



# The Burl

A monthly newsletter for the  
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**Next Meeting  
Thursday September 10, 2020 6:30 pm  
using ZOOM**

## President's Message September 2020

### News Bits

#### Meeting Updates

As we all know, our meeting situation for the past several months has been less than ideal – but we are still meeting. Through the diligent efforts of Vice President Marc Vickery, we have enjoyed online demonstrations that, while not the same as an in-person session, are quite informative. It's been a disappointment that so few members are attending and taking advantage. The last meeting had an unofficial attendance of just over 20 club members. Remember: you're all supporting these virtual meetings through your dues, and we are paying each demonstrator from our slowly diminishing treasury.

We try to conduct each meeting in as routine a way possible, beginning, as always, with the Pledge of Allegiance. We get through all necessary Club business, and the rest of the meeting is left to the demonstrator.

Some of you have had difficulties with the quality of the video you see on your phone, tablet or desktop monitor. While there can be many reasons for this (bandwidth is the main culprit) there is a solution that can really improve what you see and hear. When you're connecting to the meeting with Zoom, the software will ask you about your microphone and your camera. For the business portion of the meeting, leave both of these on if you like. You will be able to participate in the business portion and your video and audio will be seen and heard by all. If you have nothing to say, it is a really good idea to MUTE your microphone. We have had past meetings graced by flushing toilets, barking dogs and private conversations. Just be aware – if your mic is on, the meeting attendees will hear you!

However, during the presentation portion of the meeting, turn off both your mic and camera. That way, whatever bandwidth you have available is only used to deliver incoming data to your display and speakers, and is not gobbled up sending your image back to the Zoom servers. You should notice a dramatic improvement in what you're able to see and hear during the demonstration. If you want to ask the presenter a question, simply turn on your microphone and ask the question. Your camera can remain off. I hope this suggestion helps more people attend who might otherwise be missing out on the opportunity.

Another meeting-related question came up this past week: what to do about guests? In my view, inviting a guest to a virtual meeting is no different than inviting someone to a meeting at the 50+ Center. I encourage you to do this, and ask that your guest be prepared to introduce himself or herself to the group. The logistics of doing this are straightforward: simply forward Marc's Zoom invitation to your guest and have them join the Zoom meeting at the appropriate time.

## September Meeting – Important Business

As I mentioned in the June President's Message, this month there will be a motion to temporarily suspend the provision of Article VIII, Section 6 of the club's bylaws dealing with term limits for Club elected officers. The membership will be asked to vote on this motion during the September meeting. Please remember that in order to vote on this matter your dues must be current. You must be participating in the meeting in order to cast your vote.

## Craft Supply USA

Yes, we still do Craft Supply orders! If you need help, please get in touch with me. You will get an across-the-board 10% discount on nearly everything you order (but not on lathes or other items where there is an additional freight charge). This applies as well to sale items. If more than one tool is on an order there can be additional discounts applied as well. Shipping is free so you save there too. I am happy to answer questions about this program and help you take advantage of these savings.

## Empty Bowls Updates

Darcy will provide another update on the Empty Bowls event during the meeting, and I have one of my own. I am really excited to announce that the Capital Woodcarvers (Salem) has reached out to our club with a great donation of hand-carved wooden spoons to accompany the bowls you are turning for this event. Get a load of this awesome work:



So get out into your shops, chuck up a bowl blank, and ....  
...Let the Chips Fly!

~~Jeff Zens

## Upcoming Demonstrators for 2020

NOTE: due to the Coronavirus, the next several months are undetermined including the ones shown as scheduled. Scheduled meetings are all subject to change.

Date	Name	Website	Topic	Saturday Class
9/10/2020	John Beaver	<a href="http://www.johnbeaver.net/">http://www.johnbeaver.net/</a>	Wave Bowls	Not at this time
10/8/2020	Under consideration. Some possible ideas in the works. Please refer any ideas to Marc Vickery – THANK YOU			
11/12/2020 <b>SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>	Art Liestman	<a href="http://artliestman.com/">http://artliestman.com/</a>	Demo and class are on the “lost wood process”	Not yet
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				

### PLEASE NOTE:

John Beaver will be demonstrating Wave Bowls . You should check him out on the internet at <http://www.johnbeaver.net/>

We will be sending the link to the meeting the Morning of the meeting of September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Members NOTE!

We are planning a **Sawdust Session** for the Sunday following the Meeting. That makes it **September 13th at 9:00** am running to about noon or when the projects are done. There is no particular focus, but if you want to try the Wave Bowl stuff learned from John Beaver, we can do that! Or whatever you want to try.

Please email Marc Vickery if you are planning to join the fun. Last month only one members came and joined Terry and Marc. More would be better, there are 8 lathes! But if you know a thing or two, BRING YOUR KNOWLEDGE. I'm learning stuff just being around Terry and new folks are always teaching me something!

stuff to bring: tools to sharpen, wood if you have it, tools, jigs, snacks, (water bottles available), and all the questions you can imagine.

Location: 820 Cordon Rd, Salem OR. It is Terry Gerros shop.

email Marc: [halepaumarc@gmail.com](mailto:halepaumarc@gmail.com)



### John Beaver personal statement:

After spending over 25 years in Hollywood, filming television commercials, I began experimenting with a lathe I had inherited. Before I even mastered the technique, I could see that I wanted to find a way to give the pieces a little more life. A bowl, or a vase, or a sculpture sits on a shelf and has a form, and there's a certain beauty in that, but I wanted to add movement and energy to that form.

I have always lived near the ocean, and was inspired to bring the motion and rhythm of the waves to a round object. The exploration of that concept led to the “wavy” design which is still the core element of my work today.

I started by placing the design on bowls, because that's kind of the obvious thing to make on a lathe, but as I developed new techniques I found that I could remove the restriction of the vessel and let the design stand alone as a sculptural form.

By working with round forms I found this opportunity to create designs that have no beginning or end. Even as they sit still, you can imagine the design wrapping around the piece and coming back into view, giving rhythm to the design. By moving the shapes around on the piece I found the energy that hopefully gives a feeling of movement to an otherwise static form.

I live in Pacific Palisades, CA with my wife Candy, and two wonderful daughters, Lauren and Rachel. When I'm not in the studio, I enjoy Golf, Paddle Tennis, Skiing, Cycling, Kayaking, Hiking and Bocce.

John has a very long list of awards, achievements, recognitions, publications, and a resume of classes he has taught or been involved with from all over the globe. Please see his website

<https://www.johnbeaver.net/>

In addition to his famous wave bowl designs, his website has a gallery of many other art forms including jewelry, vessels and “pumpkins” with removable stems.

Halloween is coming up!





Show and Tell plan for the 9/10/2020 Zoom meeting:

Since we have a demonstrator, the Show and Tell portion will be short. The plan is to end club announcements and Show and Tell by 7:00pm and the demo should run from 7:00 to 9:30 approximately. No actual time limits. Members have probably been working on lots of projects with the virus protocol. Please take some pictures and be willing to discuss the projects as to: wood type, source of wood, inspiration, problems and solutions, and anything you learned in doing the project. Sharing is how we all learn and get inspired.

**To bring the photos for Show and Tell to the meeting, PLEASE forward by email to me at my address below.**

In the world of technology, I discovered some members found Zoom a bit of a hurdle. IF YOU want a practice session, please email me a note asking to be invited.

And if you have a best time include it in the email me and we can discuss a time that works for you.

Email to [halepaumarc@gmail.com](mailto:halepaumarc@gmail.com)

Call if I can help in any other way.

## **Aug 13, 2020 Zoom meeting minutes**

Submitted by Milt Engelke, Secretary Willamette Valley Woodturners.

Host: V.P. Marc Vickery – Lyle Jamieson, Traverse City, Michigan

President: Jeffrey Zens call to order 6:30

Pledge of Allegiance

Craft Supply - \$0 no submission anticipated this month

Darcy Tataryn – Update for Empty Bowl Program

The Willamette Valley Wood Turners will join the Salem Arts Center empty bowl program already scheduled for November, (prior to Thanksgiving) at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem. It will be a three (3) day event commencing on Friday evening with a special event for members and patrons, open Saturday and Sunday to the general public. Volunteers will be needed to help during the event from the Willamette Valley Wood Turners as well as continued contribution of bowls for the EMPTY BOWL PROGRAM.

Board Resolution to extend the terms of office of the present officers and board members will require a motion and member vote.

Marc Vickery – led discussion on education and presentation of members work.

Several members including Scott Morrison offered show and tell. Scott's offering was a reproduction of an 18<sup>th</sup> century cutting board, a platter and a bowl made from Apple.

An offering from Jim of a Segmented bowl

Demonstration for club was hosted by Lyle Jameson from his home shop in Traverse City, Michigan. Excellent presentation of process, techniques, and finishes. Mr. Jamieson has a web site <https://lylejamieson.com> and educational offerings that are adapted specifically for Zoom meetings and over the internet presentations. His site is detailed with galleries, instructions on attending and enjoying his presentation, a tool store for access to specifically designed tools and remote demonstrations. Follow his threads for greater detail and enjoyment of an accomplished wood turner.

Total attendance for Zoom meeting was 22. We are seeing an increase in the number of participants with each presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. Excellent detailed presentation and we did not have to clean up the sawdust afterwards.

# 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 Saburtooth 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](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)

**Cascade Woodturners** (Portland, OR)

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

**Beaver State Woodturners** (Eugene, OR)

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

**Oregon Coast Woodturners** (Newport, OR)

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

**Southwest Washington Woodturners** (Vancouver, WA)

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

**South Coast Woodturners** (Coos Bay, OR)

<http://southcoastwoodturners.com/>

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