

The Burl

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**No club meeting this month.
See you at the Symposium!**

March President's Message:

Hello Willamette Valley Woodturners!

March has arrived and the Oregon Symposium is upon us. Yup, sign up now if you aren't in already. It is happening March 17th, 18th and 19th. Demonstrators from all over the country are flying in to show us a thing or two.

<https://www.oregonwoodturningsymposium.com>

If you want to volunteer, please let me know at prezwvw@gmail.com. We need the help. No one gets paid to put this symposium on except the demonstrators. It is us doing it for ourselves.

And just as a reminder, there is NO regular Meeting at the Senior Center 50+ in March.

Big Thank You! To Dave Pittman for an inspiring demonstration about the locking lidded box. That is a good one since I have tried threaded lids before and seem to be doomed to failure on that. This version looks doable. Check the resources on the website for details.

April looks like a good program with our own Treasurer Dick Powel revealing secrets to resin casting.

And hey, there is a Sawdust Session MARCH 12th (from about 9 to noon). If you haven't attended one of these it is one of the best ways to learn stuff. And all you folks that know more than me, and there's lots of you, consider attending to share your knowledge. Lots of lathes, lots to teach. Check the website for address.

Stay Sharp for Happy turning,
Marc

Upcoming Presenters and Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter/Event</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Follow-Up/notes</u>
3/9/23	Meeting canceled		Meeting canceled as folks prepare for and attend the Oregon Woodturning Symposium
3/12/23	Sawdust Session	As needed	9 AM-Noonish, Darcy Tataryn's Studio Contact Darcy for directions *Wearing name tag and labeling tools recommended*
4/13/23	Dick Powell	Windowed Resin Vase	Dick will share his process for creating his pieces including his vacuum and pressure pot methods
4/16/23	Sawdust Session	As needed	9 AM-Noonish, Darcy Tataryn's Studio

5/11/23	Kevin Jeseque	Live edge hollow forms	Kevin will demonstrate how he turns a hollow form with special considerations for chucking and finishing
5/14/23	Sawdust Session	As needed	9 AM-Noonish, Darcy Tataryn's Studio
6/8/23	Nick Stagg	Sharpening topics	

February Sawdust Session:

As I mentioned in my email last month, our February Sawdust Session occurred the Sunday before our meeting featuring Dave Pittman, but it was again well attended with lots of learning taking place! I forgot to count but know there were over twenty of us and at least a dozen doughnuts (thank you Jen!).

When folks arrived, we were greeted by two large barrels of boiling water under a large canopy. Darcy was demoing how he boils his rough turned bowls to stabilize them and virtually eliminate cracking. He boiled a number of the bowls he and others had turned from the myrtlewood wood gathered from Randy's, as well as other bowls folks had. The bowls went in for about an hour. Darcy was able to put quite a few large bowls in at a time and boiled three batches during the session. It was pretty interesting seeing them steaming in the cold air when they came out.

There is more to the technique than I've shared, but I'm sure Darcy would be willing to answer your questions if you have any.



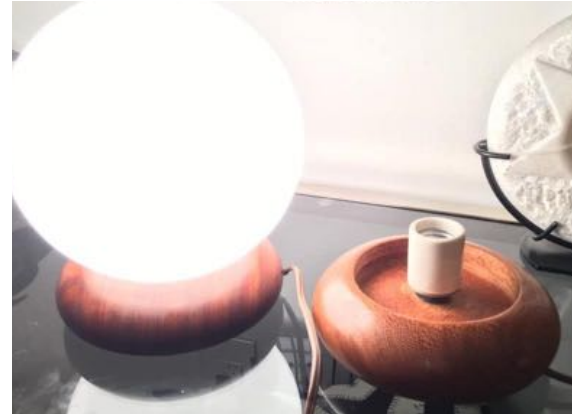


Member creative opportunity!

The club received an inquiry as to whether or not anyone is interested in creating wood lamp bases for a very nice person who has collected them (20 or so) over the years. The image is just an example, apparently there

are many more types and sizes. She has suggested she would be willing to pay for expenses and labor. I see an opportunity!
Please feel to reach out to Darlene as follows:

Darlene Sprecher
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Premiere Property Group, LLC
971-338-8364
Darlene@sprecherhomesales.com



Notes from the February club meeting:

President Marc Vickery gavelled the meeting to order promptly at 6:30 with **63 folks in attendance**.

Announcements:

Marc shared that our group has stepped up well volunteering for the symposium, but that there were still many openings needing to be filled.

Paul Hirt announced that symposium pricing would be going up as time gets closer to the symposium and that folks intending to attend should get their registration in.

Marc announced a need for a shield by a community member (interestingly, this topic was covered in the most recent AAW magazine).

Marc also covered the need for a scholarship committee. We have been donated some moneys that have been specifically targeted to be made available as scholarships. We would like a small group to outline some simple guidelines for applying for and being awarded the money. A hand was raised (Ed?) and the committee is on its way!

VP Larry shared that he, like many clubs, is having a hard time finding demonstrators willing to travel and requested some input. He said there are many presenters willing to do online presentations.

This brought back up the **hybrid meeting** format Marc surveyed the membership about. Such a format would see us meeting in person to continue our activities including the raffle, offering resources via our library, selling supplies such as glue, hearing announcements, and celebrating our Show-n-Tell pieces. However, the demo would be projected on the screen with live, back and forth capabilities in place. Also, members could tune in from their homes. Our equipment would need to be upgraded, and some learning of the tech as well, to the tune of around \$2k.

After some discussion and a quick show of hands, there was a good deal of interest. Stay tuned!

Librarian Roger announced that long outstanding book holders have been contacted and many books brought back into the fold

-He also shared that a huge amount of turning wood had been donated by **Jack Knight** to be sold with profits going to WVW. \$100 was raised at an expo in Lincoln City. Thank you Jack and Roger!

Walt shared a story of his first injury and a warning regarding lathe safety when using cole jaws (jumbo jaws). The piece came off while turning the foot and sliced his hand to the extent he needed to go to the ER and get stitched up! His message: bring the tailstock up for as long as possible when using this type of tool.

Marc then pointed out some of the stand out Show-n-Tell pieces (shown below). (Editor's note: our members are amazing turners.)

Presenter: Dave Pittman-Locking top box

Dave graciously has provided a comprehensive write up on his technique found in the Members Only section under Presenter Files page of our website.

https://www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com/Secure/Files/Presenter_Files/Dave_Pitman_Locking_Top_Bowl.pdf



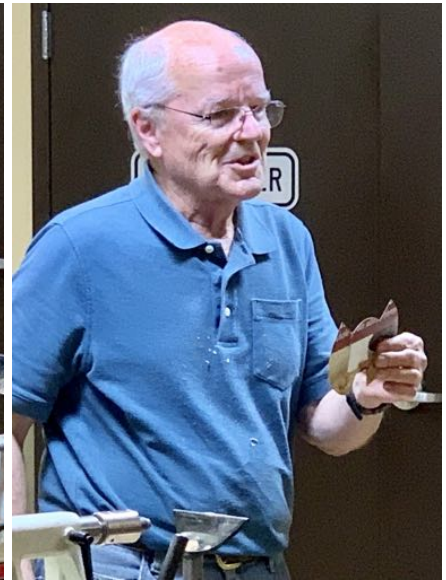
If you use the above address, you'll need your username and password.

Dave's write up is complete and far better than what I could lay out here in the Burl from my notes so I'll just add my two cents to Marc's sentiments above and say thank you for your entertaining and thoroughly interesting presentation!

Dave shared that the original bowl is a family heirloom and that he decided to take on the challenge of reproducing the design. After persisting through the myriad problem solving "opportunities" he finished his first one and was astonished to find it was successful and decided then and there to never make another.

Luckily for us, he changed his mind and developed his technique to the point he was able to suss out the steps and share with us straight forward, logical instructions.

Again, thank you Dave for your good humor and great presentation!



Mini presentation: William Pickerd-Alabaster turning

Many of us were a bit dumbfounded at finding what seemed to be turned stone pieces on the Show-n-Tell table. The pieces were incredibly thin and a beautiful effect was achieved when light came through them. With a bit of



extra time at the end of the meeting, Mr. Pickerd was gracious enough to share some info about them and their creation.

A few points:

- He orders his alabaster online
- Alabaster can be easily cut with carbide tools
- He epoxies the blanks onto wood which becomes the tenons
- The dark rim on one of his pieces is a segmented piece epoxied onto the alabaster and



turned as one

- He uses “greenstone” to resharpen his carbide tips
- He makes his own carbide cutters, sourced from metal lathe tool companies
- He said vacuum chucks work great with alabaster

- He said finishing is done much as it is with wood

- The wall thickness is about 1/8”

William’s website is

<http://www.williampickerd.com/index.html>



The Gallery tab shows many of his beautiful pieces and the video shows the complete process from raw stone to finished piece.

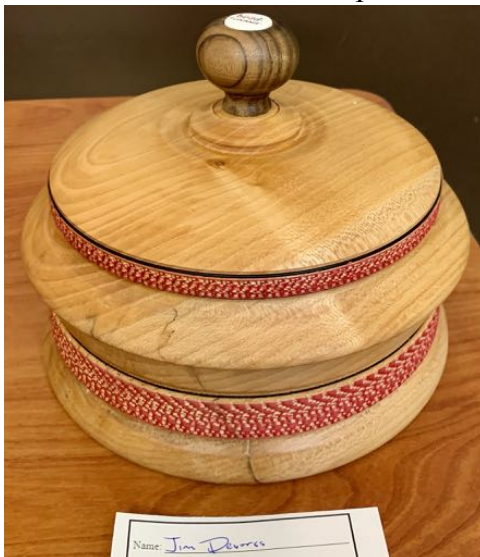
Thanks for the impromptu mini presentation, William!

Great raffle again! Thank you all that donated!

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Gallery

There was a fantastic collection this month. So many I was unable to stage the pieces as I wished for better contrast. Hopefully their beauty comes through. I also lament the lack of scale I’m able to capture. The last two segmented pieces were very tall and the platter quite wide. Maybe I need to bring a ruler for perspective. Anyway, well done members and keep them coming!

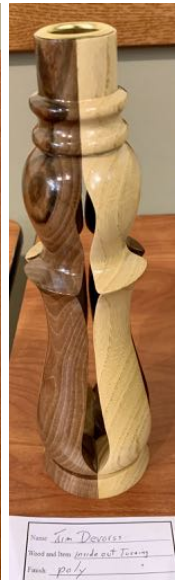




Willamette Valley Woodturners
Instant Gallery Date: 2-9-23
Item: vase
Wood: elm
Finish: walnut oil
Comments: came from my great grandpa's 1930 homestead in the Dakota Territory (S. Dakota) and the farm where I grew up.
Name: Dick Powell



Willamette Valley Woodturners
Instant Gallery Date: 2-9-23
Item: bowl
Wood: elm
Finish: mineral oil with paraffin
Comments: came from my great grandpa's 1930 homestead in the Dakota Territory (S. Dakota) and the farm where I grew up.
Name: Dick Powell

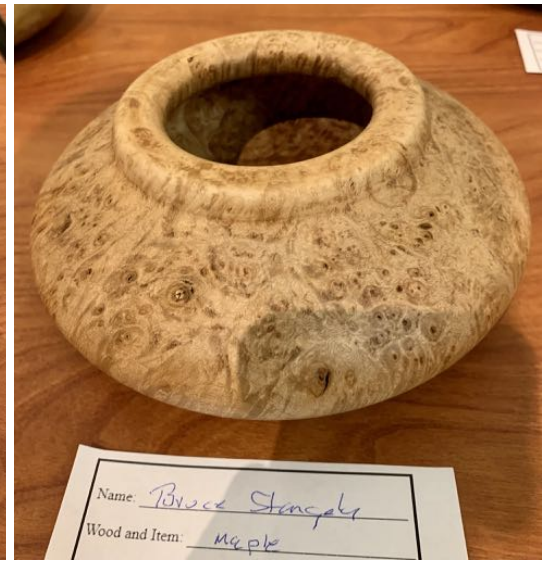


Name: Jim Decker
Wood and Item: redwood turning
Finish: poly



Name: CHUCK FELL
Wood and Item: SILVER MAPLE





Editor's note: Call for content!

I was turning the lid for my Beads of Courage box and had the chuck holding what turned out to be a far too short tenon. I put very little pressure on the edge and it came right out and I was amused to find it had come toward me

and I caught it with my off hand. First time this had ever happened to me without a catch (implying, of course, that I have ripped bowls off the chuck due to a boneheaded catch...).

Anyway, I have a collection of busted bowls made by students and each has a good story for the kids to tell.

And it'd be great to get your stories of a turning gone wrong! I always show my kids the Carl Jacobson video of a piece coming off his lathe and bouncing off his face shield (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mH5f2_KyZ5c&t=71s). You can write up your adventure or give me the basics and I'll wordsmith it for sharing. Take a pic and send it via text or email to add to the tale!

Could be worth some laughs and would be further proof that we are not alone in our foibles.



2022/12/7 WWV Board Mtg

Start time: 5:58PM

Present: Marc Vickery, Larry Curry, Henrik Aberg, Randy Nichols, Jeff Zens, Bruce Stangby, Brian Skaar

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed/accepted
2. Henrik: $\frac{1}{3}$ of membership is paid for 2023 year
3. Marc re: associate membership discussion
 - No place on current membership application to indicate associate membership request
 - Are turning risks known to parents?
 - What is the liability risk to the club?
 - Should we implement a parent education aspect ie. need for supervision, list of risks, habits, etc?
 - Should we put out an educational document with a signature requirement for parents?
 - Proposal: Brian will draft a new membership form
 - Brian also will draft a parent information form specific to their role with young turners
4. Marc re: Empty Bowls
 - General support for event shown by members and board
 - Question: should WWV consider own event similar in scope?
 - Board leaned away from this-reasons discussed
 - Lead WWV may ask for slightly bigger location for demo space
 - Proposal to continue with participation
5. Larry re: Eric Loftstrom
 - Proposing 2 one-day classes (Fri and Sat)
 - Eric goes \$700 a day (3 days with demo)
 - Location TBD (Terry's? Darcy's?)
 - \$125 fee proposed
 - Proposing different learnings for 2nd day for those that want to do both
 - Larry to continue to work on it
6. Randy re: sycamore
 - Randy shared he has an opportunity to purchase large log
 - Discussion of whether to mill into blanks to sell to club members or to club for resale
 - Discussed and rejected club buying log-don't want to set precedent that club buys logs
 - Discussed and rejected the Jan sawdust session be a woodgathering vs regular at Darcy's-different groups of people

- Randy shared plans for gathering including chainsaws for loan, that folks can bring own saws, that he'd be milling logs to thickness, that he'd make his bandsaw available for making blanks round

7. Marc re: Symposium

- Discussion of perks for volunteering (historically the main one was next year's membership dues were waived)
- Discussion about free entry for kids under 18 being a concern (decided it's not our concern)
- Continued need for volunteers-discussion on how to get them
- Discussion of what lathe for WVV sponsored room-Marc volunteered his big Powermatic but concern is transportation-Randy stepped up and will use machinery to assist

8. Jeff re: walnut oil

- Down to last couple gallons-should club look to purchase another barrel (consensus positive)
- Discussion of transportation (it's located in N. Cal)
- Jeff will present at meeting

8:00 PM meeting end

Submitted: Brian Skaar

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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