

The Burl

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Next Meeting: 6:30-8:30 PM, Jan 13, 2022 Salem 50+ Center

President's Message January, 2022 Chips Ahoy!

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all us Willamette Valley Woodturners, Families, Friends and anyone interested in our mission, hobby, life interest, and the pursuit of happiness.

I have taken the mantle of several decades of preceding Presidents who have done a remarkable job of steering this ship with the hope I can manage to do as well as the average and keep the club afloat.

As it has always been, the ship is loaded with folks who have lots of ideas, energy, and willingness to do them. My wish is to hear everyone, and work to achieve these ideas and dreams.

Of course, we currently have several challenges on the table right now. The following list is by no means the sum of tasks, merely a beginning point.

- The website has become an outdated, minimally functional tool that has a great potential to make everyone's life easier and more fruitful. If you have ever looked at other clubs' websites, you can find a fantastic gallery of members' work, updates on classes and events that may be of interest, systems for communicating to other members or the board. We currently have Jeff Zens working toward several improvements. Stay Tuned!
- · Several functional positions that have been filled by members for many years are going to go dormant unless we have members stand up and take charge of these spots.
 - o Librarian: take charge of the library for the monthly meeting. That's not a hard task. Thanks to Paul Hirt and Terry Gerros, they have been at almost every in person meeting the last four years as Librarians.
 - o Wood Gathering Coordinator: take charge of coordinating wood gatherers when opportunities arise. Again, this is not a difficult position. Thanks to Gary Dahrens we have had many gathering opportunities over the last several years.
 - o Steam Up Coordinator: as described, coordinate members to demonstrate at the annual Steam Up event in Brooks Oregon. This requires coordination with the Steam up group as well. Myron Yancy has been doing a fantastic job of it for many years. I don't know that he actually wants out, but believe he can always use some help!
 - o State Fair Coordinator: as described, meet with State Fair folks, and coordinate members to be at the fair for demonstrating. Thanks to Bob Hutchinson, that event took root for many years and became a

staple for the club. Although I filled in last year, I am hoping to have a member jump in and take this bull by the horns.

Please Consider what you can do to provide a service to your fellow members.

So where does this ship sail?

Looking down the road (or is it a channel?), the opportunities are interesting. Some challenges come with the opportunities though.

Classes by Nationally known or internationally known woodturners is an opportunity waiting to happen.

Although we had to reschedule Dan Tilden's demo for January, it was also going to be an OPPORTUNITY to have him present classes. While I haven't checked with Larry on whether we had folks expressing an interest in the classes, I might wager there was low response. So a class by a professional turner does not come cheap and we need folks to step up and respond that they want that. Otherwise, we may find we can only get these world-famous names by Zoom. It's certainly less costly, but not desirable.

IF YOU want them, let us know who and whether you can reach into your pockets to have a class. Dan Tilden is coming in April, Want a class?

More Classes: Paul Hirt has suggested he is formulating more classes for beginners. I am looking forward to more. THANKS Paul!

Another opportunity is more sawdust sessions. I personally hope there can be more of this. Members should be proactive and join these sessions to either provide teaching or learn for those members who want to share their wealth of knowledge. These are just a fun casual time. I think we have two possible locations, Darcy's shop in Turner or Terrys shop in east Salem. Want a session?

Empty Bowls: Darcy is coordinating for the November event THANKS Darcy! We will probably hear from Darcy on creating items and getting ready.

For 2023: Put it in your mind's calendar that there WILL BE an Oregon Symposium for 2023, and probably early in the year, like March. If you have not been to a Symposium, be aware that it will be a four day weekend with an OVERLOAD of fantastic woodturning stuff. There will be internationally known woodturners providing demos and an amazing gallery of highest quality turnings from all over the northwest. Vendors will also be there to provide wares for turning including special deals on anything you can imagine or have not yet even imagined.

The Willamette Valley Woodturners club will join all the other clubs in Oregon to put this together. Subsequently, it is all put together by the members as volunteers. Please be ready to volunteer.

What did I leave out? Oh the chocolate chips. Who has an idea for a social event for the club? Assuming we can meet in person and enjoy food once again at some point, it would be nice to plan for the ship to make port and do it. I would hope for a summer break. Another idea floated around was to also do a tool swap or auction. I can deliver a planer to the idea. Anyone else got stuff they want to give up? We could do it at the social event. Let me or Larry Curry know if you have an idea.

Thanks everyone for staying with the club through all this unstabilizing pandemic crap. I can't see the light at the end of the tunnel again, but then, I am not in the crow's nest. But I can say, I still love being a woodturner and enjoy the club for all it provides. We will get back on course one of these days.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have anything to ask, relay, suggest, or otherwise.

Marc Vickery

January Presenter: Darcy Tataryn-Game for Spinning Tops

Darcy Tataryn attended his first meeting of Willamette Valley Woodturners late in 2013. He stumbled upon the WVW website while attempting to learn more about wood turning. Since that fateful evening he has been actively involved in the club operations as a board member, vice president, president, past president, and State Fair coordinator. He has helped organize various outreach activities including initiating the club's involvement into the Empty Bowls events.

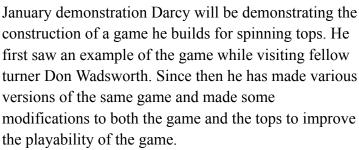
Darcy primarily creates utilitarian pieces. He says "I enjoy turned artistic pieces but prefer that my pieces are used as much as they are looked at. That doesn't mean that usable pieces should not be attractive and well executed. I still enjoy learning to add decorative detail to my work from turners who are far more creative than I am."

In 2020 Darcy, and his wife Gina, built a new shop and started a small side business that they call Our Dragonfly Studio. The shop

encompasses wood working, woodturning, photography, laser engraving and whatever other interests come their way. The studio has accumulated 8 lathes and is now a teaching space with classes on introductory turning. It is also a space available for sawdust sessions and other club activities when needed. Several of our new club members had their first introduction to wood turning at Darcy and Gina's shop.

Darcy has been a regular demonstrator at the State Fair every year since joining Willamette Valley Woodturners. He gives away most of the items he turns while demonstrating. For many years his most often made item was spinning tops. There are some fair visitors who come back each year now looking for a new top. For our





While the actual turning is fairly simple, there are small details in the construction that make the process easier. Demo will include making the game playing surface, making and modifying tops, and if time allows embellishing the game with color.



Darcy Tataryn has committed to opening his studio the Sunday after each monthly club meeting!

These sessions can be a chance to explore the topic of the recent meeting, get help from experienced turners (as well as provide that help), and socialize. Darcy's studio is a comfortable, relaxed, interesting, and well-tooled space that always results in time well spent.

Time is generally from 9AM to noon, but as there is no set schedule, folks come and go as they wish.

Set your GPS to **10677 Garma Way SE, Turner OR** and we hope to see you there!



December 9, 2021 Club Meeting Summary

Attendance: 33 including 2 visitors. Welcome Monty and Lawrence!

President <u>Jeff Zens</u> gavelled the meeting to order at 6:30 followed immediately by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff requested a moment of silence in memory of **Mike Smith who passed away recently. Mike was a long time member remembered for his amiable personality and a huge contributor of wood for club raffles. Our condolences to Mike's family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Jeff announced that the Craft Supplies ordering feature is functioning on the WVW website. See below for a review of the process to take advantage of this excellent club benefit!

VP **Marc Vickery** announcements:

A HUGE thank you to Jeff Zens for his exemplary service as president over the last three years. Jeff will continue as a board member and has taken on the role of Webmaster (among other jobs). He is already in the process of revamping our site to make it more useful to members and visitors.

Thank you to Paul and Terry for hosting the beginners workshop (see Dec Burl for pics).

Additional info on the Empty Bowls event (see Dec Burl for write up): We have signed on again to participate in 2022 with Darcy as coordinator. Darcy commented that the most common questions were if the bowls could be eaten out of, who made the bowl, and what was the type of wood. He also noted that there were buyers for every size bowl!

Marc noted that the club GoPro is glitching severely and due to its age, the club will most likely be getting a new one.

Incoming VP <u>Larry Curry</u> announced that January's demonstrator Dan Tilden has canceled due to family concerns. We wish him well. He will be rescheduled.

Larry proposed a **Gadgets and Gizmos** night. Much interest was shown and Larry invited folks to contact him with interest in presenting.

December demonstrator Dick Powell: Bowls+Baskets

Dick began his talk citing his fascination of combining arts and crafts to enhance each, remembering such examples as pyrography and basket illusion. A

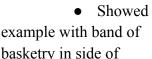


long time admirer of Native American basketry, he saw an article in an AAW magazine (Oct 2020) that showed how the artist combined basketry with turning and decided to give it a try. He said there was quite a bit of problem solving but that he very much enjoys the process and product!



Some points:

- 2 reed sizes used; larger size for spokes-smaller for walls
- Bowl rim thickness he uses is the 1 large reed diameter + 2 small reed diameters
 - Generally uses a flat bowl rim
- Turns a small groove in center of rim (used a parting tool corner) locate spoke holes
- Method for even spacing of holes: used blue tape to get exact circumference, divides circ by 3/4" (his preferred spacing)(Dick used computer to do this and printed it out on strip of paper to be transferred to the blue tape which went back on the bowl)
 - Used an awl to mark hole centers in groove on rim
- Finished and oiled bowl **before** drilling spoke holes as bowl will be going in water and holes would swell to point spokes wouldn't fit
- Rim holes drilled with home-made jig mounted in banjo using a 7/64" bit (possibly loudest drill on planet...) resulting in clear holes w/no oil or water
- Inserted spokes and placed in water for several minutes-reeds swell and lock in, test by giving little tug
- Smaller reeds also in water to soften
- Demonstrated even vs odd number of spoke basket patterns as well as single, double, and triple reed weaving (lots of tangled reed management)
- Questions: dye the reeds? (has thought about it but hasn't tried); how tight to pull? (matter of preference-changes shape of basket section); four reeds? (settle down... actual answer was "probably")



basketry in side of bowl (done out of necessity due to major flaw in wood-see photo)

- Learned to put pressure on spokes to flair or close basket portion
- Demonstrated triple reed weave where two spokes are skipped at a
- time
- When reeds got dry and brittle, whole thing goes back in water for brief time
- Question: reed source? (didn't remember but said there were many sites on-line; Terry G found a site called basketweaving.com as an example)
- Noted large reeds last a long time as very little is used on a project; small reeds go faster, but are quite low cost and go quite a ways)





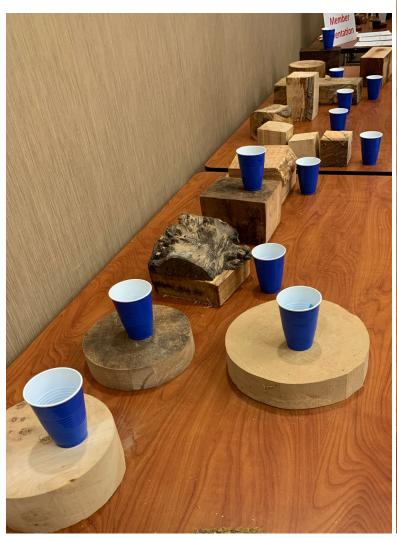
- Finish on reeds? AAW article mentioned Watco oil; Dick left his unfinished
- End weave by cutting off end on inside just past a spoke
- Soaked again in prep for weaving top
- Bent spoke tops at a 90 in one direction; spoke goes around outside of next spoke and under two woven reeds and to inside
- Snip off not too short to prevent accidental unraveling Big **thank you to Dick** for a well organized and interesting presentation! Interest was shown in a Sawdust Session focused on technique (contact Larry or Marc if interested).



Thank you members for the excellent collection of pieces for the gallery and for the generous wood donations for the raffle!! (\$43 raised)

























Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM

Placing Club Orders to Craft Supplies USA



Jeff Zens, Club Liaison to Craft Supply USA

The Willamette Valley Woodturners offers a great benefit to its members: the ability to order turning supplies, tools and even lathes from Craft Supplies USA (CSUSA). In most cases, members receive substantial discounts on every item ordered through the club. In addition, the club benefits by your order which I'll describe below. In this article, you'll learn about **the order process and find answers to the most frequently-asked questions**.

Understanding the Discounts

The standard discount on all items (except lathes) is 10% off the item's current price, which is the price at the time we place the club order. Note that if you add an item to a club order in March, but the order isn't placed with CSUSA until May, the "current" price is the May price. CSUSA is very consistent in their pricing month-to-month, but some items occasionally fluctuate.

There are a few **additional discounts** that will apply, as well.

Smaller items (such as pen kits) are frequently offered at a reduced price-per-item if you purchase multiples. The quantity purchase discounts you'll see most frequently are 10, 25 or 50 items. For example, recently the price for a single Apprentice Fancy Slimline pen kit, in a gun metal finish was \$1.79. If you order 50 or more of these kits the unit price drops to \$1.52, which is a 15% discount. You will receive the 10% club discount in addition.

Another area where CSUSA really helps out turners, especially folks just starting out, is with the purchase of tools. Any time two or more of the same tool are purchased in one order, each tool is reduced by 10%, and the club discount is also applied, for a total discount of 20%. This additional discount applies only to turning tools – not to other "toolish" items like grinding wheels.

If you have questions about a particular item, let me know. The easiest way to take maximum advantage of this discount is to frequently check the current club order (more on that in a moment) and see if someone has already ordered a tool you're interested in. If so, order one yourself and enjoy that extra 10% savings! Finally, because I don't place the order until the total before the discount exceeds \$1,000, everything (excluding lathes) is shipped free. In many cases that's an additional \$10-20 per order savings. All in all, this is a very nice membership benefit.

How the Club Benefits

CSUSA offers frequent purchasers like our club an additional benefit called the Frequent Purchaser Program. Because we purchase often, and spend a lot of money, we accrue a cash bonus similar to cash-back credit cards. The club uses this bonus to purchase items that benefit the entire membership such as books and videos for our library. We also order items that make the club more effective at fulfilling its mission, such as accessories for the club lathe, used by our demonstrators at monthly meetings. The mobile base for the new lathe is just one example. We encourage you to use the club order process for both personal and club benefit.

How to Order

Placing an order is simple, but there are a few important steps you can take to streamline the process and ensure you get what you want.

First, you must be a club member to use this benefit, and you must have both a user id and password for the club's website (www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com). If you need either of these, contact Jeff Zens, the club's webmaster, at Webmaster@willamettevalleywoodturners.com and request your username and/or password.

Once you have them, log in to the website, click the "Members" tab on the menu bar, and in the window that opens, click "Place Group Order."

On the screen that opens next you have several self-explanatory options. Of note, you can view the current group order and see what others are ordering. This is the place to see if other tools are being ordered and decide if you want to take advantage of the multiple tool discount.

To place an item on the order, follow these steps.

- 1. Go to the Craft Supplies USA website and find the item you want. Be sure to specify size, color, finish, or any other distinguishing characteristics that set items apart.
- 2. Once you have identified the correct item, copy the part number from the Craft Supplies page and paste it into the Part number box on the Club Order web page.
- 3. Do the same with the item description.
- 4. Do the same with the price.
- 5. On the Club Order page, specify the quantity of this item you are ordering, and then click "Add."
- 6. Repeat the process for as many items as you need.
- 7. To review your order, click the "My Current Order" button.
- 8. You can continue to add items to an order up to the day I close it out and place it with Craft Supplies.
- 9. Only two gift certificates can be added to a single club order. If you wish to use a gift certificate, enter it in the "notes" field as follows: "GC ########### MM/DD/YYYY". Substitute the EXACT gift certificate number for the ### symbols, and enter the date that you are requesting use of the gift certificate. If more than two gift certificates are entered in a month's order I will use the first two entered.

Please be precise with the numbers – if they are mis-entered, the entire order is held up until I can get correct information.

10. Once in a while, items are backordered. If you can't wait for backordered items, add "No Backorders" to the Notes field. I will cancel any items listed in this way if they are backordered when I place the order.

Here's What I Do When the order exceeds \$1,000.00

On the Monday following a club meeting, the order is closed on the web site. After that time, no more items can be added – but you can certainly start a new order for a future month.

I then coordinate the order with our customer service rep at CSUSA, who checks it for accuracy. Any inaccuracies in item description, size, etc. must be corrected before the order can be finalized. That's why accuracy on the part of the individual club member is so important to the process.

Once discrepancies are resolved, costs and discounts get calculated, and the order goes to their fulfillment department. Orders generally ship in time for a pickup the following Saturday, and I notify everyone who has ordered via email of the date and time for pickup.

I pay for the order as soon as it is placed. I calculate each individual's order total, apply the 10% club discount, subtract any gift certificates from applicable orders, and what's left is what you owe.

I also sort the bulk order into individual bags or boxes for your convenience at pickup.

Your Responsibilities

Pickup days and times are generally a two-hour window in late morning or early afternoon on Saturday or Sunday. Members who take advantage of this Club benefit are expected to pick up and pay for their items at the time specified.

Sometimes that's not possible; in those instances it's the club member's responsibility to contact me, get their order total and send me a check for that amount. Once the items are paid for, you can make arrangements with me for pickup at another time.

I am unable to transport orders to club meetings.

Orders that aren't paid for and picked up as described above will be returned to Craft Supply USA at the member's expense.

Payment can be in check or cash, but if you bring cash please get close to the order amount. I can make small change, but I don't have a cash drawer loaded with loot.

Sorry, no credit cards.

Wrapping Up

The Club's CSUSA order service is a great membership benefit. If you've read through this article, and still have questions, I am happy to get them answered. Please get in touch – my contact information is in the membership directory, and can also be found on the club's website.

For Sale!

Tom (thomaswtimbrooks@gmail.com) has the following for sale:

Jet midi lathe-chuck and stand included: asking \$500

Rikon 10" band saw: asking \$275









Carmen Steggall of Philomath is selling her late husband's homemade lathe. He was an aeronautical mechanical engineer and the machine is very precise and in pristine condition. The project was initially intended to be treadle powered but ended up being powered by a ½ hp variable speed DC motor. It comes with a chuck, various tools, a full set of gouges, and a leather apron. All for \$275. Brian (brian62skaar@gmail.com) is acting as liaison for Mrs. Steggal.









Membership Rewards

Chain Sharpening Service from Jeff Zens: I have an electric chain sharpener and can accurately sharpen your chains and adjust depth stops for your saw chains. This service will restore the chain to "factory-new" condition. Most chains for 18" and shorter bars can be sharpened for \$10.00. Longer chains (up to 30" bars) are \$20.00 Badly damaged chains might be a little bit more. I will also tell you if the chain has reached the end of its useful life, and will not sharpen a chain beyond that point. This price is <u>only</u> available for club members.

Supplies-See Jerry Lelack at club meetings

The club purchases a few supplies in bulk and sells them to members at club cost.

- *CA superglue (\$5), black or brown superglue (\$10) accelerator (\$10).
- *Half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool
- *Depth gauges (\$5)
- *HSS 1/4" x 8" Round Tool Bits rods
- *Anchorseal (\$9/gal) and walnut oil (\$20/gal) are available through **Jeff Zens**. You will need to bring your own gallon containers; contact <u>Jeff</u> to make arrangements.

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 <u>email</u> for details.

Club Member Discounts

• Club Member Discounts at Craft Supply: The club's order is processed the Monday following our Club meeting if it equals or exceeds \$1,000. Craft Supplies offers us a 10% discount <u>plus</u> free shipping on almost all items (lathes and other heavy items are excluded) and occasional additional discounts on certain other

items and quantity purchases. If you order from Craft Supplies current sale 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, available on the club's website. Questions? See Jeff Zens.

- Club members are registered with **Klingspor's Woodworking Shop** at <u>www.woodworkingshop.com</u> 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)

www.southcoastwoodturners.com

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