



The Burl

A monthly newsletter for the
Willamette Valley Woodturners
e-mail: wvwtturners@gmail.com
We are also on Facebook



Member chapter

Volume 24, Issue 4

A non-profit/501(c)(3) corporation

April, 2020

April Meeting Cancelled



2615 Portland Rd, NE. Salem, OR 97303

President's Message April, 2020

What's Next?

I'm willing to bet that you're all about as sick of this whole Wuhan corona virus business as I am. Nonetheless, it is seriously affecting our club's operation and I want to use this opportunity to update the membership on what we think is the future.

As I write this, the main hotspots in the United states for CoVid-19 are New York, New Jersey and Michigan, with several other smaller areas of concern spread around the country. It seems as though the reinfection rates are decreasing, and that's considered a good sign. Oregon has fared much better than these areas, but we are not yet out of the woods. The governor's mandate keeping non-essential businesses closed (this is one of the drivers of our present situation) remains in effect with no end in sight. One indicator of a potential timeline is Oregon's educational infrastructure: all colleges and K-12 school systems are closed for the remainder of the school year. I view this as a likely time period for other closures as well.

Compared to reopening businesses and schools, the decision to shut everything down was an easy one. Closing every possible door was justified as a life-saving measure; re-opening is fraught with peril for those responsible for that decision. Here is what I will propose to the board when the time comes to resume operations for our group.

First, we must wait for the governor to rescind the sequestration order. I have no way to even guess when that might happen, or what factors will influence her decision. It will probably be guided by health professionals whose advice seems to change from one day to the next. (Remember the weeks where masks wouldn't work to shield us from the virus? And now we should make them ourselves and wear them outside the house?) So that's first.

Second, we can't re-start our meetings until the Salem 50+ Center becomes available to us, and right now we do not know when that will be. I would not be at all surprised if the Center remains closed at least through May, largely due to the age of its most frequent visitors. This decision will be made by a different level of government and will be based on factors different than the governor's.

Once we pass these hurdles, I will recommend to the board that we start our meetings immediately. I'll make this recommendation based on my faith in the common sense I know each of our members is blessed with. I know each member will make his or her own independent assessment of any health or underlying medical conditions. I know you'll carefully consider the medical conditions and vulnerability of any family members with whom you're in regular contact.

I want our club back in operation as soon as possible – but we all want you all to be safe, and healthy, and turning wood, for as long as possible. So once we fire up the club lathe, we hope to see you – when you feel it's safe.

And Now This...

If you are running out of suitable wood for our Empty Bowls community outreach, please contact Darcy Tataryn. He and I have been visiting Elwood's Tree Service from time to time, and taking advantage of his very generous ongoing donations. Darcy has been processing the logs into bowl blanks and has a number of blanks ready for your use. If we run short, we will get more and get it into a useable form for you.

You can thank Elwood by calling him the next time you need arborist work on your property.

Remember to be safe in your shop! Wear your protective gear, never turn without safety glasses, and...

Let the Chips Fly!!

~~Jeff Zens

Upcoming Demonstrators for 2020

NOTE: Tom Hastings has indicated he is set up to do **REMOTE demonstrating**. Please be aware we are considering the idea as of this newsletter.

Date	Name	Website	Topic	Saturday Class
5/14/2020 Changes Possible	Tom Hastings	http://www.hastingscoastalwoodworks.com/	Currently Basket Illusion Boxes. But Please express an interest to Marc Vickery	No
6/11/2020	Reed Gray	https://www.robophippy.net/	Production Bowl Making	No
7/9/2020	Matt Monaco	https://www.monacobowls.com/	For both demo and class, many options! See Below and Please express an interest to Marc Vickery	YES! July 11 th More detail to follow and see below
8/13/2020	Steve Newberry	Word of mouth	Spheres to Cups	Not at this time
9/10/2020	Under consideration. Some possible ideas in the works. Please refer any ideas to Marc Vickery – THANK YOU			
10/8/2020	Phil Lapp	Word of mouth	Crotch Bowl	no
11/12/2020	Art Liestman	http://artliestman.com/	Demo and class are on the “lost wood process”	YES! Please let Marc Vickery know if interested asap
12/10/2020	Under consideration. Some possible ideas in the works. Christmas??? Please refer any ideas to Marc Vickery – THANK YOU			
Please express an interest of ANY Demonstrator or weekend workshop you would like to see to Marc Vickery				

Membership Rewards

Chain Sharpening Service from [Jeff Zens](#)

I have recently purchased an electric chain sharpener and can accurately sharpen your chains and adjust your depth stops for your saw chains. This will restore the chain to “factory-new” condition. Most chains can be sharpened for \$10.00, but longer chains or badly damaged chains might be a little bit more. This service is only available for club members.

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 Gary Dahrens, (503) 260-9778. .

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). Jerry Lelack 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 [Jeff Zens](#)
- 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.

Club happenings in our area

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

Northwest Woodturners (Beaverton, OR)

www.northwestwoodturners.com

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR)

www.cascadewoodturners.com

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR)

www.beaverstatewoodturners.com

Oregon Coast Woodturners (Newport, OR)

www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com

Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA)

www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com

South Coast Woodturners (Coos Bay, OR)

<http://southcoastwoodturners.com/>

The Burl is a monthly newsletter publication of the **Willamette Valley Woodturners.....**

Executive Board

President	Jeff Zens
Vice President	Marc Vickery
Secretary	Milt Engelke
Treasurer	Henrik Åberg
Past President	Darcy Tataryn
Board Position 1	Scott Morrison
Board Position 2	Jerry Lelack

Non-Executive Positions

Newsletter Editor	Henrik Åberg
Web Master	Ron Fox
Wood Gathering	Gary Dahrens

Librarians	Terry Gerros/Paul Hirt
Glue Sales	Jerry Lelack
Coordinators	Myron Yancey (Steam-Up) Paul Hirt (Mentors) Bob Hutchinson(State Fair)
Roster Editor	Henrik Åberg
Facilities	Open
Video	Jeff Zens Larry Curry Marc Vickery
Craft Supplies	Jeff Zens
Orders	

Send dues & other financial matters to:

Henrik Åberg
7231 Bethel Road SE
Salem, OR 97317
henrikeaberg@gmail.com

Checks payable to: Willamette Valley Woodturners

Send changes to roster information (address, e-mail, phone#) to Henrik Åberg (henrikeaberg@gmail.com)

Send all other club correspondence to the clubs official address:

P.O. Box 151
581 Lancaster Dr SE
Salem, OR 97317 PrezWVW@gmail.com
Club e-mail: wwturners@gmail.com