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Next Meeting

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Center 50+

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A skewed view.....

What? It's May already? Where has the time gone? Well since we had few April showers, does that imply we'll have fewer May flowers? Groan.....yeah, I know.

First off, don't forget the May competition is **MINIATURE**, so get your teeny, tiny turnings tightened together to tout your talent....phew, couldn't think of another T word. It should be loads of fun to see what everyone has come up with. Now we just have to come up with an idea for July...so put on your thinking caps and submit your suggestions to Bruce or myself.

The **Freedom Pen Project** is moving along splendidly, we've shipped 200 pens and have over 200 more pens kits in the works, so come on join the fun. Doesn't it feel good....and speaking of which, I was in the Marine recruiter's office last week to find out about the **Toys for Tots** program, which they sponsor. I told them I was representing our group and that we would like to get involved with their program. I left my name, number and email address and am waiting to hear back. Once I do, I will let you all know and we can get started with sawdust sessions on making toys.

Summer is close at hand and it is time to start thinking about the **Steam Up** and **State Fair**. Both these events are an excellent time to get involved and have some fun turning and answering questions about turning. Regardless of skill level, it is fun for all. A good time to get to know some club members better, perhaps get some one on one tutoring, share ideas and just have fun in general.

Our demonstrator for this month is Jerry Harris from Cascade Woodturners in Portland. Jerry will be showing us how to turn a flat sided box. Hmm, sounds rather interesting to me. Jerry is also demoing at Cascade this month the topic: off center stemmed goblets, their meeting is May 23 for those who have an interest.

For those of you who venture to the coast, especially to Newport, stop in and see Tom Hastings. Tom has a woodturning gallery and workshop close to the Newport Aquarium. His business is Hastings Coastal Woodworks, Woodturning Studio and Gallery. I am sure many of you know Tom, but we just discovered his place, mostly because Rex Brown had mentioned it in an email to me. Anyway, it's great to have a woodturning place to venture to when we're at the coast.

Last but not least, don't forget about the Craft Supply order, if we reach \$1000.00 for the minimum order, you will receive at least a 13% discount plus free shipping. Currently there is almost \$500.00 in the queue. Also there are more than 2 turning tools in the order, so that will qualify for an added 10% discount on them. What a deal!!!

Time to head to the shop,

Terry

It is with great sadness that I learned of Rex Brown's passing on April 30. I consider myself very fortunate to be able to say that I knew Rex Brown. He had a zest for life, a constant smile and it was always a pleasure to be in his company. To those of you who really knew him well, you are lucky. He will be missed.

Jerry Lelack would like to remind those of us who are planning to participate in the Keizer River Fair in August to bring their \$30 to him at our next meeting.

Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events

May Demonstrator Jerry Harris: Flask Box



Our demonstrator will be Jerry Harris from Cascade woodturners in Portland. He will be showing us how to make a flat sided flask box.

He has been turning wood since 1999. Jerry graduated in architecture from Oklahoma State University in 1964. His career was in architecture and construction management. He has always been fascinated with wood and took up woodturning just prior to retirement. His first projects were bowls and they are still the majority of what He produces but he has lately become more concerned with venturing "beyond the bowl". He recently took a seminar on wood hats by Johannes Michelsen and has turned quite a few of successful hats, some wearable and some small (6"). He remains fascinated with woodturning and hopes to expand the "artistic" side of his craft while continuing to turn quality bowls. Education: BS of Architecture, Okla. St. Univ.

Shows: Oregon Potters Association, Art in the Burbs, Multnomah Art Center, Portland Open Studios, Recycle show-Vancouver, WA, Hillsdale Holiday Market, Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts.

Memberships: Cascade Woodturners, Pacific Northwest Woodturning Guild, American Association of Woodturners.

June Demonstrator Ron Gerton: Strobe Light Turning



ARTIST STATEMENT — RON GERTON

Ron Gerton is a retired mechanical engineer with over 30 years of experience in the nuclear field. He has always enjoyed creating art to keep life in focus. The Art Nouveau style, with its emphasis on natural forms and shapes is his favorite design inspiration. The Bonsai plant, skillfully trained to defy nature and gravity, is a classic example and heavily influences his work. He transforms things that he finds in nature, that are no longer living, into metal for incorporation into his art pieces. These "fossils" now have a permanence that can be enjoyed for generations.

To him, nature is the greatest creator of beauty and his challenge is to display it beautifully. Going "green" has long been a major factor in his art. Thrift stores abound with potential art materials. Cast off industrial materials is also a great source. The tens of thousands of small wood pieces from a laser cutting business and puzzle pieces from thrift stores are incorporated into his wood turnings and wall pieces. "Everything is a raw material for something else" is his motto.

Freedom Pen Project:

The Freedom Pens Project is an all-volunteer effort spearheaded by the members of SawMill Creek Woodworkers Forums. It is to provide custom hand crafted pens to American servicemen and women overseas. Everyone is invited to participate in the project, all we need is your time and talent to provide handmade pens for our military stationed in foreign countries who are in harm's way. Every Freedom Pen that is delivered serves as a constant reminder to our troops that they are not alone and have our continued support until each and every one has returned home. The project was started in 2004 and to date, wood turners from all over the US have turned more than 145,000 pens.

SAW DUST SESSION Highlights: April 6, 2013



Well, we had another fun day in Terri's shop on Saturday, April 6th. Ron Fox showed up and taught a few of our club members how to pour pen blanks using Polyester Resin. Rex Brown, Bryan Thoet, Alan Stratton, Jim Baltimore, Harry Long, and, of course, Terry Gerros all learned the different techniques to pour and turn a pen blank made from plastic. They learned everything from the plastic to the pigments used to attain gorgeous colors. They learned how to drill the blanks and shine them up to a glossy sheen for beautiful plastic pens. Thanks again to Terry for allowing us to use his shop.

Betty Fox

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 am also a distributor for Stick Fast CA glue, Sharpfast Sharpening systems, and the Holdfast vacuum chucking system. If you have an interest in these products, give me a call or send me an email for details.

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 **May 13th**. 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.

Club happenings in our area

(Please visit the club's website listed below for additional information)

Northwest Woodturners (Beaverton, OR)

<http://www.northwestwoodturners.com/>

Meet first Thursday at Franklin High School

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR)

<http://www.cascadewoodturners.com/>

Meet Third Thursday at Franklin High School

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR)

<http://www.beaverstatewoodturners.com/>

Meet fourth Thursday at Woodcraft

Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA)

Dan Baker (President), email: ridgewoodworks@aol.com

Meet fourth Wednesday at the Friends of the Carpenter's Center

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