

The Burl-Knot

President's Message, August, 2021

~~Jeff Zens

This is definitely knot *The Burl* you're used to seeing, but it's all we are able to publish until one of our members steps forward to take on the job of editor. Readers of the President's Message will recall that we have made several appeals for members to become more involved with the club during my three years in this post. Readers will also recall that Henrik ended his run as editor last month, and several specific appeals for a new editor appeared here in the last few issues. Please go back to the previous issues (available on the website) for the particulars of the Editor's position. For the remainder of my time in office or until we have a new editor up to speed, the club's communication with the membership will be a slimmed-down version communicating essential information on club happenings and other important news.

State Fair

Additional demonstrators are welcome every day on every shift. If you can help out, please contact Marc Vickery, Jeff Zens, Bruce Stangeby or Darcy Tataryn to sign up and for additional information. Parking passes for the vendor lot directly across from Columbia Hall as well as free admission to the fair are provided to demonstrators. Please note that we need an accurate count of demonstrators a few weeks before our booth setup begins, so please contact one of us immediately if you can. We will distribute passes by mail so if you are demonstrating be sure we have an accurate mailing address for you.

AnchorSeal

We are completely sold out of AnchorSeal. Club members who have attended the past several interactive remote demonstrations will recall that both Mike Mahoney and Glenn Lucas have switched to a PVA-based end grain sealer. I have requested samples of one of these products for evaluation by our club, and if the results are positive I will suggest a switch from AnchorSeal to the PVA material. Benefits of the PVA sealer include lower cost (because it is sold as a concentrate, which you mix with water at home) and the elimination of slippery floors in front of your lathe if you're turning a lot of material sealed with the wax emulsion. If any club member has tried any PVA-based end grain sealer, PLEASE contact me to share your experiences, either good or bad. We will also evaluate AnchorSeal II at the same time; if you have used this product in the past (not sold through the Club) please let me know.

Club Meetings Resuming

Marc Vickery and I are meeting with the Salem 50+ staff on August 4 (which will have happened by the time you read this.) The main topic for discussion is specific detail about how the resumption of business will happen for our Club and others who use the facility. With the uncertainty over the Delta variant of this virus, I don't know what we will hear – but we will certainly keep the club membership advised every step of the way.

On a happier note, the first in-person club get-together is still planned for August 12. Please see Marc Vickery's note below for additional information and details about this and other upcoming in-person get-togethers. Regrettably, I will miss this meeting – one of very few in the last ten years – because we will be back in Wisconsin visiting family. I hope the turnout is huge, and everyone has a great time getting back together.

Appointment to Fill Vacant Officer's Post

As many of you know already, our club secretary Milt Engelke is moving to Texas at the end of August. Speaking for myself and many other club members, Milt's move will make a hole in our membership larger than his physical presence. Effective with Milt's departure, I have asked Brian Skaar to fill in as Acting Club Secretary, and he has graciously accepted this appointment. He will fill out the remainder of Milt's term, and will run for election with the fall slate of officers in November.

From Marc Vickery, Vice President and Program Coordinator

Just a few notes about the upcoming events in the order of timelines.

August 12th - change of plans

The plan for a Summer Gathering in the park is going to be changed due to heat exceeding 100 degrees (107 is predicted). I'm pretty sure No One would want to do the original plan, just a way to be miserable.

So please read closely at this new plan, we need to get an RSVP from anyone planning to attend.

Darcy Tataryn has agreed to the use of his air conditioned shop. Thanks Darcy!

The hours need to be from **5:30 at the earliest to about 8:00.**

We can still do Hot Dogs (my propane grill). We can still do show and tell, bring it on! And we will still need to discuss the State Fair. So if you are a demonstrator or ***want to get in on the FUN!*** please plan to come. I'll be handing out admission passes and parking passes. If you don't come to this meeting you will need to come to my house in Keizer.

Darcy's amazing new shop has some limits:

Not many chairs, please bring something to sit on.

Restrooms are at the house up a steep driveway.

Parking can be done in the driveway, but will get complicated if people are parked all in the driveway. I'll recommend parking in the street.

Bring your own drinks (non-alcoholic recommended).

Location: best to use some sort of GPS;
10677 Garma Way SE Turner Oregon 97392

According to the CDC we are recommended to wear masks at indoor gatherings, even if we're vaccinated, due to the recent developments with the Delta variant.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>

As usual, please feel free to call, text or email me if you have any questions.

My preferred method to receive your RSVP is by email at the address below.

Thanks everyone! And stay cool for this next wave of heat!

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September 9th

Our First In Person Meeting! Come to the Senior Center from about 6:00 pm til about 9:00pm to see Reed Gray also known as Robo Hippy. Not sure what he will demonstrate. Requests?

Special note, this will require set up and tear down of the equipment. We sure could use another hand by someone who wants to learn the setup! I'll be setting up by around 5:00pm or sooner.

October 14th

In person meeting at the senior center with Demo featuring Carl Jacobson. Demo Requests? Same time, same need for set up folks.

November 11 and December 9 - NO PLAN IN PLACE! Any ideas?

Empty Bowls: I am still awaiting confirmation on the Empty Bowls date and format. I believe we may still be holding the weekend event at the Columbia Center.

Feel free to let me know what ideas you may have on any of the above things or ask question, Thanks,

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From Milt Engelke, Club Secretary

July 10, 2021

Willamette Valley Wood Turners Club Meeting - Zoom

Submitted by Milt Engelke

Special meeting with Glenn Lucas, Ireland to adjust for time difference between Ireland and Oregon.

Call to Order at 10:00 am by President Jeff Zens leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.

32 In attendance, guest Alan Stratton

Business issues discussed prior to Demonstration:

State Fair and Wood Carvers Demonstration to occur – Date to be announced.

Darcy and Bruce have volunteered to coordinate the event

List of helpers

Passes for parking and entry

Set up booth early first day, tear down is last night of State Fair. (Wed Sept 1 – Monday Sept 6)

Need demonstrators and people working with audience.

Demonstrators with own lathes need safety equipment and lathe shield.

Salem 50+ Center may open between July 19 – September. In person demonstrations will begin in September

August 12 – 5:30 – 9:00 pm Picnic located at Woodmansee Park need tables and Chairs

Center 50+

September - Reed Gray

October – Carl Jacobsen

November – Empty Bowls program week-end in November.

Marc Vickery presented the SHOW-N-TELL from a couple of members. Roger presented bowls, awls and several other items. Tom Huhn presented an Urn made with a combination of woods and segmented sections including Oregon Oak, Black Walnut and Maple. Dick Powell's project on Spindles for an antique staircase presented its own issues needing straight grain fir, a final spindle dia 1.7 inches outstanding workmanship.

DEMONTRATION BY Glenn Lucas, Lidded Boxes Home - Glenn Lucas Master Woodturner (glennlucaswoodturning.com). Has been turning since 1990 has hosted a wood turning Center in Kockclonegad, Garryhill Co. Carlow, Ireland

Demonstrations starting at 10:35 am.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm July 10, 2021