



# The Burl



A monthly newsletter for the  
**Willamette Valley Woodturners**  
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**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday October 11, 2018 6:30 pm**



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## LET THE CHIPS FLY

In Canada October is the month of Thanksgiving.

I thought I would take this opportunity to express my thanks and gratitude for a few club related things. First I am thankful for our club as a whole. Since discovering and joining Willamette Valley Woodturners my circle of friends has certainly grown. I am thankful for each one of you who has made me feel welcome. I am thankful for a supportive and helpful board to serve with and I am immensely thankful for those of you who help each month to make sure the meeting runs smoothly. Without the help of willing members our meetings would be a chaotic mess. Thank you all who help.

I am thankful for those members who are willing to share their knowledge and mentor new turners; sharing your time, talent and even tools. You are truly upholding the mission of our club. **Bruce Stangeby**, thank you for your years of service as mentor coordinator. **Paul Hirt**, thank you for being willing to take on this roll going forward. **Terry Gerros**, thank you for your constant willingness to share your shop. **Henrik Aberg**, thank you for being willing to be a board member without term limits and for being patient with me every month. **Jerry Lelack**, thank you for your years of coordinating the wood gathering and **Larry Curry**, thank you for picking up that mantle. **Jeff Zens**, thanks for everything literally from A to Z. I couldn't ask for more in a VP. I could go on and on but then Henrik would have to wait even longer to send out the Burl.

Thank you **each and everyone** for being a part of our club and for making it a pleasure to be your president.

Safe and happy turning to you all.

Darcy Tataryn  
President of Willamette Valley Woodturners

## Upcoming Events

### October 11th Meeting Demonstrator: Jimmie Allen, Boxmaster Tools



Jimmie Allen is a long-time northwest resident and currently resides in Bremerton, WA. Jimmie discovered woodturning during his semi-retirement as a finish carpenter. He joined the OPCA AW club in 2003 and was instantly hooked - he went on to serve 7 years as the club's Vice President of Training.

After experimenting with various wood turning aspects, Jimmie was drawn to the challenge that wood boxes presented. Since then, he has concentrated his efforts on improving technique, wood selection, design/shape and proportion. Through this journey, Jimmie also found another creative outlet - the design and crafting of box making tools that helped him to create his signature style of boxes.

Jimmie's philosophy is that we all start at the same place and it's important to keep it simple – “If you put in the time, you'll get there.” He appreciates the opportunity to encourage and motivate people by sharing his experiences and techniques through demonstrations and sawdust sessions.



Jimmie will bring along for sale an assortment of the tools he's developed over the years. Here is an unsolicited testimonial from your vice president: these are really nice tools! I purchased two negative rake scrapers when Eric Lofstrom taught here in August, and I am very pleased with them. If you've never used a negative rake scraper, they are a joy. Club members might remember Eric's lidded boxes with the air-cushion lid; Jimmie's tools are the only ones Eric uses on these boxes. For members who choose to make purchases at the meeting, Jimmie will come equipped to take Visa and MasterCard, personal checks and cash.

For additional information about these tools and to see more of Jimmie's work, visit <http://boxmastertools.com/>.

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**November 8th Demonstrator: Scott Morrison, Journeyman, [The Honorable Company of Horners](#)**

**December 13th Meeting: Christmas Party**

**January 10th Demonstrator: Jay Shepard: “From Blank to a High Gloss Lacquered Form in 90 Minutes”**

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# Club Business

## Treasurer's Report (9/7-10/7)

By Henrik Åberg, Treasurer

**Beginning Balance**      **\$12,714.08**

### Income

Membership                      \$50

Glue/Anchorseal sales              \$102

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**Total Income**                      **\$697**

### Expenses

OR State renewal                      \$50

Center 50+ rental                      \$630

Eric Lofstrom Demo/Class              \$308

Postage                                      \$56.70

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**Total Expenses**                      **\$1,044.70**

**Ending Balance**                      **\$11,821.38**

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## What Can We Do for You?

Over the years the makeup of our membership has changed.

We might not be getting a lot younger chronologically – but maybe we are.

Our accumulated wood turning experience might not be less than it was five years ago – but maybe it is.

The point of this is that your board does not know the answers to these questions, and we should. The makeup of the club drives everything from the kinds of meeting presenters we bring in to the kinds of classes we schedule, and who teaches them.

To learn more about what we can do to make the Willamette Valley Woodturners a meaningful and responsive organization, we are going to develop and distribute a survey to measure these and other factors. We will do our non-statistician-best to analyze these data, and let you know what we find.

Most importantly, we'll have a good idea about how to conduct our business in the coming years.

Please watch your email for this survey and when it arrives, please give it your best effort.

~~Jeff Zens

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## The club needs your help.

Out of a membership of over 100, just a few members consistently chip in to make the club work. If the club is going to prosper, this needs to change. Every member has something to contribute to the effort, and we hope this appeal will cause new interest and new involvement every month.

### Help at the Meetings

We need a few new volunteers to fill important positions in our meeting operations group. Here they are.

**Facilities Coordinator:** Paul Hirt, the current facilities coordinator, has agreed to take over the role of mentor coordinator, an important post with the influx of new members we've experienced. Thanks for stepping up – again – Paul. As you all know, Paul also shares the post of Librarian with Terry Gerros. We have a lot of folks who can take over this post from Paul so he isn't wearing three hats at every meeting.

The Facilities Coordinator is the lead person getting the lathe and accessories out at the beginning of the meeting, for post-demonstration clean-up, ensuring everything is packed up and put back into the storeroom afterward. This job doesn't take a lot of effort – you just need to be at the meetings to help out. And you don't need to do the work by yourself – recruit help!

**New Member Coordinator:** This is a new post. We have experienced an influx of new members, and would like to organize our approach to welcome them to the club. We need someone willing to greet new members as they arrive, introduce them to the club officers who are present, and explain all of the benefits that accrue with club membership. In this category are the library, club discounts through Craft Supplies USA, Anchorseal and CA adhesive purchases, etc. Once we've found our coordinator we'll set up a "new member orientation" table at each meeting for this purpose.

**Video Backup:** Marc Vickery has done an exceptional job with our video production at meetings. He's at every meeting early, getting things set up, and taking care of the lathe setup as well. He's done video work for Portland-area clubs and for the AAW symposium as well. Someday Marc might be on vacation during a meeting, and he needs a back-stop. Setting up the cameras isn't hard, and catching the right shot is straightforward once you get a feel for the demonstrator. One or two members stepping up for this "part-time" post would help a lot.

### Help with the Newsletter

The club's newsletter could be a lot more interesting with more contributions from the membership. Henrik does a great job putting the newsletter together, getting it formatted nicely, and getting it out to the membership. He even reminds those of us with monthly contributions to get our stuff to him on time. But he can't – and shouldn't – come up with all of the content.

When I was demonstrating at State Fair I saw a lot of nice work being done by other turners in our booth. This got me thinking that any one of them could put together a nice article about their work. We had some blue- and red-ribbon winners at this year's fair, and the work was really impressive. The club has a lot of really good artisans – why not share your expertise with the membership?

Next time you start a project, take a few photos that illustrate what you're doing. Sit down at the computer and start documenting your process. Don't stress out if you're not an award-winning writer. We will help if a little editing here and there makes for a more readable article. Remember – every article you read in any magazine you pick up is edited by that magazine's staff. The great descriptions of woodturning mastery in American Woodturner undergo a lot of re-work and tune-up after they are submitted by the authors.

So snap some photos, describe what you do at the lathe, and share with the club!

Thanks in advance for your willingness to make the Willamette Valley Woodturners a better, more meaningful organization.

~~ Jeff Zens

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### **A request from Dr. Seri Robinson**

I'm Dr. Seri Robinson, a professor of wood anatomy at Oregon State University and also an avid turner. A few years ago I wrote the book 'Spalted Wood. The History, Science, and Art of a Unique Material,' produced by Schiffer Publishing. During the research for that book I became very interested in how studio woodturning evolved along with spalted wood's revival, and am currently working on a book detailing the role Mark Lindquist (and his and his father's use of spalted wood) had on the studio woodturning movement.

As part of this research, I'm trying to get a feel for how much history is stored in the collective consciousness of woodturners. Below is a brief, ten question, five minute survey that asks some very, very basic questions. You may remain completely anonymous if you'd like. I'm only trying to acquire a few 'sound bites' for the book, and get a feel for how modern woodturners view the evolution of just a few aspects of the studio woodturning movement.

Feel free to share the link widely, and thank you so much for helping!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HKLZG52>

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# 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 (\$9/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](#). You will need to bring your own gallon jug; contact Jeff to make arrangements.

## 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.



# Oregon Woodturning Symposium

Submitted by Terry Gerros



2018 is coming to a close, much as we hate to think that. Around the corner is the 3rd Oregon Woodturning Symposium. This year's symposium will bring some of the best turners and artists in the world right to our home.

Who is coming you ask? **Richard Raffan, Michael Hosaluk, Glenn Lucas, Jimmy Clewes, Cynthia Carden Gibson, Sari Robinson, Sam Angelo, Jim Rogers, Art Liestman, Curtis Seebeck and Dave Schweitzer.** Topics being covered will include bowls, platters, boxes, pyrography, surface embellishment, spalting, thread chasing, segmented work, coloring, stabilizing to name a few.

Although the demonstrators are the main attraction, there will also be a sizable vendor showcase, instant gallery, and a banquet meal that can't be beat.

The symposium will be held **March 15-17, 2019.** Watch *The Burl* for additional announcements in the coming months.



## 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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