other exciting things are coming down the pike. Terry Gerros is most excited about the “Group Purchase” page where members will be able to enter in their requested purchase. Terry will go there once and cut and paste the order to Craft Supplies USA. It will make his job much easier.

So far, the website is looking good and it will be much easier to maintain and navigate. If you have any changes you would like to see made just email me and I’ll see what I can do to implement them. And if you have a few favorite pictures of your work you want to see on the “Gallery” page slideshow of the website, send it to webmaster@foxinnovations.net. I’ll get it in as soon as I can.

It has been great to get the feedback from members about the website and I have enjoyed organizing and updating it. I hope the club will enjoy it for many years to come.

Thanks,
Ronald Fox

Information from your Treasurer:

INSURANCE: now here is a subject no one wants to talk about, but everyone want to know AFTER the “incident/accident”, “was he... was she... was it... covered?”

Whether it is life insurance, car insurance, property or liability insurance, the most important aspect is to know what you need and what your coverage is BEFORE you need it. Everyone knows, you can’t get fire insurance after the barn is on fire. So in that light, there are several matters that need to be discussed as they relate to you as a turner and member of the Willamette Valley Woodturners.

First, let’s talk about liability insurance. Our club is an AAW (American Association of Woodturners) chapter. The AAW published an article entitled “AAW’s Liability Insurance” in which it states, “*each chapter and each AAW member is covered (liability insurance only) as an insured, so long as he or she is performing chapter approved activities. AAW members are not covered for private activities. Note that chapter members (WVW members) who are NOT AAW members, are neither covered or protected by the (AAW liability) policy.*” If you are not an AAW member, but do actively participate in club sponsored activities, such as sawdust sessions, master classes, wood gathering, etc., you should really consider becoming an AAW member. Go to the AAW website <https://www.woodturner.org/> to find out more about the advantages of AAW membership.

Second, be sure to check with your own homeowner’s insurance agent about both liability insurance coverage and property insurance coverage relating to your shop, equipment, and inventory, because your homeowner’s insurance policy may NOT cover your “woodturning stuff” if you “sell” anything you create/make/turn. Even if you sell “only a few hundred dollars worth” each year you may be at risk of not being covered for losses. So check with your agent, tell him what you do, how much you sell, and what your future plans for selling your creations are. Do it now, stop reading this and make the call now, before that “little fire” or “break-in”. Again the AAW web site has some good general information on this subject as well as a source for getting appropriate coverage, should you need it. If you don’t sell anything you make, you probably don’t have an issue. It is, after all, just a hobby. But, asking the questions is free, ignoring them is no excuse.

Anyway, that’s the way I see it. Good luck. If you find out anything different, please let me know.

Elling Hoem
WVW Treasurer

Northwest Woodturners schedule:

April 5th meeting demonstrator: Dale Larson ... spheres

May 3rd meeting demonstrator: Sorin Berger

Classes: Hands-On Workshop Friday, May 4th cost: \$125/day and Sunday May 6th: cost \$125/day

All day demo Saturday May 5th cost: \$35

For more information go to: <http://www.northwestwoodturners.com>

Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events



April Demo: Our April demonstrator will be Terry Gerros, your friendly, neighborhood veterinarian. Stolen from the October workshop with Keith Gotschall, Terry will attempt to produce the mystery salt shaker Keith taught at that workshop. This project is fairly simple to do, hence the reason for demonstrating it, but it gives you the opportunity to practice many different cuts and the chance to use and learn a variety of tools. A fun project for both the novice and seasoned turner.



May Demo: Our May demonstrator is Soren Berger, who lives in New Zealand and has been a woodturning artist for 33 years. Not only will Soren be here for the evening demo, but he will also be putting on an all day demo the Friday after our meeting, but also a 2 day workshop.

He is very well known throughout the world as a teacher, demonstrator and exhibitor, with his art pieces featured in many journals, publications and books. Each year Sören is invited to America to demonstrate woodturning at big national symposiums, top art and craft schools and woodturning clubs.

In 33 years of full time studio woodturning, traveling and teaching Sören has come to see that woodturners are experiencing a rediscovery of a very ancient art. The experience that Sören Berger has gained in his travels throughout the USA, Sweden and NZ over the last 17 years has given him a clearer understanding of many of the common problems people encounter while learning to turn.

Modern woodturning has some new materials, tools and technologies which make the processes quicker and more pleasant. Sören's interest over the last 4 years has been focused on developing tools that enables everybody to create beautiful objects with ease of use.

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: Hey all, as many of you know Mike Smith and I hauled a small boat load of wood to SWAT at the end of August. Many of you took advantage and bought some blanks from Mike. Before we left, I talked Mike into leaving a number of turning blanks to sell to the members of our club. Currently I have Ambrosia maple, Honey Locust, Mineral stained Poplar and a few other species available. There are some really nice blanks available in many different sizes. Mike also has left several sections of Maple burl logs. The log sections are at my place and have the price painted on them. If you have an interest, let me know and we can make arrangements for you to come by and take a look. I have a chainsaw large enough to cut these log sections so you can handle them. They are loaded with burls and you won't be disappointed. Give me a call on my cell: 503-580-5013.

I am now a distributor for Stick Fast CA glue, Sharpfast Sharpening systems, and Holdfast vacuum chucking system. Current club members are offered a 10% discount on purchases. Price list will be available later.

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, 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 April 16th. 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 Gilmers, 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 . 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.

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