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Next Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2014

NOVEMBER MEETING: CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND AUCTION

Center 50+

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A skewed view.....

November....hmmm, ok, so we gained an hour of morning sun or did we lose an hour of evening sun. Well, no matter, my watch is still correct twice a day.

I will say I did enjoy Rex Burningham's demo last month. The workshop was outstanding with learning some different techniques, honing some skills and learning new ones. I will say each workshop I've taken has been a breath of fresh air in my turning world. I am so looking forward to next year's line up!

November will be different this year. Most importantly we will be electing new officers for 2015. The slate that has been proposed includes: Bob Hutchison, President; Bryan Thoet, Vice President; Henrik Aberg, Treasurer; Jim Devorss, Secretary; Paul Hirt, Board member, Mark Choitz, Board member and JJ Jones, Board member. If anyone else would like to nominate a person, please do so as soon as possible so we can get them on the ballot. We don't want any hanging chads out there during election time. This year marks the first time our annual social and live auction will be held in November. Be sure to bring your best turnings to be auctioned for the benefit of the club.

The Lumber to Legacy program has their live auction this weekend. Woodcrafters from Oregon, Washington, California, Utah and Colorado are contributing pieces to Albany's first "Lumber to Legacy" auction, scheduled for 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at The Wheelhouse Event Center, 421 Water Ave. N.E., Albany. Price of admission is \$20 which includes a light meal and beverage. All the proceeds go to helping the high school shop programs and conservation of Oregon white oaks.

It has been tradition with our club that the new incoming President be handed a gavel made by one of the club members. So our January competition piece will be a gavel. The gavel which receives the most votes will be presented to the lucky sod who can now call themselves: President.

I can remember this time last year we had just put a deposit on the Linn County Fair and Expo center. Now we are 4 months away from the Oregon Woodturning Symposium. There is a lot of work to be done before then and much more work to be completed as the deadline for the symposium approaches (March 6-8, 2015). If you haven't signed up for a position, please do so as soon as possible. Don't forget to register early to get your discount!!

This month will feature an article, involving a new turner's escapades into the world of wood turning. Henrik has graciously accepted this responsibility in addition to becoming Treasurer.

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

Terry

ATTENTION WVW MEMBERS

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

It's that special time of year again..that's right.. dues are due by January 1, 2015. The club dues are a very reasonable \$35.00 for the year. You can either run off the renewal form from the WVW website (<http://www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com/>) or I'll have blank forms available at the November and December meetings. Please complete the form, include your check for \$35.00 (made out to "WVW", and then **mail** it to me at your earliest convenience. My address is on the form. If you prefer not to mail the form and want to bring it to a meeting, please **put your completed form and check in an envelope with your name on the outside**. If you bring cash to the meeting with your completed renewal form, **please enclose the exact amount** in your envelope. Your help in getting club dues collected by using these guidelines will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to the 13 members who have already paid in their 2014 dues. Remember, if you are an **Honor Life Member** (over age 80 and a paid member for 5 years) you only need to return the membership form that confirms all your contact information. Your help in paying on time with exact amounts is so appreciated. Please don't put it off any longer. Be sure to get your form completed and mailed today. It is going to be another great year. Thank you!

Elling Hoem
WVW Treasurer

"From Woodburning to Woodturning" by Henrik Åberg

I have been encouraged by my best friend and mentor to write a few articles in the Burl that may (or may not) help encourage new turners to fully embrace the art of woodturning.

So, how did I end up doing woodturning in the first place, one might ask. Read on!

These articles are rated R for violence, grisly images, language, some nudity and sexuality.

Chapter 1: Pre-turning times

Having lived in the mountains of California for the last 10 years, in an older house partly heated by wood, I learned soon to hate everything that had to do with wood. The siding of the house was being eaten by termites, carpenter ants and "powderpost" beetles faster than I could replace the darn boards. The wood for heating came from the property itself, unfortunately, standing upright and growing, so I had to take the trees down, saw them up, split the logs and stack them and then move the wood closer to the house as the rain period approached. The decks around the house needed board replacement on a regular basis. I hated wood...hated...

Fast forward to September 2011. Moved to Oregon to a modern house with plenty of land and views outside the 'vibrant' and 'cosmopolitan' Salem where there in fact is really nothing to do. No termites eating the cement board house, house heated by pushing a button on the wall, nothing to remodel or to fix up. I built stalls for our three horses in the available metal outbuilding and that took the last drop of 'woodworking' out of this man. What is a handsome man of my stature supposed to do here now? Build a shop, man!!!! Build a shop!!!! was the consensus at the local watering hole. And so I did, since having a shop seems to be one of the requirements for being a true Oregonian. The house, fortunately, had an unheated, un-insulated and un-electrified storage space under it, but with a slab floor, so that would be the place. I would take it slowly for the next two summers. After countless hours of pulling electricity, framing two walls, insulating, sheet rocking, taping, mudding and painting I was quite ready to hate sheetrock more than wood. But now what?????

Chapter 2: Becoming a "turner"

Now I had this nice little shop but what to do??? Woodworking of some sort??? Really??? In 2013 I had been to the State Fair and there I saw some gray haired gentlemen demonstrate woodturning. One fellow did little decorative mushrooms and the other one turned pens. How boring is that, I thought.....I like mushrooms but they are yellow and called chanterelles, BIC is my brand of pens. Woodturning would NOT be coming to MY shop!!! To appear nice I took a WVV business card and stuck it in my pocket. End of story.

Fast forward to March of 2014. SWMBO (She who must be obeyed) had a task for me: " My handsome man" (a clear giveaway), "would you please make me lids for the Portmeirion jars I bought on E-Bay. I don't care what kind of wood you use, as long as it matches exactly the current lids and I don't care how you make them, but I suggest you 'just' use your jigsaw and go round and round, and....." OK, I'll do it!!! I finally found something where a lathe 'might' do the trick. Instead of buying lids on E-bay for \$6 a piece I bought a Rikon 70-100 lathe and a set of tools (Benjamin's Best) on Amazon.com for \$500. What a steal; makes it even, right??? The lathe arrived first and the tools where on backorder, so now I had a shiny lathe with a single face plate and a live center and some other stuff. My Benjamin's Best tools arrived soon, and I think Benjamin could do better, since one tool was broken at the handle (hint, hint). I ordered a replacement set, dummy. Now I needed wood so I Googled appropriately and found that Woodcrafters in downtown Salem' was to be' loaded with all kind of wood and other paraphernalia. Really...Salem...here we go again. What a disappointment. Not much there but I found matching thin planks of beech but nothing thick. Bought it anyways and decided to glue together thin pieces to make thicker material. All worked well. Fortunately the tools came from the factory 'really sharp' so I did not have to have a sharpening setup yet. (Think again man!!!!). With the factory edge of the tools I applied all the skills I've learned by watching a whole 18 minutes of woodturning basics on YouTube. What a ride....but the lids turned out just 'beautiful'. (Should have gone with the jigsaw). I had now entered the world of woodturning but with no turning skills whatsoever. Frankly, I was scared of the darn thing that made pieces of wood fly around my nice shop. Action time!!!! Found the WVV business card and applied for membership. I was accepted!!!! (Little did they know). I got my acceptance 'letter' on March 5th and I was on a roll. The following week I went to my first meeting and found a room full of woodturners, must have been 100+. (I didn't know that Salem was THAT big....). The meeting was great, with Sara Robinson talking about Spalting Techniques, but for a moment I thought this was much more complicated than I had imagined. But home I came with a few pieces of wood from the drawing at the meeting and started to watch a bunch more YouTube videos (I hate Cap'n Eddie sticking his finger at you), but getting a lot more educated about woodturning. My friends at Amazon.com and Woodcrafters in PORTLAND where very happy about my new hobby. Lots of dineros later I had a pretty nice basic setup. NOW I was ready to start!!!!

In next month's Burl:
Chapter 3: The first 'bowl'
Chapter 4: Upgrading to 'boxing'

Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events

November Meeting: Christmas Social and Auction

Dessert Pot Luck and Auction
November 13, 2014

Join us for an evening of fun, meet with friends, and enjoy some delicious desserts, all while raising funds for our Club.

Bring your favorite dessert to share. Doors open at 5:00 PM for socializing and feasting. Auction begins at 6:35 after dessert and elections, with Dave Colsen as our auctioneer.

Don't forget your checkbook & Bid & Buy!

December Meeting

Gadgets, Gizmos, and Widgets

December 18, 2014

Bring all your special made tools and templates to share . If you have an ideas to share that will help out the members bring that along also.

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 **November 117th** 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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