

The Burl

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Willamette Valley Woodturners

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



December President's Message:

Hello Willamette Valley Woodturners!

OK, that white stuff might have been called snow, but I think it was really just some chunky rain that stuck around in shady places. The real stuff is in the mountains.

Whatever, winter is here. Maybe we will see storms and with that, trees may come down. Please feel free to reach out to our Woodgathering coordinator, Randy Nichols, if you have anything the club may be interested in.

Looking back to November, we completed the Empty Bowls event. From the 100 or so items sent to the club as donations, we raised \$1,937. These are the totals raised at the event:



Willamette Art Center Items	\$23,949 (82.6%)
Raffle Tickets	\$1010 (3.48%)
Wood Carvers	\$780 (2.69%)
Wood Turners	\$1937 (6.68%)
Misc Donations	\$1319 (4.55%)
Total revenue for the event:	\$28,995

The Board is looking to consider alternatives for charitable involvement. Feel free to let us know if you have an idea you would like discussed.

Looking forward, we have Roy Alvarez demonstrating at the next meeting (**December 8th**) and he will be showing us stuff on turning an Irish platter. Looking forward to a rather new member showing off skills learned over many years. Welcome aboard Roy!

I have heard from a member that the Show and Tell Table has been shrinking and folks are not bringing in their work to show. Please bring in something to show. We will have **PLENTY** of table space.

AND Annual Dues are payable NOW for 2023. IN FACT if not paid before year end then you are past due. I just paid my dues and found the PayPal system was painless (Thanks Jeff and Henrik!). IF you want to bring checks or cash to the next meeting, no problem. For \$35 a year, it has got to be the best deal in the world.

Further down the road, but still *not too soon* to get moving on things, we have the **Oregon Symposium. REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

2023 Oregon Symposium — SAVE THE DATES!

When - March 17-19, 2023

Where - Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon (about 30 minutes south of Salem).

Cost – \$325

Show Registration - Registration is now open [HERE](#)

Again, I just paid through Pay Pal, eazy peazy! The planning for the 2023 Symposium is well underway. This bi-annual show was canceled in 2021 due to Covid, but it's back again with a fantastic list of demonstrators and vendors.

What it is:

The symposium includes **5 demo rooms**, a large **Vendor area**, an **Instant Gallery**, an **Auction**, and a **Raffle**. Each demo room has 4 demos on Friday and Saturday, and 2 on Sunday so you will be able to see all the demonstrators. A dinner Saturday night is catered and will feature the raffle for a lot of great prizes donated by our vendors.

Albany is an easy drive from Salem and the facility is well suited for the event. Two hotels are on-site with reasonable rates.

WVW will sponsor one of the demo rooms which means we are responsible for outfitting the room with a lathe, grinder, audio/video support, and other items needed by the demonstrator. As a result, WVW will receive a stipend for that support. Each room has 10 demo sessions over the 2 ½ days which we will support with A/V and a helper.

Want to work the camera but afraid to try? Reach out to Marc! We need the help.

Why Attend:

This is a great opportunity to learn from the best. There is something for all, from beginners to advanced turners. Beginners will learn how to make the best cuts and advanced turners will see different ways to enhance your work to make it stand out.

You will also see the latest in woodturning equipment, tools, and jigs.

These symposiums are a chance to be up close and personal with the demonstrators who are very open and easy to talk with. Plus, you will get to see old friends and meet many of the best turners in the area.

Demonstrators:

A few have been here before and have commented about the quality of the event and the friendliness of the local clubs and their members. Signed up to date are Eric Lofstrom, Keith Gotschall, Trent Bosch, Mike Mahoney, Stuart Batty, Nick Cook, Nick Agar, Cynthia Carden, Rebecca DeGroot, and Sally Ault. These are all well-known professionals who are the best at what they do.

Vendors:

The vendor list is still growing. Signed up to date include D-Way Tools, Big Monk Lumber, Niles Bottle Stoppers, WoodturnerPRO Software, Woodturners Wonders, Trent Bosch, Woodcraft (Eugene).

What Is Needed for the Willamette Valley Woodturners Demo Room:

Like our club, the symposium is put on by volunteers and the symposium is a huge event. Volunteers will receive a Symposium T-Shirt and the club will get a stipend depending on how the show finances work out. For WVW we need

- **Setup** - Setup is on Thursday. We will transport all the equipment to Albany and get it set up.
- **Demo Support** – For each of the 10 sessions, we provide the A/V support and supply a “helper” who makes sure the room is set up properly and the demonstrators have what they need.
- **Tear-Down** – The show ends Sunday at noon at which time we pack up and move the equipment back home.

To volunteer to work in the WVW room, after registering for the show, **we will have an on-line signup**. Or you can contact me (Marc) as indicated below. Signup for times that you are able to help.

Symposium Support Volunteers:

There is also a need for general Symposium volunteers

- Sell Raffle Tickets (6 sessions)
- Monitor the Instant Gallery (20 sessions)
- Registration Booth support (21 sessions)
- Organize the Grand Prize Drawing
- Auction support (10 sessions)
- Transportation – get demonstrators from and to the airport

To volunteer for the event – contact Marc Vickery - prezvww@gmail.com

I'm sure I left something out, but hopefully it can all be covered.

Stay Sharp for Happy Turning!

Marc

Upcoming Presenters and Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter/Event</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Follow-Up/Sawdust Session</u>
12/8/22	Roy Alvarez	Irish Inspired Platter	Yes! Sawdust Session 12/11/22, 9 AM-Noon, Darcy Tataryn's Studio *Contact Darcy for directions
1/12/23	Club Members et al	Gadgets and Gizmos	Yes! Sawdust Session 1/15/22, 9 AM-Noon, Darcy Tataryn's Studio

Note from VP Larry about the January meeting:

Our January meeting will be **Gadgets and Gizmos** presented by volunteers from the club. I have recently been told that gadgets are something that you bought for a specific purpose or project and a gizmo is a gadget that you bought and modified or made from scratch for a specific purpose.

If you have anything that you would like to share with the group please **send me a description** of what it is and about how long you will need to share information about it or demonstrate it to the group.

MULTIPLE SUBMISSIONS PER PERSON ARE OK.

I would like all submissions by January first. I will look at the total number of submissions and decide which ones will go into the January meeting. If we get more that we can do in one meeting we may do a second Gadgets and Gizmos later next year.

Larry Curry

VP WVW

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December demonstrator: Roy Alvarez

Roy retired as a Foundations of Engineering and Manufacturing Teacher from Katy ISD in Texas.

Currently, he is the Director of Cabinet Making and Woodworking at North Salem High School.

Roy has done numerous woodturning demonstrations including:

SWAT IN 2020

Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston

Gulf Coast Woodworkers Association

WACO, TX Woodturners Association

Roy will turn an Irish inspired platter with a Roman Ogee profile on the bottom, a bead return on the edge that leads into the platter profile.

Educational points Roy plans to cover:

- *Basic design
- *Stances at the lathe
- *Bowl gouge use
- *Wood technology
- *The physics of woodturning
- *Shear scraping with a gouge
- *Skew chisel as profiling tool
- *Scrapers
- *Wet (oil) sanding



From Jeff Zens:

On November 11, 2022, the Salem Star Quilters hosted a Veterans Day presentation at the Salem Armory. Four of our members-Vice President Larry Curry, Kip Allen, Roger Dirkx, and Sam Sapp-were awarded individualized, unique quilts in recognition of their military service to the United States.

The event was attended by nearly 100 veterans, from all branches of the military, including several veterans of WWII. Former governor Ted Kulongowski, a Marine, received the first quilt and opened the ceremony with remarks about service and patriotism. It was an amazing event.



The Salem Star Quilters is the local chapter of Quilts of Valor, whose mission is to recognize every willing military member-active or veteran, no matter their role-for their service to the country.

To these four members, and to the other military veterans of our membership, we say Thanks, and welcome home.



So much learning!!

I was out of town (WAY out of town-another story...) so missed the **November Sawdust Session**. My thanks to Marc for sending on some pics of the event. It's like we have our own hands-on mini symposium every month! And it looks like Walt got to show the making of the ornaments he presented up close. Well done all.

I would also count the Empty Bowls event as a learning event. **Paul Hirt** loaned his small lathe for members to demonstrate turning in the lobby (alongside ceramics and carving demonstrators). Just like at the State Fair, there were always folks stopping by to watch and ask questions. Perfect execution of our mission statement!



And more learning! Thank you again to Marc for the following images from the beginner turning class put on once again by **Terry Gerros** and **Paul Hirt**. Well done gentlemen!



Notes from November club meeting:

President Marc Vickery gavelled the meeting to order at 6:30 with 42 people in attendance.

First up was the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a hearty happy birthday to 10 year old member Logan!

Marc gave the latest on the upcoming Empty Bowls, the beginner class, and the sawdust session.

Voting for board positions for 2023 took place with first the announcing of the candidates (nominated at the October meeting), then the call for a vote and second, and an oral vote for the whole slate (all in favor). The members are the same as for the 2022 year and are listed below.

VP Larry announced **Eric Lofstrom** will be the July presenter and called for a show of hands of those interested in a hands-on Fri/Sat class with Eric. Many folks raised their hands so Larry will be working on that with more info to come.

Larry also discussed the January Gadgets and Gizmos focus and called for contributors (see note above). **Member Kip** announced he's in the works of getting olive tree wood from Israel and asked for a show of hands of those interested (there were many). More info to come.

Jeff announced the Veterans Day Quilts of Valor and described the event (see note above).

Darcy led a review of the gallery items which was a bit smaller, but still included excellent examples of our group's skill.



Presenter: Walt Thies-Wire 'n Wood Christmas ornament

Walt started with a bit of his turning history and the history of this particular project.

He got into lathe turning when his sons showed some interest in the craft at the Benton County Fair. Looking for a solid activity to do with his boys he got a lathe and they proceeded to start a fumbling self-education. Once they did connect with a mentor, Walt said they learned more in 3 hours than they had in the many tens of hours on their own. Thus his belief in this portion of our

club's purpose.

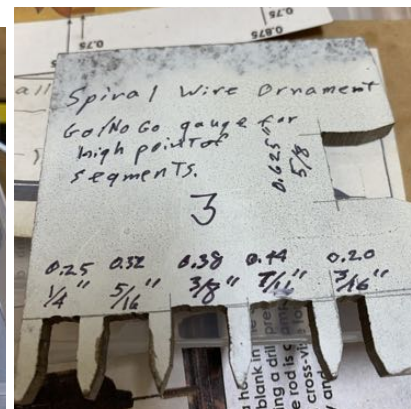
This particular project came from a short lived turning publication. Walt said it looked good and he bought the obviously better 2 (or 3?) year

subscription only to see the magazine go belly up within the first year. With good humor, he got a good story and a number of projects.

For the second month in a row, I'm finding I don't need to write many notes on the presentation as Walt, as promised, has included the original article he got the project from, as well as a great many precise notes he's developed on top of the article, for inclusion in our website's Presenter Files found in the Members Only section. And I thought I took detailed notes... Ha!

About the only detail I did write that I didn't see in his notes that I caught was a general bit of advice that tree ornaments can weigh no more than 1.5 oz. Not much, but important if you make ornaments.

Thanks Walt! Your attention to detail and willingness to share your adaptations is much appreciated.



The evening ended with the calling of raffle numbers and settling up of the silent auction for the tools. Congratulations and thank you to top bidders **Warren, Paul A, J.S., and Darcy!** Y'all got good deals and the club benefitted as well!

Gallery



From Mark Choitz: The Oregon Woodturning Symposium 2023 is just around the corner! For the fourth Symposium in a row, we will be collecting **Beads of Courage** boxes at the event. You made 50 boxes for the last OWS!

The Beads of Courage program teams up with doctors and nurses to help children with long term illness. As kids go through their journey, they receive beads to commemorate their operations and treatments.

Of course they need somewhere to keep their memory beads and that's where we can help. We will be donating our turned boxes to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, WA.

There are a few details to keep in mind when designing and turning a Beads of Courage box. You can get the details here: 2020-AAW-handout-guidelines.pdf (beadsofcourage.org)

*****IF YOU WOULD LIKE A BEADS OF COURAGE BEAD TO USE IN YOUR BOX**

CONTACT

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- Recommended **interior** dimensions for turned boxes are: 6" diameter (5" min.), 5" height (4" min.)
- Lids for Beads of Courage boxes should be easy for small or ill children to remove or lift
- Wood choice should not have voids, inclusions or cracks in them

How about helping a child today and start a lidded box for the next symposium?

Huge wood sale!!

Member Gary A. found a woodworker in East Woodburn with tons of lumber and logs, as well as some tools, being sold for very low prices. Due to life circumstances he will be leaving for Georgia in about 2 ½ weeks and cannot take it with him.

His name is Bill Cronk and his phone number is 971-715-8249

He has an ad up on Facebook marketplace at the following address that shows some of his collection.

https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/971312797606018/?hoisted=false&ref=search&referral_code=null&referral_story_type=post&tracking=browse_serp%3A5120f57a-c43a-4bb9-af5d-bed2b89d0434

The pics below are a few sent to me by Gary.



6:40 start at Pres Vickery home

Present: Bruce Stangby, Marc Vickery, Jeff Zens, Larry Curry, Brian Skaar

Notes:

2. Website update-Jeff
 - New site being housed in Linux server
 - Club order will be housed in old system, but linked to new site
 - New site will have a robust gallery-Jeff will announce items can be brought or sent to be photographed using Darcy's light box
 - Most of site will be accessible to public; members only section being worked on
 - Pics of wood gathering still needed
 - FAQ page being developed
3. Hybrid meeting format-Marc
 - One way this could be used would be for folks to view the meeting from home
 - Another would be for the group to meet together and watch the demo on the big screen
 - Marc said more input from members would be needed as equipment costs would be \$2-3K
4. Symposium-Paul Hirt via remote
 - March 17-19, 2023, Expo Center Albany
 - Demonstrators already coming on board
 - Bruce-vendor coordinator
 - Henrik-raffle
 - Terry G-demonstrators
 - Marc-WVW room
 - Needed are folks for web page, handbook, registration
 - 300 emails sent, 83 responses, 77 confirmed coming (at time of meeting)
 - \$325 full price; other pricing being looked at
 - Will need WVW members to take shifts
5. Library-Marc
 - Many extra books-discussion on what to do-Roger would like guidance
 - Discussed raffle, sale, discard
 - Bruce and Larry offered to help organize
6. Steam-Up-Marc
 - Coordinator needed
 - Jim Devors suggested; Marc will contact
7. Finances-Henrik
 - Positive position-7 new members in 2022 (as of meeting)
 - Concern is membership will not keep up with demonstrator costs for year
8. State Fair-Mark
 - New coordinator needed
9. New member coordinator-Marc
 - Steve W. will no longer be able to take on role so new coordinator needed
10. Wood gathering opportunity-Marc
 - Randy contacted to coordinate
11. Meeting order-Marc
 - Marc will be placing Show-n-Tell portion of meeting near beginning of meeting right after announcements
 - Marc will tap Darcy to emcee the sharing

- Top vote getter and raffle announcements will remain at end of meeting

Meeting concluded at 8:11 PM

Submitted: Brian Skaar-Secretary

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 only 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 (\$6), 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 [Jeff](#) to make arrangements.

Wood Gathering

Anyone who learns of a tree or log that is available to the club should notify **Randy Nichols**.

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.

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 plus 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 **January 2022 Burl**, available on the club's website. 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)

www.southcoastwoodturners.com

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