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Next Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Center 50+

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A skewed view.....

February was a very long month for me. As many of you know I have been going back and forth to Kentucky to spend time with my father who had a stroke before Thanksgiving. Sadly, Dad passed away February 18. I'm not sure if this is appropriate to write this in the Burl, but as I sit here watching it rain, I'm thinking about my father and the arrangement of flowers the club sent to my family. What comes to mind is a verse from a song (Down Across the Delaware) written by James McMurty.....thankful for these thy many gifts....every month when I stand in front of the club members I now truly understand that verse....I am thankful to be a member of this club as you all are many of God's gifts he has sent me.

Our club has completed the Freedom Pen Project with over 1000 pens completed and shipped off to our service men and women. I would like to thank each and every one of you who participated in the project...again, I am thankful for these thy many gifts.... I have received several letters from the men and women who received these gifts. All expressed their sincere appreciation for the time and effort and especially keeping the fires burning at home as they put their lives on the line for their friends and families. **JOB WELL DONE!!!!**

With the completion of our 2013 endeavor, it is now time to really focus on our project for 2014. Hmmm, now what exactly could that be.....oh yes, the Oregon Woodturning Symposium, scheduled for March 6-8, 2015. We have our list of demonstrators, venue, hotel accommodations, list of caterers, vendors all in the works. The website is up but not completely running, although it looks fantastic! We are going to need lots of help and volunteers from selling raffle tickets, helping with registration, taking care of demonstrators and vendors, running the instant gallery, audio/visual assistance...so you can see we need tons of help. We can come and ask but please put your thinking cap on and see where you are willing to lend a hand. Let Neva, Bryan or myself know where your skills and muscle can be applied. Let's put our best foot forward and show the country what the Oregon woodturning community is all about!

Our March demonstrator is Sara Robinson, from Oregon State University and the topic covers the fungus that is among us....oh, did I really say that.....sadly, I did. I've not heard Sara's presentation, but I hear it is quite well done.

Time to head to the shop,

Terry

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Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events

March Demonstrator: Sara Robinson

Spalting Techniques

March 13, 2014



I was fortunate to see Sara's presentation at BSW, Eugene last Fall. Sara is one of the newest members of O.S.U.'s Assistant Professors. As a member of the Department of Wood Science, she is pioneering the study of spalting of wood through living fungi. She turns some of the wood she is in contact with. I am happy to see her presentation again. For more information visit Sara's web site at sara.robinson@oregonstate.edu.
JJ VP

April Demonstrator: David Earle

Salad Bowls

April 10, 2014



David is a young turner. He was featured at the San Jose Symposium as an up and coming turner. I had seen David demonstrate there in 2012. His background is in art, specializing in woodturning after trying other mediums. He lives on Vashon Island near Seattle. He is at Saturday markets in the Seattle area. View his website at davidturnswood.com
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Lumber to Legacy: Wood Artisans Needed.

A Benefit for the City of Albany's White Oak Conservation and Restoration Effort: The city of Albany seeks to promote and raise money for its resource conservation efforts, in particular our Oregon White Oak Restoration Program. The purpose of the restoration program is to enhance existing oak habitat and to re-establish the species in publicly protected conservation areas through a strategic planting initiative and educational activities. The recent removal of 8 mature Oregon white oak trees from the site of a new development has inspired us to focus attention on the heritage of Albany's Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) habitat. These 8 trees were remnants of the Hackleman Grove named in honor of Abner Hackleman, one of Albany's founding fathers. The Hacklemans settled on the edge of the grove in 1845. At

that time several of the trees were already 100 years old. To raise money for white oak habitat restoration efforts, the Albany Parks & Recreation Department, in partnership with the Albany Tree Commission, is seeking wood artisans willing to work this historically precious wood into unique wood products and art for auction or resale. Both kiln dried and green wood are available for turners. All proceeds from this community driven volunteer effort will be used to enhance existing Oregon white oak habitat and to re-establish the species in publicly protected conservation areas. Do you want to participate or just learn more? Contact Mark Azevedo of the Tree Commission at AzevedoM@onid.orst.edu or call 541 990-4574. Here is a link to an article on Lumber to Legacy: http://democratherald.com/news/local/from-lumber-to-legacy/article_ce0e52b2-49cc-11e3-96ad-001a4bcf887a.html

Name Tags

The name tags for 2014 have been prepared for all HLM members and those who have paid their dues. If you were unable to pick up your tag at our last meeting please do so at the March meeting. If you are unable to find your name tag for please see Elling.

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 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.

ITEMS FOR SALE....Contact Terry Gerros (gerrost@yahoo.com)

50+ Bottle Stoppers.....Cone style or droplet style.....\$4.25 each or the whole lot for \$200.00
100.....Click style pen kits.....\$2.50 each or the whole lot for \$200.00

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). 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 Jeff Zens: The club's Craft Supply order will be going out on **March 17th** if our order equals or exceeds \$1,000. Craft Supply gives us a 13% discount plus free shipping in all items, and occasional additional discounts on certain other items and quantity purchases. 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. When filling out the web site order form, please use the item number and complete item description from Craft Supply's web site. Do not use an old catalog item number, as these might

not be current. Occasionally, Craft Supply is out of an item, and I'm notified that it is on back-order. I will assume that if an item is ordered, it's wanted as soon as it becomes available. If you do not want an item if it is back-ordered, make that comment in the "Notes" column on the club's order page on the web site. I work with Craft Supply to have back-ordered items shipped directly to the member's home address ad no additional cost. For this to work effectively, the entire order must be paid for when your in-stock items are picked up. While I'm not equipped to accept credit cards, cash or check are both fine.

Contact me with any questions at jeffzens@custombuiltfurniture.com.

- 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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