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Next Meeting

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Center 50+

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Chip Chatter

Summer is just around the corner with many activities coming so now is the time to plan.

The Friday after the June meeting (June 15th) there will be an all-day demo presented by our demonstrator Doug Fisher. There are seats available and the cost is only \$25.00. In addition, as I write this there is still one place available for the two day hands on workshop on Saturday and Sunday. Check out his website to see some of his fantastic work at

<http://www.douglasfisher.com/index.html> .

The club will soon be engaging in several of our public education events. We will staff a demonstration booth at the Steam-up (Powerland Museum at Brooks, OR) July 28-29 and Aug 4-5, entrance and parking at the venue are free. Myron Yancey is organizing this event and is looking for members who are willing to devote part or all of a day to the demonstration. The demonstrations present a number of opportunities. Not only do we provide an educational 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. Everyone is invited to sign up for a time slot and to come demonstrate what you like to work on. 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. Further information will be provided at the next club meeting.

We will also be doing a week long demo at the state fair from August 29th through September 3rd. The club will conduct itself about the same at both events: 1, Bring mini lathes, tools and materials. 2. Each member can decide what they want to turn and bring the appropriate materials and tools. Visitors will often stand long enough to see a small object turned to completion. However, if there are a variety of things being worked on having a long term project or two is not bad. 3. Those who

participate will get free passes to the events for that day. 4 No-one need stay at the demonstration booth all day. 5. Any member who wishes to demonstrate will be welcome to do so and should plan to wear their club name tag and blue t-shirt (which will be provided by the club).

Additional information will be provided as we get closer to the events. What we need for organizing purposes is a list of those who have an interest in participating, a list of those who can bring a mini lathe, and t-shirt sizes so the shirts can be ordered. Sign-up sheets will be at the front tables at the next two meetings.

One of our members, Dick Powell, has an article "Foolproof Method to Determine the Thickness of a Bowl's Bottom" published in the June 2012 issue of American Woodturner, the Journal of the American Association of Woodturners. Congratulations to Dick.

Bill McCoy recently passed away. He was a charter member of the WVV. He had been ill health for several years.

Keep the chips flying

Bruce Stangeby, President

Web Page News

Greetings fellow members,

Well by now everyone should have gone to the new updated website and tried out their password for the member's only section. This month I have been setting up the foundation for making the member's only section functional and useful. Here's where you as a member can help me to keep the data on the site up to date and accurate. If you have the time this month, go to the website and check out the new Roster section. Simply log in to the web site by clicking the login menu item and enter your user name and password. If you don't know your password, you can click the link on the login page to have one sent to you. Once you have logged in, you will see a "Members" tab. Click the "Members" tab and you will see the new "Club Roster" link. Please click on that link and look over the information there. If you see any information that is incorrect just email me and I will update it as soon as possible. I hope everyone is enjoying all the changes taking place on the website and thanks to everyone who can help me with this important part of the process.

Also, the Mentors list looks a little out of date, there are a number of folks that are no longer on our Roster. Let me know if you would like to have your name added (or removed) from the page. I have added myself to the list for those interested in turning pens or segmented turning. Probably a little bit of a drive out to my home in Mulino for most of you. Here is the page with the Mentors list I am talking about:

<http://willamettevalleywoodturners.com/Reference.aspx>

Thanks,

Ronald Fox

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Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events



June Demo: Doug Fisher, Vancouver, BC

We are again very fortunate to have a distinguished wood turner, artist, and sculptor in our presence. Doug will also be putting on a one day demonstration in conjunction with a 2 day workshop. Check out his website to see some of the fantastic work he has done.....www.douglasjfisher.com/index.html

Douglas J Fisher is a full-time artist living on Vancouver Island, Canada. Since 1992 he has been involved almost exclusively in creating some form of art, including painting, stained glass, photography, pen and ink drawing, and woodturning. Wood sculptures, primarily made using a lathe, have been the focus of his work since 1997. When not in his studio, Douglas can often be seen performing in theatre productions.

Prior to becoming a full-time artist, he taught skiing and sailing, was an ironworker, a driller and blaster in several underground gold mines, and delivered sailboats in the Pacific Northwest, the Caribbean, and across the Atlantic Ocean.

Some sculptures involve the use of indigenous iconography from the area where Douglas lives. "I have long been fascinated with the art of indigenous cultures from around the world. Upon first inspection it seems so simple and yet at the same time is very powerful. I hope to understand these cultures in my quest to explore a personal aesthetic."

Creating thought provoking and inspiring works of art by combining artistic vision with superb craftsmanship is something Douglas has been doing for some time. He exhibits his unique style of wood turned sculptures internationally, is sought after as a demonstrator and teacher and his works are in private collections around the world.



July Demo: Elling Hoem

Safety Issues on the Lathe and More. Yes, ladies and gentleman, boys and girls....our July demonstrator is none other than our own Elling Hoem. We need to be nice to him as he is our treasurer and those who manage the money have the last say. We can never be reminded enough about safety issues as we all know accidents happen in a split second but 'On Purpose' takes skill and practice. This should be an excellent presentation as we all know when Elling gets focused.....well.....

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 the Holdfast vacuum chucking system. The CA glue I ordered from Stickfast has arrived. 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 **June 18th**. 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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