



The Burl

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Next Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2015



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LET THE CHIPS FLY

I will make my address short for this issue of the Burl. As you all should know by now, our Thursday November 12 meeting is comprised of a short business meeting along with a potluck followed by our annual auction. All members, guests, and drop in public are invited to attend and participate in the auction.

The auction will start at 6:00 PM or as soon as the business/potluck concludes. We have already been contacted by several people from Portland, who attend other club auctions, expressing their intent to come to our auction. Dave Colsen (auctioneer) always has a way of keeping the crowd active while promoting the creativity of the donated pieces.

Remember, this is our major fundraiser the club uses to provide our demonstrators for the 2016 season. For this reason, the more quality items you are able to donate, the better the potential for a healthier demonstration year.

The December 10 meeting will feature gizmos and gadgets that we encourage members to present as ways to do things easier or maybe faster. We will all be looking forward to seeing the way others have figured to “make a better mouse trap”.

Hope you all can join the fun and activities in both these events.

A business reminder: 2016 dues are due by December 31, 2015.

Bob Hutchinson, President WVW

Current & Upcoming Events

November - Annual Auction

This year we have a full fledged Potluck rather than desserts only. Plan to join the club for some fun, friendship and delicious food. Help raise funds for the club. Bring your favorite food to share. **Cash, Check or Credit Card** are all acceptable payment methods.

Bid high, bid often!

December - Gadgets & Gizmos!

Bring several of your homemade gadgets to share with the group. Describe how you use the item and the process of making the item. This is a great chance to share your ideas and learn from others.

Sawdust sessions

The club is putting in an extra effort to restart the Sawdust sessions. Sawdust sessions will now take place once a month on the Saturday following our club meetings, unless there is a club workshop scheduled for that specific weekend. These sessions are designed to be of interest to all members, new or old, seasoned or novice turners.

Our first session will be an **OPEN SHOP SESSION**. It shall take place **Saturday November 14th 9am – 3pm** in Terry's shop at 820 Cordon Rd. NE in Salem.

This session offers novice turners the opportunity to work on any project or task of their choice and they can decide that at the session. They will be helped, as needed, by the **club mentors**. Need help with some technique, let us help you! Those more seasoned turners are invited to work on any project they wish or help those less initiated.

We would appreciate to know in advance, if possible, who will be attending so that we can furnish the appropriate amount of coffee and cookies/donuts/muffins etc.

Our **Saturday December 12th 9am – 3pm** session (place to be decided) will be focused on making Christmas ornaments of various kinds.

The Editor's Corner

By Henrik Åberg, Burl editor

News for The Burl:

- "**Club happenings in our area**" section has been updated with corrected information on page 8.
- Membership dues can now be paid by **PayPal** with a button in the Burl on page 5 or on the Website.
- See also "**Joke of the month**" on page 10.

Clicking on any bulleted line above will take you straight to the page referenced.

Please help improve the Burl experience for all club members by submitting your own contribution. We need more contributions for "**What's on your Lathe?**", "**Tip of The Month**", "**Joke of the month**" and more.

Two gift certificates per month are given out to the two best Burl contributions!
This month's gift certificates go to **Mark Choitz** and **Jeff Zens!** Thank you!

Bowls, bowls and more bowls (with Dale Larson)

By Henrik Åberg



I have seen so many accomplished turners turning bowls, so my attitude until recently was "what on earth could I learn from yet another bowl turner"? Surprise, surprise, there is always something new to learn.

The club had the pleasure of having Dale Larson demonstrate his methods and techniques of bowl turning at our last club meeting. It was the first time for me to see Dale in action so I had the opportunity to learn about a different way of approaching the whole task. Most noticeable for me, was:

- Careful selection of the wood grain and orientation of the bowl blank on the lathe
- Liberal use of oil at every stage of turning (I only use oil as a finish)
- Liberal use of shear scrapers
- Sanding with oil on the wood
- Sanding also in reverse...

The bowl that Dale turned at the meeting was raffled out. The proceeds from the raffle plus Dale's demo fees have been donated to AAW on behalf of Dale.

Here are suppliers that Dale uses (Note that Dale has no financial or other incentive to share this information, they are merely his trusted suppliers)

HWB Enterprises Inc Howard Borer 503-685-3409 howbor@yahoo.com Faceplate, adaptors and tool rests	D-waytools Dave Schweitzer tools 360-432-9509 davelu@hctc.com Gouges, beading tools
Jay Parmenter Grants Pass, Oregon 541-659-4388 parmenter@charter.net Maple and Madrone burl	Woodland Nut Oils 16675 County Road 98B Woodland, CA 95695 530-662-3027 Walnut oil

What's on my Lathe?

By Mark Choitz



I cleaned up my wood pile the other day and found a dried round that was 18 inches - larger than my lathe capacity. My lathe is a Grizzly model G0462 and the inboard capacity on it is 16 inches. I decided to turn the piece with an outboard setup. I mounted the piece with my chuck ring and attached it to my SuperNova 2 chuck, rearranged my banjo and tool rest and got to work. I established my foot and rounded over the outside of the bowl. I had in



mind to make a large shallow bowl that might hold chips or popcorn. This process went well and I was quite happy with the outcome so far - I'd never worked on a piece in the outboard setup. I called it a day and would finish the bowl tomorrow. I couldn't get to sleep because something kept bothering me about the bowl - ah ha- How was I going to hold onto the bowl in order to finish turning away the foot, no vacuum setup and I couldn't use the tailstock to hold it in place? I decided I now had a dilemma on my hands and nodded off to a restless night.



My solution came to me in my dreams. Since it was a chip bowl why not make a pedestal to sit a dip bowl in and then use this area to hold onto it? As it turned out I had turned the diameter down far enough that I had about 3/8 inch clearance from the lathe bed so I would have been O.K. And as you can see it turned out fine, beautiful piece of timber and nice



design I think. Now if I can just get my wife to throw me a ceramic bowl to sit in the middle.



For Sale Department

Cherry wood for sale

Don Woodward has a lot of Cherry lumber for sale. It varies from 4" to 10" wide and is all about 6' long, mostly clear, and cut on a band saw mill, and is dry. Contact Don for details.

Don Woodward 971-273-7659



Wolverine Vari-Grind
Fingernail/Side Grinding Jig
with V-bar (no base) **\$30**.
Contact Henrik Aberg.


Wolverine Vari-Grind 2 Jig with base
\$50. Contact Henrik
Aberg



Club Business

It is time to renew your membership for 2016

By Henrik Åberg, Treasurer

It's that special time of the year again! The bylaws state: "The WVW Club's annual dues shall be payable by **December 31st.**" The club dues continue to be a very reasonable **\$35** for the year. Renewing your membership is very simple: Send me **\$35** and make sure I can identify you from the check or money order (made out to "WVW") so don't use your brother in-law's check. If any of your information (phone, address etc.) has changed, write me a note of the change. My address is on the last page. You can also pay at the November or December meetings **or NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!** with  by clicking the button below. Your help in paying on time is appreciated.

Thank you!



Note: The club [web page](#) also includes a link on the home page for PayPal payments of membership renewal.

 **31%** of the members have paid their **2016** dues at the time of press. **Thank you!**

October Treasurer's Report

By Henrik Åberg, Treasurer

Beginning Balance **\$4318.47**

October Income

Glue etc. sales \$37.00
Raffle ticket sales \$121.00
Memberships (1 new+10 renewals) \$355.00
Dale Larson's Bowl Raffle \$50.00
Anchorseal sales \$22.00

Total October Income \$585.00

October Expenses

Paper product for secretary \$1.18
Square steel tube for lamp stand \$16.28
Dale Larson demo fee + bowl raffle donation to AAW \$350.00

Total October Expenses \$367.46

Ending Balance **\$4536.01**

Membership Report

By Henrik Åberg

One new member since last month: The club has **106** members in 2015 (92 paid + 14 HLM).

Instant Gallery

By Mark Choitz

Each month you have a chance to show off and tell about your skill and woodturning efforts. All you need to do is bring a piece and fill out the short label telling about the piece. A renowned woodturner will give you their opinion of the work and you may even walk away with a nice gift certificate from Craft Supplies USA. Be sure to bring something to show at the next meeting.



The instant gallery table was full of interesting and beautiful work at the October meeting. Amongst the fine work were: ornaments, salt & pepper shakers, bowls and a collection of oak vessels. Walt Thies won the People's Choice award with his cherry popcorn bowl beautiful craftsmanship and functional – Congratulations Walt.

Membership Rewards

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.

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 (\$11/gal). The club purchased a small supply of half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool, and depth gauges (\$5). **HSS Round Tool Bits rods (1/4" x 8")** are also available (\$3). **Henrik Åberg** will have the resale items available at the meetings.

Placing Club Orders to Craft Supply USA

From Jeff Zens, Club Liaison to Craft Supply USA

The Willamette Valley Woodturners offers a great benefit to its members: the ability to order turning supplies, tools and even lathes from Craft Supplies USA (CSUSA). In most cases, members receive substantial discounts on every item ordered through the club. In addition, the club benefits by your order; I'll describe that below. In this article, you'll learn about the order process and find answers to the most frequently-asked questions.

Understanding the Discounts

The standard discount on all items except lathes is 10% off the item's current price, which is the price at the time we place the club order. Note that if you add an item to a club order in March, but the order isn't placed with CSUSA until May, the "current" price is the May price. CSUSA is very consistent in their pricing month-to-month, but some items occasionally fluctuate. There are a few additional discounts that will apply, as well.

Smaller items (such as pen kits) are frequently offered at a reduced price-per-item if you purchase multiples. The quantity purchase discounts you'll see most frequently are 10, 25 or 50 items. For example, recently the price for a single Apprentice Fancy Slimline pen kit, in a gun metal finish was \$1.79. If you order 50 or more of these kits the unit price drops to \$1.52, which is a 15% discount. You will receive the 10% club discount in addition.

Another area where CSUSA really helps out turners, especially folks just starting out, is with the purchase of tools. Any time two or more of the same tool are purchased in one order, each tool is reduced by 10%, and the club discount is also applied, for a total discount of 20%. This additional discount applies only to turning tools – not to other "toolish" items like grinding wheels. If you have questions about a particular item, let me know. The easiest way to take maximum advantage of this discount is to frequently check the current club order (more on that in a moment) and see if someone has already ordered a tool you're interested in. If so, order one yourself and enjoy that extra 10% savings!

Finally, because I don't place the order until the total before the discount exceeds \$1,000, everything excluding lathes is shipped free. In many cases that's an additional \$10-20 per order savings. All in all, this is a very nice membership benefit.

How the Club Benefits

CSUSA offers frequent purchasers like our club an additional benefit called the Frequent Purchaser Program. Because we purchase often, and spend a lot of money, we accrue a cash bonus similar to cash-back credit cards. The club uses this bonus to purchase items that benefit the entire membership such as books and videos for our library. We also order items that make the club more effective at fulfilling its mission, such as accessories for the club lathe, used by our demonstrators at monthly meetings. The mobile base for the new lathe is just one example. We encourage you to use the club order process for both personal and club benefit.

How to Order

Placing an order is simple, but there are a few important steps you can take to streamline the process and ensure you get what you want. First, you must be a club member to use this benefit, and you must have both a user id and password for the club's website (www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com). If you lack either of these, contact Ron Fox, the club's webmaster, at Webmaster@willamettevalleywoodturners.com and request your username and/or password. Once you have them, log in to the website, click the "Members" tab on the menu bar, and in the window that opens, click "Place Group Order."

On the screen that opens next you have several self-explanatory options. Of note, you can view the current group order and see what others are ordering. [This is the place to see if other tools are being ordered and decide if you want to take advantage of the multiple tool discount.](#)

To place an item on the order, follow these steps.

1. Go to the Craft Supplies USA website and find the item you want. Be sure to specify size, color, finish, or any other distinguishing characteristics that set items apart.
2. Once you have identified the correct item, copy the part number from the Craft Supplies page and paste it into the Part number box on the Club Order web page.
3. Do the same with the item description.
4. Do the same with the price.
5. On the Club Order page, specify the quantity of this item you are ordering, and then click “Add.”
6. Repeat the process for as many items as you need.
7. To review your order, click the “My Current Order” button.
8. You can continue to add items to an order up to the day I close it out and place it with Craft Supplies.
9. Only two gift certificates can be added to a single club order. If you wish to use a gift certificate, enter it in the “notes” field as follows: “GC ##### MM/DD/YYYY”. Substitute the **EXACT** gift certificate number for the ### symbols, and enter the date that you are requesting use of the gift certificate. If more than two gift certificates are entered in a month’s order I will use the first two entered. Please be precise with the numbers – if they are mis-entered, the entire order is held up until I can get correct information.
10. Once in a while, items are backordered. If you can’t wait for backordered items, add “No Backorders” to the Notes field. I will cancel any items listed in this way if they are backordered when I place the order.

Here’s What I Do

When the order exceeds \$1,000.00 on the Monday following a club meeting, the order is closed on the web site. After that time, no more items can be added – but you can certainly start a new order for a future month. I then coordinate the order with our customer service rep at CSUSA, who checks it for accuracy. Any inaccuracies in item description, size, etc. must be corrected before the order can be finalized. That’s why accuracy on the part of the individual club member is so important to the process. Once discrepancies are resolved, costs and discounts get calculated, and the order goes to their fulfillment department. Orders generally ship in time for a pickup the following Saturday, and I notify everyone who has ordered via email of the date and time for pickup. I pay for the order as soon as it is placed.

I calculate each individual’s order total, apply the 10% club discount, subtract any gift certificates from applicable orders, and what’s left is what you owe. I also sort the bulk order into individual bags or boxes for your convenience at pickup.

Your Responsibilities

Pickup days and times are generally a two-hour window in late morning or early afternoon on Saturday or Sunday. Members who take advantage of this Club benefit are expected to pick up and pay for their items at the time specified. Sometimes that’s not possible; in those instances it’s the club member’s responsibility to contact me, get their order total and send me a check for that amount. Once the items are paid for, you can make arrangements with me for pickup at another time. I am unable to transport orders to club meetings. Orders that aren’t paid for and picked up as described above will be returned to Craft Supply USA at the member’s expense.

Payment can be in check or cash, but if you bring cash please get close to the order amount. I can make small change, but I don’t have a cash drawer loaded with loot. Sorry, no credit cards.

Wrapping Up

The Club’s CSUSA order service is a great membership benefit. If you’ve read through this article, and still have questions, I am happy to get them answered. Please get in touch – my contact information is in the membership directory, and can also be found on the club’s website.

Club Member Discounts

- Craft Supply: See Jeff's article on page 7
- Club members are registered with Klingspor's Woodworking Shop at www.woodworkingshop.com or 800-228-0000, they **!now!** 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)

www.northwestwoodturners.com

Meets 1st Thursday 7:00 PM at The Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR)

www.cascadewoodturners.com

Meets 3rd Thursday 6:45 PM at Willamette Carpenters Training Center, 4222 NE 158th Ave., Portland

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR)

www.beaverstatewoodturners.com

Meets 4th Thursday 6:00 PM at the Woodcraft Store, 1052 Green Acres Rd, Eugene

Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA)

www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com

Meets 4th Wednesday 7:00 PM at Friends of the Carpenter's Center, 1600 West 20th St, Vancouver, WA

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Joke of the month:

Q: "What kind of wood do movie stars turn ?"

A: "Hollywood"