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Next Meeting

Thursday, February 12, 2015

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LET THE CHIPS FLY.....

Now that you know a little about how I got here, I need to get down to the business of running the club. I do want to thank those members who made and voted for the gavel which I will use to convene our meetings. In my haste to let y'all know about me, I forgot to acknowledge the fine work that my predecessor Terry Gerros did as president the past two years.

We had an exciting presentation by Nick Stagg at our January meeting. We all learned a lot about how to turn a perfect sphere and I wouldn't be surprised to see a couple at the display table soon.

Dick Worthey will be showing us how to turn trembleurs at our meeting in February. Some of you may have seen this presentation but it will be a first for me and many others. It is always interesting to see how many different items can be turned once techniques are presented.

JJ did a good job of lining up presenters this past year and that task has now been passed on to Bryan Thoet. I know that Bryan has been making many contacts and I'm sure he will produce some interesting demonstrators to teach and entertain us in the upcoming months.

A reminder for those who are planning to attend the Symposium on March 6, 7, and 8 in Albany; the early registration price will end on February 15. After the 15th, the price will rise by \$50.00 since arrangements have to be made and modified as later registrations come in. Our next meeting will be held on February 12, so it will be a good time for those who want to get their registration done ahead of the increase to do so. Neva Hutchinson, who is the treasurer for the symposium, will be at the meeting with registration forms. She will be ready to take cash or checks from those wanting to register that night. The symposium, although started by members of WVV, has become a multiple club project. It promises to be an outstanding event.

We continue to be presented with opportunities to gather wood for use by our members. In late January the call went out to harvest Madrone and White Oak from a site in Monroe. If you are signed up on the wood gathering list, an email is sent out as these opportunities arise and you too could participate in the gathering. I went on this venture along with several other members. As usual we brought back extra wood for the club at

large. When I dropped off some of the excess wood behind Terry Gerros' Veterinary clinic (820 Cordon Rd. NE) there was Madrone, White Oak, Black Walnut, and a couple pieces of Willow available. If you get pieces of the wood at the Vet Clinic and you need help breaking them down to a size you can use, give me a call (Bob Hutchinson—503-508-3279). I will either be able to help you at my shop or help you find someone else who can. There have been times that this free wood hasn't been utilized so hopefully this will help more of our members take advantage of the opportunity.

I do want to remind those of you who haven't paid their 2015 dues that they are in arrears. Dues need to be up to date to be able to take advantage of activities such as Library rentals, wood raffle, and group Craft Supply orders.

I've now got to get back to turning Cocobolo for a customer as well as preparing stock for the Salem Saturday Market.

Looking forward to seeing you at the February 12 meeting.

Bob Hutchinson
President

I have available about 1/2 of a pick-up load of Kiln Dried and stored dry Cherry to give away. It is all 3/4 inch by 2 to 6 inch by 12 inch pieces. I will be in about 30 minutes early for the next meeting and you can pick it up from my truck.

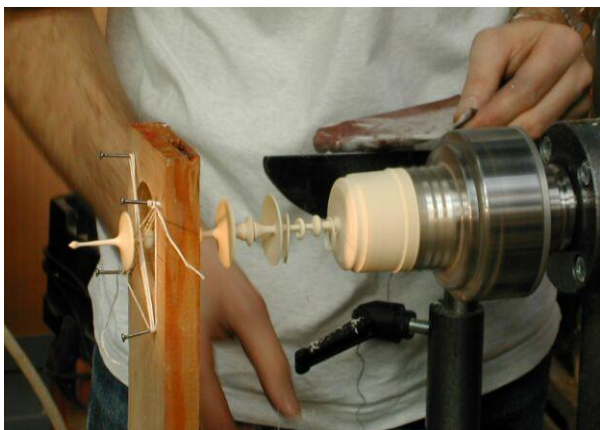
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Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events

February Presenter, Dick Worthey

Trembleurs
February 12, 2015



Dick Worthey will be our guest demonstrator for February. Dick resides in Roseburg, Oregon and is very active with the Beaver State Woodturners group in Eugene. Dick will share his techniques for making Trembleurs with our group. This is a technique he learned from Jean-Franç

ois Escoulen at the AAW Symposium in San Jose in 2012. Trembleur is a french word that relates to trembler or wobbler. This turned object is a test of your turning skill. The trembleur is made from one piece of wood in a spindle orientation. It is then turned with a turned element at the top, followed by a 2 or 3 mm thin spindle (1/16 to 3/32"), then another element and then another spindle and so forth until you get to the end.

Dick loves the challenge of learning new techniques and then practices the technique until he can incorporate the new skill(s) into his own work. This is a great opportunity to observe and learn a few new ideas or techniques which can enhance our own turning skills.

Bring your questions and comments for Dick as we explore the techniques for making Trembleurs.

March Demo, Bruce Stangeby and Reed Gray

The Basics of Tool Sharpening

March 12, 2015



Choosing a bench grinder, purchasing new grinder wheels and setting up your grinder to effectively sharpen tools can be complex and frustrating. So, we are planning to get down to the basics, explain the options and cover the details required to sharpen your tools in a repeatable, timely and cost efficient manner. Bruce Stangeby and Reed Gray will share their knowledge and expertise to discuss equipment, basic set-up, demonstrate platform and jig sharpening and provide some recommendations on sharpening technique. Everyone will develop their own protocol for keeping a sharp edge on tools. Practice is the key to developing these skills, but this does not need to be through trial and error. Trial and error also means grinding away expensive steel! See how experienced turners renew a razor sharp edge. We are also planning to a Sawdust Session in March to practice your newly acquired knowledge. Mark your calendars -- March 21 for the Sawdust Session. Bring your turning tools and practice the 'Art of Sharpening!'

April Demo, Cynthia Gibson

Pyrography

April 9, 2015



We will have Cynthia Gibson at our April meeting to share her expertise in Pyrography. Following our regular club meeting, Cynthia will offer a two day workshop for those interested in learning more about the art of Pyrography. She resides in Georgia and will be making her first trip out to the great Northwest. The club demonstration on April 9, will be followed with a workshop on April 11 & 12. The costs will be \$200/person for the two days. This is a great opportunity to spend two days with a very special artist. You can sign up by e-mailing Bryan Thoet at bthoet@pacifier.com.

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)

14 Bottle Stoppers.....Cone style or droplet style.....\$4.25 each

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 **February 16th** 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 at 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 Gilmer's, 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, Madrone, 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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