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Next Meeting

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Center 50+

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JANUARY COMPETITION: GAVEL, the best gavel is presented to the incoming President, Bob Hutchison!!

A skewed view.....

December; wow, where has the year gone? As a matter of fact, where have the last 2 years gone? In January, Bob takes over the reins of the club. While I have enjoyed my time as President, I am happy to turn this job over and relax for a bit; oh wait, no time to relax as the Symposium is coming up quickly. I can relax beginning March 9.

Our December meeting is Gadgets and Gizmos! This is YOUR chance to share with the rest of us the little things you do in your shop which make turning easier. We all have these things we do that we believe everyone else is doing. Bring your crazy ideas/jigs/contrivances/gizmos/gadgets/widgets/inventions and share 5 minutes on the center stage. Bring your pads and pens to take notes!

We are also going to be passing out a questionnaire to help the club serve you better. Simply put, we want to know in which direction you'd personally like to see the club head. A piece of paper with an easy multiple guess question will be handed out at the beginning of the meeting, mark your favorite and turn it back in to Neva. Forget your pen or pencil, no problem. I will bring plenty of needles, prick your finger and put the drop of blood on your choice!

I would like to thank Paul Hirt, Henrik Aberg and my lovely wife Susan, for spending part of their weekend (November 14-16) demonstrating at The Woodworking Show, November 14-16. I'd also like to thank Kerry Murphy for helping us load out Sunday afternoon, what a HUGE help that was. We all had GREAT time. Loads of people came by the booth and there was lots of chatter about the Symposium. We handed out near 100 flyers about the Symposium. We received donations for either door prizes or raffle items from Arizona Silhouette and are probably going to get Saburrtooth tools to come as a vendor. It was good to make new friends and visit with old friends. There was lots of sharing of tips about turning and woodworking in general. I can't wait until next year to go back!!

The Symposium Committee met with members of all the other turning clubs from Portland, Newport and Eugene. We've divided up the demo rooms amongst the clubs so the demonstrators and their needs are being taken care of. We still need loads of volunteers to help with set up, help the vendors, stuff registration packets, help with

registration on Friday (first day), monitor the instant gallery, sell raffle tickets (remember we are giving away a Jet 12-21 VS lathe), set up the Pen Turners gathering Friday night, clean up on Sunday, and much, much more. As always, the more who volunteer, the less work and time will be required from each of us. Even one hour of your time is valued!!! It all makes a difference in the success or failure of this venture.

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

Terry

November Auction Was a Big Success

Thanks to a nice variety of donated items, decent weather and a bigger attendance than last year the November Auction was a big success. Thank you to all who bid and to those who won one treasure or multiple treasures. Everyone had a good time and ate good food. If you went home hungry, it wasn't our fault.

We had 68 item auctioned for a total of \$2,958.50. The raffle netted \$122.00. So, after expenses of \$313.29 for coffee & water (\$15), the auctioneer (\$250), and PayAnywhere Credit Card processing fee (\$48.29) and then by adding in the raffle proceeds (\$122), we ended up with net proceeds of \$2,767.21. Way to go everyone.

Last year, due mostly to bad weather on that particular December evening, we netted only \$1843.00. I think having the auction in November, having better attendance and having better weather, all helped our bottom line considerably this year.

Many thanks again to all of you who donated items and especially to those of you who won bids on multiple items. Our success was directly because of your generosity. I'd also like to thank Craft Supplies USA (\$50, \$30 & \$20) and Packard Woodworks (\$20) for their donations of gift certificates for the raffle. And one final "thank you" goes to Walery's Pizza" on Edgewater Street in West Salem for their kind donation of the \$25.00 gift certificate that was in the raffle. Be sure to say "thanks for your support of our club" the next time you stop at Walery's for pizza, salad or even one of their delicious hamburgers.

ATTENTION WVV MEMBERS

A SECOND REMINDER 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 WVV 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 "WVV", 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 36 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
Treasurer WVV

"From Woodburning to Woodturning" by Henrik Åberg

The continuing saga

Chapter 3: The first 'bowl'

I had just learned the hard way that just because you can cut yourself on the tools does not mean that they are sharp enough for turning. To get my tools sharp I switched one of the wheels on my grinder to a Norton Aluminum Oxide version, but was I going for a tough ride or what? Having mounted the wheel and turned on my Ryobi high speed grinder, the grinder started to shake madly and headed straight for the shop door. No problem... Bolted down the grinder to the bench and tried again. Now it couldn't go anywhere but there was this very loud rumbling sound that made our 6 cats upstairs in the house head for the outdoors. Something was not right! My friend Mr. Google had the answer to my dilemma: 'unbalanced wheels' for which there is a 'simple' technique for a fix. Implemented the fix as described and after 2 hours of desperate balancing attempts it was 'close enough'. With a diamond dresser I could shave off enough of the wheel that it looked doable to make some sharpening attempts. Diamond dresser destroyed... Well.... freehand sharpening was not going too well so off to Portland I went to buy a Oneway Wolverine Sharpening System. Finally after some trials and tribulations I had "sharp" tools. Time to make a bowl!!!!

I had a nice piece of wood that I got at my first WVV meeting. Face plate seemed like the safest option for mounting it, so on the lathe it went. Properly supported by 'something' I stuck in the tails stock I was ready to turn. But why on earth did it seem so simple to make a bowl on YouTube when all I could produce was a lot of catches? After many studies at YouTube 'University' I produced a few shavings and less catches. The piece of wood started to look like the bottom of a bowl. I produced a recess in the bottom deep enough to safely hold it when I reversed it; must have been 10 mm or more (didn't leave much room for hollowing). But hollow I did and produced a bowl with really sturdy walls, a big bump at the bottom and lot of tool marks. Hours of sanding made it look quite respectable, I though. My first bowl was born on April 8th, 2 lbs 8 oz, a boy, strong and muscular. I just had to show it to my brother-in-law, who is an accomplished wood worker, and his comment was "Nice smooth finish". Little did I know... A couple of months later I looked at the bowl again, shook my head, and back on the lathe it went. Reworked the "bowl" to totally new specifications.... Filled the recess by gluing in a piece of wood, handed the bowl over to my daughter as a gift. Her first question was.... 'is that an inlay??' Yes my dear, it's an inlay....

Chapter 4: Upgrading to 'boxing'

The second week of April was my first opportunity to watch a master perform live. Eric Löfström, a master turner of Scandinavian decent, demonstrated at the club meeting and it was amazing. At the all-day Friday demonstration session I was just watching this dude barefooted do his tricks on the Powermatic 3250b in Terry's shop. I knew right then and there that I should have picked up quilting instead. I was too intimidated to sign up for the all day Saturday-Sunday workshop, although I know now that I would have had been just fine because of the support from the attendees from the club.

Somewhat encouraged by seeing what can be done on a lathe I decided to make my first lidded box. With no concept of dimensions and ratios I started to assault a piece of wood I aquired at the WVV meeting. Just to get this sucker round was one hell of a task. The set of Benjamin's Best tools came with the appropriate roughing gauge, but something must have been wrong with the tool because it just ripped pieces off the wood....or maybe it was endgrain and the lathe running at slowest speed possible???

Endgrain....sidegrain...why should that matter anyways...Wood is wood!!! Right!!!!?? After numerous discussions with my friends Mr. Google and Mrs. YouTube I actually accomplished producing a somewhat rounded box blank. Now moving on to hollowing...oh my ...oh my. How on earth do you hollow a 'long' tubular piece of wood? Mrs. YouTube became a very good friend of mine and with her help I finally had a hollowed (= scraped) out portion of the piece of wood. Not very deep, but I just measured the depth of the inside and sawed off the bottom with my chop saw at the right point. That must be how it's done...After many ingenious ways (I had to edit out most of this from this article because of fear of being dismissed from the club) of working with woodturning tools I had made my first box. Born on April 15th with a sturdy lid, 'almost' the same width as the box and the inside 'smooth' as a baby's psoriatic butt.....Am I ever going to be a real woodturner??????

In the next Burl:

Chapter 5: The transition point

In this chapter you will learn what the key was to me for seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Stay tuned!

Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events

December Meeting

Gadgets, Gizmos, and Widgets

December 11, 2014

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

January Presenter, Nick Stagg

The Perfect Sphere

January 8, 2015



Nick Stagg will be showing us how to turn a perfect sphere without special jigs or tools. They can be made without a chuck if you don't have one; a waste block on a faceplate will make a very adequate means of holding the sphere for final finishing. We will learn how to turn a sphere and get great results each and every time. It will be great to spend some time with Nick and learn some great skills.

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

Lathe for Sale.....Contact Bob Thompson (thomp8384@comcast.net) at 503 390-6695



A Delta lathe, 1 HP Baldor motor, reversible and variable speed. Asking \$650. Great lathe for small to medium size projects. Comes with a number of tool rests.

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 **December 15th** 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.exotewoodusa.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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