



# The Burl

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Willamette Valley Woodturners



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**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 9, 2017 6:30 pm**  
  
CITY OF SALEM SENIOR CENTER  
2615 Portland Rd, NE. Salem, OR 97303

## Preventing GAS in the Wood Turners Shop

Words of wisdom from the President

There is a time in every wood turner's life when a reminder of safety procedures is timely. Reminders of eye protection and lung protection are always a good idea. Reminders to remove the chuck key and check the speed before turning the lathe on are always a good idea. Reminders of how to properly dispose of oily rags in order to prevent spontaneous combustion show up frequently on blogs and in magazines. But the prevention of GAS in the woodturner's shop is rarely if ever mentioned in those same magazines. In fact many magazines survive and thrive on increasing, instead of decreasing, GAS.

Now just to be clear I am not talking about gas in the gastrointestinal way. Despite the recent cold weather, I am also not talking about gas from furnaces or leaking heaters. I am talking about a common malady called GAS or Gear Acquisition Syndrome.

GAS is that syndrome that is commonly brought on by paging through the latest Woodturners catalogue and finding all the things you can't possibly live, much less turn, without having in your shop.

While the magazines and catalogues are common causes of GAS I have personally seen cases of GAS develop from innocent activities including attending club meetings or symposiums. These cases develop when a demonstrator says something like "I will demonstrate this next cut using a 47.5 degree double parabolic triple tempered reverse fluted bowl gouge." Those of us poor suckers that only have 45 and 50 degree double parabolic bowl gouges and having been struggling to get by can consider re-grinding one of ours thus avoiding the GAS. But what about those who don't have anything but a V shaped Doug Thompson gouge. Can you feel the GAS coming on? I discussed this malady with another member of our club recently. He will remain nameless for now. He told me he gets a little sad if not actually depressed when he looks through a new catalogue and realizes that he already has everything and there is nothing new for him to buy.

So what is wrong with buying every new tool that comes along? If you want to have it in your collection, and you can afford it, there is absolutely nothing wrong with making another purchase. The problem is when we unwittingly spread the notion that turning isn't possible without having the latest and greatest in our hands. The problem is when a new turner or guest to a club meeting gets left feeling hopeless because he can't afford every new thing and is struggling just to learn how to use his second hand Harbor Freight lathe and a small collection of high carbon tools handed down from his grandfather.

Here are some suggestions for our experienced members that may help prevent GAS especially when talking to a new turner.

1) Instead of automatically telling someone what tool you think they need consider asking them what they have at their disposal. Then help them find a way to use what they have. Consider mentoring them.

2) Don't criticize because someone uses different tooling than you do. Just because someone uses a carbide Easy Wood Tool and you use a D-way gouge doesn't make one of you right and the other one wrong. Different is just different not always wrong. Instead of spouting off about the superiority of your way, consider asking why they chose their way. Maybe you will learn something. Maybe they can't afford a grinder right now to sharpen a gouge. Again consider mentoring instead of criticizing.

3) Remember that turning was happening many generations ago with some much simpler tools than most of us use now. Yes a quick change chuck with seven different jaw sets is nice to have. But helping someone learn how to use a faceplate or a glue block, if that's what they have available, may be just the thing to help keep a new turner feeling successful.

4) Take a little time to watch some woodturning videos on YouTube. Look for primitive turning techniques and learn to appreciate what some people accomplish with very little in the way of gear. I recently watched a turner making a hook tool by heating it over a fire in his back yard. I watched another of a turner using his feet to do some spindle turning. You know what, he looked happy.

### February Presidents Challenge is: **Hearts**

Bring your heart inspired, made in February item to the March meeting. Prize awarded to the winner.

Darcy Tataryn, President WWV

## Willamette Valley Woodturners January Minutes of Meeting

By Ron Freshour, 2017 Club Secretary

- Meeting was called to order by President Darcy Tataryn
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Announcement:
    - There are new materials in the library ready to be checked out - Jerry Lelack
    - The order for Craft Supplies stands at about \$325 - place orders with Jeff Zens before Monday
    - There are trees down around town - report wood collection to Jerry Lelack
    - The sawdust session for Saturday was set up at Terry Gerros' place - Beads of Courage Projects
  - Introduction of Demonstrator by Terry Gerros: **Nick Stagg** turned a lidded box for the demonstration. Nick said he has been turning about 15 years. Nick showed the first thing in turning a project is to slice off a thin wafer from the end of the wood stock. By giving the wafer a gentle twist or bend it can be determined if there is a crack that may create a problem later on in the turning. He then turned a cylinder and divided it approximately 1/3 for the lid and 2/3 for the body of the box. Nick demonstrated the use of his chatter tool to put a design on the exterior of the lid. In sizing the lid/box he emphasized that the lid should be fitted for the end user. It did not have to be pucker tight yet not too loose but it should slide on/off easily.
  - The meeting was adjourned with the drawings for donated wood, bring-back project and the annual gavel project.
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### Beads of Courage sawdust session

Submitted by Mark Choitz

Terry Gerros opened up his shop and let us make a lot of wood chips as nine members turned lidded boxes for our Beads of Courage program. The Beads of Courage program supports kids going through serious illness like cancer. Through the Beads of Courage, children receive a unique bead to represent each procedure or treatment. For example, a red bead for each blood transfusion, a yellow bead for each night in the hospital, a star bead for surgery, a white bead for chemotherapy. Their collection of beads becomes a tangible record of their journey. Each wood turned box will be used to hold a sick child's precious beads. Boxes will be turned in at the Oregon Woodturning Symposium in March and shipped to a children's hospital in Seattle.

Present at the sawdust session was Paul Hirt, Roland Mack, Jim Devorss, Mark Choitz, Bob Thompson, Marcia Snyder, Katherine Edmonds, Bruce Stangeby, and Milt Engelke. Even Treasurer Henrik Aberg showed his face for a few minutes.



## If at first you don't succeed.....

Submitted by Mark Choitz

I have tried two different methods recently that showed me perseverance can pay off. The first was a rather simple fix as it only pertained to a lid for a hexagonal box. I liked the first version but was never overwhelmed by it. The lid was textured with a Waggoner texturing tool and was pretty blocky. My second version had a small finial incorporated in the design.



I've been intrigued by the metal reactive paint that is available through CraftsSupplies and Ten Second Studio. The Verday paint is a simple way to add a little something to some wood that is very plain. I tried using it on another hexagonal box that I turned. My idea was to lay down hot glue on the bare wood, apply the metal reactive paint and then remove the hot glue squiggles. When I removed the hot glue I just wasn't satisfied with the way it looked. Mostly it was too narrow and didn't leave any contrast. Some place the paint leaked under and it didn't work out. I turned off this layer of paint and reapplied to the entire surface leaving the edges as plain wood. I think the second version turned out a lot better.



I enjoy the challenge of improving on a turned piece by studying it and making a change –if there is enough wood remaining. Not all pieces turn out though and thank goodness we have a fireplace.

## Upcoming Events

### February 9 - Demonstrator: Carl Jacobson - Bowl Turning

I provide woodturning plans, projects and ideas for beginners to advanced. Taking you through the entire process of preparing wood to be mounted to the lathe, sanding and finishing of the final project. Also a few ideas for finding wood for new projects.

### March 9 - Demonstrator: Richard Rich - Windsor style stool

I am a part time woodturner from Washington State and am a member of the AAW, the Cascade Woodturners and a founding member of the Southwest Washington Woodturners. I have been turning since around 2007.

### April 13 - Demonstrator: Steve Newberry - Earring stand

Says Steve:

"I'm a family doctor who started turning 20 years ago as my father in law had a Shopsmith and I wanted a fun social activity with him as he wasn't much of a fisherman. I bought a used Shopsmith in the newspaper and watched Dale Larson turn a beautiful ash bowl when visiting Cascade Woodturners. I was hooked and still find the social aspects of woodturning as important as the technical ones. I've served as president of both Cascade and Northwest Woodturners and am currently president elect at Northwest.

I enjoy turning boxes, bowls, platters, earring stands, and multi-axis pieces. Lately I've been using an oxyacetylene rig inherited from my dad to make tools. I moved from turning on a Shopsmith to a Nova TL2300, the first model with 2 cylindrical ways, to my new Powermatic 3520B, which I'm enjoying very much."



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## 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 certificate goes to Mark Choitz !

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## AAW NEWS (reprint)

Submitted by Terry Gerros

**AAW** | AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
OF WOODTURNERS

If you are not a member of AAW, you can still sign up for a 90-day trial membership. As a guest, you'll have access to many articles and publications usually available only to members. The link to sign up is:

<http://www.woodturner.org/page/GuestMemberLanding> Check out this page to see what your guest membership entitles you to. Have questions about AAW? Talk to me.

Terry

# Club Business

## Membership renewals are overdue for 2017

By Henrik Åberg, Treasurer



At time of press **only 76%** of our members have paid their dues.

Last year, at this very same time we were at **85%**



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

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## January Treasurer's Report

By Henrik Åberg, Treasurer

Beginning Balance **\$12,061.74**

### January Income

Memberships	\$1,085.00
Glue sales	\$114.00
Raffle	\$71.00

**Total Income** **\$1,270.00**

**Ending Balance** **\$12,684.24**

### January Expenses

Burl copies	\$1.80
PayPal Fees	\$15.84
Books for library	\$97.21
Demonstrator fees	\$150.00
Shop fees	\$100.00
Glue purchase	\$240.00
Tool rest upgrade	\$17.66
Rolling crate	\$24.99

**Total Expenses** **\$647.50**

## Membership Report

By Henrik Åberg

We have **4 new members** so far in 2017 for a total of **119** members.



# 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, the Holdfast vacuum chucking system and Saburrtooth Carving bits. 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 (\$10) 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). Bruce Stangeby 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](mailto:jeffzens@custombuiltfurniture.com).
- Club members are registered with **Klingspor's Woodworking Shop** at [www.woodworkingshop.com](http://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](http://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.

## Club happenings in our area

(Please visit the club's website listed below for additional information)

### Northwest Woodturners (Beaverton, OR)

[www.northwestwoodturners.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.beaverstatewoodturners.com)

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

### Oregon Coast Woodturners (Newport, OR)

[www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com](http://www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com)

Meets 3rd Saturday 10:00 AM at Hasting Coastal Woodworks, 3333 SE Ferry Slip Rd, South Beach, OR

### Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA)

[www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com](http://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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