



The Burl

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LET THE CHIPS FLY

Well by the time this comes out, we will be into 2016. Neva and I were like many other people we know, rushing to the last minute to be ready for the holidays. Now we have had time to kick back and relax so we can begin again.

Our last meeting of 2015 had a “Gizmos and gadgets” presentation where local members presented some ideas and concepts that have made things easier. It is always fun to learn how others have come up with some unique shortcuts that weren’t discovered yet. I guess that is a simplistic way of looking at how many things have been developed.

I’m going to make this short and remind everyone to be safe and have a wonderful “New Year”. See you at the January 14, 2016 meeting.

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

Bob Hutchinson, President WVV

Current & Upcoming Events by Terry Gerros

January Demonstrator, Tom Huhn

Bottle Stopper

January 14

In January, we will have one of our own demonstrate, Tom Huhn. He will be turning his bottle stopper which is decorated with a grape cluster on top. Tom worked for about 30 years in construction building houses as a general contractor. About 25 years ago Tom was diagnosed with an eye disease called Retinitis pigmentosa which causes a slow loss of vision over time. Tom likes to quote that popular Hogan's Heroes character, Sergeant Shultz, "I see nothing!" He has a little light perception but otherwise he is blind. Tom has worked with wood his whole life, in construction and now continues to make furniture, cabinets and a variety of products for home décor.



Two years ago Tom got his first lathe and according to him, it is the most interesting tool he has had and he has quite a selection of tools in his shop including a table saw, band saw, miter saw, jointer, planer, and routers. To quote Tom, "I really like the challenge of the lathe and the problem solving needed and the endless possibilities. It is a very different type of wood working, it is kind of like a piece of clay that you get to shape in your hands."

February Demonstrator, Ashley Harwood, South Carolina

Fine Finials

February 11

One day and two day workshops. The one day workshop covers turning fine finials, the two day workshop covers both fine finials, bowls and sharpening.

March Demonstrator: Dan Tilden, Ashland, OR

TBD

March 10

Sawdust Sessions

January: Goblets lead by Bruce Stangeby at Terry's shop (820 Cordon Rd NE) . This would be a good sawdust session for new as well as more experienced turners to attend.

You should bring a dry piece of your favorite wood (2 1/2 x 2 1/2 x 8 this would be an appropriate size if you haven't turned a goblet before) , spindle turning tools (spindle roughing gouge, spindle turning gouges), small (3/8") bowl gouge, round nose negative rake scraper, and a cut off tool. No skew required !

Sandpaper and finish of your choice.

If you don't have wood, or all of the tools I will bring some to share

February: No sawdust session due to the Ashley Harwood workshop.

March: TBD

The Editor's Corner

By Henrik Åberg, Burl editor

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

A maximum of two gift certificates per month are given out to the best Burl contributions!

This month's gift certificates go to **Terry Gerros and Walt Thies**. Thank you!

Joke of the month:

Q: How can you identify dogwood?

A: By its bark.

Submitted by Walt Thies

Betty Fox's famous quotes:

You might be a woodturner if.....

You return from the yard waste recycling shed with more debris than you left with.

Your wife's garden was mulched for free.

When someone says chip you don't think potato.

What's on my Lathe.....

By Terry Gerros

Considering that this month's sawdust session is on Goblets, I couldn't resist the opportunity to turn a few myself. My curiosity got the better of me to see how tall a goblet I could make...so far, I'm at 16 inches.



Turning tip (from Steve Russell's "Lathe Talk")

Submitted by Bruce Stangeby

A small amount of paste wax works wonders to help eliminate torn grain areas when turning difficult timbers, or high-figured grain. Apply some wax and then resume cutting with your gouge. You may have to apply the wax several times to completely remove any damage.

My Woodturning Experience by J.J. Jones

The wonders of woodturning were intriguing to me. One of the articles about woodturning I read in "Fine Woodworking" was about Ed Moulthrop (1916-2003) and the large vessels he turned. This gave me the encouragement to try woodturning. The process I was taught in 1985 was to use a faceplate with a single screw to hold the wood on the lathe, and a combination of 1/2 by 3/8 inches by 3 feet Tantung bars for turning tools. One of the bars cutting end was straight across the end and the other was rounded. We used only scraper tools. I turned for about 4 years, and then quit for several years. I finally got another lathe and I also joined Willamette Valley Woodturners in the middle 90's. A prominent turner from Portland was presenting the program that night. He took one look at the bowl that I brought, saw the hole in the bottom of my bowl and made a disparaging remark about my bowl. That remark has cost me over \$6,000 throughout the years for better lathes and tools. I started my purchases with a good chuck, but stayed with my scrapers for another several years. Many turners I first worked with swore by using only scrapers. I was at a sawdust session around the year 2000. I was the only turner that was using scrapers. The rest were using gouges. I finally decided to buy a couple gouges and learn how to use them. Of the many types of grinds; the Irish grind, the Batty grind, the Ellsworth grind, etc., and I am more comfortable with the Ellsworth grind and use it most. In the last several years carbide tips on the cutting tools have been on the market. Now, there is reluctance of some turners using gouges to use carbide. To me, if the tool you are using does what you need it to do, use it. What new type of tools will be perfected and used in the future? Time will tell.

J.J. Jones

Yarn bowls anyone??

Submitted by Henrik Aberg



My sister-in-law has a yarn store (Apples to Oranges) in Silverton, 204 E Main Street, and she is frequently asked about availability of yarn bowls (see example to the left). If you are in a mood of making them she would be selling them at her store, by either buying them from you outright or by consignment. Contact me if you are interested.



Club Business

December Treasurer's Report

By Henrik Åberg, Treasurer



Beginning Balance **\$8,898.63**

December Income

Raffle \$76.00
Memberships (26*\$35) \$910.00
Total December Income \$986.00

December Expenses

Burl Expenses (4 months) \$10.89
PayPal fees \$3.96
Total December Expenses \$14.85

2015 Year End Balance \$9,869.78



In terms of comparison to the beginning of the year we are in the **black** for a whopping **\$3,517.91** of which **\$2500** is repayment of the loan the Symposium got from the club, so the 'real' increase in the coffers for the year 2015 is really **\$1,017.91**

Membership Report

By Henrik Åberg



We have six new members for 2016: The club would have **114** members (if everyone pays their dues).

72% of the members have paid their **2016** dues at the time of press BUT we **should to be at 100%**.

Last year, at this very same time we were at **74%**

Oregon Woodturning Symposium 2017

by Terry Gerros

Time to start thinking about the 2017 Oregon Woodturning Symposium, a mere 14 months away (March 17-19, 2017). Our demonstrators will include Stuart Mortimer, Binh Pho, Nick Cook, Al Stirt, Christian Burchard, Jon Magill and Mike Blankenship.

Give some thought as to where you'd like to help. Remember the more people involved, the less work we each have to do.

Changes to the Club Bylaws

Submitted by Henrik Åberg

The board is proposing updates to the Bylaws and these updates have to be approved by a vote of the membership, as stated in the current Bylaws. This voting will occur at the January general meeting.

First: The board has been discussing ways of encouraging the young generation to join the club and these discussions have led to the need to alter the bylaws, particularly as it pertains to membership dues.

Second: Proposals made in the past and voted on by the club members and adopted have not been appropriately documented in the Bylaws and therefore they have become 'stale'. One such change is the Term of Office of the Treasurer that was adopted by a vote of the membership at the 4/12/2012 general meeting but not updated in the Bylaws at that time. Other updates in this category are requirements formerly imposed by the AAW that are no longer valid or needed and have been deleted.

Third: Since the Bylaws are being modified the person in charge of the editing task also saw the opportunity to edit the Bylaws for consistency an appearance. These changes have not altered the Bylaws other than in the appearance as a written document.

Specifically, below is the exact wording of the proposed NEW changes to the Articles of the Bylaws. (The grayed wording is new).

ARTICLE V: The board is proposing a discounted membership of \$10 for the age group 18-21 for 2016. These are typically students who are stretched thin financially. The definition of an Associate Member allows for a broader set of our family youngsters to be included in the club without a financial burden.

ARTICLE IX: For 2016 we have a unique instance where we have both the past president and The Vice President being the same person (Terry Gerros). The additions to the article aims to clarify how the Club deals with this.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIPS AND DUES

1. Members are individuals whose dues are current for the calendar year beginning January 1. Members between the age of 18-21, as of January 1 of the calendar year, shall pay discounted dues per section 3.
2. Associate Members are the spouse/partner and/or any minor children of a WVV Member and/or any minor grandchildren living with a Member of WVV, who wants to be a member. Also, any person under the age of eighteen (18) years of age as of January 1st of the membership year, who applies for membership, will be considered an Associate Member. Associate Members shall be exempt from the payment of any dues or fees, and shall be entitled to all privileges of regular members, except the right to vote or hold office.
3. The amount of the annual membership dues for the upcoming year shall be set annually by a vote at the WVV club's regularly scheduled October meeting.

ARTICLE IX - EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, past president and two (2) members elected by the membership. In the event that a member is elected to serve two positions, an additional board member is elected to preserve the number of board members at seven (7). The Executive Board shall be charged with day-to-day conduct of the affairs of the WVV club and with making decisions on such matters which do not require a vote by the general membership. The President shall be Chairperson of the Executive Board. This Executive Board shall meet at least quarterly. The Executive Board shall be responsible for all assets acquired by the WVV.

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 Anchorseal (\$11/gal). The club has 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, except for Anchorseal which is available through [Jeff Zens](#).

Club Member Discounts

- **Craft Supply:** The club's order will be going out on the Monday following our Club Meeting if our order equals or exceeds \$1,000. Craft Supply gives us a 10% discount plus free shipping on 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. For detailed instruction for ordering see the article in the [November](#) 2015 Burl. Questions? See 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.
- 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

Oregon Coast Woodturners (Newport, OR)

www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com

Meets 4th Saturday 10:00 AM at Hasting Coastal Woodworks, 3333 SE Ferry Slip Rd, South Beach, OR

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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Executive Board

President	Bob Hutchinson
Vice President	Terry Gerros (new in 2016)
Secretary	Jim Devorss
Treasurer	Henrik Aberg
Past President	Terry Gerros
Board Position 1	J.J. Jones
Board Position 2	Bruce Stangeby (new in 2016)

Non-Executive Positions

Newsletter Editor	Henrik Aberg
Web Master	Ron Fox
Wood Gathering	Jerry Lelack
Librarian	Jerry Lelack
Coordinators	Myron Yancy (Steam Up) Bob Hutchinson (State Fair)

New Members	Bob Garvey Tom Morrison
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Roster Compiler	Walt Thies
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Facilities	Bryan Thoet Paul Hirt
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Calling Tree	Carl Rodney
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Video	Jeff Zens Larry Curry
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Craft Supplies Orders	Jeff Zens
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Send changes to roster information (address, e-mail, phone#) to Walt Thies (wgthies@gmail.com)

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