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Next Meeting

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Center 50+

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A skewed view.....

Calling all volunteers!!!!!!!!!! Calling all volunteers!!!!!!!!!!

July, a mere 9 months away from the symposium. There has been a lot of effort put into the preparation for the event and what we need now is for you to volunteer when the event is on: everything from assisting the demonstrators, working the audio visual, helping the vendors, manning the instant gallery, assisting with registration, selling T shirts, and a thousand more things I can't think of. We need your help to truly make this a success. The volunteers are what make this event work, without your help, we flounder. There is a sign up sheet at the front table for you to add your name. Remember, the more people who sign up and do their part translates into less work for everyone to do.

July and August are also big volunteer months for the club. Both the 44th annual Steam Up and State Fair occur in which club members demonstrate woodturning to the public. The Steam Up takes place in Brooks during the last weekend in July and first weekend in August. Have questions? Want to sign up? See Myron Yancey. A sign up sheet is at the front table. State Fair is always a great time. Whether you've been turning 10 minutes or 10 years, a good time is guaranteed to all. Just ask Bob Hutchison!! A sign up sheet is available at the front table.

Sawdust Sessions are starting up thanks to Bruce Stangeby, who has taken this endeavor to the next level. The next session is slated for July 19 and the topic will be pepper mills. The location will be determined by the number of people who sign up, so give it some consideration and...oh yes, there is sign up sheet at the front table. Pepper mill kits can be purchased at the sawdust session.

There have been a number of requests for ball caps, so we are getting ready to place an order. We will take a show of hands at the meeting to get a rough idea of how many to order.

We have also decided to make a couple changes to the program this year. In November, we will have our social and auction, instead of December. In December, we will have a Gadgets and Gizmo's demo. So, if you have a favorite trick you use in turning, something you've built that makes your turning life easier, come on down and share your knowledge. This has been an infrequent, but highly received demo, so be a part and claim your 5 minutes of fame!!

I really enjoyed last month's demo, which really connected with the previous platter demo. I was lucky enough to see what Elling did with his platter and trust he will share that with us for the July competition....platters. Well done Elling.

Well, it's time to head to the shop,

Terry

Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events

July Demonstrator: Mike Meredith

Wood Toxicology and using Alumilite casting material

July 10, 2014



Our demo will include a very short discussion of wood toxicity, a discussion/short video of using alumilite casting material, followed by turning a prepared alumilite blank. For those who want to know more about alumilite, there are several websites which will prepare you for our July demo.

Check out <http://www.alumilite.com/Applications/PenTurning.cfm> :

or <http://www.timpwoodturners.org/feb12.html>

Also, there are quite a number of video clips on YouTube.

August Demonstrator: Ron Gerton
Strobe Light Turning
August 14, 2014



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.

Additional information can be obtained from his website at <http://rongerton.com/site/#/page/home/>

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 May 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

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 **July 14th** if our order equals or exceeds \$1,000. Craft Supply gives us a 10% 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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